

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE (PHP)

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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...

"The crooked lines by which God writes straight are, after all, very simple, a path along which we are called to bear fruit in every encounter we have with others. To enrich, to gladden, to pacify, to be good by doing good and avoiding evil". (José Luís Nunes Martins) in his book: "Luz".

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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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BANK: Banco Santander Totta

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>> DONATIONS FROM THE UK:

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BANK: Lloyds Bank

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 02461743

BRANCH: Univ. of Cambridge

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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: sineadmoynihian7@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.



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 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. ☺



JOYFUL GIFT

10th of November 2024

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

10h00 – Mass in English

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CATHOLIC MASS – 10 AM (IN ENGLISH)

Today we celebrate the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. We are blessed to have Deacon Tito Pereira joining us again today, on holiday from the UK.

The special intention of this morning's Mass will be offered for the health of **Anne McCrossan** (from Scotland), and for the soul of **John Hinchliffe**, who passed away in October 2018.



TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B
(*1 Kings 17: 10-16; Psalm 145(146): 7-10; Hebrews 9: 24-28; Mark 12: 38-44*)

Ahab, the king of Israel "did evil in the sight of the Lord more than any of his predecessors" by worshipping false gods, introduced by his wife, Jezebel. Elijah told Ahab the Lord would punish him with a drought lasting many years. In today's reading a widow gives Elijah the last of her food, and is rewarded with food until the drought ends. **The Psalm** advises us not to put our trust in princes, but in our God, who is kind and good. The Letter to the **Hebrews** continues showing how Jesus Christ is our eternal high priest, "mediator" of the new covenant, which replaced the old covenant. The high priest no longer goes each day into the sanctuary of the Temple, where God dwells on earth, to mediate between man and God. Christ has entered heaven, so he can intercede directly with God on our behalf. Christ died and offered himself as a sacrifice once only, perfectly confirming man's agreement to the new covenant for ever. Like the first reading, today's gospel also involves a widow who gives her all. After last week's reading about the greatest commandment, the widow exemplifies loving God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength, instead of meaningless ritual.

PSALM RESPONSE: My soul, give praise to the Lord.

TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC:

By: Larysa Makarova

Entry: God forgave my sin... - 181

Offertory: All that I am ... - 21

Communion: This is my body... - 572

Final: Go, the Mass is ended ... - 175





Last week, my wife Andrea asked me where she could get a poppy in Madeira. Her grandfather fought in the First World War, and she has always honoured the memory of those who gave their lives in service to others. Luckily, after Mass, we popped into Moynihán's Irish Bar, where we were able to purchase some poppies.



Today, some people have mixed feelings about wearing a poppy, but for others, it is important to acknowledge all those who died or suffered due to conflicts whether this is actual war or internal battles. On Remembrance Day, as we pay tribute to the courage, strength, and sacrifices of those who faced the dark days of war, we are also reminded to think about the deeper meaning of peace - *pax*, a peace that endures through every kind of battle.

In the highlands of Funchal, the "Terreiro da Luta" and the serene statue of Our Lady of Peace stand as powerful symbols of this peace, offering hope to everyone who struggles, whether in war or in their own lives.



Terreiro da Luta

The *Terreiro da Luta*, though not a traditional battlefield, reminds us of the resilience needed to face all kinds of hardship. A century ago, the people of Funchal lived through the fear and upheaval of World War I, when submarines bombarded the coast.



The name *Terreiro da Luta* means "ground of struggle," and it represents an enduring strength. It's a place for remembering not only the battles fought on the ground but also the unseen battles of the mind and spirit - the struggles many face quietly on their own. The quiet strength of this place calls to everyone who fights to overcome grief, anxiety, or doubt, reminding us that peace is for every kind of struggle we face.

Above this ground stands the statue of Our Lady of Peace, or "Nossa Senhora da Paz", a symbol of hope and a reminder that peace is more than just the absence of war. Her presence gently encourages us to find a peace that strengthens us mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. Her outstretched arms remind us that *pax* - true peace - brings healing and resilience, whether in the world's visible conflicts or in our personal battles. She reminds us that each struggle we face, whether for mental health, physical health, or inner peace, deserves compassion and courage.

This Remembrance Day, as we honour those who sacrificed their lives in war, let's also honour the courage of those who face battles within. The **Terreiro da Luta** and **Our Lady of Peace** remind us that peace is an active, ongoing pursuit - a call to heal, to hope, and to make space for everyone who struggles. May these symbols inspire us to work towards peace, not just in memory, but in the lives of those around us and in our own daily battles.

- Revd. Tito Pereira

LET US REMEMBER THEM

The First World War was meant to be, "the war to end all wars" – it never did. As many different nationalities come together here for Mass this morning in beautiful Madeira, let us remember all who have lost their lives and those who suffer, in war and conflict, across the world.



CHRISTMAS HAMPER DRIVE – During November & December



This year, as customary, we will be making up Christmas boxes for the needy families we support under the auspices of our People Helping People Charity. We will be collecting hygiene products (e.g. lotions, toothpaste, shampoo, body wash, etc.), and dried and tinned goods (tins of fruit, sardines, tuna, beans, dried nuts and fruit, rice and pasta, etc.). Please bring along your offerings and place in the hamper at the entrance of the church.



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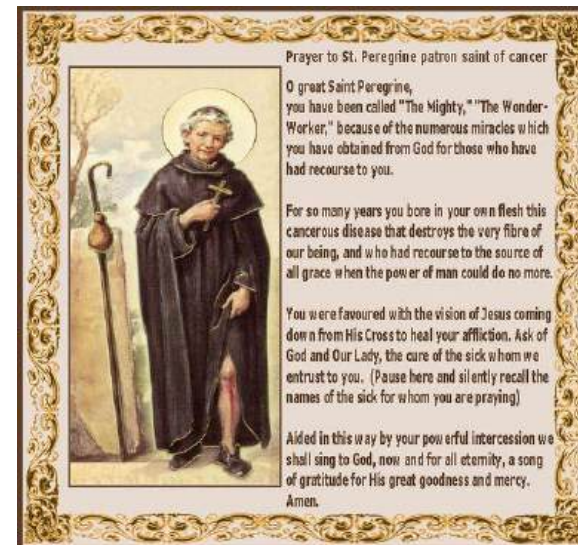
BOOK SALE – After Mass this morning



Last Sunday, Jane Caldwell, an author living in England, and her husband, Peter, brought along some copies of her books to sell after Mass. The book sale was a **great success and all proceeds** were donated to the People Helping People charity, as Jane and Peter do every year! There are only a few copies left, so if **you missed the sale last week**, and would like to get a signed copy of one of her books, Jane will be outside after Mass.



Go get yourself a copy!



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"None of us is alone in this world. Each of us is a vital piece of the great mosaic of humanity as a whole."



- St. John Paul II