

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

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14th of July 2024

15th 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 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Over the last months, we have been blessed by the presence of two dedicated priests at the Chapel who celebrate Mass in English for us on Sundays: Father Joseph Arun, and Father Thomas Muzhuthett, who are both originally from Kerala, India and are Carmelite priests from the *Igreja do Carmo* Church in Funchal.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS – 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B
(*Amos* 7:12-15; *Psalms* 84(85): 9-14; *Ephesians* 1: 3-14; *Mark* 6: 7-13)

The first six chapters of the **Book of Amos** show in detail why the Jews will suffer judgement. Amaziah denounces Amos to the northern king for his unwelcome prophecies. Speaking around 760 BC, Amos bravely ignores him, and continues to warn the people. 200 years later his warnings were written down – because he was right: the northern kingdom had rejected God, and was destroyed. The **Psalms** describes the coming happiness revealed by the Lord: virtues are imagined as courtiers of the returned king. Over the next seven weeks we hear extracts from Paul's breathtaking letter "to the **Ephesians**". Its ideas can flow past us so quickly that we can easily miss their significance. If we stop after each phrase and ponder its meaning, we see a God very different from common belief. A God who lovingly "chose us in Christ" "before the world was made". A God whose "hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning", so that we might "live through love in his presence". This was no 'plan B', suddenly concocted to correct a mistake! In **Mark's gospel**, after his rejection in his home town we heard last week, Jesus now sends the disciples out on mission. Next week we hear about their experiences.

PSALM RESPONSE: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

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



TODAY'S HYMNS: Music by: Fátima Cátia Marques

[1] Entry Hymn: "I danced in the morning..." – n.º 240

[2] Penitential Act: "Lord, have mercy..." – n.º 663

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

[4] Offertory Hymn: "O Lord my God – How great thou art..." – n.º 419

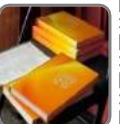
[5] Sanctus: "Holy, holy, holy..." – n.º 698

[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: "Make way, make way..." – n.º 360



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FRIEND LEND ME YOUR HANDS



During the wind-swept city Bridge-War, a small Korean village came under heavy artillery fire. When the smoke of the battle cleared away, the pastor of the parish sought the help of some American soldiers in restoring to its pedestal a fallen statue of Christ.

Since the statue's hands were gone, the soldiers planned to mould two new hands. The pastor, however, came up with a very meaningful suggestion: "Let us leave the statue as it is and write on the front of the pedestal the words, "Friend, lend me your hands." - Sending apostles as ambassadors to preach the "Good News" and to heal the sick, Jesus, in today' Gospel, reminds us that we are, and only have, the gifts of working hands to raise the fallen; feet to seek out the lost; ears to listen to the lonely; and a tongue to speak words of sympathy and encouragement to those

weighed down by sorrow, pain and failure - so that Jesus may work through us to heal, strengthen, comfort and teach on earth in our day.

OUR MISSION IS TO PURIFY A CONTAMINATED WORLD

There are two rivers in Europe named the Roan and the Arf. The Roan is a beautiful, pure river, with fresh clear water cascading down from snowcapped mountains. The Arf River is a muddy waterway, wandering like a slimy dirty brown snake through the countryside. For many miles the two rivers run alongside each other. Even when they finally merge, the two rivers don't immediately mix, the pure Roan and the filthy Arf still flow side by side for many more miles, until, at last, the putrid Arf consumes its pure brother and the two become dirty. — That is the sort of thing that happens in the real world. The purest and the most loving heart in the land will not stay so very long, working in most offices or factories, attending most schools, living in most communities. We take on the attitudes and the values of the society around us, and our views of others and of ourselves and even of God become distorted. We become weighted down with the burdens of the world without realizing the truth that our mission is to purify the little world around us.



WHAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT?

A few years ago, at the Seattle Special Olympics, nine contestants, all physically or mentally disabled, assembled at the starting point for the 100-yard dash. At the gun they all started out, not exactly in a dash, but with the relish to run the race to the finish and win. All, that is, except one boy who stumbled on the asphalt, tumbled over a couple of times, and began to cry. The other eight heard the boy's cry. They slowed down and paused. Then they all turned around and went back. Every one of them. One girl with Down's syndrome bent down and kissed him and said, "This will make it better." Then all nine linked arms and walked together to the finish line. Everyone in the stadium stood, and the cheering went on for ten minutes. [Author unknown; quoted by Fr. Botelho]



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CRUISE SHIP PRIEST PROGRAM – Catholic priests at sea

Source: National Catholic Register

www.ncregister.com/daily-news/priests-of-the-sea-faith-is-always-on-board-where-there-are-cruise-ship-cha



Did you know that in most major Ports around the world, the Diocese assigns a chaplain (a priest, deacon, religious, or lay ecclesial minister) to serve cruise ship passengers, staff and crew?

The assigned chaplain's ministry is to provide for the pastoral needs of passengers, and also crewmembers who may spend from six to nine months at sea.



Life doesn't stop at Sea! These cruise-ship priests provide the Catholic Mass, Confession, Anointing of the Sick, Sacraments of the Church, and Pastoral care on board. But sometimes illness, death and emergency situations can crop up, and the presence of a priest can be incredibly important in those unexpected situations.

It can get real serious when a passenger passes away during the cruise, or when a crew member who is depressed jumps overboard and commits suicide, for example. One gentleman who had been on a cruise with his wife to celebrate their anniversary spotted a priest during dinner one evening. They asked him to join them, and in introducing themselves, they shared that the wife was dying. The cruise was an item they were crossing off her "bucket list." Later in the cruise, they met the priest again - when they called him to their cabin because the wife was near death. After her death, her husband felt that « *it was beautiful that her faith was there for her, even in the middle of the ocean.* »



If you are planning to go on a cruise, why not contact the cruise line to find out if there will be a priest aboard your cruise. If the cruise line has not arranged for a Catholic chaplain to be on board, you can request that it does. For more information, and to know more about *Apostleship of the Sea USA* visit their website at: <http://www.aos-usa.org/>

THE NARROW DOOR - In the Alcobaça Monastery in Portugal



The narrow door in these pictures may seem like an architect's mistake, but it's not.

In the Alcobaça Monastery in Portugal, built in 1178, there is a door measuring 2 meters high and 32cm wide, considered the narrowest door in the world.

Called "Porta Pega-Gordo" (which in English can be roughly translated as "Fat Catcher Door"), legend has it that

its curious design had the objective, as the name suggests, of not letting the monks who gained too much weight pass through, as this door was the only entrance to the kitchen where food was served. Allegedly, each monk was required to pass through it from the refectory to the kitchen to fetch his own meal. Those who couldn't squeeze through were out of luck. So in order for them to enter, they would have to lose weight.

