

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE (PHP)



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

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 poor are the treasure of the Church! Why? Because they are the suffering flesh of Christ! Let us ask the Lord that our journey in love never make us abstract in our love. But may our love be concrete, with works of mercy, where we touch the Flesh of Christ, of Christ Incarnate. The humility of the little one is that which walks in the presence of the Lord, which does not speak ill of others, which looks only to service, which feels itself to be the smallest - there lies the strength." (Humility and Awe). 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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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

10th August 2025 – 10h30am Sunday Mass
19th 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. Our Mass time has changed and is now at **10h30** am on Sundays (half an hour later than usual). Today we celebrate the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time. 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.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Wisdom 18:6-9; Psalm 32(33):1-22; Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 12:32-48)

The **Wisdom** of Solomon was the last book of the Old Testament to be written. It was written in Greek, not Hebrew, so not in the Septuagint nor therefore in the Protestant Bible. The final chapters meditate on the Exodus, contrasting the woes visited on the Egyptians at the first Passover with the gifts given by God to the Israelites.

The **Psalm** celebrates God's faithfulness, power and wisdom, justifying our confidence in him. The 2nd readings in August from **Hebrews** describe faith, which gives assurance to our hopes. Abraham is the prime example of a man of faith: he obeyed God's command to go to a new land; he believed God's promise that he and Sarah would have a child in their old age; and he passed the supreme test of faith when God asked him to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. God's last-minute reprieve for Isaac is seen as a return from the dead.

In **Luke's Gospel**, following the parable we heard last week about the rich man building a bigger barn, Jesus assures us that we will be given all the resources we need to meet the Lord's demands. He then urges us to have faith and to be prepared.

- By: Chris Oliver (www.bible-groups.info)

PSALM RESPONSE: Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.



TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC:

By: Larysa and Anastacia

Entry: "O Lord, my God..." - 419

Offertory: "All that I am..." - 21

Communion: "On this day of joy..." - 447

Final: "Go, the mass is ended..." - 175

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