

## 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).



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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

#### Bank Address:

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



### >> 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.

Larry Contreras  
Tel: 707-333-5501

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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

**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

### >> THE BASKET

Every Sunday morning at the door of the Chapel you will see a **basket to collect food for the poor**. You are welcome to bring any little thing to help alleviate their suffering. (Rice, pasta, milk, canned tuna, biscuits etc.)

Thank you ! ☺



## JOYFUL GIFT

21st of April 2024

4th Sunday of Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday, Year B

10h00 Sunday Mass

Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França,  
Rua Penha de França 3, Funchal, Madeira

**Website and Blog:** <http://rcmassmadeira.org/>

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### CATHOLIC MASS – 10 AM (IN ENGLISH)



Good morning! On the 4th Sunday of Easter, called Good Shepherd Sunday, we continue to reflect on the meaning of the Resurrection. This is also the *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. **The special intention of this morning's Mass will be for the soul of Manuel António Gomes.** Our priest this morning is Father Joseph Arun, who is originally from Kerala, India, and has been serving as a priest in Madeira since 2019 in the Carmo church (Igreja do Carmo) in Funchal.

### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS – 4th Sunday of Easter

(Acts 4: 8-12 ; Psalm 117(118); I John 3: 1-2 ; John 10: 11-18)

After healing the cripple in Jesus' name and calling on the people to repent, Peter and John were put in prison overnight. Peter then repeats his preaching to the Jewish leaders. The leaders cannot deny "a notable miracle has been worked". Undecided, they order the Apostles not to speak in Jesus' name again, and release them without punishing them – at least this time. **The Psalm** is from the Passover Psalm heard on Easter Sunday, thanking and praising God for repeatedly saving us. **John's first letter** insists that the love the Father has given us makes us his children now, anticipating already in some way what we shall be "when he appears". John goes on to contrast the righteous who do not sin with those who commit sin. You are either for God or against him – there is nothing between. In **John's gospel**, after healing the man born blind, Jesus describes himself both as the door through which we can enter and be saved, and also as the good shepherd, whom the sheep know and follow. In contrast to the false shepherds criticised by Ezekiel, the good shepherd cares for his sheep, even at the cost of his life. Jesus emphasises that he is in control of his life, causing division among the Jews.

### PSALM RESPONSE: The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

Scripture reading notes brought to you by: *Chris Oliver.... www.bible-groups.info*

### TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC:

[1] **Entry Hymn:** "O, the joy of the Lord is my strength, my strength!..." – n.º 241

[2] **Gloria:** "Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo..." – n.º 669

[3] **Gospel Acclamation:** "Celtic Aleluia..." – n.º 679

[4] **Offertory Hymn:** "Our God reigns..." – n.º 235

[5] **Agnus Dei:** "Great Amen (South African)..." – n.º 727

[6] **Peace:** "Shalom, my friend, shalom..." – n.º 495

[7] **Communion Hymn:** "Ave, ave, ave, Maria..." – n.º 231

[8] **Thanksgiving:** "Shine, Jesus, shine..." – n.º 344

[9] **Final Hymn:** "Dance then, wherever you may be..." – n.º 240



When sending any donation, please send an email to [penhafranca.php@gmail.com](mailto:penhafranca.php@gmail.com) with the date, and name on the transfer so that Alexandre Silva is able to confirm that the transfer has been 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](http://www.rcmassmadeira.org)



## THE GOOD SHEPHERD

*Today is Good Shepherd Sunday. As many of you may know, the Good Shepherd was something close to Father Bernardino's heart. He often spoke of the Good Shepherd and the lost sheep in his homilies, going as far as asking our Bishop to bless and dedicate a shrine to the Good Shepherd in the forest areas of Bica da Cana. We thought it only fitting to repeat a column written by Father Bernardino on Good Shepherd Sunday, 2019 (issue nr. 165):*

### FROM MY HEART TO YOUR HEART - Brought to you by Fr. Bernardino Andrade

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#### He Knows The Shepherd

Years ago the great actor Richard Burton was given a grand reception in his childhood parish. While replying to the complimentary speeches in the parish auditorium he asked if there was anything they specially wanted to hear from him. After a few minute's pause his old pastor asked him if he could recite the Good Shepherd Psalm (Psalm 23), which he had taught Burton in his Sunday school. A strange look came over the actor's face.

He paused for a moment, and then said: - «I will, on one condition – that after I have recited it, you, my pastor and teacher, will do the same».

- «I» said the old, retired pastor, «I am not an actor, but, if you wish it, I shall do so.»

Impressively the actor began the Psalm. His voice and intonation were perfect. He held his audience spellbound, and, as he finished, a great burst of applause broke from the audience.

As it died away, the old pastor rose from his wheel chair and began to recite the same psalm. His voice was feeble and shivering and his tone was not faultless. When he finished, nobody applauded but there was not a dry eye in the room. There was a period of profound silence. Then the actor rose and his voice quivered as he said:

- «Ladies and gentlemen, I reached your eyes and ears, but my old pastor has reached your hearts. The difference is just this: I know the Psalm but he knows the Shepherd».

This is the Good Shepherd Sunday, Jesus wants us to know Him by experiencing Him, not just loving Him but being intimate with Him and to become Good Shepherds to those entrusted to our care.

Love and Peace,  
Fr. Bernardino Andrade

## TODAY'S MASS INTENTION – In Loving Memory



Today's Mass intention is for the soul of Manuel António Gomes who passed away peacefully on 10 April at the age of 90 years. He is survived by his wife Maria do Rosario, and parishioners, son Tony, and daughter-in-law Carmina.

Also survived by son Daniel with his wife Rachel and grandchild Joel in N.Ireland, and granddaughters Daniela and Catarina in Porto.

May his soul Rest In Peace.



## THE ORANGE WALKATHON UPDATE – A great success!



The walkathon in the Santa Catarina park on the 7th April, to raise funds for our 'People Helping People' charity was a great success.

The weather was beautiful and the occasion was enjoyed by everyone who participated.

Special t-shirts were commissioned with the new PHP logo, and we will continue to sell these for the charity should anyone be interested.

We not only raised awareness for the charity but raised some much needed funds.



We would like to thank everyone who were involved in the organisation of the walk, the sponsors, and the walkers themselves. Over 1000 euros was raised!

We would also like to thank the "Why Not Restaurant" for their generous donation.

- The PHP Fund Development team



## ITEMS NEEDED BY FAMILIES & ITEMS RECENTLY DONATED



Elderly gentleman, with limited means, is in **urgent need** of a **second-hand personal computer**.

Please contact Debbie if you can help in any way: 964 384 806  
deborahadajesus@yahoo.co.uk

Thank you 😊

This week a baby's high chair was donated by Judy Dearing for one of the needy mothers that "People Helping People" is helping. 😊

