

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

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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, borrow a book, leave one in exchange, or even bring in some books that you have lying around that you no longer want. ☺



JOYFUL GIFT

23rd of June 2024

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

10h00 – Mass in English

11h30 – Mass in Portuguese

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Welcome

CATHOLIC MASS – 10 AM (IN ENGLISH)

Good morning! Today is the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

We are blessed by the presence of two dedicated priests who celebrate Mass here at the Chapel in English for us on Sundays: Father Joseph Arun, and Father Thomas Muzhuthett, both originally from Kerala, India. Last Sunday we were also blessed with the presence of Rev. Deacon Michael Smith, from the UK, who was here on holiday in Madeira.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS – 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

(Job 38: 1, 8-11; Psalm 106(107): 23-26, 28-31; 2 Corinthians 5: 14-17; Mark 4: 35-41)

Satan said that if Job lost all that he valued he would curse God. So, Satan was permitted to test Job in this way. After losing everything Job laments his losses, asking why God has treated him - a just man - so badly. Eventually God answers at great length - a beautiful hymn of praise to God's power over and in all creation, confirming that God is indeed "greater than any mortal". The psalm praises God for helping and rescuing storm-tossed seafarers. The writer of the 2nd Letter to the Corinthians has said he would prefer to be with the Lord, who has rescued him from near despair, but nevertheless he accepts that he is required to do further work on earth. But in doing this he - and the Corinthians - must constantly have in mind the new creation they have become, now they know the risen Christ. So, he does not lose heart, even though people might have thought God is no longer caring for him. Job and the psalm provide a fitting background for Mark's description of Jesus stilling the storm. But in Mark's gospel the disciples do not understand: they cannot make the connection to the lesson learned so painfully by Job. They do not yet have faith that he will care for them - even when asleep! Understanding can come only after Jesus' death on the cross.

PSALM RESPONSE: O give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures for ever.

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TODAY'S HYMNS:

Music by: Fátima Cátia Marques

[1] Entry Hymn: "Bind us together..." - n.º 65

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

[3] Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia..."

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

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

[6] Agnus Dei: "Lamb of God..." - n.º 737

[7] Communion Hymn: "Jesus the Lord said: "I am the Bread..." - n.º 288

[8] Thanksgiving: Instrumental

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



By: Debbie de Jesus

On Sunday, 9th June, the first “People Helping People” arraial was held on the street along side the Penha da França chapel. The objectives of the function were to raise funds for the charity, dispense information about the charity to interested people attending, and generally to build a community spirit amongst the regulars at the English Mass and the organisers of the charity which was initiated by Father Bernardino Andrade, to help the most needy and marginalised in our society.



It was decided to offer the food and drinks for a voluntary donation, and our chairman, Alexandre Silva (who is also Father Bernardino's grand nephew), made a wonderful effort in approaching various firms asking for their help. Accordingly, we would like to thank the following organisations for their generous participation:



Capela da Penha de França (Father Carlos was very helpful).

Moynihans Irish Pub (as ever a huge support with drinks, storage space and cooking of food).

Casal da Penha de França Restaurant (platter of pork and wine, etc.). **Hotel Quinta da Penha de França.** **Luxstar** (decoration and lighting of the space and counters). **VarioSport** (t-shirts, flyers, and posters). **Câmara Municipal** (licensing and covering the cost of this).

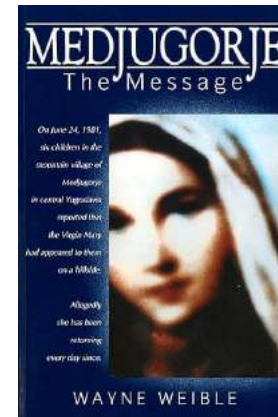
J. Faria and Filhos (cane spirit, shrimp, squid and red fish). **EnoMania** (wine). **Xavelha** (wine). **Justino** (wine and Madeira wine). **Libargel** (wine). **Henriques e Henriques** (Madeira wine). **Barbeito** (wine). **Junta de Freguesia.** **Agostinho** (friend who organised the grills, etc. and provided a lot of know how in organising the event). **Ruben** (organisation of the musicians). **EEM** (Empresa de Electricidade da Madeira). **Nobrega** (25% discount) on meat. **Empresa de Cervejas da Madeira** (2 barrels of beer and discount on remaining items).

The English Team.

Alina (bolo do caco, traditional candy necklaces) and everyone in the English team especially for providing last minute items required!

A special thanks to Alexandre Silva and all his friends and family who made this event so worthwhile.

It was a wonderful day, enjoyed by everyone who attended and we raised much needed funds for the charity as well as raising awareness of the charity in the community. The left over food was also donated to the needy families who the charity supports.



On June 24, 1981, six children in the mountain village of Medjugorje in central Yugoslavia reported that the Virgin Mary had appeared to them on a hillside. Allegedly she has been returning every day since.

Often described as the most popular book on Medjugorje, both in the United States and worldwide, *Medjugorje the Message* is known as the “Book of Conversions”. This book has a special anointing from Heaven on all who read it. Many people who read it say that this book has changed their life.

The author, Wayne Weible, takes the reader with him on pilgrimage to Medjugorje, a journey that radically and permanently changes his life. You will discover the apparitions of the Blessed Mother along with him, as he chronicles the ways that the Virgin Mary continues to speak to the world today from Medjugorje.

This past week in Medjugorje, a special Rosary novena has been taking place for world peace, at the Apparition Hill, the spot where our lady has been appearing every night for nine days.

A live link to this event can be seen every night at 10pm (Medjugorje time): <https://video.marytv.tv/browse>



Pope Francis will preside over a public Ordinary Consistory on July 1 of this year in which, among others, the date on which Blessed Carlo Acutis will be proclaimed a saint will be announced. On May 23, the Holy Father approved a miracle attributed to the intercession of Blessed Carlo Acutis, the Italian teenager who died at the age of 15 and was beatified in 2020 in Assisi. With this new decree, the young man who deeply loved the Eucharist will be proclaimed a saint. In the same statement with the decrees approved by the Holy Father, it was also reported that the Pontiff had convened a consistory to determine the dates of canonization of Carlo Acutis and Blessed Giuseppe Allamano, Marie-Léonie Paradis, and Elena Guerra.

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