

## 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.**

"Wounded by so many falsehoods, aggressions and disappointments, God whispers to us: 'My child, have confidence!'" - (Pope Francis).



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

#### ACCOUNT NAME:

Associacao Gente Ajudando Gente

**BANK:** Banco Santander Totta

**ACCOUNT NUMBER:** 0003 4938 1759020

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#### Bank Address:

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9020-119, Funchal  
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**BANK:** Lloyds Bank

**ACCOUNT NUMBER:** 02461743

**BRANCH:** Univ. of Cambridge

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

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

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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](mailto:sineadmoynihian7@icloud.com)

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

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! ☺



Do Stay for Tea & Coffee

#### 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

13th July 2025 – 10am Sunday Mass  
15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C



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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. Father Joseph is a Carmelite priest, originally from Kerala, India. *The special intentions for this morning's Mass* is for **Suzie Schweers** who has been in the hospital for 3 weeks, and we pray also for the soul of **Angela Pingo**. May she rest in peace. ☩

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS – 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
(Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Psalm 68(69):14-37; Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37)

The book of **Deuteronomy**, the "second law", evolved over many centuries. It restates the Jewish Law and the covenant God made with Abraham. Our reading starts with an imperative, but this follows "if": "you will prosper if" you choose to follow God's law. And God's Law is not difficult to find: it is written "in their hearts". Put the covenant into practice, and so choose life, not death. The **Psalm** implores God to save him from unmerited suffering. The reference in an omitted verse to "vinegar to drink" and the expectation that "God will save Zion" led Christians to think of Messiah – Christ. In this beautiful hymn from **Colossians** Paul spells out the awesome reality of Christ: "Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God". We know God through Jesus. Jesus is fully human in the way God intended all humanity to be, and so He shows us the way to God. But reconciliation comes with a proviso: "that you continue in the faith". Jesus has rejoiced and given thanks with the 70 disciples for their successful mission. He then responds to a sincere questioner by updating the Jewish Law to what was originally intended. Everyone is our neighbour. The priest and the Levite were more concerned with ritual purity than with love.

By: Chris Oliver.... [www.bible-groups.info](http://www.bible-groups.info)

**PSALM RESPONSE:** Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.

### TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC:

By: Larysa and Anastacia

**Entry:** "This is the day..." - 574

**Offertory:** "Take our bread, we ask you..." - 528

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

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



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Dear friends,

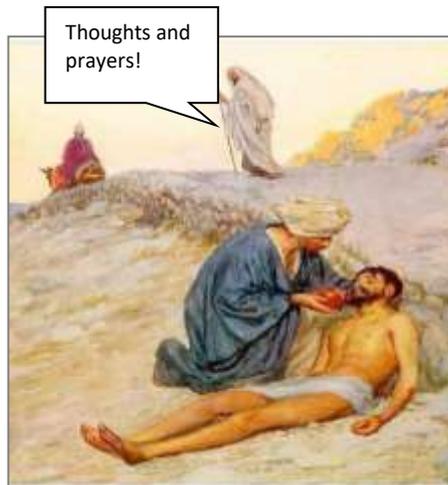
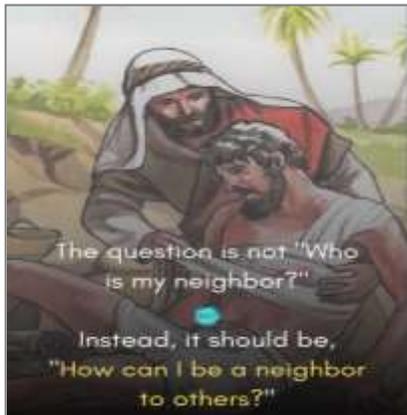
Today we hear again the story of the Good Samaritan - a stranger who, unlike the others who walked by, stopped, cared, and did something concrete to help. It's a story that goes beyond words; it's about compassion in action.

As we reflect on this Gospel, it's hard not to think of Fr. Bernardino, who is sadly no longer with us. He was never someone who crossed over to the other side of the road when he saw someone in need. Instead, he was very much like the Samaritan - willing to stop, to see, and to help. But he also did something more: just as the Samaritan took the injured man to the innkeeper and made sure he would be cared for, Fr. Bernardino brought us together through "People Helping People". In doing so, he made sure that the heart of the Samaritan would keep beating in our parish through each of us.

But this story isn't just about Fr. Bernardino; it's about us, too. Perhaps the real challenge lies in our own daily lives. Who around us - in our families, at work, among friends - is hurting, lonely, or left on the side of the road? Are we at risk of simply walking past? The Samaritan didn't wait for someone else to act; he stepped forward himself.

Let's allow ourselves to be inspired by his example - and by the legacy Fr. Bernardino left us - to do something about it. To notice, to care, and to reach out with kindness. In this way, we don't just honour Fr. Bernardino's memory; we live out the love of Christ that moved him, a love that still calls each of us to be true neighbours today.

God bless you all.  
- Deacon Tito



Fr. Bernardino with a homeless man.  
(November 2023)



On Wednesday, July 16th, the Catholic church celebrates the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. There will be a special Mass at the Carmelite church:



**Igreja do Carmo**  
(Rua do Carmo nr.1, Funchal)  
Time: 18h30.  
All are welcome!

[Igreja do Carmo:](https://funchal.carmelitas.pt/)  
<https://funchal.carmelitas.pt/>

A GIFT TO OUR CHAPEL – Father Aires Gameiro's books

Many of you will know Father Aires Gameiro, who has celebrated Mass in English for our community many times in the past, at the request of Fr. Bernardino. Father Aires is also an established author, and has written many books over the years. We received an email from Fr. Aires, with a special message:

*Dear Friends of Penha de França,  
Thank you for the newsletter. In case you want I can make a gift of some of my books I published in Portuguese for you to lend to people who want to read them.  
My best wishes  
Fr. Aires Gameiro*

(aires.gameiro@isjd.pt)

Of course we accepted! Last week we passed by Father Aires' office in the Casa de Saude São João de Deus (St. John of God Health Centre) to pick up a package of 9 books!



The 9 books donated by Fr. Aires



We thank Fr. Aires for this wonderful gift of books to our Community here at the Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França!

Tracy received the gift of books from Fr. Aires at the Casa Saúde S. João de Deus