

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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Associação Gente Ajudando Gente

BANK: Banco Santander Totta

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 0003 4938 1759020

IBAN: PT50 0018 0003 49381759020 94

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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



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.

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JOYFUL GIFT

26th of November 2023

Christ the King - Year A

10h00 Sunday Mass

Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França,
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CATHOLIC MASS – 10 AM - (IN ENGLISH)

Good morning! Welcome to the Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França. Our Mass today will be celebrated by Father Thomas Muzhuthett, who is originally from Kerala, India, and assisted by Deacon Tito Perreira, originally from Madeira, but now living in the UK.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS – Christ the King - Year A

(Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 ; Psalm 22(23):1-3. 5-6 r.1; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46)

Ezekiel was writing in Babylon (now Baghdad) after Israel's exile in 587 BC. He encourages the Israelites, despairing after their crushing defeat. Because he loves his people, God will take over their care and protection from their failed leaders, and provide a new King from David's line. In the **Psalm**, a shepherd's care and protection for the sheep he leads, and a host's welcome at a banquet, illustrate God's loving care for us. From 51 AD Paul worked for about eighteen months with the Christians in Corinth. Five years later he wrote to correct some of their enthusiasms, including doubting the resurrection of the body. Greeks tended to see the spirit as more important than the body and how they behaved in this life. But Paul insists that it is the whole person – body and spirit – that is raised, just as Christ appeared in his risen body to many of his followers after his Resurrection. In **Matthew's gospel**, in his final speech before his Passion, Jesus describes the Last Judgement when Jesus is enthroned as King. These are the terrifying criteria he will use: have we fed the hungry, given drink to the thirsty, welcomed the stranger, clothed the naked, visited the sick and those in prison? Dies Irae – Day of Wrath – indeed!

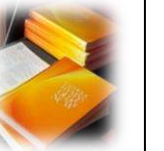
PSALM RESPONSE: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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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:** "O come, O come, Emmanuel ..." - 397
- [2] **Gospel Acclamation:** "I will sing, I will sing a song unto the Lord..." - 251
- [3] **Offertory Hymn:** "Take our bread, we ask you..." - 528
- [4] **Amen:** "Honour and glory, amen!..." - 727
- [5] **Peace:** "Shalom, my friend, shalom..." - 495
- [6] **Communion:** "We come to share our story..." - 607
- [7] **Thanksgiving:** "Longing for light, we wait in darkness..." - 329
- [8] **Final Hymn:** "Go, the Mass is ended..." - 175





1.
THE GOSPEL OF TENDERNESS

One day, Leo Tolstoy was stopped by a beggar when he was out walking, and was asked for alms. Tolstoy searched his pockets for a coin but finding none he said with regret:

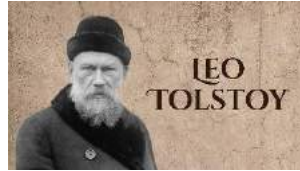
«Please not be angry with me, my brother, but I have nothing with me. If I did, I would gladly give it to you». At that, the beggar's face brightened

with joy.

«You have given me more than I asked for», he said. «You have called me brother». Tolstoy had not only grasped the intent of the Great Sermon but he had also penetrated the truth for today's Gospel. He regarded the poor man asking for alms as a brother because he had understood and made his own the *Great Commandment*. (Matt. 22:37).

Our relationship with God is not mainly about love. Our relationship with God is mainly about tenderness.

(Inspired by Fr. Tony Kadavil)



2.
THE MEASURE OF LOVE IS TO LOVE WITHOUT MEASURE



Some years ago divers located a 400-year-old sunken ship off the coast of Northern Ireland. Among the treasures they found on the ship was a man's wedding ring. When they cleaned it up, they noticed that it had an inscription on it.

Etched on the wide band was a hand holding a heart. Under the etching were these words: "I have nothing more to give you." -- Of all the treasures found on that sunken ship, none moved the divers more than that ring and its beautiful inscription.

The etching on that ring and its inscription "I have nothing more to give" -could have been placed on the cross of Christ. – (Inspired by Mark Link)

Love & Peace

Fr. Bernardino Andrade

CHRISTMAS HAMPER DRIVE - For the needy

Many thanks to all who have so far supported our Christmas Hamper Drive for needy families. Please continue to bring in what you can spare and place in the basket at the entrance of the church (toiletries, food, eg. dried and tinned goods).and sweets for the children.

For those of you who would like to help, but may be going home before Sunday, there is also a small supermarket and coffee shop located next to the Hotel Girassol (along the Estrada Monumental) that has a small collection box where you are welcome to leave donations towards our Christmas Hamper Drive.

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



Today we celebrate the *Feast of Christ the King*. Christ the King Sunday celebrates the full authority of Christ as King and Lord of the universe. It is celebrated on the final Sunday of Ordinary Time, the Sunday before Advent. This year, the feast falls on November 26th.

Here in Madeira, in the town of Garajau, there is a 15 metre high (49ft) statue of Christ the King. In Portuguese it's called the *Cristo Rei*

statue. It is the work of French sculptor Georges Serraz. The monument was dedicated on the 30th of October 1927, and consists of a statue of Christ with open arms facing the ocean. It was financed and commissioned by the Counselor Aires de Ornelas, who had it erected to fulfil a promise. The majestic statue stands on top of a hill which drops into a ravine towards the sea.



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