



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.**

"Jesus suffers when He sees the enormous distance between people's suffering and the life that God wants for his children. That is why He makes their suffering, His own, and this leads Him to live to do good to those who suffer." (in the book: Recuperar o Projecto de Jesus [Recovering Jesus' Project] - José António Pagola)



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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

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Have a cup of positi-**tea**

enjoy the little things

the best is yet to come

be grateful for every day

you are enough

COFFEE AND CAKE



As many of you already know, our little social room down in the garden is temporarily closed for renovation work. Coffee and cakes will be offered up at **Moynihans Irish Pub** (which is located at the top of the road leading down to the Chapel). Many thanks to Sinead and Tadhg Moynihan (for the space and coffee), and to Susan and Steve Stone (for the delicious home-baked goodies!)

JOYFUL GIFT

5th of October 2025 – 10:30 am Sunday
27th 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 **Fr. Joseph Arun** celebrating Mass here in English for us every Sunday. In addition to this English Mass, Fr. Joseph also celebrates Mass in Portuguese at the Carmelite church in Funchal (*Igreja do Carmo*).

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(*Habbakuk 1:2-3,2:2-4; Psalm 94(95); 2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14; Luke 17:5-10*)

Habbakuk appears to have prophesied while Judah was being threatened by Babylon, who destroyed Jerusalem in 586 BC. Habbakuk expresses the ever-present frustration of mankind that evil people always seem to triumph. Since God is good and just, why doesn't He intervene to help those who worship Him? Instead of punishing his erring people by a nation even more wicked? God's answer here is that "the upright man will live by his faithfulness". So Habbakuk agrees to "quietly wait" for the invaders to be punished.

The Psalm invites us to praise and worship the Lord daily, for he is our king and shepherd. We must not lose faith in God, as did the Israelites in their desert journey.

In the first of four readings from Paul's second letter to Timothy, he is urged to "bear the hardships" relying on God's power, using and developing his skills to testify to the good news. You should "guard the rich truth that has been entrusted to you" the truth that Jesus, "has abolished death".

In Luke's Gospel Jesus continues to teach on his way to Jerusalem. We must have confidence in God's plan, carrying out the tasks God has given us. We must not expect God to put this world to rights in our lifetime.

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

PSALM RESPONSE: O that today you would listen to his voice! "Harden not your hearts".

TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC:

By: Larysa and Anastacia



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

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

Communion: "Let there be love..." - 317

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





WALKING WITH ST. FRANCIS

October is the month when we celebrate **St Francis of Assisi**. If you walk through the **Jardim Municipal** in Funchal, you'll see his statue there, arms open to the sky, reminding us of his deep love for creation and his joy in calling the sun, moon, and earth his brothers and sisters.



Here at **Penha de França**, many of us will remember the days when a Franciscan friar used to stand with us at the altar during Mass. It was a simple but powerful reminder that this chapel was under the care of the Franciscans right up until recently. Their presence here gave our community a living link with St Francis himself — a man who chose simplicity, peace, and closeness to the poor. The Franciscans who were here later moved to the **Convent of St Bernardino** in Câmara de Lobos.

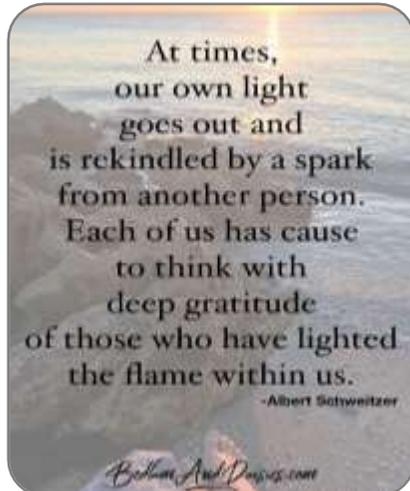


We also think of the late **Father Bernardino Andrade**, who was not a Franciscan but served so faithfully in this place. Yet his name, after the famous Franciscan **St Bernardino of Siena**, reflected his special gift for seeing Christ in "the poorest of the poor." His life reminds us that care for people and care for creation go hand in hand. When the world is mistreated, it is often the most vulnerable who feel it first.

Madeira is blessed with such beauty - the mountains, the ocean, the gardens that surround us. These are not just for us to admire, but for us to protect and share. As Pope Francis says in *Laudato Si'*, we are called to hear both "the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor."

So this October, inspired by St Francis, let's live with a little more gratitude, a little more simplicity, and a little more kindness. In caring for creation and for one another, we discover the joy of the Gospel - the joy that St Francis lived, and the joy we are called to share.

- Deacon Tito



THE ORANGE WALK – Last Sunday

Last Sunday, our annual Orange Walk took place in Santa Catarina park in remembrance of Father Bernardino, with all the proceeds from donations and sponsored walks going to the *People Helping People charity*.

Thank you to all those who joined in, or donated! 😊 Here are some pictures taken on the day of the event....

