



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.

"We find God by kissing the wounds of Jesus in our weakest brothers and sisters: And you can find the wounds of Jesus by doing works of mercy, caring for the body (and also the soul) - of your wounded brother or sister, because they are hungry, because they are thirsty, because they are naked, because they are humiliated, because they are enslaved, because they are in prison, because they are in the hospital. These are the wounds of Jesus today."
 (in "A verdade é um encontro-homilias em Santa Marta-Papa Francisco"
 <The Truth is an Encounter-Homilies at Casa Santa Marta- 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.

BLESS YOURSELF WITH HOLY WATER



As you go inside the Chapel just under the archways on either side of the door, you will find a small font on the wall with Holy water inside which you can use to bless yourself with, before and after Mass. 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Tea and Coffee After Mass
 at Moynihans Irish Pub... up the road from the Chapel.



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JOYFUL GIFT



23rd November 2025 – 10:30 am Sunday
Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Year C

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CATHOLIC MASS IN ENGLISH

Good morning! Welcome to the Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França. **Father Joseph Arun** will be celebrating Mass for us today. Father Joseph is a Carmelite priest from Kerala, India, and has been living in Madeira since August 2019 serving the Portuguese community of the Carmo church (Igreja do Carmo) in Funchal. **The special intentions of this morning's Mass** are for the souls of: (1) **Johnny and Angela Pingo**, and (2) **Gracinda Silva**. May their souls rest in peace.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
 (2 Samuel 5:1-3; Psalm 121(122); Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43)

The Books of **Samuel**, Kings and Judges, tell of Israel's history from when they entered Canaan about 1200 BC, up to their exile to Babylon in 587 BC. After the death of Saul, David became King of Judah. In today's key reading David then becomes King of all Israel. He goes on to capture the 1,000 year-old city of Jerusalem, and makes it his capital. He then brings the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem, making it also Israel's religious centre. **The Psalm** celebrates arriving in Jerusalem, goal of pilgrims and seat of government. The letter to the **Colossians** was written because they thought that angelic beings and other spiritual powers were either rivals to Christ or were needed to supplement Christ's work. Paul says this detracts from the person of Jesus Christ, who possesses the totality of power needed to gain our freedom, "the forgiveness of sins". The hymn praises Christ, who is the image of the unseen God. He existed before all things, which were created in him, and He is supreme over all creation. He has reconciled all things, the whole cosmos, by "the blood of the Cross". In **Luke's Gospel** the crucified Jesus is recognised as King, both by the good thief and in the inscription written by Pilate, a Gentile.

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

PSALM RESPONSE: I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to God's house."

TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC:



- [1] **Entry Hymn:** "Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord..." – n.º 27
- [2] **Gospel Acclamation:** "Celtic Aleluia..." – n.º 679
- [3] **Offertory Hymn:** "King of Kings and Lord of lords..." – n.º 301
- [4] **Communion Hymn:** "All glory, laud and honour..." – n.º 14
- [5] **Thanksgiving:** Instrumental
- [6] **Final Hymn:** "Jubilate, everybody..." – n.º 296





WORLD YOUTH DAY REFLECTION

World Youth Day gives us a beautiful opportunity to celebrate the young people of our parish; to recognise your presence, your service, and the life you bring into our community. You remind us that faith is not something tired or old-fashioned, but something alive and full of promise. Simply by being here, you help the whole parish keep a young heart.

Many young people in Madeira think about leaving the island in search of better opportunities for study, work, or a different future. This is a real and understandable challenge. But today, we honour you for who you are *now*, for the ways you already enrich our parish, and we pray that Madeira may continue to grow in opportunities so that you can flourish here if you choose to stay. You are part of the hope of this island.

Your questions, your enthusiasm, your honesty, and your openness to God’s call help us remember that we are all, whatever our age, **children of God**, walking the same path of faith under the same loving Father.



World Youth Day also invites you to ask: *How can I use the gift of my youth for this community?* Your energy, creativity, compassion, and sense of justice are gifts our Church genuinely needs. Whether through prayer, service, music, friendship, or simple acts of kindness, you have the power to shape our parish for the better.



Today we thank you, celebrate you, and pray for your future here in Madeira and wherever God may lead you.

- Deacon Tito

LAST SUNDAY’S BOOK SALE AFTER MASS



Last Sunday’s book sale by Mrs Jane Caldwell (aka *Agatha Frisky*) was another success! Most of the books were sold. There are still a few copies left for anyone who missed the sale. The books cost **10 Euros** each, and all proceeds will go directly towards helping the poor in our community.



CHRISTMAS HAMPER DRIVE

We are collecting food staples and toiletries for the poor for Christmas. Please bring in what you can spare and place the items in the basket at the entrance of the church. We will be collecting through to December 14th.

Everything received will be distributed amongst families who need our help. Many thanks!

For further details, please email **Debbie:**
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OUR LADY HONOURED

- at this year’s Miss Universe pageant



In the 2025 national costume segment of the Miss Universe 2025 pageant held on November 21st, Brazilian contestant Maria Gabriela Lacerda chose a remarkable tribute to the Our Lady of Aparecida, the title of the Virgin Mary honoured as patroness of Brazil.

Her elaborate costume depicted the iconic image of the Blessed Mother wrapped in a blue mantle with golden details and wearing a crown, symbolising the faith, cultural roots and national identity of her country.

For this Brazilian contestant, the homage was deeply personal, expressing her Catholic devotion as she described Mary as “my Mother” and linked the ensemble to the spiritual commitment she made to Jesus through the Virgin.

Meanwhile the figure of our Lady of Aparecida itself originates from a dark-clay statue found by fishermen in 1717 in the Paraíba River and was declared Queen and Patroness of Brazil by Pope Pius XI in 1930, with her feast day celebrated each 12 October and the major basilica built



in her honour becoming one of the largest Marian shrines in the world.

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