

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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>> DONATIONS FROM THE USA:

Please contact Mr. Larry Contreras (contact info below) for instructions on sending funds to People Helping People in Madeira, Portugal, from USA.



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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



When sending any donation, please send an email to penhafranca.newsletter@gmail.com with the date, and name on the transfer so that we are able to confirm with you as soon as the transfer is received. Thank you.

Food items are also appreciated and can be left in the basket at the Chapel door on Sunday mornings.

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

JOYFUL GIFT

24th of March 2024

Palm/Passion Sunday - Yr B

10h00 Sunday Mass



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CATHOLIC MASS – 10 AM (IN ENGLISH)

Good morning! **Today the Church celebrates Palm Sunday**, which inaugurates the most important week of the year: Holy Week. There will be no services in English at the Chapel during this coming week... only next Sunday (Easter Sunday) at 10am!

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS - Palm/Passion Sunday - Year B

(*Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 21(22); Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1 – 15:47*)

Second **Isaiah** was writing during the exile of the Israelites in Babylon after Jerusalem was destroyed. The people are discouraged, in despair, and tempted to give up their faith in God. In today's 'servant-song' Isaiah offers consolation, recommending non-resistance and trust in the Lord. Isaiah's words express our horror at the way Our Lord was treated. But, trusting confidently in his Father, Jesus "sets his face like flint", even though it is covered with spittle.

The Psalm moves from this mood to express unshaken faith, praising God for our redemption and the promised conversion of all peoples. The hymn in **Philippians** rejoices that – unlike Adam – Jesus did not seek to be equal to God. But God raised him high, so that all creation should "acclaim Jesus as Lord, to the glory of God the Father". Jesus at before Passover, when Jews celebrated their freedom from slavery. The soldiers, the Jewish leaders, the inscription on the Cross, all ironically give Jesus his true title of "King of the Jews", the Messiah, who frees us from death. When Jesus dies, the first human being in **Mark's gospel** to recognise Jesus as "Son of God" is a Gentile, the centurion. All the disciples had run away when Jesus was arrested. Only some women watched, and they saw where he was buried.

PSALM RESPONSE: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Brought to you by: **Chris Oliver**.... www.bible-groups.info

* 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 HYMN MUSIC:

[1] **Entry Hymn:** "Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest..." – 232

[2] **Offertory Hymn:** "Be still, for the presence of the Lord..." – 58

[3] **Peace:** "Shalom, my friend, shalom..." - 495

[4] **Communion:** "Sweet sacrament divine..." – 522

[5] **Thanksgiving:** "O Lord, hear my prayer..." – 418

[6] **Final Hymn:** "Give me joy in my heart..." - 161



PSALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

- Fr. Tony Kadavil (<https://frtonyshomilies.com/>)

An interesting as well as challenging old fable tells of the donkey that carried Jesus on Palm Sunday. The colt thought that the reception was organized to honour him. "I am a unique donkey!" this excited animal might have thought. When he asked his mother if he could walk down the same street alone the next day and be honoured again, his mother said, "No, you are nothing without Him who was riding you." Five days later, the donkey saw a huge crowd of people in the street. It was Good Friday, and the soldiers were taking Jesus to Calvary. The donkey could not resist the temptation of another royal reception. Ignoring the warning of his mother, he ran to the street, but he had to flee for his life as soldiers chased him and people stoned him. Thus, he finally learned the lesson that he was only a poor donkey without Jesus to ride on him.



- As we enter Holy Week, today's readings challenge us to examine our lives to see whether we carry Jesus within us and bear witness to Him through our living, or are Christians in name only.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

PLEASE NOTE: Here at our Chapel, there will be **no Masses** during Holy Week. Our next Mass in English will be on **Easter Sunday at 10:00 AM**



CONFESSIONS DURING HOLY WEEK – In English

Father Joseph and Father Thomas will be available for confessions **in English** at the **Carmo Church** during **Holy Week** on these days:

Monday 25th, Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th March

8:30 AM – 10:30 AM

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Address of the Carmo Church (Igreja do Carmo):

Rua do Carmo 1, Funchal, 9000-019

Ask for "Padre José" (Father Joseph) or "Padre Tomas" (Father Thomas)

Carmo church →



Guide to Holy Week



Palm Sunday

Sunday before Easter. Celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Observed with palm branches, parades, and celebration.



Maundy Thursday

Thursday before Easter. Commemorates the Last Supper. Often observed with foot washing, stripping of the altar, and overnight prayer vigil to keep watch with Jesus in the garden.



Good Friday

Friday before Easter. Most solemn day of the church year. Observes the day Jesus was crucified. Observed by praying the Stations of the Cross and three hours of silent prayer while Jesus was on the cross.



Holy Saturday

Saturday before Easter. Observes the day Jesus was in the tomb. This is a day of somber reflection, reflecting on what we'd miss in a world without Jesus.



Easter Sunday

Hallelujah! Christ has risen! This day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Sing hallelujahs and celebrate with great joy.

A BIG Thank you



HAMPERS FOR EASTER 2023

A big Thank You to everyone who has supported our Easter Hamper collection by bringing items to the Chapel on Sunday mornings.

These will be distributed amongst families who need our help.

For further details, please e-mail Debbie: deborahadajesus@yahoo.co.uk



As there will be no masses celebrated here at the Chapel during this Holy Week, you are welcome to attend mass at the **Sé Cathedral** in Funchal. (Masses will be celebrated in Portuguese).

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE At the Cathedral of Funchal

March 28, MAUNDY THURSDAY

11:00 AM – Chrism Mass

5:30 PM – Mass of the Last Supper, Washing of the Feet & Adoration

March 29, GOOD FRIDAY

5:30 PM - Celebration of the Passion of the Lord, followed by the procession of Jesus burial at 7:00 PM

March 30, HOLY SATURDAY

9:30 AM – Morning prayer

9:30 PM - EASTER VIGIL MASS