

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 Mission Statement of People Helping People is... through social solidarity, to mobilize many people to help many people in a combat against poverty, hunger, illness, exclusion, indifference, intolerance, and social injustice, with a special preference for the last, the least and the lost, having as a model the person of Jesus, the «Good Shepherd» (Gospel according to Luke, chapter 15). Our wish is that it may always be an open door when all the other doors close, building in this way, different feelings and acts of Mercy (Gospel according to Luke, chapter 6 and Matthew chapter 25).

"We want to proclaim the Good News to the poor, that God loves them, that we love them, that they are someone to us, that they were created by the same loving hand of God, to love and be loved." - (Dilexi te: Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Leo XIV on Love for the Poor)



>> TRANSFER TO BANK ACCOUNT IN MADEIRA:

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BANK: Banco Santander Totta

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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: sineadmoynihnan7@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 (while our tearoom is closed for fixing of the roof)



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31st of May 2026 – 10:30 am Sunday

Holy Trinity – Year A

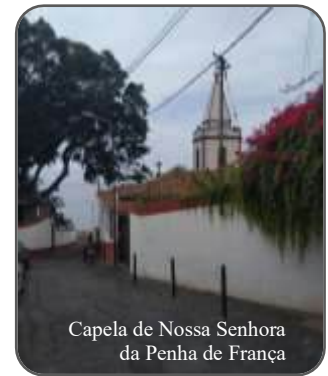
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Capela de Nossa Senhora da Penha de França

CATHOLIC MASS IN ENGLISH

Today, the Catholic church celebrates Holy Trinity Sunday. This small chapel, founded in 1622, is the only place on the island of Madeira where you can attend a Catholic Mass celebrated entirely in English. Our Sunday morning Mass starts at 10:30 am, and is celebrated by Father Joseph Arun, a Carmelite priest from India. Father Joseph also celebrates Mass in Portuguese during the week at *Igreja do Carmo* in Funchal.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS – Holy Trinity - Year A
(Exodus 34:4-6,8-9; Daniel 3:52-56; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18)

Seeing the Israelites dancing round the golden calf, Moses was angry and had thrown down and broken the tablets on which the Lord had written his covenant. The agreement with God was literally broken! Now the Lord, a God of compassion, tells Moses to prepare two more tablets. After "passing before" Moses, the Lord declares that He is "a God merciful, ... forgiving iniquity". Moses asks the Lord to forgive his people, and the Lord re-affirms his covenant and again writes the Commandments on stone tablets. Today's Psalm comes from the hymn of thanks in the story of **Daniel**, set in the 6th century BC but probably written about 165 BC. Daniel's three companions refused to worship King Nebuchadnezzar's statue and so were thrown into a furnace so hot their guards were killed. But God protected the three men, who walked about inside the furnace with their clothes intact but their rope bindings burned off. After Paul's stern instructions to his beloved **Corinthians**, his second letter ends with this fond farewell, including the Trinitarian grace used widely by Christians. At the beginning of **John's Gospel**, after the wedding at Cana and the cleansing of the Temple, Jesus tells Nicodemus he must be "born again". Nicodemus cannot understand this, but Jesus insists that those who refuse to believe and trust in Jesus condemn themselves.

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

PSALM RESPONSE: To you glory and praise for evermore.



TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC:

Entry: "Abba, Abba, Father..." - 3
Offertory: "All that I am, all that I do..." - 21
Communion: "This is my body..." - 572
Final: "This day God give me..." - 571



By: Larisa Makarova

REFLECTION FOR TRINITY SUNDAY - By Deacon Tito Pereira

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"When you see love, you see the Trinity." Saint Augustine

For Trinity Sunday, the Church invites us to reflect on the deepest mystery of our faith: God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Trinity is not simply a doctrine to be explained, but the revelation that God is love. In the Gospel, we hear the beautiful words: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son." God does not remain distant from humanity. He reaches out to us, draws close to us, and invites us into His own divine life.

We were created in the image of this loving God. That is why every human heart longs for relationship, belonging and peace. Sin damages that relationship, but Jesus comes to restore it through His Cross and Resurrection. The Holy Spirit continues to guide, strengthen and renew us.

In Madeira and in other Portuguese speaking communities, the surname *Trindade* can still be found today. It comes from the word for the Holy Trinity, and in some cases was traditionally given to those born or baptised around the Feast of the Trinity. It is a small but striking reminder of how deeply faith once shaped everyday life. Even a family name could quietly point towards the mystery of God. It suggests that belief in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit was not only taught in church, but carried into homes, families, and identity itself.

The name also brings to mind Father José Bernardino Trindade (Not our Father Bernardino), whose faithful service to the people of Madeira reflected the love, compassion and generosity that flow from God Himself.

Every time we make the Sign of the Cross, we remember that we live in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. We belong to God.

As we celebrate Trinity Sunday, may we grow in love, unity and faith, reflecting in our homes, parish and daily lives the self giving love that is at the heart of God Himself.

May our lives become a living witness to the communion, peace and joy that flow from the Holy Trinity.


~ Deacon Tito

ALL 3 ARE CO-ETERNAL

One of the errors that we must guard against in our thinking about the Holy Trinity is this: We must NOT think of God the Father as having "come first" and God the Son a little later, and God the Holy Spirit later still. All three are equally eternal, possessing as they do one Divine nature.

"For there is one Person of the Father; another of the Son; and another of the Holy Ghost. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, is all one; the Glory equal, the Majesty coeternal."

- From the Athanasian Creed

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Don't miss our third street party on June 6th and 7th, held in honour of our late Father Bernardino. All proceeds will be donated to the People Helping People Charity founded by Father Bernardino.



ARRAIAL STREET PARTY

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE
GENTE AJUDANDO GENTE

3rd ARRAIAL "PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE"

Live music, activities for children, food, drinks, bailinho (traditional dance), raffle, etc.

Rua Penha de França
June 6th and 7th from 12h to 22h

Organized by:
People Helping People - Fr. Bernardino Andrade Social Solidarity Association

