

A thought for the day

Practical, practice-based Christianity has been avoided, denied, minimized, ignored, delayed, and sidelined for too many centuries, by too many Christians who were never told that Christianity was much more than a belonging or belief system.....,invariably emphasizing the accidentals, which distract us from the very 'marrow of the gospel,' as St Francis called it. We have made this mistake for too long. We cannot keep avoiding what Jesus actually emphasized and mandated. In this most urgent time, 'it is the very love of Christ that now urges us (2 Corinthians 5: 14).'

Richard Rohr

A prayer for the week for ourselves

God our Father, thanks to their Christ-centred lives the saints of the Church overcame evil and began the building of your kingdom on earth. We have shared in fellowship with them today through the mystical Body of Jesus. By his strength may we build with them, weak and ordinary as we are. Make us in our world today a leaven of gentleness and compassion, of joy and peace and justice. For you can do all this in us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Walking together in faith

Sunday, 3rd November 2024 **All Saints Sunday**

The Sunday Eucharist:

10.15am **San Eugenio**, Playa de Las Américas

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

6.00pm **Espíritu Santo**, Los Gigantes

Welcome to everyone to our worship. The long 'after Trinity season' is now behind us, and the countdown towards Advent and a new Church year begins. Our worship for the next month focuses on the kingdom of God and the signs of its coming on earth. We begin today with All Saints Day (1st November, but also commonly celebrated on the nearest Sunday). We celebrate, in effect, *our own* feast: what we have been called to be and what we hope to become and what so many people have been before us – people who are somehow able to 'embody' Jesus Christ, who make God visible and tangible and human. We give thanks for all who have brought others a bit nearer to God and commit ourselves to following their example.

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 25: 6 – 9 *God's kingdom as a rich feast*

Isaiah's magnificent vision of a new world, a mountain feast of rich food and fine wines, where there is no more suffering or death. For us, a remarkable picture of the inclusive generosity of salvation offered by God in Jesus Christ, as we remember Jesus referring to the union between God and humanity as a wedding feast.

Psalms 24: 1 – 6, with the response:

Blessèd are those who seek your face, O God.

Revelation 21: 1 – 6a *A new heaven and a new earth*

A message of magnificent hope not just for God's own people, but for the entire cosmos. The sacrifice of Jesus heralds the beginning of the end of the alienation of the world from God. God will ultimately create a new heaven and earth where he will live face to face with his people, and where they will suffer no more.

John 11: 32 – 44 *A 'window' into the Resurrection*

A parabolic message of personal hope of resurrection for those who follow the Jesus way. Through his own resurrection, Jesus has opened the way for all who trust in him to follow, so that death is no longer the end, but simply the prelude to a new, transformed life together in the presence of God.

Eucharistic Prayer: B, (pages 8 – 9), with a Preface for All Saints, followed by the Lord's Prayer and Holy Communion (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 this week Monday to Saturday, 10.00am to 2.00pm
(12.00 – 2.00 on Thursday)

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, 7th November.

10.30am Eucharist at Espiritu Santo, Los Gigantes

(Readings: Philippians 3: 3 – 8; Luke 15: 1 – 10)

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, 10th November; Third Sunday before Advent

Eucharist: Times and locations as today

Remembrance Sunday observances will be included in each service

(Readings: Jonah 3: 1 – 5 & 10; Psalm 62; Hebrews 9: 24 – 28;

Mark 1: 14 – 20)