

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

### >> 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 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: sineadmoynihnan7@icloud.com

When making 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.**



### Tea and Coffee

#### After Mass

Please join us in the Social Hall across the garden for a cup of coffee and a chat.

Please sign our Visitor's book in the Social Hall.... leave us your comments, or suggestions, let us know where you're from! ☺ We also have a map where you can place a pin on your home town! ☺



Our Social Hall has a Free Little Library: a cabinet full of books. You're welcome to take a book, leave one in exchange, or contribute with a small donation for the book you take.



## JOYFUL GIFT

26th of May 2024

**Solemnity of The Holy Trinity - Year B**

**10h00 – Mass in English**

**11h30 – Mass in Portuguese**

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! Today we celebrate The Solemnity of The Holy Trinity.

**The special intention of this morning's Mass is for the soul of Maria Zizina de Freitas Marques who passed away 6 years ago on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May. An English service is celebrated here in the Chapel every Sunday morning at 10:00am. Masses in Portuguese are celebrated on Saturdays at 6:30pm and on Sundays at 11:30am.**

### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS – Holy Trinity - Year B

(Deuteronomy 4: 32-34, 39-40; Psalm 32(33); Romans 8:14-17; Matthew 28: 16-20)

**Deuteronomy**, the second book of the Law, consolidated Israel's beliefs and rituals. A long introductory teaching by Moses emphasises the requirement for Israel to keep the Law, as its part in their covenant with God. In today's reading Moses emphasises the uniqueness of God, who has made himself known to Israel, speaking out of a fire, and who has made a covenant with them: He will be their God and they are to be his people. Moses then repeats the ten commandments, given by God. **The Psalm** picks up God's omnipotence, who created even the heavens and the stars. We can rely confidently on His promises. God's revelation in Christ fulfilled this covenant relationship: Paul tells the **Romans** that if we are in the Spirit we are not in the flesh. We are no longer dominated by our human tendency to turn from God. We are now God's children, sharing in Christ's inheritance, in his suffering and in his glory. There only two resurrection appearances in **Matthew's Gospel**. Jesus appeared very briefly to two Marys. Then the Gospel ends with Jesus commissioning the eleven disciples to "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit". And He promises to be with his people always.

### PSALM RESPONSE: Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

These Scripture reading notes are brought to you every Sunday by: **Chris Oliver....** [www.bible-groups.info](http://www.bible-groups.info)

### TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC:

[1] Entry Hymn: "Father, we adore you..." – n.º 136

[2] Penitential Act: "Lord, have mercy..." – n.º 659

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

[4] Offertory Hymn: "Take our Bread..." – n.º 528

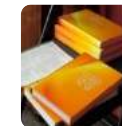
[5] Sanctus: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord..." - n.º 704

[6] Agnus Dei: "Jesus, Lamb of God..." - n.º 733

[7] Communion Hymn: "Our God loves us..." – n.º 454

[8] Thanksgiving: Instrumental

[9] Final Hymn: "Go, the Mass is ended..." - n.º 175



by: **Fátima Cátia Marques**



## THOUGHTS FROM FR. JOSEPH

- Brought to you by Fr. Joseph Arun

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### THE TRIUNE GOD

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, a profound mystery at the very heart of our Christian faith. The Trinity - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - is not just a theological concept to be understood but a relationship to be lived. It's about communion, love, and the very nature of God who invites us into His divine life.

To illustrate this mystery, let me share a story about a man named David.

David grew up in a small town, raised by his single mother. His father had passed away when he was very young, and his mother worked tirelessly to provide for him. Despite the challenges, David's mother instilled in him a deep sense of faith and trust in God. She always spoke of God as a loving Father, Jesus as a compassionate brother, and the Holy Spirit as a guide and comforter.

As David grew older, he excelled in school and eventually earned a scholarship to a prestigious university. But with the new environment came new challenges. He was surrounded by people who questioned his faith and the values he held dear. David found himself struggling, not only with his studies but also with his identity and beliefs. One evening, feeling particularly lost, David went for a walk and stumbled upon a small chapel. He decided to go inside and found a quiet corner to sit and pray. As he poured out his heart to God, he felt an overwhelming sense of peace. It was as if the Father was embracing him, Jesus was sitting beside him, and the Holy Spirit was filling his heart with comfort and wisdom.

In that moment, David realized something profound about the Holy Trinity. He understood that the Trinity is not just a doctrine but an experience of God's presence in our lives. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit were with him in his struggles, guiding him, loving him, and giving him strength.

David's experience in the chapel transformed his life. He no longer saw his faith as something to be defended but as a relationship to be nurtured. He began to live his life more consciously aware of the Trinity's presence. He saw the Father's hand in the beauty of creation, felt Jesus' compassion in his interactions with others, and listened to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in his heart.

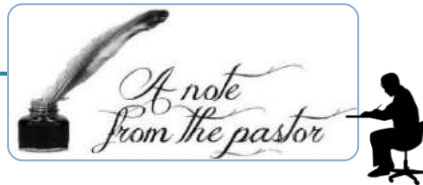
In our lives, like David, we often face moments of doubt, confusion, and challenge. The mystery of the Holy Trinity reminds us that **we are not alone**. God, in His Trinitarian love, is with us always. The Father creates and sustains us, the Son redeems and walks with us, and the Holy Spirit sanctifies and guides us.

Let us remember that the Trinity is not a puzzle to be solved but a relationship to be lived. Each day, we are invited to enter into the love and communion of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. As

we celebrate this solemnity, let us open our hearts to the mystery of the Trinity and allow God's love to transform our lives.

May we experience the peace and presence of the Holy Trinity in our daily journey, and may this mystery lead us closer to God and to one another. Amen.

With love and Prayers,  
Fr. Joseph Arun, OCD



## CORPUS CHRISTI – Celebrated in the Catholic Church – Thursday, May 30th



The Feast of Corpus Christi (also known as the "Feast of the Body of Christ"), is the Roman Rite liturgical solemnity celebrating the Real Presence of the body and blood of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, in the Eucharist – known as transubstantiation. The feast is liturgically celebrated on the Thursday after Holy Trinity Sunday.



Traditionally, here in Madeira, at the end of the Corpus Christi Holy Mass on the Thursday, there is often a procession of the Blessed Sacrament, displayed in a monstrance, through the streets of Funchal surrounding the Sé Cathedral.

Flower carpets (arrangements of flowers laid out on the street to resemble colourful carpets) are found

along the streets where the procession will take place.



You can experience this tradition for yourself this coming Thursday (May 30th). At the



Colégio Church

Colégio church in Funchal, where there will be a special Mass at 18h00, followed by a procession through the streets of Funchal, starting at 19h15, and ending up at the Sé Cathedral.



Sé Cathedral



### CARLO ACUTIS TO BECOME A SAINT

It was announced by the Vatican Press Room that a second miracle accomplished through the intercession of Blessed Carlos Acutis has been recognized by Pope Francis. He authorized the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints to publish the relevant decree. Carlo Acutis will become the first millennial saint of the Catholic Church.

More about Carlo, and the two miracles, can be read on the following webpage:

<https://www.thetelegraph.com/news/article/carlo-acutis-saint-catholic-millennial-19476262.php>





**Chapel of Penha de França**  
**People Helping People**  
**Father Bernardino Social Solidarity Association**

## **Arraial - Street Party**

**Sunday, 9th June 2024, 12.00-10pm**

**Outside the Capela de Nossa Senhora da Penha de França**  
**Rua da Penha de França**



**To commemorate the anniversary of Father Bernardino's ordination and to raise funds for the People Helping People charity**

- **Street food**
- **Music**
- **Folk dancing**
- **Secret auction and much more.**

