

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE (PHP)



People Helping People is a small project founded in the Chapel of Penha de França by the late Father Bernardino Andrade 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...

"God's love is in our midst and is also manifested in our capacity for solidarity and closeness towards many people who are in need" – a quote from the book "Não há futuro sem solidariedade" (There is no future without solidarity) - by the author Dionigi Tettamanzi.

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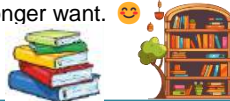
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When making any donation, please send an email to penhafranca.php@gmail.com with the date, and name on the transfer so that Alexandre Silva is able to confirm that the transfer has been received. Thank you.
Food items are also appreciated and can be left in the basket at the Chapel door on Sunday mornings.

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 where you are visiting us from! ☺



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. ☺



Coffee 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!

JOYFUL GIFT

22nd September 2024

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

10h00 – Mass in English

No Mass in Portuguese on Sundays

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CATHOLIC MASS – 10 AM (IN ENGLISH)

Today is the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Our priest this morning is Father Thomas Muzhuthett. He is originally from Kerala, India, and is a Carmelite religious priest. Father Thomas serves at the Carmelite church in Funchal (*Igreja do Carmo*). We are blessed to have him celebrating the English Mass for us here at the Chapel.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B
(*Wisdom 2:12,17-20; Psalm 53(54); James 3:16 - 4:3; Mark 9: 30-37*)

Wisdom was the last book of the Old Testament to be written, probably in Alexandria about 50 BC. Written in Greek, it is not in the Hebrew Scriptures and is therefore treated as apocryphal in non-Catholic bibles. The wicked are blinded by their thoughts: "haphazard were we born", they thought, and we leave no trace when we die, "because no-one returns." So "let us enjoy the good things that exist" and "oppress the righteous", simply because "he annoys us". But Wisdom responds: "God formed man to be imperishable; in the image of his own nature". **The Psalm** implores God's help against our enemies, confident that he will help. Prayed by David when his hiding place was betrayed to Saul. **James' letter** continues emphasising we must show our faith in good works, for which we need "wisdom from above". We must "show works in the meekness of wisdom", not in "jealousy and selfish ambition". "Friendship with the world is enmity with God". **In the Gospel** Jesus uses a quiet moment on the way back from the Transfiguration to tell his disciples again that he will be killed and "after three days he will rise". But as yet they cannot understand. He then insists that his way is to "be last of all and servant of all", giving welcome to the least significant, even little children. God's wisdom is not the world's wisdom.

PSALM RESPONSE: The Lord upholds my life.

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TODAY'S HYMNS:

- [1] **Entry Hymn:** "Let there be love" – n.º 317
- [2] **Penitential Act:** "Lord, have mercy..." – n.º 663
- [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:** *Instrumental*
- [9] **Final Hymn:** "Our God loves us" - n.º 454

Music by: Fátima Cátia Marques





Brothers and sisters,

We're all used to seeing new mobile phones come out each year - better memory, more power, improved functions. Everyone wants the latest model because of what it can do. But what if we thought about ourselves in the same way? We, too, are full of potential and constantly growing, but unlike a phone, we aren't limited. We're created for eternity, with the chance to keep becoming more.

This is what Jesus reminds us when He placed a child in front of His disciples and said, "Whoever welcomes one of these little ones in my name, welcomes me." He wasn't talking about potential as the world sees it - skills, power, or wealth - but about **humility** and **openness**. Children, in their innocence, depend on others and trust completely. **That's how we're called to approach life and God.**



Every experience we go through is like an upgrade, helping us to learn and grow. Our Christian faith is like the operating system of our lives - it guides how we act, think, and love. But what truly sets us apart is our call to love **God** and love **others**. Jesus teaches us that real greatness isn't found in power, but in humility and love. It's in welcoming others, especially those who seem to have the least to offer, that we find true purpose.

So, as we move through life, let's remember that our true "upgrades" come when we love and serve others. Each day is a chance to become more like Christ. Let's embrace that, always striving to be like children - full of potential but humble, open to God's grace, and willing to welcome others as Christ welcomes us.



Amen.

- Revd. Tito Pereira



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THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN:



MONSTRANCE

Monstrance, also called ostensorium, in the Roman Catholic Church, a vessel in which the Eucharistic host is carried in processions and is exposed during certain devotional ceremonies. Both names are derived from Latin words (monstrare and ostendere) that mean "to show."

First used in France and Germany in the 14th century, when popular devotion to the Blessed Sacrament developed, monstrances were modeled after pyxes or reliquaries, sacred vessels for transporting the host or relics.



TABERNACLE

The tabernacle is a liturgical furnishing used to house the Eucharist outside of Mass. This provides a location where the Eucharist can be kept for the adoration of the faithful and for later use (e.g., distribution to the sick).

It also helps prevent the profanation of the Eucharist. Thus the law requires, "The tabernacle in which the Eucharist is regularly reserved is to be immovable, made of solid or opaque material, and locked so that the danger of profanation may be entirely avoided" (CIC 938 §3).



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