

Thought for the day.

‘Francis of Assisi succeeded in living in a single-hearted way, in which his only goal was *to love*. This intense eagerness to love made his whole life an astonishing victory for the human and the divine spirit and showed how they work so beautifully together.’

- *Richard Rohr*

A prayer for the week for ourselves

Lord of heaven and earth, we thank you in the poverty of our hearts that you have let us eat from the table of Jesus, notwithstanding our inadequate faith and our lukewarm love. Keep accepting us in our weakness as we are, help us to be and to do better, and to render wholehearted service to our brothers and sisters in need. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Walking together in faith

Sunday, 6th October 2024 St Francis of Assisi, Patronal Festival

The Sunday Eucharist:

10.15am San Eugenio, Playa de Las Américas

Welcome to everyone to our worship. We celebrate our parish patron today (actual feast day, 4th October, transferred as customary and authorized to the nearest Sunday). What St Francis undertook in the 13th century might very well inspire our own times. Today's society threatens to destroy itself in many parts of the world, by constant greed and unequal distribution of wealth, abuse of the earth's resources, wars, violence, hatred, discontent, disillusion, and division among peoples, and serious, even existential harm to our planet. Our celebration today calls us to a renewed reverence for all life, for the earth and all that it provides, and as a reminder of our Christian and human responsibility to be careful stewards with generous and compassionate lifestyles which reflect the values of God as revealed most clearly in Jesus Christ whom Francis followed most faithfully.

Important information regarding the reception of Holy Communion
*Holy Communion is distributed in both kinds. You are, of course, welcome to receive in one kind only. To receive from the chalice, please drink (sip!) from it. Intinction (dipping the wafer bread into the chalice) is more infection risky and is not approved in this Diocese. **If you require gluten-free bread, please let us know before the service begins.***

Today's readings:

Isaiah 55: 6 – 13 *'My ways are not your ways'*

This passage, written to a suffering people in Exile, expresses so well how our lives and the creation itself are indivisibly entwined. God is our generous life-giver and provider, and as people who worship and reverence the living God, we must show our thanks by working with God and living in harmony with God's creation.

Psalms 16: 1; 4; 6 – 7; 10; with the response:

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Galatians 6: 14 – 18 *'I carry the marks of Jesus'*

It was reported that Francis received the *stigmata*, the crucifixion wounds of Jesus in his hands and feet, towards the end of his life. Whether this is truth or legend, there is no doubt that, like Paul, he carried the 'marks' of Christ in his whole life.

Luke 9: 57 – 62 *If you wish to follow me, do not hesitate!*

Jesus gives succinct advice to those who say they wish to follow him. Do so as priority; do not let other things get in the way. Francis lived out the gospel most faithfully. He followed Christ in a most practical way and walked the earth barefoot and freely.

Eucharistic Prayer: B (pages 8 – 9), with a Preface for today's festival, followed by the Lord's Prayer and Holy Communion rite (page 21)

Church financial giving

A collection will be taken during the Offertory.

If you are a UK taxpayer, please consider using the Gift Aid envelope provided, or available at the back of church. It would increase your donation by 25%. Contributions at any time are also most welcome by bank transfer to either our euro or sterling accounts. For security reasons the details have had to be withdrawn from the pew sheet.

Please contact our treasurer Gwen Furmston, in church (San Eugenio) or by email to sgfurmston@gmail.com

We are a completely self-supporting Chaplaincy. Your generous giving is very important to us and much appreciated, helping us to maintain an Anglican presence and ministry in south Tenerife.

Our Charity Shop in Los Gigantes

Open 10.00am. to 2.00pm this week **Tuesday to Saturday**

(Closed on Monday. Thursday, opens 12 noon to 2.00pm)

Every Tuesday San Blas church is open from 11.00am to 12 noon for private prayer or for someone to chat or pray with you, or just come and find peace and rest for a while. Coffee available.

Thursday, 10th October.

10.30am Eucharist at Espiritu Santo, Los Gigantes

(Readings: Galatians 3: 1 – 5; Luke 11: 5 – 13)

Every Friday at midday, all are welcome to meet over coffee (or whatever you prefer) at the Kiosco restaurant in San Blas commercial centre (middle square). An opportunity for regular St Francis church members and others to meet in a friendly and informal way.

Next Sunday, 13th October Trinity 20

Eucharist *with Harvest Thanksgiving:*

10:15am **San Eugenio**, Playa de Las Americas

12 noon **San Blas**, Golf del Sur

6.00pm **Espíritu Santo**, Los Gigantes

Donations of non-perishable foodstuffs will be particularly welcome at next Sunday's services.