

Lent reading and reflection You may like to follow John's 2021 Lent course, 'Walking with Jesus through the Gospel of Mark' (in 8 weekly sections) on our website. You will find the link on the home page.

A thought for the day

'People can't see what they can't see. Their biases get in the way, surrounding them like a high wall, trapping them in ignorance, deception and illusion..... Jesus used imagination to punch a tiny hole in their walls of...bias, and through that tiny hole, some new light could stream in and let them know of a bigger world beyond their walls.' – *Brian McLaren*

A prayer for the week for ourselves

God, our faithful Father, you have given us your Son Jesus Christ in this Eucharist to show us in him what loyal obedience means. May he be alive in us so that our Christian community may be the temple in which he lives and that gathers us together as his brothers and sisters. Keep us from all rigidity and exclusivism that we may worship you with our lives, by the power and wisdom of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Walking together in faith

Sunday, 3rd March 2024

Third Sunday in Lent

The Sunday Eucharist:

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

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

The 6.00pm celebration at Los Gigantes is once again cancelled due to the Carnival events taking place immediately in front of the church.

Welcome to everyone to our worship. Today we consider how our worship is inextricably linked with the whole of our life. If a 'Christian' comes to church on Sundays but for the rest of the week does not give a thought about it, but cheat in business, tell lies, show no compassion towards anyone, then the religion of that person is not genuine. Our Lord tells us today that true religion, worship in spirit and truth, unifies our lives in such a way that there is no part reserved for God and another part for ourselves only. God is to be present in all we do. Jesus Christ is our companion in all of our life. Let us ask him who is with us here in this Eucharist to inspire all that we do and to journey through life with us all the time.

Important information regarding the reception of Holy Communion
*Holy Communion is distributed in both kinds (bread and wine). You may receive in one kind only if you prefer. 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

Exodus 20: 1 – 17 *The charter of the covenant and freedom.*

The Decalogue or Ten Commandments were given by God to Israel as the charter or central element of God's covenant with them. These were laws that shaped them into a distinctive community. In essence they remain a basis for us as Christians though, hopefully we have exceeded them, and now live beyond them.

Psalms 19: 7 – 11 with the response:

You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

1 Corinthians 1: 18 – 25 *Is Christ a stumbling block?*

God has no interest in impressing us with signs. The wisdom of God is shown in Christ crucified, offensive to Jews and ridiculous to Greeks. But if God refused to stoop so low, there would never be a possible point of contact between us and God.

John 2: 13 – 22 *Toward a new Temple*

John, for his own purposes, places an incident from the end of Jesus' life near the beginning of his Gospel. This scene demonstrates that everything the Temple represents is inadequate and will be replaced. Jesus himself will be the final sacrifice and the focus of God's presence with his people for all time.

Eucharistic Prayer: From the Scottish Anglican Liturgy for Lent (not in our book!) Please use EP B (pages 8 – 9 for the responses if needed). The Lord's Prayer and Communion rite follow (page 21).

Church financial giving

A collection will be taken at 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, Los Gigantes

Open 10.00am. to 2.00pm, Monday to Saturday.

Come and look for the bargains!

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 March

Eucharist at Espiritu Santo, Los Gigantes

(*Readings:* Jeremiah 7: 23 – 28; Luke 11: 14 – 23)

Next Sunday, 10th March Lent 4 (and Mothering Sunday)

Eucharist:

10.15am – San Eugenio, Playa de Las Américas

12 noon – San Blas, Golf del Sur

6.00pm – Espíritu Santo, Los Gigantes

*(Readings: Numbers 21: 4 – 9; Psalm 107; Ephesians 2: 1 – 10;
John 3: 14 - 21*