



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

**"A true Christian never fails to show compassion."**  
(Pope Leo XIV) as printed in the Portuguese periodical, *Cavaleiro da Imaculada*

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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: sineadmoinihan7@icloud.com

**PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE CONTACTS:** Alexandre Silva, Funchal. Email: alex.lupus@gmail.com  
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!



**14th of June 2026 – 10:30 am Sunday**  
**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A**

**Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França,**  
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Capela de Nossa Senhora da Penha de França

**CATHOLIC MASS IN ENGLISH**

**Today the church celebrates the 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.** This morning's Mass is being offered for the repose of the soul of **Mandek Jeong (Joseph)**, who passed away on 8 May 2026 in Korea. We offer our condolences to his family, and in a special way to his daughter, Bongkeum Susana Jeong (Susana), who is with us today. Father Joseph Arun will celebrate Mass for us this morning. He is a Carmelite priest, originally from Kerala, India, who now lives in Madeira.

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS – 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A**  
(Exodus 19: 2-6; Psalm 99(100): 2-3.5; Romans 5: 6-11; Matthew 9: 36 – 10: 8)

After escaping from Egypt and journeying for three months through the desert, the Israelites arrive at Sinai where God offers the covenant. Israel is invited to be his people, given special protection. In return they are to be "a kingdom of priests, a holy nation". The whole people are set apart to be intermediaries between God and the whole of mankind, taking knowledge of the one true God to all peoples. **The psalm** sings joyfully of God while entering his temple: "he made us, we belong to him". Our readings from Paul's letter to the **Romans** continue with this dense statement of the doctrine of atonement. God is not an offended deity to be appeased by his son's sacrifice. "God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us." God and Christ worked together to enable mankind to be "at one" with them. And now that we are reconciled "we will be saved by his life", our new life in Christ, "the love of God poured into us through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." After more healings, **Matthew's gospel** tells how Jesus went round "teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness". For the enormous task of spreading the gospel, he appoints 12 Apostles and gives them their mission. Jesus' ministry was almost entirely limited to Israel, and initially the Apostles are similarly restricted.

- By: Chris Oliver - [www.bible-groups.info](http://www.bible-groups.info)

**PSALM RESPONSE: We are his people: the sheep of his flock.**

**TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC:**

- Entry:** "O Lord, my God..." - 419
- Offertory:** "All that I am, all that I do..." – 21
- Communion:** "On this day of joy..." - 447
- Final:** "Go, the mass is Ended..." - 175



By: Larysa Makarova



Today's reflection is written by Sister Rowena Pineda, MMS (Medical Mission Sisters), kindly shared with us by Deacon Tito Pereira.

**"The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few." - Matthew 9:37**

Aside from situations and people, the biggest challenges we face usually come from within ourselves - our thoughts, habits, emotions, and the limits of our bodies and environments. When we find ourselves with such challenges, as Christ's followers, it helps to remind ourselves: **WWJD? What would Jesus do?**



This Sunday's Gospel gives us a glimpse of how Jesus looks at and responds to challenging circumstances. Formed by the unconditional loving relationship He has with God, Jesus' tender heart sees the crowds not as a mass of people, but individuals who were "harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." His compassion is never passive. It always moves him to act - and to invite others into that action. When he says "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few", Jesus is urging the apostles to notice the longing and readiness of people for healing, guidance, and peace, and offer compassion, presence, and love.

Jesus invites the Twelve, gives them authority, and sends them out. This moment is the beginning of a new community shaped by service. The apostles are commissioned to heal, restore, and proclaim the good news. We are all called to continue this mission, following the same pattern: to receive God's compassion and to radiate the joy of the Gospel.

In our Parish life, this calling takes simple, concrete forms: a word of encouragement, a gesture of generosity, a willingness to listen, participating in varied ways. Jesus calls each of us by name. Next time you feel moved by a situation or a person, ask yourself: **WWJD?**

- Sr. Rowena Pineda (rowennaster.831@gmail.com)  
[www.medicalmissionsisters.org/medical-mission-sisters/leadership-team.html](http://www.medicalmissionsisters.org/medical-mission-sisters/leadership-team.html)

### THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us.

**Albert Schweitzer -**



### POPULAR SAINTS FESTIVAL

(Festa dos Santos Populares):

08 June – 1st July in Madeira

The Popular Saints Festival (*Festa dos Santos Populares* – in Portuguese) takes place all over the island in the month of June, and is strongly rooted in the traditions of Madeira. They are the high social point of many regions on the island.

**These festivities are dedicated to the three popular saints: St. Anthony (Santo António), St. John (São João) and Saint Peter (São Pedro).** The celebrations begin with St. Anthony, traditionally the saint of love, and a match-maker, but St. John is the most popular saint. From 19<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> June, **local shops prepare and show off their creativity by decorating small altars in honour of the 3 saints.**

**There are also lively musical performances** in the city centre.



Be unashamed of the Gospel. - Romans 1:8

# WE ARE CALLED TO PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

*living set apart in a world desperate for Good News.*

Let your light shine daily. Matthew 5:16

Preach Christ with your life + actions. Colossians 3:11

Serve Christ by serving others 2 Corinthians 4:5

Speak truth in love. Ephesians 4:15

Your fruit glorifies God. John 15:8

The Spirit empowers your witness. Acts 1:8

You are chosen to proclaim His praises. 1 Peter 2:9

Live set apart for His glory. Romans 12:1

Your life is a Gospel testimony. Proverbs 12:1

Serve as a servant hearted person

*Shine where you stand.  
Preach with your life.  
Be servant hearted.  
Share the Gospel in all that you do and  
with your very breath.*

## THE THIRD ANNUAL PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE “ARRAIAL”

The third annual “Arraial” (Street Party) in support of the “People Helping People - Father Bernardino Social Solidarity Association” **was held last weekend** on Saturday and Sunday, 6th and 7th June, on the street alongside the Penha da França chapel. It was a **resounding success**, providing much needed funds for the charity and acting as a source of dissemination of information, and acting as a bridge between local communities and the tourists who entered into the fun.

**It was also televised** on the RTP Madeira TV channel on Sunday evening.

As in the previous years, the food was offered for a voluntary donation, and our chairman, Alexandre Silva (who is also Father Bernardino’s grand nephew), made a wonderful effort in approaching various firms asking for their help. The event was well attended by both locals and tourists alike, and there was much conviviality between people who hadn’t know each other previously. Money was collected via the selling of drinks, raffle tickets and an auction of three crucifixes generously made and donated by one of our community members, Albert de Nobrega.

The *Grupo Folclórico e Etnográfico da Boa Nova* performed folk dancing. 😊❤️



**By:** Debbie Jesus ([www.rcmassmadeira.org/category/people-helping-people-bulletin/](http://www.rcmassmadeira.org/category/people-helping-people-bulletin/))



## PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE - **By:** Jane House

People Helping People want to thank everyone who supported last week’s Arraial! It was extremely successful.

We especially want to thank the following businesses and donors who helped make that possible:

\* Albert de Nobrega \* LuxStar \* VarioSport \* Restaurant Moynihan's  
 \* Restaurante Casal da Penha de França \* Hotel Quinta da Penha de França  
 \* Faria & Filhos (and their team!) \* Enomania \* “Xavelha” Wines \* Justino \*  
 Henriques e Henriques \* Barbeito \* Libargel \* ECM (Empresa Cervejas da Madeira) \* Madeira Cash \* EEM (Empresa Eletricidade da Madeira) \* Junta de Freguesia da Sé \* Funchal City Council



Wednesday



Jane House (Chapel)

This is from my friend in Massachusetts. PHP has been helping her cousins, in Funchal.

09:11

PHP Letter from Grace:

Enjoyed the RTP coverage and your interview about the project “People Helping People”...I want to personally thank you for everything PHP does to help families in Madeira. Manuela called me with her son to tell me about the generous donation your group made to them today. The three of us were crying 😭 on the phone because I know how much the family is suffering at this time. My mom and I help, but it’s not enough. Manuela uses most of the money to get medicine or go to the doctor. Their fridge was empty and now they have food for a month!

09:11

