



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

"Life is good when you are happy. But it is even better when others are happy because of you." (Fr Bernardino Correia de Andrade)
'What I do for others is just a drop in the ocean, but without that drop, the ocean is smaller' (a quote from Mother Teresa of Calcutta that greatly inspired Father Bernardino, and which he often repeated to people).



Capela de Nossa Senhora da Penha de França

7th of June 2026 – 10:30 am Sunday
10th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

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CATHOLIC MASS IN ENGLISH

Today, we celebrate the 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time. We are blessed to have Father Joseph Arun celebrating Mass for us this morning. Father Joseph is a Carmelite priest, originally from Kerala, India, who now lives in Madeira. **This weekend we remember Father Bernardino,** who passed away in January 2024. To commemorate the anniversary of his ordination as a priest (12 June 1965) and his life, there will be a traditional Madeiran "Arraial" (street party) outside the chapel this weekend. Come along and join the fun from 12:00 until 22:00. All are welcome!

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS – 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A
 (Hosea 6: 3-6; Psalm 49(50): 1.8.12-15; Romans 4:18-25; Matthew 9: 9-13)

Hosea was writing from about 750 BC in the northern kingdom. He compares Israel, with her idolatry and oppression of the poor, to his adulterous wife. Like God, the prophet chastises her, but he cannot renounce her, because he loves her, in spite of her repeated unfaithfulness. The Psalm shows the worthlessness of external worship when it is divorced from true morality. Our readings from Paul's letter to the Romans continue with the conclusion of his complicated argument that Abraham, born before the Law was given to Moses, was made right with God solely through his faith. After several more healings Matthew's gospel describes the apostle's call and the beginnings of conflict with the Pharisees, prompted by Jesus eating with Matthew and his tax collector friends. The emperor's head on the Roman coins used for the tax was seen as idolatrous by the Pharisees. So handling these coins was sinful. Jesus responds by quoting from Hosea: it is those who slavishly follow the rules of the Law, but who ignore its deeper meaning, who need healing.

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PSALM RESPONSE: To one whose way is blameless, I will show the salvation of God.
Or: I will show God's salvation to the upright

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



Please sign our Visitor's book or leave a message

We'd love to know which country you are visiting us from!



TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC:

By: Fátima Cátia Marques

- [1] **Entry Hymn:** "A new commandment..." – n.º 2
- [2] **Gospel Acclamation:** "Celtic Aleluia..." – n.º 679
- [3] **Offertory Hymn:** "Take our bread..." – n.º 528
- [4] **Communion Hymn:** "Our God loves us..." – n.º 454
- [5] **Thanksgiving:** Portuguese Hymn
- [6] **Final Hymn:** "Jubilate, everybody..." – n.º 296



FROM MY HEART TO YOUR HEART

In Loving
Memory

On the 12th of June 1965, Father Bernardino (RIP) was ordained a priest. This year would have been his 61st anniversary as a priest. Today we reprint a story that Father Bernardino wrote for our Chapel's newsletter 9 years ago (on June 18th, 2017).



REFLECTING ON MY VOCATION - MY 52nd ANNIVERSARY

I was 12 years old. The youngest of 11 brothers and sisters, from a poor family. I was having a little informal conversation with my mother and my sister, when my sister, Agostinha, surprised me with this question: « Bernardino, wouldn't you like to be a priest? ». It sounded like a very strange question but without any hesitation I said yes. My mother and I started getting all the necessary information and in a short period of time I entered the Seminary. It was October 15, 1950 when I entered the Seminary in Funchal. It was June 12th, 1965, when I was ordained as a priest in Quelimane (Mozambique).

One day, in California, a newsman, after a few questions, asked me: « But... Father, when you were 12 years old what did you understand about priesthood? ». My answer was: « I am almost 70 years old and I still do not understand it. »

Priesthood has always been a fascinating mystery that God has been slowly revealing to me through the celebration of the Sacraments, my Pastoral ministry, my prayer life and especially in my contact with the poorest of the poor. Alleviating the suffering of the world, being a sower of hope and compassion, struggling for social justice, combating cruel bureaucracies and social inequalities, preparing lay leadership and Small Communities have always been some of my biggest priorities with a few successes and lots and lots of failures. **The poor have always been my main masters.** They are the ones who have taught me what priesthood is about. When I entered the Seminary, I didn't do it to study my vocation. When I entered the Seminary, I did it to be a priest.



Fr. Bernardino
(27 years old) on his
First Mass Day in
1965.

Now I am 79 years old. **If I could go back in life I would choose to follow the same road.** I never thought that it would be so difficult to be a priest, but I never thought that it would be such a fascinating and happy life. Everything I do, I do it with love and passion. When I look at a host that I just consecrated during Mass, sometimes I still feel tears in my eyes. And I still do not understand why and I don't care to understand. I am passionately in love with Jesus and his project of «bringing good news to the poor» (Lk. 4:18) to build, starting in this world, the Kingdom of His Father who is «Our Father who art in Heaven and on Earth».

To summarize **my Mission Statement as a priest, it would be: « I came to bring good news to the poor» (Lk. 4).**

Love and Peace,

Fr. Bernardino Andrade



Fr. Bernardino, on his **Golden Jubilee**, in 2015.

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



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



CORPUS CHRISTI MASS - Celebrated in Funchal this week

In the UK and some other countries today, the Catholic Church is celebrating the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, also known as "Corpus Christi". But here in Madeira, the Feast of Corpus Christi was celebrated 4 days ago, on Thursday June 4th. It was a national holiday, with Masses celebrated all over the island.

An especially large crowd filled the square in front of the Colégio church to attend Mass which was celebrated in the square by the Bishop of Funchal. After the Holy Mass there was a traditional procession down to the Sé Cathedral. 😊❤️

Here are some pictures from this special Feast day:



Corpus Christi, Funchal - 04/06/2026

THE MADEIRA ATLANTIC FESTIVAL

- Fireworks every weekend in June!



The Madeira Atlantic Festival (*Festival do Atlântico*) sets the beginning of the summer season in Madeira.

On 3 consecutive Saturdays during the month of June, at 10:30 pm there will be a glorious fireworks show

that lights up Funchal's night sky at the pier of Funchal's harbour. These wonderful and exciting performances, lasting about 20 minutes each, combine fireworks and music in a unique experience for tourists and residents. **This year, pyrotechnic companies from 3 countries are competing against each other in this international fireworks contest: Canada (on June 6th), China (on June 13th), and Ukraine (on June 20th).** The goal is for one of them to win the "Atlantic Trophy", awarded by a jury, as well as the "Madeira Tão Tua" Trophy, awarded by the public. Votes can be placed in boxes located at the following places: Plaza Madeira Shopping mall, at the Tourist Information Office in Avenida Arriaga and also at the Funchal pier, on the night of the show. The closing show, outside of the competition, will be provided by the Portuguese company *Macedo's Pirotecnia* and is scheduled for the last Saturday of the month, the 27th, when the results of the Competition will be announced.



“ Pray, hope, and do not worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayers. ”

Saint Padre Pio of Pietrelcina



“We all have a vocation. We need to believe that God has placed us in this life to fill a special need that no one else can accomplish.”
- St. Francis de Sales

JESUS ❤️ YOU 