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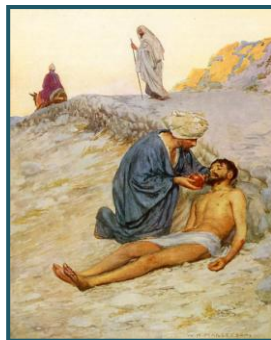
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The Roman Catholic English Service Mass in Madeira

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 França 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

(Deut 30:10-14 Ps 68:14-37 Col 1:15-20 Lk 10:25-37)

The book of Deuteronomy, the "second law", evolved over many centuries. It restates the Jewish Law and the covenant God made with Abraham. Our reading starts with an imperative, but if we do obey God's Law "the Lord will take delight in prospering" us. And this Law is easily accessible: it is written "in our hearts". Put the covenant into practice, and so choose life, not death.

In this beautiful hymn from Colossians Paul spells out the awesome reality of Christ: "Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God" who "existed before anything was created". We know God through Jesus. Jesus is fully human in the way God intended all humanity to be. He shows us the way to God. But reconciliation comes with a proviso: "that you continue in the faith".

Jesus has rejoiced and given thanks with the 70 disciples for their successful mission. He then responds to a sincere questioner by updating the Jewish Law to what was originally intended. The parable of the Good Samaritan insists that everyone is our neighbour. Details of the Law that evolve over time can come to be misleading. The priest and the Levite were more concerned with ritual purity than with love. Just as over emphasis on rigid moral rules and liturgical details can lead us astray from mercy.

- Brought to you by Chris Oliver

Psalm Response: The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

Hymns: **Entry: 39** (*As I kneel before you*)

Offertory: 134 (*Father I place into your hands*)

Final: 416 (*O Lord, all the world belongs to you*)

Music: *Larysa Makarova*

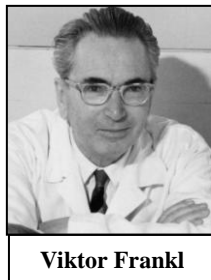


FROM MY HEART TO YOUR HEART – Freedom to Love and to Forgive

Brought to you by Fr. Bernardino Andrade

Viktor Frankl, a medical doctor and psychiatrist, was born in Austria from a Jewish family, on March 26th, 1905, and died in California on September 2nd, 1997. He founded the school of Logotherapy that explores the meaning of the individual existence and the spiritual dimension of the human existence. I believe that his most famous book is the «Meaning of Life».

In 1942 Dr. Viktor Frankl, his pregnant wife and family were put in different concentration camps. He received the prisoner's tattoo number 119.104. When the war ended he found out that his wife, his parents and all of his family had died in the horrors of the Nazis' Holocaust.



One day, the guards in the concentration camp who had been trained to be mean and cruel, brought him to a big room. They put Viktor in the middle and made a circle around him. Then the commander with his strong and satanic voice looked at him and said: - *“Undress. I want to see you completely naked.”*

Humiliated in his dignity he had no choice. However, he looked peaceful and serene, which made the guards very upset. Actually, the peace and serenity he always expressed, even going through the atrocities of the concentration camp, were the main reason why they were so upset with him. After dropping all his clothes on the floor, Dr. Frankl was completely naked, surrounded by inhumane guards who found pleasure in torturing human beings. He just stood there, waiting for new orders. Again the commander looked at him and shouted:

- *“Take off that stupid thing from your finger!”* (That stupid thing was his wedding ring). At this time, he decided to talk and told them in a serene voice:

- *“You have the power to torture my father, my mother and kill them along with all my brothers and sisters. You have the power to burn my house, torture and kill my wife and my baby she was carrying in her womb. Now you have the power to undress me and take away from my finger the last and the most meaningful possession I have ever had in this earth. But there is one thing you can not do...”* - At this time all the guards were silent. They even forgot to interrupt him and slap him on his face.

- Then he ended like this:

- *“But you can not take away from me the freedom that I have to love you and to forgive you.”*

Fr. Bernardino Andrade

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

« Spread Love everywhere you go.
Let no one ever come to you
without leaving happier. »

- Mother Teresa



CRUISE SHIP PRIEST PROGRAM – Catholic priests at sea

Source: National Catholic Register

www.ncregister.com/daily-news/priests-of-the-sea-faith-is-always-on-board-where-there-are-cruise-ship-cha/

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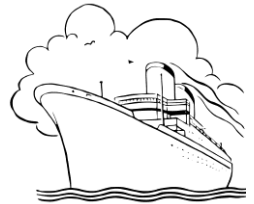
Did you know that in most major Ports around the world, the Diocese assigns a chaplain (a priest, deacon, religious, or lay ecclesial minister) to serve cruise ship passengers, staff and crew? - The assigned chaplain's ministry is to provide for the pastoral needs of passengers, and also crewmembers who may spend from 6 to 9 months at sea. ➔ In 1922 Pope Pius XI, bestowed his blessings on an association called *Apostleship of the Sea USA* (AOS-USA),

which still exists today, and implements a «*Cruise Ship Priest Program*» which works with cruise lines to place Catholic chaplains on their ships. (AOS-USA is not to be confused with the Vatican's Apostleship of the Sea, which falls under the Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants, Refugees and Travelers).

Life doesn't stop at Sea! These cruise-ship priests provide the Catholic Mass, Confession, Anointing of the Sick, Sacraments of the Church, and Pastoral care on board. But sometimes illness, death and emergency situations can crop up, and the presence of a priest can be incredibly important in those unexpected situations. It can get

real serious when a passenger passes away during the cruise, or when a crew member who is depressed jumps overboard and commits suicide, for example. One gentleman who had been on a cruise with his wife to celebrate their anniversary spotted a priest during dinner one evening. They asked him to join them, and in introducing themselves, they shared that the wife was dying. The cruise was an item they were crossing off her "bucket list." Later in the cruise, they met the priest again - when they called him to their cabin because the wife was near death. After her death, her husband felt that «*it was beautiful that her faith was there for her, even in the middle of the ocean.*»

If you are planning to go on a cruise, why not contact the cruise line to find out if there will be a priest aboard your cruise. If the cruise line has not arranged for a Catholic chaplain to be on board, you can request that it does. For more information, and to know more about *Apostleship of the Sea USA* visit their website at: <http://www.aos-usa.org/>



SAINTS FUN FACTS



St. Peregrine was active in politics as a teenager and struck St. Philip Benizi in the face during a protest. Philip offered his other cheek to Peregrine. He became so overcome with emotion, he repented and converted to Catholicism.

St. Peregrine is the patron saint of cancer victims.

Later in life, Peregrine was afflicted with cancer in his leg. Upon learning the doctor was to go amputate the leg, **he prayed all night before the operation until falling into a deep sleep. He dreamt Jesus touched his leg.** The following morning the cancer was gone and word of the miracle quickly spread.



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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IBAN: PT50 0038 0000 40900916771 75

BIC (SWIFT): BNFPTPL

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 000409009167710

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9020-119, Funchal, Madeira, Portugal

**Tea and Coffee
After Mass in the
Social room across
the garden - please
join us.**



**Please sign our
Visitor's Book in
the Social Room -
we'd love to know
where you're from!**



Don't forget to leave your
yellow *Hymn Book* and *Order
of the Mass* sheets at the
Chapel entrance after mass 😊



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door lintels in the
Chapel**



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