

A thought for the day

‘Prayer is recognizing the intimate in-dwelling of God in our lives, the One who remains faithful in love even when the world around us may fall apart.’ - *Sister Ilia Delio*

A prayer for the week for ourselves

O Great Love, thank you for living and loving in us and through us. May all that we do flow from our deep connection with you and all beings. Help us to become a community that vulnerably shares each other’s burdens and the weight of glory. Listen to our hearts’ longings for the healing of our world (*and whoever or whatever is on my heart at this time*). Knowing you are hearing us better than we are speaking, we offer these prayers in all the holy names of God. Amen.

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***Walking together in faith***

Sunday, 4th February 2024 **Second Sunday before Lent**  
(*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*)

**The Sunday Eucharist:**

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

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

6.00pm **Espiritu Santo**, Los Gigantes

Welcome to everyone to our worship. In our readings today, we consider the central Christian message of God among us, incarnate, actually one of us in the person of Jesus. Many times in the course of history God has spoken, and his word has been effective and liberating. But in the person of Jesus, God has spoken his definitive Word, born a child of people, born to save us and bring us back to God. Do we listen to God’s Word (Christ)? Do we cooperate and let this Word transform our lives?

*Important information regarding the reception of Holy Communion*  
*Holy Communion is distributed in both kinds (bread and wine). If you wish, you may receive in one kind only. To receive from the chalice,*

*please drink (sip!) from it. We ask you not to dip the wafer bread into the chalice. It is more infection risky and is not approved in the Diocese in Europe.*

*If you require gluten-free bread, please let us know before the service begins.*

### **Today's readings**

Proverbs 8: 1, 22 – 31 *God's creative wisdom*

In the Old Testament, God lets his word of wisdom speak as a person who carries out God's plan. God's living word becomes human in Jesus Christ who helps us to live according to God's wise plan.

Psalm 104: 26, 29 – 33 & 35, with the response:

**Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.**

Colossians 20 1: 15 *God is near to us in Christ*

An ancient hymn that tells us how near God wanted to be to us, so much so that he became visible, one of us, in his Son Jesus Christ, the 'first-born of all creation.' In Christ we are reconciled and brought close to the living God.

John 1: 1 – 14 *The Word became flesh*

We hear again the great Christmas Gospel about the mystery and identity of Jesus, the Christ: he is the image of the Father, God's Word in human form, God's light in our darkness, God living among us as one of us.

**Eucharistic Prayer: E** (pages 14 – 15), with an alternative extended Preface, followed by the Lord's Prayer and Communion rite (page 21).

### **Church financial giving**

A collection is taken during the Offertory.

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

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% at no cost to you.

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](mailto:sgfurmston@gmail.com)

### **Our Charity Shop in Los Gigantes**

Open 10.00am to 2.00pm – every day except Sunday

**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, 8<sup>th</sup> February**

10.30am Eucharist at Espíritu Santo, Los Gigantes

(Readings: 1 Kings 11: 4 – 13; Mark 7: 24 – 30)

### **Next Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> February Sunday before Lent**

**Eucharist:** Times and locations as today

(Readings: 2 Kings 2: 1 – 12; Psalm 50; 2 Corinthians 4: 3 - 6; Mark: 9: 2 – 9)

### **Ash Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> February, the beginning of Lent**

10.15am Eucharist at San Eugenio (with the giving of ashes)

Repeated at the Thursday Eucharist, 15<sup>th</sup> February at Espiritu Santo.

**Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> February, our Diocesan Bishop, the Right Reverend Robert Innes**, will preside and preach at our 10.15 and 6.00pm services. The San Blas congregation will be invited to join us at San Eugenio. More details including lunch arrangements next Sunday.