

## 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).

### >> PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE CONTACTS:

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"You should wash each other's feet"  
(John 13:14).

### >> TRANSFER TO BANK ACCOUNT IN MADEIRA:

**ACCOUNT NAME:**  
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### >> DONATIONS FROM THE UK:

**ACCOUNT NAME:** Sinead Moynihan  
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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](mailto: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

11th of August 2024

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

10h00 – Mass in English

No Portuguese Masses in the month of August

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### CATHOLIC MASS – 10 AM (IN ENGLISH)

Today we celebrate the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time. We are blessed to have Father Thomas Muzhuthett celebrate Mass for us this morning. The special intentions of this morning's mass are for Anita Jorge-Helena who is in hospital in the ICU, and for Father Joseph Arun who is recovering from surgery. Please remember them in your prayers this week.

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS** – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B  
(1 Kings 19: 4-8; Psalm 33(34): 2-9; Ephesians 4:30-5:2; John 6: 41-51)

Elijah had defeated the gods of Baal by pouring water over the firewood, and then asking God to accept his sacrifice, thus bringing rain to end the drought he had predicted. The king's wife, Jezebel, had brought worship of Baal to Israel, so she was very angry, and sought to kill Elijah, who fled in despair. But today we hear how God encourages Elijah to continue his journey to Mount Sinai, and, as during the Exodus, God provides food and water for the journey. **The Psalm** invites us to praise the Lord, who will help us in time of need. Our readings from the letter to the **Ephesians** continue with rules for the new life, teasing out the real meaning of the Ten Commandments. But in loving others we must be prepared to suffer persecution and even death, as Christ did. Jesus' teaching on the Eucharist in Chapter 6 of **John's Gospel** continues. Last week we heard Jesus say "I am the bread of life". This week Jesus takes it further: just as God fed Elijah, and had fed the Israelites with manna and quails during the Exodus, Jesus feeds us with the "living bread". Even more: the bread that Jesus gives is his own flesh. Next week we hear reactions to this astounding claim.

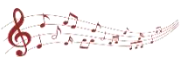
### PSALM RESPONSE: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

These Scripture reading notes are brought to you every Sunday by: **Chris Oliver**.... [www.bible-groups.info](http://www.bible-groups.info)

### TODAY'S HYMNS: Music by: Fátima Cátia Marques



- [1] Entry Hymn: "Let there be love..." – n.º 317
- [2] Penitential Act: "Lord, have mercy..." – n.º 659
- [3] Gospel Acclamation: "Aleluia"
- [4] Offertory Hymn: "How lovely on the mountains– Our God reigns" – n.º 235
- [5] Sanctus: "Scarborough fair Sanctus..." - n.º 707
- [6] Agnus Dei: "Dona nobis pacem..." - n.º 126
- [7] Communion Hymn: "As I kneel before you – Ave Maria gratia plena..." – n.º 39



[8] Thanksgiving: Portuguese Hymn

[9] Final Hymn: "Our God loves us..." - n.º 454

