

*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



"The point is that, whilst in friendship good is done to a friend 'for who they are', in closeness good is always done 'to whoever it may be'. The Good Samaritan showed neighbourly concern for the assaulted traveller 'without being his friend, indeed, without even knowing him.' But once that sense of closeness is established, it creates 'a favourable environment for friendship to flourish'". (*Paixão de Deus pelos homens* - João António Pinheiro Teixeira)

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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 penhafraanca.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!



Capela de Nossa Senhora da Penha de França

**21st of June 2026 – 10:30 am Sunday**  
**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A**

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**CATHOLIC MASS IN ENGLISH**

Today the Catholic church celebrates the 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. Father Joseph Arun will be celebrating Mass for us this morning. He is a Carmelite priest, originally from Kerala, India, who now lives in Madeira. This morning's Mass is being offered for the repose of the soul of **Mandeuk Jeong (Joseph)**, who passed away in Korea on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May 2026. We offer our condolences to his daughter, Bongkeum Susana Jeong (Susana), who is with us at Mass today.

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS – 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A**  
 (Jeremiah 20: 10-13; Psalm 68(69): 8-10.14.17.33-35; Romans 5: 12-15; Matthew 10: 26-33)

About 600 BC **Jeremiah** counselled King Zedekiah to be conciliatory towards Babylon, ruled by Nebuchadnezzar. Jeremiah expresses his internal doubts but concludes that the Lord is indeed on his side, and asks that he will see his persecutors punished. Against Jeremiah's advice, Zedekiah revolted, Jerusalem was destroyed and the people led into exile. **The Psalm** implores God to save him from unmerited suffering. The reference in an omitted verse to "vinegar to drink" and the expectation that "God will save Zion" led Christians to think of Messiah – Christ. In his letter to the **Romans**, Paul reflects on the redemptive mystery of Christ. Sin, the dreadful power that has gripped humanity from the beginning, causes both bodily and spiritual death. Like Adam, all people pursue their own desires in opposition to God's will. But God's free gift of grace makes life available to all. In **Matthew's gospel**, Jesus has described the trials the newly commissioned Apostles will face in their mission. They will be persecuted and even betrayed by members of their families. But they should "not worry about how they are to speak" in front of judges. They "will be given at that moment" what they are to say. Today's reading insists they can have complete confidence in God and must not be afraid.

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

**PSALM RESPONSE: In your great love, answer me, O God.**

**TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC** By: Fátima Cátia Marques

- 1| **Entry Hymn:** "Bind us together..." – n.º 65
- 2| **Gospel Acclamation:** "Celtic Aleluia..." – n.º 679
- 3| **Offertory Hymn:** "Ubi Caritas..."
- 4| **Communion Hymn:** "Amazing Grace..." – n.º 32
- 5| **Thanksgiving:** Portuguese Hymn
- 6| **Final Hymn:** "Go, the Mass is ended..." – n.º 175



## REFLECTION FOR THE 12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- By Deacon Tito Pereira - (dcn.tito@gmail.com)



### A Good Death, A Life Without Fear

**In Madeira, there is a small chapel with a remarkable name: Nossa Senhora da Boa Morte, Our Lady of the Good Death.** At first, the name can sound strange. Why would anyone dedicate a chapel to something that

most people would rather avoid? Yet for Christians, a "good death" has never meant a death without sadness or difficulty. It means a life that is prepared in faith, a heart that trusts God, and the confidence that our final journey is not into darkness, but into the hands of a loving Father.



**"Capela Nossa Senhora da Boa Morte" in the parish and village of Ponta do Pargo**

**This connects deeply with the words of Jesus in the Gospel: "Do not be afraid."**

Fear can shape our lives in ways we do not always notice. It can make us hold back, avoid taking chances, and prevent us from living fully. As the saying goes, "Fear does not stop death. It stops life."

**Jesus does not promise his disciples a life without struggles.** He promises something greater: that God is with them. Even in moments of uncertainty, suffering, and change, they are never abandoned.

The chapel of Boa Morte reminds us that faith changes how we see everything, even our greatest fears. We do not live by fear of what may come. **We live by trust in the One who walks with us.** May we learn to place our lives in God's hands, knowing that every moment, every challenge, and even our final journey is held in his love.

*Deacon Tito*



**When God wanted to make a king out of David,**

He didn't give him a crown- He gave him Goliath.  
Your challenges prepare you for your purpose.



## PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

If you are here at the Chapel this morning, or have been here before, you will hear about the charity "People Helping People" that was started many years ago by Father Bernardino. Through donations received by ordinary people like you, it has been possible to help others in need. Even a small donation goes a long way!

This week another family was helped! 😊❤️



Carla from "People Helping People" distributed clothes to a grateful family

