

A thought for the day

‘The Eucharist is an encounter of the heart, knowing Presence through our own offered presence. In the Eucharist, we move beyond mere words or rational thought and go to that place where we don’t talk about the Mystery anymore; we begin to chew on it.’

Richard Rohr

A prayer for the week for ourselves

Thank you, God our Father, for nourishing us on the way to you with the true bread and drink of life, your Son Jesus Christ. In this and every Eucharist, may he take flesh again in us, that we may do for one another what he has done for us, that we may be present and available to one another as he is to us, and that with him we may live your life now and for ever. Amen.

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Walking together in faith

18th August 2024

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

(20th 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. The eucharistic theme of our Gospel readings from John 6 continue. The language is quite graphic, about Jesus inviting us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. It is difficult to understand how the human earthly Jesus could have spoken like this! But John is interpreting the meaning and impact of Jesus whom he and his first readers and we ourselves know as the Risen Lord, a Lord who is present with us to nourish the life of the Church and every Christian. This is a Spirit-inspired Gospel. The verses of chapter 6 assure us that the Risen Lord is indeed with us, living among us, and giving us himself as bread and wine for us to feed on through our journey of life. In this way, he makes us capable of giving ourselves to God and to one another in loving service.

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

Proverbs 9: 1 – 6 *Eating and drinking Wisdom*

The personification of Wisdom as the creative power of God is an important theme in Proverbs. It is also seen as one of the roots of the idea of Christ as the creative Word of God, characteristic of the Gospel of John.

Psalms 34: 9 – 14, with the response:

Those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

Ephesians 5: 15 – 20 *Praising the Father through Christ*

The whole of this part of Ephesians is a wake-up call to the Church, to live the distinctive, committed life that God wants us to live in an indifferent and often hostile world. Our worship together shows the world that our commitment is to God's will and wisdom.

John 6: 51 – 58 *Sharing the life of Jesus through the Eucharist*

By eating and drinking the body and blood of Christ through the sacramental forms of bread and wine, we share in his life, he lives in us. We can be confident that he will in due course raise us from this mortal state to live eternally with him.

Eucharistic Prayer: B (pages 8 – 9). The Lord's Prayer and Holy Communion follow (page 21).

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% with no extra 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

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

With so many volunteers currently away, the shop will be open on Fridays only during August: 10.00am – 2.00pm Apologies for the inconvenience. Enquiries to Jill Pargeter – 711 03 64 74.

Monday, 19th August: 2.00pm Church Council Meeting at Callao Salvaje

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, 22nd August

Eucharist: 10.30am at Espiritu Santo, Los Gigantes
(Readings: Ezekiel 36: 23 – 28; Matthew 22: 1 – 14)

12 noon Memorial Service for Norma Mary Ball at Espiritu Santo.

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, 25th August Trinity 13

Eucharist: Times and locations as today.

(Readings: Joshua 24: 1 – 2a; Psalm 34: 15 – 22; Ephesians 6: 10 – 20;
John 6: 56 – 69)