

## 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.**

"Love for our brothers and sisters is not simply the fruit of our own efforts; it demands the transformation of our selfish hearts." - (Pope Francis).

"God recognizes every good intention we have, every small action we take." - (Pope Francis).



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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

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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 we are able to confirm that the transfer has been received. Thank you.

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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! ☺



### After Mass

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



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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**06th July 2025 – 10am Sunday Mass**  
**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 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. We are blessed to have Father Joseph Arun celebrating our English language Mass for us this morning. Father Joseph is a Carmelite priest, originally from Kerala, India. The special intention for this morning's Mass is for **Suzie Schweers** who is in the hospital.

### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS – 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Isaiah 66:10-14; Psalm 65(66):1-20; Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 10:1-12, 17-20)

Third **Isaiah** wrote this beautiful imagery of a compassionate God to encourage the Jews returning from exile in Babylon to rebuild the Temple. The Lord sends his peace to Jerusalem through which he will give peace and nourishment to those who recognise the new creation coming with Jesus' resurrection.

The **Psalm** praises God's power as revealed throughout history but especially during the Exodus. This fond farewell concludes our readings from Paul's letter to the **Galatians**. Human distinctions and marks on our flesh like circumcision no longer signify. We have become a new Spirit-filled creation, the "Israel of God" – God's chosen family to carry God's message to the world.

The new Mass translation, "**and with your spirit**", picks up Paul's final phrase. God's grace is to be deep and personal, affecting our whole lives. In the reading from **Luke's gospel** last week, Jesus "set himself to travel to Jerusalem". For the rest of Ordinary Time, the "ordinally numbered weeks", all our gospel readings are from his journey, as Jesus; consciously focussed on his coming suffering in Jerusalem. Today we hear of Jesus sending 70 disciples on mission ahead of him, like the 70 elders chosen by Moses to lead the Exodus. But Jesus' disciples are offering Israel a last chance to change her mind about Jesus.  
By: Chris Oliver.... [www.bible-groups.info](http://www.bible-groups.info)

**PSALM RESPONSE:** Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

### TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC:

By: Larysa and Anastacia

**Entry:** "Bind us together, Lord..." - 65

**Offertory:** "Father, I place into your hands..." - 134

**Communion:** "Sweet heart..." - 521

**Final:** "Colours of day..." - 93



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### Walking the Levadas of Faith

If you've ever walked one of Madeira's *levada* trails, you'll know there's something quietly powerful about them. The narrow footpath winds through mountains and forests, always beside a channel of flowing water. That gentle stream doesn't just guide your steps - it accompanies you. There's something deeply reassuring about that presence.

It struck me recently how these *levadas* can be a symbol of the Christian journey.

The flowing water is like the grace of baptism - constantly running alongside us, even when we're not paying attention. It's a reminder that we don't walk alone.



This Sunday, the Gospel tells us that "The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit." Jesus doesn't send his followers alone. He sends them in pairs - companions on the road. Just as the authorities here on the island warn walkers not to walk the *levadas* alone, Jesus gives the same advice for the spiritual path: don't go it alone.

Through baptism, we're not only washed clean and made new - we're also joined to a community, the Church. Christ himself becomes our companion, but he also gives us one another: fellow disciples, fellow walkers, fellow witnesses to the Kingdom of God.



When Jesus sends out the seventy-two, he sends them ahead of him. They're to prepare the way, to bring peace, to heal, and to announce that "the Kingdom of God is very near." That mission didn't end with them. It's ours, too. Every baptised person is sent. We may not travel far, but in our homes, our workplaces, our schools, and our neighbourhoods, we're called to walk with others and bear witness to Christ.

So the next time you find yourself walking a *levada* - or even just thinking of one - remember this: the waters of baptism still flow alongside you. You've been sent. And you are never alone.

- Deacon Tito

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us.

- Albert Schweitzer



Elizabeth of Portugal, also known as Elizabeth of Aragon, was Queen of Portugal from 1282 to 1325. She was given in marriage to King Denis at age twelve. **She was very devout and unlike her future husband attended Mass every day.**

The story goes that one day, one of the Royal Pages told a lie about Queen Elizabeth which the King believed. It involved another page who the King commanded should visit the furnace which was tended by the Court lime-burner. The good page set out obediently, completely unaware that he faced certain death because the King had ordered that the first page to appear should be seized and cast into the furnace.

Like Elizabeth, the good page attended Mass daily, but on this occasion, he decided to stay longer by also attending the Mass that followed. Meanwhile King Denis sent the wicked page to the lime-burner to establish that the first page had been killed. When the King learned what had happened, he realized that the good page had been saved; the liar punished and Queen Elizabeth proven to be innocent. **He immediately resolved to lead a better life and apologized to the Queen in the presence of his entire Court.**

During his last illness Queen Elizabeth never left the King's side, other than to attend daily Mass. **By numerous works of charity throughout the kingdom she became a wonderful role model for all the poor and disadvantaged in Portugal.**



### FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

July 16th – Mass at 18h30

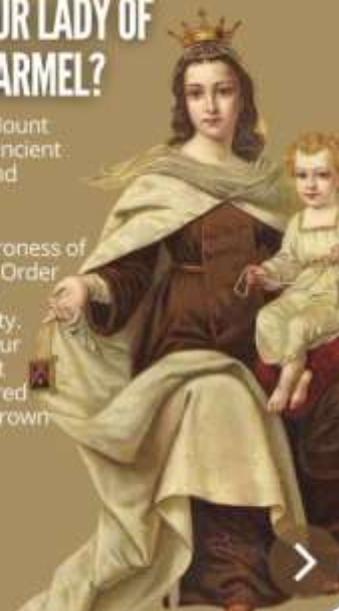
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#### WHO IS OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL?

Our Lady of Mount Carmel is an ancient Marian title and devotion.

She is the patroness of the Carmelite Order and a pillar of their spirituality. Devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel is shared through the Brown Scapular.

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#### WHAT IS THE BROWN SCAPULAR?

The Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, or the Brown Scapular, consists of two pieces of brown wool on a cord.

"On July 16, 1251 the Blessed Virgin appeared to St. Simon Stock, a Prior of the Carmelites, giving him the Brown Scapular."

Our Lady promised that "Whoever dies invested with this Scapular shall be preserved from the eternal flames. It is a sign of salvation, a sure safeguard in danger, a pledge of peace and of my special protection until the end of the ages." (EWTN)

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