

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:

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BANK: Banco Santander Totta
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 0003 4938 1759020
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SWIFT: TOTAPTPL
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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
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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

9th of June 2024

10th 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. Today is the 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time. We remember Father Bernardino, our beloved priest who passed away on the 18th of January this year. To commemorate his life and the anniversary of his ordination into the priesthood (12/06/1965), there will be a traditional Madeiran "Arraial" (street party) here outside the Chapel today, from 12:00 until 22:00.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS – 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

(*Genesis 3:9-15; Psalm 129(130); ; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35*)

How well the writer of **Genesis** describes the human condition: we are so curious we do that which is forbidden, just to see what it is like. When things go wrong, we blame others. And many lives are hard: getting food and bringing children into the world requires the sweat of our brow. But in the process "man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil". Not a mistake – God knew what he was doing right from the first! **The Psalm** begs pardon for our sins: as we trust in the Lord's mercy we can also confidently hope in our redemption. And Paul encourages the **Corinthians** to look forward to the eternal glory to come in an everlasting home built by God. We would have a very poor impression of Mary if we had only **Mark's gospel**, with no nativity and only Jesus' words in today's reading dismissing his mother and brothers as of no account, compared to those who do the will of God. Fortunately, the other gospels written later give us a more developed picture: Mary indeed did do the will of God and is honoured as the first believer, the means by which God chose to send the Messiah to show us the way to salvation through suffering – his and ours.

PSALM RESPONSE: With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

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

TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC:

- [1] Entry Hymn: "Let there be love..." – n.º 317
- [2] Penitential Act: "Lord, have mercy..."
- [3] Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia..."
- [4] Offertory Hymn: "Make way, make way..." – n.º 360
- [5] Sanctus: "Scarborough fair Sanctus..." - n.º 707
- [6] Agnus Dei: "Dona nobis pacem..." - n.º 126



- [7] Communion Hymn: "Amazing Grace..." – n.º 32

- [8] Thanksgiving: Portuguese Hymn: "Encontrei Deus de surpresa..."
(in memory of Father Bernardino: this was Father Bernardino's favourite Hymn. In English it means: "I found God by surprise")

- [9] Final Hymn: "Laudate Dominum..." - n.º 305

by: **Fátima Cátia Marques**



FROM MY HEART TO YOUR HEART - MEMORIES OF A PRIEST

In Loving Memory

In June 2019 Father Bernardino wrote an article for our Chapel's newsletter about how he came to enter the ministry, and his life as a priest. He called it "A SIMPLE QUESTION THAT MARKED MY DESTINY FOREVER". It was an article that he wrote

from his heart, sharing with you and me a little bit about his life and the memories which he held dear. This is what he wrote:



A SIMPLE QUESTION THAT MARKED MY DESTINY FOREVER

I am the youngest of eleven brothers and sisters. My father was a farmer of little pieces of land. Thirteen people lived in the same small house. No electricity, no running water, no radio, no TV. I had one pair of shoes to go to Mass on Sunday and the rest of the week I was supposed to save the shoes for the following Sunday. Because I was the youngest I was one of those who had the privilege of going to school and learn how to read and to write. But I have to confess that, very often, I questioned myself the reason why I had to go to school.

I was sure that my life was already destined. I didn't think that I needed to go to school in order to water the plants, to dig the earth, to feed the two cows my father owned, to feed the only pig and a few chickens my family used to raise, and so many little things that were part of all those families that lived in the same neighbourhood. It never crossed my mind to go to a secondary school and continue my studies. My life, like the life of my friends, was already destined. Oh... by the way, it never crossed our minds (me and my friends) that we were poor. We were all equal. Poor were those older men and women who would walk from house to house begging for something to take home and prepare meals for their families.



One Christmas day I got a Christmas gift. It was an orange. It was so yellow and so beautiful that I didn't have the courage to eat it. When I was in California I told the story of the only Christmas gift of my childhood. A few days later I got a bag of oranges from a family. Since then, I always found a yellow orange on the top of the altar on the First Sunday of Advent and a box of oranges was delivered to my Parish residence on Christmas Eve. When I left California, 12 years ago, the same family gave me a plastic orange that I still treasure in my room. It is still yellow and beautiful and full of memories.

Well...I thought that my future was already destined. Studying and taking a course was only for the rich. Even today, the poor are not allowed to dream. And I had no dreams for my future besides continuing the life of a poor farmer like my father, my brothers, sisters and my neighbours, or to emigrate.

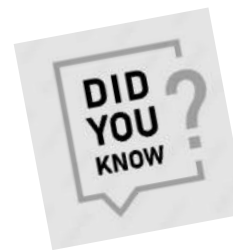
But God has a great sense of humour. One day I was in the kitchen with my mother and my sister Agostinha when, all of a sudden, my sister threw me this unexpected and very strange question: «Bernardino! Wouldn't you like to be a priest?». My answer was: «Yes». I was twelve years old. My mother started getting information on how to go to the Seminary and on October 15, 1950 I entered the Seminary. I didn't enter the Seminary to study my vocation. I entered the Seminary to be a priest.

On June 12, 1965, in a football field of the Diocese of Quelimane (Mozambique, Africa) I received from the hands of my Bishop the Sacrament of priesthood. When I tell my story it is frequent and normal to ask always the same question I was asked when I was 69 years old. And the question was: «But when you were 12 years old what did you understand about priesthood»? My answer was: «I am 69 years old and I still do not understand»

Priesthood is a mystery that has been slowly revealed to me every day, especially when I deal with the poorest of the poor, when I celebrate the Eucharist and all other sacraments and especially when I alleviate the suffering of the world. I don't know if I have been a good priest. But one thing I know - I have been a very happy priest. And I will never understand my priesthood and Christianity if it is not PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE.



Love and Peace,
Fr. Bernardino Andrade



THE MONTH OF JUNE – Dedicated to The Sacred Heart of Jesus

Did you know that in the Catholic church, the month of June is dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus?

Where does devotion to the Sacred Heart come from? The story behind the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus begins on December 27, 1673, at a monastery belonging to the Order of the Visitation of Holy Mary (Visitandines) in eastern France.

There, a nun named Sister Margaret Mary Alacoque began experiencing visions of the Sacred Heart. Those visions continued for 18 months.

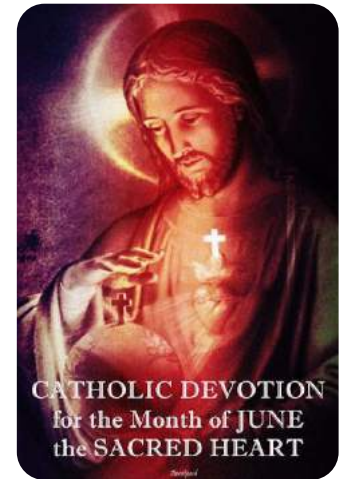
During her visions, Sister Margaret Mary learned ways to venerate the Sacred Heart of Christ. These devotions included the concept of a Holy Hour on Thursdays, the creation of the feast of the Sacred Heart after Corpus Christi, and the reception of the Eucharist on the first Friday of every month.

As with many mystics, many people were skeptical of Sister Margaret Mary's claims of visions. Her confessor, the then-Father Claude La Colombière, SJ, (now St. Claude La Colombière) believed her, and eventually, the mother superior of her community began to believe as well. The first feast of the Sacred Heart was celebrated privately at the monastery in 1686.



Initially, the Vatican was hesitant to declare a feast of the Sacred Heart but did allow the Visitandines to celebrate a Mass special to this day. As the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus spread throughout France, the Vatican granted the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to France in 1765.

Source: www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/44913/what-is-the-solemnity-of-the-sacred-heart-a-cna



KNEELING CUSHIONS!



The little room where you'll find the cushions

Thank you to Pat and Manny de Sousa for donating nine kneeling cushions to our Chapel. Pat spent many hours making these cushions herself! They have been gratefully received and come in handy especially for those sitting outside during Mass, who no longer have to kneel on the hard stones! The kneeling cushions can be found in the little room to the right of the altar. Please help yourself to one if you need it

(BUT please remember to RETURN IT to the little room at the end of Mass). Thank you. 😊❤️

