

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE (PHP)



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).

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

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>> TRANSFER TO BANK ACCOUNT IN MADEIRA:

ACCOUNT NAME:

Associação 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

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Caminho de Santa Quiteria 46A,
9020-119, Funchal
Madeira, Portugal.



>> DONATIONS FROM THE UK:

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BANK: Lloyds Bank

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 02461743

BRANCH: Univ. of Cambridge

SORT CODE: 30-13-55

IBAN: GB05 LOYD 3013 5502 4617 43

BIC: LOYDGB21035



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

JOYFUL GIFT

5th of November 2023

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

10h00 Sunday Mass

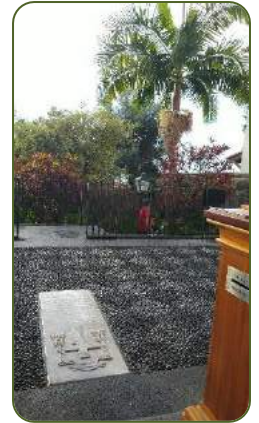
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CATHOLIC MASS – 10 AM (SERVICE IN ENGLISH)

Good morning! Welcome to the Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França. Our Mass today will be celebrated by Father Thomas, and assisted by Deacon Tito Perreira who is here in Madeira on holiday, visiting from the UK.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS – 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

(*Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10; Psalm 130(131); 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13; Matthew 23:1-12*)

Malachi, which means "My Messenger", was written about 500 BC, after the return from exile and shortly before the reforms by Ezra and Nehemiah. The Priests will be cursed because they despised the Lord's Name by sacrificing imperfect animals. They were allowing mixed marriages and divorce, and leading the people astray by their bad example. They have broken the Lord's covenant of peace, truth, integrity and honesty. **The Psalm** protests our humility and freedom from worldly ambitions. After being treated "insolently" in Philippi, Paul, "with much struggle", "drew courage from God" to speak the gospel to the **Thessalonians**. He neither flattered nor sought praise or payment, So great was Paul's love for the Thessalonians that he shared his life with them, and took care to work hard to support himself. He is relieved that the Thessalonians' faith is now strong even in the face of persecution. After the last challenges to Jesus by the Jewish leaders in **Matthew's Gospel**, Jesus has now abandoned them. The Priests' false teaching and bad example criticised by Malachi has returned. No-one should follow their example. He now talks to his disciples only, and goes on to direct seven "woes" against the scribes and Pharisees, detailing their wrongdoing. He ends by lamenting the coming destruction of Jerusalem.

PSALM RESPONSE: Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.

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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

TODAY'S HYMNS:



- [1] **Entry Hymn:** "Abba, Father ..." - 5
- [2] **Gospel Acclamation:** "Celtic Alleluia..." - 679
- [3] **Offertory Hymn:** "Peace, perfect peace..." - 462
- [4] **Amen:** "Amen, amen..." - 726
- [5] **Peace:** "Shalom, my friend, shalom..." - 495
- [6] **Communion:** "This is my body..." - 572
- [7] **Thanksgiving:** "A new commandment..." - 2
- [8] **Final Hymn:** "For all the saints..." - 145



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 Fr Bernardino (bernardinodandrade@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.



THE OPPOSITE OF LOVE IS NOT HATRED...

In spite of being very young, Rameen was already the Manager of a Bank Branch in California when I met her. In a short period of time, I learned that she was Muslim and born in Afghanistan.

At that time, I had become part of an Ecumenical group of Protestant Ministers who, very often, met in my Parish where we enjoyed a simple meal. When we didn't meet in my Parish we met in a simple restaurant for a frugal lunch. Rameen joined our meetings and soon felt at home. One of the things that became part of our discussions was poverty and the main problems of the city. Rameen lived with her husband, her children, her parents and other family members including one brother who was a medical doctor. This was a family that in spite of working with the poor and for the poor, they were not considered a poor family. They could help many poor, especially in Afghanistan.

She was walking in one of the streets of Afghanistan one day, when she saw something that, with horror, changed her life.

In the middle of the street, where lots of people were walking up and down, she saw a young man just lying there, all alone. Yes! In the middle of this crowd, this man was all alone. The horrifying thing was to see that this young man had no legs and no arms. Seeing such a horror, Rameen felt «paralyzed». She thought "how could this be?" Rameen stopped there for a long time, completely absorbed in that «impossible» scene. People just kept on walking by. Even if people wanted to give him a coin or a piece of bread there were no hands and legs to accept any donation. But how? Finally, Rameen moved from that scene and decided she needed to do something for the poorest of the poor, including the young man with no legs and no arms.

She quit her job as a bank clerk and returned to Afghanistan where along with her family, she organized a charity (that in no way could replace his legs and his arms) but at least could alleviate the suffering of the world, including that man with no arms and no legs.

According to Rameen, what shocked her the most was not the suffering of people with no arms and no legs. What shocked her the most was to see the indifference of the people who were present at such a scene. Many people saw this man with no legs and no arms but all of them walked on without paying attention. That's when she discovered that the opposite of love is not hatred. The opposite of love is indifference.

THE OPPOSITE OF LOVE IS NOT HATRED. THE OPPOSITE OF LOVE IS INDIFFERENCE.

Love & Peace
 Fr. Bernardino
 05/11/2023



Each of us has a mission... each of us is called to change the world, to work for a culture of life, a culture forged by love and respect for the dignity of each human person.

— Pope Benedict XVI —

AZ QUOTES

CHRISTMAS HAMPER DRIVE – For the needy



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



Many thanks to all who have donated so far. You will be helping to make someone's Christmas a lot brighter this year!

These will be distributed this Christmas amongst families who need our help.

Please bring in what you can spare and place in the basket at the entrance of the church.

Any queries please contact Debbie de Jesus at: deborahadajesus@yahoo.co.uk



NOVEMBER SAINT – ST. Martin De Porres - Feast day – November 3rd



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8 FACTS about

ST. MARTIN DE PORRES

Juan Martín de Porres Velázquez was born in 1579 in Lima, Perú. He died - November 3, 1639.

He is a Peruvian friar noted for his kindness, his nursing of the sick, his obedience, and his charity.

He is the patron saint of social justice, racial harmony, and mixed-race people.

Being raised in poverty by a single mother, Martin became an apprentice to barber-surgeon Marcel de Rivero at age 12.

St. Martin de Porres was mocked and ridiculed all his life for being of mixed race.

He was known to levitate, bilocate (be two places at the same time), and cure the sick instantaneously.

He distributed food and alms to the poor and needy in Lima and was friends with St. Rose of Lima.

He was canonized on 1962. Feast Day: November 3rd.