

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).

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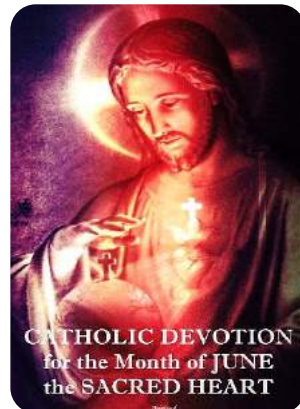
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The funds will then be transferred to Madeira. Any questions or concerns about transferring to this account, please contact Sinead Moynihan at: sineadmoynihn7@icloud.com

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.



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JOYFUL GIFT

16th of June 2024

11th 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 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França was founded by Antonio Dantas in 1622, and originally built to minister to the soldiers of the small garrison at the Pontinha Redoubt (stronghold) in the bay of Funchal, but the Chapel soon became so famous a shrine that people came to it on pilgrimage from all parts of the Island. In 1721 the chapel was restored and enlarged. When the Diocese of Funchal took possession of the chapel it was used as the Bishop's Summer Residence for many years. In the meantime, the Franciscans had been coming to Madeira to carry out apostolic duties, and in 1935, they founded the Franciscan Residence of Our Lady of Penha de França here, at the request of Bishop D. Antonio Ribeiro. In 2015 the Franciscans moved to the former convent of São Bernardino in the town of Câmara de Lobos, and the Chapel reverted back to the Diocese of Funchal.

We are blessed by the presence of two dedicated priests who celebrate Mass here at the Chapel in English on Sundays: Father Joseph Arun, and Father Thomas Muzhuthett. Last Sunday we were blessed with the presence of Rev. Deacon Michael Smith, from the UK, who is on holiday in Madeira. This morning he joins us once again. The special intention for this morning's Mass is for the soul of Candido Feliciano de Freitas (Frank) who passed away 11 days ago, on the 5th of June 2024.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS – 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

(Ezekiel 17: 22-24; Psalm 91(92); 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10; Mark 4: 26-34)

Ezekiel has many chapters about Israel's failure to keep faith in God, culminating in the Babylonian exile. But God keeps **his** promises: He will restore his people to Israel. A remnant will survive and return to Zion, to build a renewed and perfect creation. **The Psalm** extolls the Lord's just deeds: "the just" are so steadfast they appear rooted, flourishing "in the courts of our God", while "evildoers shall be scattered". Paul has described some of his difficulties, accepting that "while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake". He encourages the **Corinthians** to have confidence in the Lord: whatever problems we face in our earthly lives, we look forward to making "our home with the Lord". Then our reward will be affected by our behaviour in this world. In **Mark's gospel**, Jesus describes the kingdom of God in parables. All around us are examples of transformation, seeds becoming unimaginable plants. We have got used to thinking of the kingdom of God as "somewhere else" – in "heaven" rather than on earth. But Jesus' parables do not suggest this, and in the Lord's prayer we ask every day that God's kingdom come "on earth, as it is in heaven". Do we mean it? What are we doing about it?

PSALM RESPONSE: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

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