




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

**"Make yourself small to welcome the little one"-**  
*(Pope Leo XIV – Knight of the Immaculate):*  
**"A religion exists not merely to impart teachings. It exists, above all, to improve people's lives."- (Paixão de Deus pelos homens «God's Passion for Mankind»- 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: sineadmoynihian7@icloud.com

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**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!



**28th of June 2026 – 10:30 am Sunday**  
**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A**

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**CATHOLIC MASS IN ENGLISH**

Good morning! 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.

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS –**  
**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A**  
*(2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16; Psalm 88(89): 2-3. 16-19; Romans 6: 3-4, 8-11; Matthew 10: 37-42)*

Today we hear only the beginning of this story from the Second Book of the **Kings**. Recognising this frequent passer-by as a holy man, the Shunammite woman hospitably offers him a place to stay each time he passes. Elisha promises she will have a child. Some years later the child became ill and died, and the woman urgently travels the twenty miles to Carmel, confident that Elisha will heal her son, and Elisha brings her son back to life. The long **Psalm**, written during or after the exile, reminds God of his promise to David of an everlasting dynasty, and expresses confidence that God keeps his promises. Paul's meditation on redemption leads him to ask "Shall we persist in sin that grace may abound?" No, he says, God's grace is not prompted by sin but is the expression of God's love. "We were buried with Christ through baptism into death". After our ritual death in baptism we must unite ourselves with Christ to share in his bodily resurrection. In **Matthew's gospel**, Jesus concludes his teachings on the requirements and rewards of discipleship. Disciples must accept the trials that it entails, burying ourselves completely in Christ. But acts of charity and hospitality will be rewarded, just as the Shunammite woman found.


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

**PSALM RESPONSE:** I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.



**TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC:**

**Entry:** "Morning has broken..." - 368  
**Offertory:** "All that I am, all that I do..." - 21  
**Communion:** "A new commandment..." - 2  
**Final:** "Go, the mass is Ended..." - 175



**By: Larysa Makarova**



*Today's reflection is written by Sister Agnes Lanfermann , MMS (Medical Mission Sisters) from the UK, kindly shared with us by Deacon Tito Pereira.*

**The Body of Christ – Peter and Paul are with us**

During Paul's lifetime, the Gospel was primarily communicated through relationships. Paul named this "the body of Christ", because although diverse in gifts and roles, are united as one body in Christ, each essential to the whole.

Paul says "in our togetherness we are Christ's Body. At the heart of this body "the love of God that has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit" (Romans 5:5).

Experience shows that we are not always together in mind and Spirit. Not everyone is welcomed and appreciated in our hearts, although Paul reminds us that in Christ, "there are no more distinctions between Jew and Greek, slave and free, male and female, but all of us are one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28).

Paul's message is challenging and powerful. It has the potential to change our parish when it is lived out. Concretely, when forgiving, healing, peace-making and doing justice are interwoven in our ordinary life, when we create rituals that witness to the Body of Christ, to Jesus and his love in our hearts.

Paul gives us an example with his own dramatic life-journey that another life is possible. And Peter walked on water, not on firm ground, trusting Jesus. At the beginning, Peter was brave when he stepped out of the boat to meet Jesus. But then the wind came up and distracted him from getting closer, fear consumed him. Peter took his eyes off Jesus and began to sink.

Peter changed his focus on fear and powerlessness, on security for life in stormy times, whereas Jesus remained present and ready to help Peter.

The stories of Peter and Paul are also our stories, personally and communally. They encourage us to journey on towards one body in Christ.

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**MASS IN REMEMBRANCE OF FATHER BERNARDINO**

A special Mass will be held **this afternoon at 4:00 PM** in honour of Father Bernardino at a place that was very dear to his heart: **Bica da Cana in Paul da Serra.**

The "Cantinho do Bom Pastor" (Little Corner of the Good Shepherd) was inaugurated with a special Mass 6 years ago, on 12 September 2020 and blessed by our Bishop, D.Nuno Brás.

This shrine holds a statue of The Good Shepherd which once belonged to Father Bernardino, and which he had placed inside the glass shrine.

A Portuguese community from Carvalhal will pay tribute to Fr. Bernardino with a plaque bearing his photograph, which will be placed near the Good Shepherd altar.

After the Mass there will be a get-together there, just as Father Bernardino used to organize when he celebrated Mass there.

The mass will be in Portuguese, but all are Welcome to attend!

