

## PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE (PHP)



"You should wash each other's feet"  
(John 13:14).

*People Helping People is a small project founded in the Chapel of Penha de França to help those in need.* Our former Bishop D. António once said, "One must find new ways of helping the poor". A very small group of people attending the English Mass decided to do just that after the floods in 2010! In a short period of time we created partnerships with supermarket chains and restaurants; we have paid dozens of medical prescriptions, we have spent gallons and gallons of petrol riding across the island giving lifts, we have prevented families from going hungry, getting their electricity cut off, running out of gas, losing their homes. **We have tried to keep them warm, keep them hopeful, and keep them dreaming...**

**The Mission Statement of People Helping People is...** through social solidarity, to mobilize many people to help many people in a combat against poverty, hunger, illness, exclusion, indifference, intolerance, and social injustice, with a special preference for the last, the least and the lost, having as a model the person of Jesus, the «Good Shepherd» (Gospel according to Luke, chapter 15). Our wish is that it may always be an open door when all the other doors close, building in this way, different feelings and acts of Mercy (Gospel according to Luke, chapter 6 and Matthew chapter 25).

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### >> TRANSFER TO BANK ACCOUNT IN MADEIRA: ACCOUNT NAME:

**Associacao Gente Ajudando Gente**

**BANK:** Banco Santander Totta

**ACCOUNT NUMBER:** 0003 4938 1759020

**IBAN:** PT50 0018 0003 49381759020 94

**SWIFT:** TOTAPTPL

**NIB:** 0018 0003 49381759020 94

**Bank Address:**

Caminho de Santa Quiteria 46A,  
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### >> DONATIONS FROM THE UK:

**ACCOUNT NAME:** Sinead Moynihan

**BANK:** Lloyds Bank

**ACCOUNT NUMBER:** 02461743

**BRANCH:** Univ. of Cambridge

**SORT CODE:** 30-13-55

**IBAN:** GB05 LOYD 3013 5502 4617 43

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The funds will then be transferred to Madeira.  
Any questions or concerns about transferring to this account, please contact Sinead Moynihan at: sineadmoynihian7@icloud.com

### >> DONATIONS FROM THE USA:

**Instructions for sending funds to People Helping People in Madeira, Portugal, from USA:**

**Write a check made out to:** Fr Bernardino Andrade PHP  
in the bottom of the check in Memo area add: **PHP**



**Mail the check to:**

Mr. L.A. Contreras  
60 Meeks Lane  
Oakley, Ca 94561

The funds will then be transferred to the People Helping People account in Madeira, at no cost.

Any questions or concerns please contact Larry Contreras at 707-333-5501 or email him at: l.a.contreras@sbcglobal.net

**Food items are also appreciated and can be left in the basket at the Chapel door on Sunday mornings.** When sending any donation, please send an email to penhafranca.newsletter@gmail.com with the date, and name on the transfer so that Fr. Bernardino is able to confirm with you as soon as the transfer is received. Thank you.

Older issues of the newsletter can be downloaded from the Chapel's website/blog: [www.rcmassmadeira.org](http://www.rcmassmadeira.org)

## JOYFUL GIFT

22nd of October 2023

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

10h00 Sunday Mass

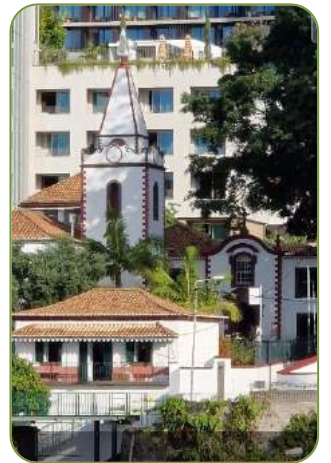
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### CATHOLIC MASS – 10 AM

#### (SERVICE IN ENGLISH)

Good morning, and welcome! The Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França was founded by Antonio Dantas in 1622. The English Mass is a tradition that dates back to 1966 when Fr Rafael Andrade, having just returned from his first visit to England, complied with the Bishop's request to start an English celebration on the island of Madeira.

### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

(Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; Psalm 95(96):1, 3-5, 7-10 r.7; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5; Matthew 22:15-21 )

Second **Isaiah** insists that every event, good or bad, is part of God's plan, including the conquest and exile of Israel by Babylon. And so does the freedom given them about 530 BC by Cyrus, King of Persia, whom God calls his 'anointed' or 'messiah', because he did God's work. Thus, all men, including Gentiles, though they do not know him, will know that there is only one God, the Lord. The **Psalm** therefore calls on all men – and all creation – to worship and praise the one and just God. For the last 5 Sundays of Ordinary Time, we read from Paul's first letter to the church in Thessalonika, which he founded about AD 50. Paul later sent Silvanus and Timothy back to support the new community. Written from Corinth, this letter is the earliest Christian writing we have. Centuries before the idea of the Trinity was formally defined, Paul distinguishes clearly between "God our Father", "our Lord Jesus Christ", and "the Holy Spirit". Over the next three weeks we hear the final three discussions in **Matthew's Gospel** between Jesus and the Jewish leaders. They ironically address Jesus as "Teacher", but he silences them: he does have full authority to interpret the Jewish Scriptures.

### PSALM RESPONSE: Give the Lord glory and power.

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The Scripture notes are sent to us every week by **Chris Oliver from the UK**. If you'd also like to have these sent to you by email or included in your parish newsletter, please contact Chris at: [chris@chris-oliver.net](mailto:chris@chris-oliver.net)

### TODAY'S HYMNS:



- [1] **Entry Hymn:** "Praise to the Lord ..." - 468
- [2] **Gospel Acclamation:** "Halle, Halle..." - 679
- [3] **Offertory Hymn:** "Alleluia, alleluia..." - 226
- [4] **Amen:** Deutsche Messe "Amen, amen..." - 726
- [5] **Peace:** "Shalom, my friend, shalom..." - 495
- [6] **Communion:** "Longing for light..." - 329
- [7] **Thanksgiving:** One day at a time sweet Jesus
- [8] **Final Hymn:** "O Lord my God (how great thou art)..." - 419





## A BRIDGE BUILDER

There once was a family where the mother, the father and two brothers lived together in the friendliest harmony.

After finishing school, both brothers found a job and again with their salaries they were able to buy a house next door to one another. They took care of their common garden and every day would love to have a drink together and spend some time enjoying the presence of their wives and children.



One day something happened. It was like a drop of petrol in a plate of soup that ruined everything. There was some misunderstanding and these two brothers stopped talking with each another. First of all they started avoiding talking with one another, and then it got worse: they started avoiding seeing one another. But that was not possible because their houses were very close to each other.



One day the youngest brother rented a caterpillar excavator machine and opened a trench between the two houses.

It was like a game. It was like a competition to see who would be the winner of the anger and resentment between two brothers who had once loved each other.

That afternoon, the oldest brother, seeing the trench, felt highly insulted and decided to end this competition of stupidity.

It so happened, like in many other professions, that a carpenter knocked at the oldest brother's door, offering his services. He introduced himself saying that he was a carpenter and that he was offering his services in case the oldest brother had any small jobs to do. «I am a carpenter and spend my days doing small jobs because I don't have a permanent job. People even say that I am a good carpenter. In case you have a small job available please feel free to use my services».

The oldest brother thanked him and showed him some pieces of wood that he had stored at home. He asked the carpenter if he could use some of this wood to build a fence between the two sides of the trench. And then he told the story of his relationship with his brother and how it ended in a trench. He wanted the carpenter to build a fence between the two sides because he didn't want to see his brother anymore.

The carpenter accepted the job and started working.

After arriving home from work, the older brother was surprised to see that the carpenter had used the wood to build a beautiful and artistic bridge uniting the two sides of the trench.

When the younger brother arrived home, he was surprised to see the kids playing on the bridge and enjoying jumping to both sides.

The younger brother approached his brother with tears in his eyes and asked his forgiveness: «I am sorry. After what I did to humiliate you and separate you, you did completely the opposite for me. You built a bridge. I am sorry».

The older brother who was not yet understanding what had just happened, decided to order some pizzas and some beers and organized a party.

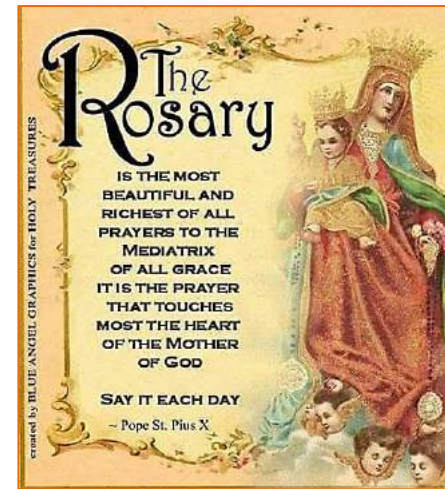


The brothers talked with their wives and decided to invite the carpenter to sleep over at their houses. The oldest brother talked with the carpenter saying: «Now it is late and I know that you are tired. We would like to invite you to stay at our home tonight».

The carpenter answered: "Thank you for inviting me but I need to go. I STILL HAVE MANY BRIDGES TO BUILD".

Love & Peace  
Fr. Bernardino Andrade

22/10/2023



## 4 SAINTS WHO RECEIVED MIRACULOUS HELP – From animals!



**St. John Bosco.** During his life a huge grey dog would often appear and protect him from violent men.



**St. Roche.** He nearly died until a dog brought him food every day and licked his wounds.



**St. Benedict.** He asked a raven to take a poisoned loaf away and to dispose of it safely.



**St. Francis.** Birds sometimes gathered while St. Francis spoke, and they listened intently to his sermons.

## CHRISTMAS HAMPER DRIVE – For the needy



**We are collecting items** for personal hygiene (soaps, lotions, body wash, shampoo, toothpaste, etc.), dried and tinned goods (tins of fruit, beans, rice, pasta, cooking oil, jam, etc.) and sweets for the children.

**These will be distributed amongst families who need our help.**

Please bring in what you can spare and

place in the basket to the entrance of the church.

(Further details email Debbie: [deborahadajesus@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:deborahadajesus@yahoo.co.uk))

