

The Church Electoral Roll is being renewed this year. All current members and new members who wish to nominate, vote, or stand for election to Church Council will need to complete a form, available in Church from today.

A thought for the day

‘To believe in Jesus is not to believe that he can turn water into wine, like some heavenly magician. To believe in Jesus is to accept him as the one person who can replace our inadequate rituals.....with the reality of union with God, in the wine of his own blood.’

Hubert J Richards

A prayer for the week for ourselves

We thank you, God our Father, for letting Jesus speak to us in this Eucharist today, his words of encouragement and joy and for pouring for us the wine of the new and everlasting covenant. May our lives become a feast of forgiveness and mutual service and of dedication to you, our living God. May our worship be a foretaste of the happiness of your eternal home prepared for us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Walking together in faith

Sunday, 19th January 2025

Second Sunday of Epiphany

(Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)

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. In the Gospel today we have the story of the wedding at Cana where the water becomes wine. It is the third major ‘sign’ of the Epiphany after the coming of the Magi to the infant Jesus and his baptism by John in the River Jordan. We come together today to celebrate the greater wedding that it signifies: the union and communion we share with God through Jesus. Appropriately, we are now in the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**. Through our Eucharist today may we renew our commitment to the union God calls us to share with all our brothers and sisters in Christ, and indeed with all people, that human life may be a feast of love, an unending song of joy and praise to our loving God.

Important information regarding the reception of Holy Communion
Holy Communion is distributed in both kinds. If you wish, you may receive in one kind only, but 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 62: 1 – 5 *God is 'married' to his people*

The glory of God will shine from a restored and rejuvenated Israel, a sign to the whole world that the Lord is reigning. The new Jerusalem is the Lord's 'bride,' and the 'marriage' which follows crystallizes the new relationship between God and God's people.

Psalms 36: 5 – 10, with the response:

With you, O God, is the well of life

1 Corinthians 12: 1 – 11 *One Spirit, many gifts*

In the Church at Corinth, the gifts of the Spirit had become the occasion of bitter controversy instead of the cause of grateful thanks to God. Paul teaches that a Spirit-filled Church is one centred on and obedient to Jesus Christ, that all the Spirit's gifts are 'for the common good' and that their diversity serves to express unity because there is only one Spirit.

John 2: 1 – 11 *Jesus, the revelation of God's glory*

The Wedding at Cana is recorded by John as the first of Jesus' signs of glory, a glory which comes to fulfilment through the cross and resurrection. The glory of God which once rested on the tent of meeting and the temple is now concentrated in a human being – Jesus of Nazareth, the 'Word made flesh' who 'dwelt among us.'

Eucharistic Prayer E (pages 14 – 15) with a Preface for Christian Unity, 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 10.00am – 2.00pm Monday to Saturday

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. Open this week as usual.

Thursday, 23rd January

Eucharist, 10.30am at Espiritu Santo *Conversion of St Paul*
(Readings: Acts 9: 1 – 22; Matthew 19: 22 – 27))

Every Friday at midday. A weekly opportunity for regular St Francis church members and others to meet in a friendly and informal way at the Kiosco restaurant in San Blas commercial centre (middle square)..

Next Sunday, 26th January Epiphany 3

Eucharist: Times and locations as today

(Readings: Nehemiah 8: 1 – 10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12: 12 – 31a

Luke 4: 14 – 21)