

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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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 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. And a piece of home-baked cake!

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

30th of June 2024

13th 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 13th 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.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS – 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

(Wisdom 1: 13-15, 2:23-24; Psalm 29(30); 2 Corinthians 89: 7-15; Mark: 5: 21-43)

The Book of Wisdom, written in the century before Christ, starts by exhorting us to "love righteousness ... and seek the Lord with sincerity of heart". God made man in his own image: not immortal, for only God is immortal, but God made man "imperishable". Death is not the end.

The Psalm gives thanks for deliverance from death: prayers during sickness were answered by God, triumphing over death.

The reading from Paul's second letter to the **Corinthians** might have been written today: we should share the earth's resources with other peoples currently in need. We may need help some time! Paul was collecting financial aid for the Church in Jerusalem, since many towns in the rest of the empire had greater resources. Paul's approach is supremely practical: he praises the Corinthians and then challenges them to give generously. But they should always keep a balance, not beggar themselves. We resume our Sunday readings from **Mark's gospel**. During his journey to heal Jairus' daughter, Jesus is interrupted by a woman seeking a cure for her continuous haemorrhage. Jesus tells her her faith has restored her to health. As with the child raised from the dead, God's kingdom breaks through, to help us understand what God has planned for us in his new creation.

PSALM RESPONSE: I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

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



TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC:

By:
Larysa Makarova



Entry: **574** – This is the day
Offertory: **528** – Take our bread
Communion: **521** – Sweet heart of Jesus
Final: **93** – Colours of day

THOUGHTS FROM FR. JOSEPH

- Brought to you by Fr. Joseph Arun

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THE LORD OF THE WAVES

There was a woman named Maria, a devoted mother and a hardworking professional. Maria had always been the pillar of strength for her family and friends. However, one day, her world came crashing down when she was diagnosed with a severe illness. The prognosis was uncertain, and she faced a long and challenging treatment journey.

As Maria began her treatment, she encountered physical pain, emotional turmoil, and financial strain. The storm in her life was fierce, and she often felt like she was drowning in fear and anxiety. Despite her faith, there were moments when she cried out, "Lord, do you not care that I am perishing?"

One evening, overwhelmed by her circumstances, Maria sat in her living room and opened her Bible to the story of Jesus calming the storm. As she read, she felt a profound connection to the disciples' fear and desperation. But more importantly, she was struck by Jesus' response. She realized that, like the disciples, she needed to turn to Jesus and trust Him completely, even in the midst of her storm.

From that day on, Maria made a conscious effort to surrender her fears to Jesus. She prayed for peace and strength, and she found comfort in knowing that Jesus was with her in her boat, even if the storm continued to rage around her. Gradually, Maria experienced a deep sense of calm and assurance. Her situation did not change overnight; the treatments were still tough, and the future remained uncertain. But her heart was at peace, knowing that Jesus was in control.

Maria's story is a testament to the power of faith and the peace that comes from trusting Jesus. Her illness became a journey of spiritual growth, deepening her relationship with God and allowing her to witness His grace and provision in new ways.

In our lives, storms are inevitable. We will face challenges that test our faith and make us question God's presence. But the story of Jesus calming the sea reminds us that He is always with us, ready to bring peace and calm if we turn to Him in faith. Like Maria, let us learn to trust Jesus in our storms, knowing that His power and love are greater than any wave that threatens to overwhelm us.

As we go through life, may we hold on to Jesus' words, "Peace! Be still!" and allow His peace to reign in our hearts, no matter the circumstances.

With love and Prayers,
Fr. Joseph Arun, OCD



POPULAR SAINTS FESTIVAL (*Festa dos Santos Populares*): 12-29th June

The Popular Saints Festival (*Festa dos Santos Populares* – in Portuguese) has been taking place all over the island in the month of June, and is strongly rooted in the traditions of Madeira. They are the high social point of many regions on the island. **These festivities are dedicated to the 3 popular saints: St. Anthony (Santo António), St. John (São João) and St. Peter (São Pedro).**



The celebrations begin with Saint Anthony, traditionally the saint of love, and a match-maker, but St. John is the most popular saint. From 19th - 24th June, **local shops prepare and show off their creativity by decorating small altars in honour of the 3 saints. There are also lively musical performances in the city centre.**



The festivities conclude during the weekend of the 27th June to 1st July in the town of *Camara de Lobos*, 28th-29th June in the town of *Santa Cruz*, and **this weekend of 28th-30th June in the town of Ribeira Brava**, where the final parades for St. Peter (*São Pedro*) are held.

Like many Madeiran religious festivals, this weekend embraces worship, food, family and entertainment.



The streets in the town of *Ribeira Brava* are colourfully decorated for the festivities

