

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE (PHP)

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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,
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Madeira, Portugal.



>> DONATIONS FROM THE UK:

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BANK: Lloyds Bank

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 02461743

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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: sineadmoynihn7@icloud.com

When making any donation, please send an email to 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

2nd of June 2024

9th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

10h00 – Mass in English

11h30 – Mass in Portuguese



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CATHOLIC MASS – 10 AM (IN ENGLISH)

Good morning. **The special intention of this morning's Mass is for the soul of Miquel Fernandes** who passed away 3 years ago today, on the 02/06/2021. May his Soul rest in peace ☩

Mass will be celebrated by Father Joseph Arun, who is originally from Kerala in India.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS – 9th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B
(Deuteronomy 5: 12-15; Psalm 80(81): 3-8, 10-11; 2 Corinthians 4: 6-11; Mark 2:23 - 3: 6)

The book of **Deuteronomy**, the "second law", expanded and clarified the Jewish Law given to Moses on Sinai. Here the requirement to keep the Sabbath is explained: the day was to be set aside – made holy – for remembering all that the Lord had done for them. **The Psalm** recalls their rescue from Egypt. But this commandment also wise counsel: people – and animals – need to rest, both to regain their strength and to reflect on other important aspects of life. Continuing his reflections on the nature of ministry, Paul accepts that ministers are weak, fallible human beings. But entrusting the treasure of the gospel to such weak easily destroyed vessels, misleads the world about its importance. The gospel is the true word of God, and survives in spite of these difficulties. The sufferings of Christian ministers show Christ's sufferings to the world: the light of truth comes out of the darkness of their distress. Paul's sufferings are balanced by the flourishing Corinthian church. Ministers' afflictions are real, but they are sustained by the hope of resurrection. Jesus continues his teaching in Galilee with two examples, a healing and from the Jewish scriptures. As Deuteronomy made clear, the Sabbath was made for the benefit of humanity. Its observance is to be for our benefit, it is not meant to be a set of anonymous rules.

PSALM RESPONSE: Sing joyfully to God our strength.

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

TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC

Entry - "Bind us together, Lord..." - n. 65

Gloria - "Glory! Glory! Glory to God!..." - n. 671

Offertory - "Take our bread, we ask you..." - n. 528

Amen - Great Amen (Deutsche Messe) - n. 726

Peace - "Shalom, my friend, shalom..." - n. 495

Communion - "Eat this bread, drink this cup..." - n. 128

Thanksgiving - "Give thanks with a grateful heart..." - n. 164

Final - "Go, the Mass is ended..." - n. 175





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THE FLOWER CARPETS

There was an unusual commotion in some streets in the city of Funchal. The tourists, ecstatic, pulled out their cell phones to record those works of art in the open air. Everyone wanted the best angle for photos and selfies next to the flower carpet.



"Why are these flowers in the middle of the road?" – asked a man in English. After several failed attempts at explanation, someone thought of the Latin words: "Corpus Christi".



The parish groups hurried to complete their part of the journey in time. The groups from *Porto da Cruz*, *Campanário*, *Canhas*, *Calheta*, *Atouguia* and *São Francisco Xavier* were putting the finishing touches on, while the groups from *Camacha* and *Rochão* accelerated the pace. The bags of vegetables and crates of flowers were pulled to keep up with the rhythm of the "artists".

First, the shape of the flower carpet and the designs to be made were designed on the floor with chalk. Then, with the help of wooden structures, several people on one side and the other composed the different patterns with art and harmony. Each flower was placed according to its species and colour on a previously formed green floor. Thus, little by little, the carpet of flowers for the Corpus Christi procession was created. The work was completed by passing a broom to remove floral traces from the edges of the carpet and watering with a sprayer or sulphate machine.

On *Avenida Zarco*, next to the Post Office, the parish priest of *Porto da Cruz*, deep in concentration, filled the carpet structure with small daisies, together with his parishioners. Further ahead, on *Avenida do Mar*, in front of the *Palácio de São Lourenço*, the groups from *Camacha* and *Rochão* had their hands full, "Yellow, where are the yellow flowers?" asked one of those responsible, walking several meters until finding the box of desired flowers.



The feast of Corpus Christi was celebrated for the first time in Belgium, in 1246. A few years later, in 1264, Pope Urban IV extended it to the entire Church. The procession with the Blessed Sacrament through the streets was only authorized in the 15th century.

In Madeira, a document from the Funchal City Council (*Câmara do Funchal*), from 1483, "ordinance of the day of Corpus Christi, the way the services will go...", proves the importance of this procession since the early days of colonization.

- Fr. Giselo Andrade

(Translated from his article in Portuguese, in the Funchal Diocese weekly newsletter, "Jornal da Madeira")

CORPUS CHRISTI – Celebrated in Madeira – Thursday, May 30th

In Portugal and some other countries, the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ falls on the Thursday after the Most Holy Trinity Sunday. This is what happened in Madeira on Thursday, which was a religious holiday on the island. Masses celebrating the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) were held in all the churches, and there was also a procession in the streets of Funchal. That is why we will be celebrating the 9th Sunday in Ordinary Time in all our churches in Madeira today. Here are some moments from Thursday's celebration:



REMEMBERING FATHER BERNARDINO – Sunday 9th of June



In remembrance of Father Bernardino and to commemorate the anniversary of his ordination into the priesthood (12/06/1965), next week Sunday there will be a traditional Madeiran "Arraial" (street party) here outside the Chapel. There will be food, music, Folk dancing, a secret auction, and much more!

Time: from 12:00 until 10:00 pm

Where: Outside the Chapel, and in the hotel across the road (Hotel Quinta da Penha de França). Please do come along next Sunday!

HOLY COMMUNION DRESSES!



Thank you to *St. Benet's Primary School* and *Yvonne Gray* for the donation of beautiful First Holy Communion dresses. These were gratefully received this week by the *Zinos Foundation* (a local girls orphanage)

The dresses will be used every year now by the girls in the home. ❤️ ❤️