

## 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...**

*"Material things do not give fullness to life: only love can do that. For this, the path to follow is that of charity, which keeps nothing for itself, but shares everything."*

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

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

#### ACCOUNT NAME:

Associação Gente Ajudando Gente

**BANK:** Banco Santander Totta

**ACCOUNT NUMBER:** 0003 4938 1759020

**IBAN:** PT50 0018 0003 49381759020 94

**SWIFT:** TOTAPTPL

**NIB:** 0018 0003 49381759020 94

#### Bank Address:

Caminho de Santa Quiteria 46A,  
9020-119, Funchal  
Madeira, Portugal.



### >> DONATIONS FROM THE UK:

**ACCOUNT NAME:** Sinead Moynihan

**BANK:** Lloyds Bank

**ACCOUNT NUMBER:** 02461743

**BRANCH:** Univ. of Cambridge

**SORT CODE:** 30-13-55

**IBAN:** GB05 LOYD 3013 5502 4617 43

**BIC:** LOYDGB21035



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.



### Tea and Coffee After Mass

Join us across the garden for a cup of coffee, cake, and a chat!

### 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. ☺



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## JOYFUL GIFT



**02 February 2025 – 10am Sunday Mass**

**The Presentation of the Lord - Year C**

Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França,  
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### THE CATHOLIC MASS IN ENGLISH

**Good morning.** Welcome to the Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França. This Chapel was founded by Antonio Dantas in 1622, which makes it 403 years old this year! Today's Mass is the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, and we will celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.



**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS – The Presentation of the Lord**  
(*Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 23(24); Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40*)

The Book of **Malachi** was written after the return from exile and the rebuilding of the Temple in 515 BC, and perhaps prompting the reforms by Ezra from 460 BC. Jewish practices had become lax, with easy divorce and intermarriage with pagans. Malachi heavily criticised this fall from covenant standards, so he wrote anonymously – Malachi means "my messenger". He promises that the Lord will come in judgement to punish the evildoers. Before the Lord comes, he will send a messenger to prepare the way, then seen as Elijah, but interpreted by Christians as John the Baptist. The Letter to the **Hebrews** seeks to strengthen wavering faith. Christ shared fully in our humanity, including death, and was completely faithful to God. Now risen and exalted through his suffering, he is a high priest, the perfect mediator, and so the glorified Christ blots out all our sins. Having been tempted frequently to give up his mission, Jesus is able to help Christians who are tempted to give up their faith. **Luke's gospel** describes the presentation of Jesus in the Temple. Mary and Joseph were devout Jews, faithfully observing the Law. Including the requirement for every first-born son to be consecrated to the Lord, just as Samuel had been. Jesus was not left at the Temple, but we know that Jesus completely dedicated his life to his Father's work.

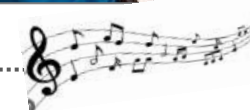
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**PSALM RESPONSE: Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord!**

### TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC:

- [1] **Entry Hymn:** "Father, we adore you" – n.º 136
- [2] **Penitential Act:** "Lord, have mercy..." – n.º 659
- [3] **Gospel Acclamation:** "Alleluia"
- [4] **Offertory Hymn:** "O Lord my God, How great thou art" – n.º 419
- [5] **Sanctus:** "Scarborough fair Sanctus" - n.º 707
- [6] **Agnus Dei:** "Dona nobis pacem" - n.º 126
- [7] **Communion Hymn:** "Amazing Grace" – n.º 32
- [8] **Thanksgiving:** Portuguese Hymn
- [9] **Final Hymn:** "Laudate Dominum" - n.º 305

By: *Fátima Cátia Marques*



Many of you who have come to this Chapel over the years on holiday, and those who have become part of the community here, will recall that Father Bernardino would take great care in writing a column for this newsletter every week, usually with inspiring stories and reflections on his life as a priest.

Today we recall one of his stories which he shared in the newsletter on the 04/02/2018:

### FROM MY HEART TO YOUR HEART - Just Love Them

- Brought to you by Fr. Bernardino Andrade



Today I took my iPhone and "pretended" that I knew something about technology. Believe it or not it worked.

I asked the Siri for "How many Portuguese People are in California"? The answer was: In California there are 79.572 Portuguese people.

The Portuguese Community in California has always been very large. And the Portuguese, like the other ethnic migrant communities, wherever they go, they take with them their language, their traditions, their culture, their food, their dances and, especially, their faith. For this reason it is common to find, in a few cities, Catholic Churches built by the Portuguese to practice their faith.

One of the examples is the Five Wounds Church in the city of San Jose with its beautiful old architecture, built over 100 years ago. This church became a Parish Church and from the beginning has always had a Portuguese Priest as its Pastor who would say Mass, preside to the Sacraments and Funerals and also all other services in Portuguese, even if it was also available for other languages especially the English language.



There was a time when there was no Portuguese Priest available to continue that tradition. The Bishop assigned an American priest to be the pastor of the Five Wounds Portuguese Parish.

One day I visited the Five Wounds Church and

spent some time talking with the American Pastor who was presiding to a Portuguese Community without knowing how to speak the language.

That's when he told me about the way the Bishop approached him for this assignment. He said that he had reacted to the Bishop saying:

- But, Bishop I don't know how to speak any Portuguese and that is a big responsibility. I don't feel prepared for that job. What am I going to do when they need me?

The Bishop answered:

- "Just love them". It worked.

Love, Fr. Bernardino Andrade

**THE POPE'S  
MONTHLY INTENTIONS**

*February 2025*

**FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD  
AND RELIGIOUS LIFE**

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

**DOMINUS EST**

**February**

is dedicated to the Holy Family.

Jesus, who has made Thyself obedient to Thy parents, to Thee be ever glory, with the supreme Father and with the Spirit.

### BOOK SALE AFTER MASS THIS MORNING

Last Sunday after the 10am Mass, we had a special book sale here at the Chapel. **Mrs Jane Caldwell**, from England, has written a few murder-mystery, detective novels, and every year generously donates all proceeds from the sale of her book to the "People Helping People" charity. (You can read more about the charity on the last page of this newsletter). Thank you to all who supported the book sale last week Sunday. It was a great success! All of the money raised from the sale has gone directly towards helping those in need.



**A huge thank you** especially to Mrs. Caldwell and her husband for their wonderful generosity in supporting this charity every year! Copies of the book are still available today after Mass for anyone who may be interested, at a cost of **10 Euros** each.

Get yourself a copy to read while you are here on holiday, and at the same time you will be contributing to a worthy cause. **Happy Reading!**



Mrs. Caldwell signing copies of her novel, "Deadly Drama", last week Sunday