

**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

‘The homily is not being “political” when it points out political, social, and economic sins. It is simply the word of God becoming incarnate in our reality, a reality which often reflects not God’s reign but sin.’- *St. Oscar Romero*

A prayer for the week for ourselves

Lord God, you have spoken your Word, and it became flesh and blood among us. You have strengthened us today with his word and life through scripture and sacrament. Help us to let our lives become the Good News of his message to whomever we meet. Set us all free with the freedom brought to us by Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord for ever. Amen.

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***Walking together in faith***

Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**Third Sunday of Epiphany**

*(Third 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 church we often hear the words ‘salvation’ or ‘redemption.’ Jesus tells us in the Gospel today what they mean. They are not simply about a heavenly life after this one, though hopefully that will be included! The salvation that Jesus brings is for today. It means freedom, liberation from all that alienates us from God, all that separates us from one another, and from all that shackles us in life. It means healing and wholeness that we may enjoy our humanity to the full and live as God intended for us. That is the good news that Jesus brings to all who will accept it. Through our worship today let us ask him to continue his work of making us free sons and daughters of God, that we may share with him in extending that liberation (salvation, redemption) to others.

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

Nehemiah 8: 1 – 3, 5 – 6, 8 – 10. *God's word changes lives*  
Ezra the scribe and priest reads and expounds the Torah, the Law of God to a people, many of whom have been separated from it during their long years of exile. This story highlights how, although private reading of scripture is important, reading and listening together is at the heart of a community's growth in faith.

Psalm 19: 7 – 9, 11 & 14, with the response:  
**Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life**

1 Corinthians 12: 12 – 31a. *Each has a role in the One Body*  
Paul uses the body as a metaphor for the unity and diversity of the Body of Christ, the Church. While the gifts of each member may be different, they are all to be used for the health, growth and unity of the whole Church. Spiritual gifts are never for private possession.

Luke 4: 14 – 21 *Today the Good News is fulfilled*  
A fascinating glimpse of Jesus' use of the Hebrew scriptures. He expounds his own person and ministry in the words of those scriptures and presents himself as their fulfilment. His 'good news to the poor' is expressed in a variety of liberating metaphors.

Eucharistic Prayer B (pages 8 – 9) with an Epiphany season Preface, 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](mailto: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

### **Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> January**

10.30am Church Council meeting at San Blas

**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.

### **Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, 30th January**

Archdeaconry of Gibraltar Annual Synod, being held virtually (Zoom) this year. Our representatives participating are: John, Marisha, Gwen, and Jill.

### **There will be no Eucharist at Los Gigantes this Thursday.**

**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, 2nd February**      *Presentation of the Lord*  
*(Candlemas)*

**Eucharist:** Times and locations as today

(Readings: Malachi 3: 1 – 5; Psalm 24; Hebrews 2: 14 – 18;  
Luke 2: 22 – 40)