



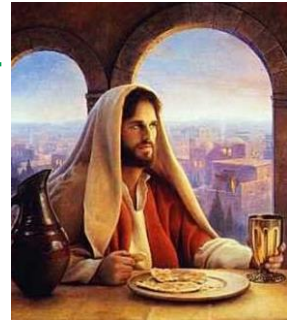
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The Roman Catholic English Service Mass in Madeira

Welcome to the Chapel of Penha de Franca! This small Chapel was founded by Antonio Dantas in 1622... almost 400 years ago! It was built on a "penha" or peak, by the sea, originally to minister to the soldiers of the small garrison at the Pontinha Redoubt (stronghold) in the bay of Funchal, but the Chapel soon became so famous a shrine that people came to it on pilgrimage from all parts of the Island. When the Diocese of Funchal took possession of the chapel it was used as the Bishop's Summer Residence for many years. In the meantime, the Franciscans had been coming to Madeira to carry out apostolic duties, and in 1935, they founded the Franciscan Residence of Our Lady of Penha de Franca here, at the request of Bishop D. Antonio Ribeiro. As of last year the Franciscans have moved to the former convent of São Bernardino in the town of Câmara de Lobos, and the Chapel has reverted back to the Diocese of Funchal. The nave roof of the Chapel has recently been repaired and the ceiling restored through the generosity of a frequent visitor to our English Mass. Father Bernardino Andrade is our priest for the English Service Mass on Sundays. He was born here in Madeira, but spent many years as a priest in the USA.

Today's Scripture Readings

(Is 66:10-14 Ps 65:1-20 Gal 6:14-18 Lk 10:1-12, 17-20)

Third Isaiah wrote this beautiful imagery of a compassionate God to encourage the Jews returning from exile in Babylon to rebuild the Temple: the Lord sends his peace to Jerusalem through which he will give peace and nourishment to those who recognise the new creation to come with Jesus' resurrection here.

This fond farewell concludes our 6 readings from Paul's letter to the Galatians. It summarises his letter: through the Cross we are crucified to the world. Human distinctions and marks on our flesh like circumcision no longer signify. We have become a new creation, the "Israel of God" - God's chosen family to carry God's message to the world. The new Mass translation, "**and with your spirit**", picks up Paul's final phrase. God's grace is to be deep and personal.

In the reading from Luke's gospel we heard last week, Jesus "set himself to travel to Jerusalem". For the rest of Ordinary Time, ie "numbered weeks", all our gospel readings are from Jesus' journey, consciously focussed on his coming suffering in Jerusalem. Today we hear of Jesus sending 70 disciples on mission ahead of him, like the 70 elders chosen by Moses to lead the Exodus. But Jesus' disciples are offering Israel a last chance to change their mind about Jesus.

- Brought to you by Chris Oliver

Psalm Response: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.



Hymns: **Entry: 601** (*We are gathering together...*)

Offertory: 353 (*Love is his word*)

Final: 463 (*Praise Him*)

Music: *Larysa Makarova*

FROM MY HEART TO YOUR HEART – Only this Blood...

Brought to you by Fr. Bernardino Andrade

There was a French village that had been devastated by the German soldiers during the Second World War. After the war was over, a group of German people who knew about that tragedy, decided to visit this French Village and extend a sign of compassion, kindness and to beg for forgiveness. The whole village was ready. A large German choir was coming to perform and a large stage was prepared to welcome that special group of neighbours.

But something went very wrong.

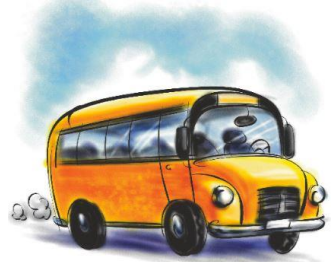
The Germans didn't know that there were no children in that French village. All the children had been killed during that senseless war.

On the other hand, the French knew that they were welcoming a choir and they were excited about that! But they had no idea that it was a children's choir. When the day came, all the buses arrived in the French village with very well dressed, cute and beautiful children, as well as their families and friends.

When the French people saw that, they felt insulted because they were still grieving for all their children that had been killed. They started getting upset and started a riot that almost put in danger the lives of those precious German

angels.

The Police quickly intervened and all the German people were rushed into their buses and left in a hurry.



One week later when the spirits had been calmed down, the Mayor of the village called all the people for an urgent meeting and talked to them:

- «*What you did was awful. It was horrible. Those children have done nothing to hurt you. They were also, even in a different way, victims of that horrible war. They were coming to visit you, to sing for you, to pray with you, to grieve with you, to cry with you and contribute to restart building a new world without wars, with lots of children; a world of love, kindness, forgiveness, compassion and cooperation. I want to invite them again but I want to be sure that you are going to be kind to them*».

All the people agreed with the Mayor, and the German Children's Choir was invited to come back. This time the stage was the large sanctuary of a big church.

When the children were all lined up around the altar, the leader of the Choir told the congregation that the German Children were bringing a special gift to all people of that French village. He gave a beautiful box to the Mayor of the village who unwrapped it with anxiety. From the box he took a beautiful golden chalice. On the chalice these words had been engraved:



«*THERE ARE WOUNDS THAT ONLY THIS BLOOD CAN HEAL*»

Fr. Bernardino Andrade

SAINT PETER & SAINT PAUL'S FEAST DAY – June 29th every year



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Every year on June 29th the Catholic Church celebrates the feast day of Saints Peter and Paul. **They were both disciples of Jesus, and together, they are the founders of the Holy See of Rome, through their preaching, ministry and martyrdom there.** Peter led the Apostles as the first Pope and ensured that the disciples kept the true faith. He spent his last years in Rome, leading the Church through persecution and eventually being martyred in the year 64. **Peter was crucified upside-down** at his own request, because he claimed he wasn't worthy to die as his Lord. He was buried on Vatican hill, and *St. Peter's Basilica* is built over his tomb. Saint Paul (who was born *Saul*) was converted after he was blinded by a bright light from heaven while on his way to Damascus to persecute the Christians. After his conversion he spent the remainder of his life preaching to the Gentiles of the Mediterranean world. **Paul was beheaded in Rome** in the year 67 after being imprisoned there. He is buried in Rome in the *Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls*.

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE – Official Association in progress



A Lawyer, an Economist, an Historian and a Priest - in action to make the PHP project official.

On Wednesday, June 29th, on St. Peter's Day, after some previous contacts and preparation, **Fr. Bernardino met with three skilled professionals in order to start the legal process of making the project, *People Helping People*, an official Association.**

People Helping People (PHP) is a small project that was founded at the Chapel of Penha de França to help those in need. On the back page of this newsletter you can read more about *People Helping People* and how it helps the poor.

THE BACK DOOR MINISTRY – Feeding the homeless at Penha de França

Three weeks ago, Fr. Bernardino started a new project at the Chapel to feed the homeless. It is called *The Back Door Ministry*. **Every week a small group of homeless are fed a hot meal.** Last week, the lunch was provided by Rosário Santos, and this Saturday by social worker, Dra. Verónica de Jesus.

This is a picture taken on June 25th 2016 (at last Saturday's *Back Door Ministry* lunch). Next to Father Bernardino is Duarte; he scared people when he appeared at the Chapel one Sunday, 4 weeks ago, in his worn-out clothes. Andre, the tall one, measures 2,10 meters. The one with the yellow shirt doesn't look like a homeless man. The first time he came to the *Back Door Ministry* lunch he didn't want to eat. He wanted to take the food for his daughters. We have no idea what's going on in his life. **We avoid asking personal questions.** Are their daughters homeless? Do they live at home with their mother, and is he the one who lives in the streets? We have no idea. We didn't ask any questions.



Fr. Bernardino has asked that **if any member of the Community would like to join the homeless on Saturdays at 1:00 PM and enjoy with them a delicious free lunch (no strings attached), to please give him a call during the week (before Friday) at 916192783.**

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

People Helping People (PHP) is a **small project founded in the Chapel of Penha de França to help those in need.** Our 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! In a short period of time we have created partnerships with restaurants and supermarket chains, 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, keep them dreaming...**



"You should wash each other's feet"
(John 13:14).

Moynihans Irish Bar, located on the corner up the road from the Chapel, accepts any Donations, as well as food, toiletries or clothes for the PHP project.



A big Thank You to the owners, Sinead and Tadhg, and their staff who are always ready to help, and have been a great support to the Chapel. It is very much appreciated!!

PS. The food they serve is great, and staff are very friendly! Definitely worth a visit!

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