



**Sunday, 7th August 2016,
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C**

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THE CATHOLIC ENGLISH SERVICE MASS IN MADEIRA:

Welcome to the Chapel of Penha de França! This morning's Service is a special intention Mass in memory of Noel Forrester, who passed away 10 years ago today. He is sadly missed by his daughter and son-in-law, Sinead and Tadhg, and also his great granddaughter, Cara Forrester.

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 Oakland, California.

This small Chapel was founded by Antonio Dantas in 1622... that's 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.

Today's Scripture Readings

(Wis 18:6-9... Ps 32:1-22... Heb 11:1-2, 8-19... Lk 12:32-48)

The Wisdom of Solomon was the last book of the Old Testament to be written. It was written in Greek, not Hebrew, so not in the Septuagint nor therefore in the Protestant Bible. The final chapters meditate on the Exodus, contrasting the woes visited on the Egyptians with the gifts given by God to the Israelites. This excerpt notes the opposite effects on the Egyptians and Israelites of God's actions at the first Passover, and the Psalm echoes the joy of a people chosen by God.

The 2nd readings in August from Hebrews describe faith, which gives assurance to our hopes. Abraham is the prime example of a man of faith: he obeyed God's command to go to a new land; he believed God's promise that he and Sarah would have a child in their old age; and he passed the supreme test of faith when God asked him to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. God's last minute reprieve for Isaac is seen as a return from the dead.

In Luke's Gospel, following the parable we heard last week about the rich man building a bigger barn, Jesus assures us that we will be given all the resources we need to meet the Lord's demands. He then urges us to have faith and to be prepared.

- Brought to you: *by Chris Oliver*

Psalm Response: Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.



Hymns: **Entry:** 247 (*I, the Lord of sea and sky*)
Offertory: 135 (*Father, in my life I see*)
Final: 359 (*Make me a channel of your peace*)

Music played by: *Larysa Makarova*

FROM MY HEART TO YOUR HEART – *The Handkerchief In My Left Pocket*

Brought to you by Fr. Bernardino Andrade

1.

I always use two handkerchiefs. One in each pocket. The handkerchief in my right pocket is coloured and I use it for everything I need. It is «*my*» handkerchief. When I change my daily cloths, the handkerchief in my right pocket goes to the laundry basket. The handkerchief in my left pocket is white and I never use it for anything. It is not mine. It is always ready for emergencies that are very rare. It goes directly from my pocket to the laundry basket without being used. It is always clean and ready.



2.

One day I was with my family in one of the mountains of Brazil. I saw a lady whose son had smashed the door of her car on her finger, and it had started bleeding painfully. I offered her the handkerchief from my left pocket and I assured her that it had never been used. She took it, and I left it with her. The handkerchief from my left pocket helped to stop the bleeding finger of a woman I had never seen before, and I would never see again. I prayed for her and thanked God for the gift of the handkerchief in my left pocket.

3.

For a few years my niece Ana lived with me in California. Before she took her driver's licence she was always a passenger and I was the driver of my car. One thing that started bothering me was that, very often, she used and abused the use of the handkerchief that I kept in my left pocket. And of course she knew, *and I knew*, that that handkerchief would never be returned. One day she sneezed and as usual she asked me for the handkerchief from my left pocket. I gave her my handkerchief but impatiently remarked: - «*Ana! You know that a handkerchief is something very personal that you always need. Why don't you start bringing your own handkerchief?* ». A little embarrassed, she answered: - «*Tio (that means uncle), you will never know how good it is to travel in life with someone who always carries a handkerchief I can use every time I need one, to wipe my tears, my sweat, to blow my nose or anything so personal or dirty like covering a sneeze. Yes! Anything very personal and no questions asked. Thank you «tio» for the handkerchief from your left pocket. Please never stop using it. You may find in your life other people who may need the handkerchief from your left pocket with no questions asked*».

Of course I felt tears in my eyes and since then I continue to always carry a white handkerchief in my left pocket. It is always clean and always available for anyone who needs it with no questions asked. «*Help carry one another's burdens*» (Gal. 6:2)

Love and Peace,
Fr. Bernardino Andrade

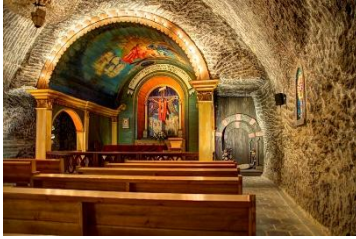
After the floods on our island in 2010, a small project called "**People Helping People**" was started at the Chapel of Penha de França to help those in need (read more about this project on the last page of the newsletter). A process has now been started to make this project an official Association. The eight members of the Installing Committee of "People Helping People" have begun meeting once a week to prepare the paper work that is needed to make it an official association.



The team that is working on making
People Helping People
an official Association.

THE STORY OF POLAND'S MAJESTIC 'Underground Salt Cathedral'

Source: www.catholicnewsagency.com



Located just southeast of Krakow (a city in southern Poland), **the Wieliczka Salt Mine** is famous for many things – most notably its underground chapels, made entirely out of rock salt. In fact, the chapels are so stunning that they have earned the mine a nickname: the *'underground salt cathedral.'*

Officially opened in the 13th century, the mine is one of the oldest salt mines still in operation and is composed

of numerous chambers chiseled out of rock salt. Since miners typically worked under dangerous circumstances in the dark, away from their families, they created the chapels as places where they could pray and celebrate Mass before facing the challenges of the job.

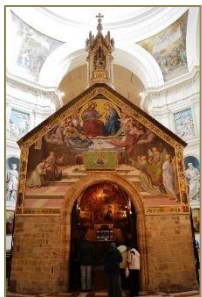
The most important chapel, which is the largest and contains the most statues and carvings is the St. Kinga Chapel. It measures roughly 5,000 square feet of floor space and is 36 feet high. It's located about 330 feet underground. It is decorated with carvings depicting important scenes in Jesus' life (*such as the Nativity, the Last Supper and the Crucifixion*); carvings of important biblical events (*like the Slaughter of the Holy Innocents*) and of saints. **There is also a statue of St. Kinga made entirely of salt crystals on the main altar and one of St. John Paul II, who visited the mine three times during his lifetime.**

Mass is celebrated in the chapel every Sunday, as well as on special feast days or holidays. It is also used for special events such as **weddings and sacred music concerts**, seating about 400 people.

Until now, the main visitor's route through the mine, called the *"Tourist Route"*, has been walked by roughly 40 million tourists from around the world, according to the mine's official website (www.wieliczka-saltmine.com).



POPE FRANCIS VISITS ASSISI – And The Tiny Chapel Built By St. Francis



On Thursday, August 4th, **Pope Francis travelled to the Italian hill town, Assisi, to visit the tiny Porziuncola Chapel built by St. Francis** at the beginning of the 13th century. The Chapel is located inside the papal *Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels* in Assisi. The papal trip officially marks the 800th anniversary of the event known as the "Pardon of Assisi." **According to tradition, on August 1st 1216, St Francis was praying inside the chapel when he had a vision of Christ and Our Lady surrounded by a dazzling cloud of angels.** As Francis lay prostrate on the ground, he heard the Lord asking what he wanted for the salvation of souls and he responded by asking God to grant a plenary indulgence - the remission of the temporal punishment of all their sins - to all pilgrims who visited the church.

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...

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"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!

If you would like to make a donation towards PHP, the bank details are below:

Bank: Banco Santander Totta
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BIC (SWIFT): BNIFPTPL
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 000409009167710
Bank Address: Caminho de Santa Quiteria 46A, 9020-119, Funchal, Madeira, Portugal

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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!



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Please beware low door lintels in the Chapel

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