

**Marguerite McElroy**, Oblate of the Community of the Holy Cross.  
Due to severe disability, Marguerite prayed with us and for us from her home in Los Cristianos. She passed to her rest peacefully on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> July after a short illness just a few days before her 76<sup>th</sup> birthday. Marguerite's community and our Diocesan Bishop Robert have sent us their condolences. A service of thanksgiving for her life will be held at San Eugenio, on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> July at 11.00am. All welcome.

#### A thought for the day

'The point of the Christian life is to stand in radical solidarity with everyone and everything else. This is the full, final, and intended effect of the Incarnation – symbolised by the cross, which is *God's great act of solidarity instead of judgment.*' - Richard Rohr

#### A prayer for the week for ourselves

Lord our God, we thank you that you have given us yourself in Jesus Christ your Son. Do not allow us to be possessive but make us realise that your life and love are ours for good insofar as we are willing to grow in them and to share them with our neighbour. Give us this conviction and the strength to put it into practice, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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### ***Walking together in faith***

14<sup>th</sup> July 2024

**Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

*(15<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. Who among us would dare to speak out on seeing something in society or the local community that is against the gospel and genuine human values? To speak truth and justice is not always welcome to people, and it demands courage on the part of the messengers. Whenever the Church or its leaders speak out on troubling issues of the day, they are often accused of meddling in politics, as if politics has nothing to do with spiritual or godly values! Many Christians have been martyred because they were asking for justice or defending the voiceless poor. Today we read of John the Baptist who lost his life in witnessing to integrity and truth. But he had to speak, regardless of the consequences. God's word cannot be muzzled. Do we Christians have this courage today?

*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

Amos 7: 7 – 15 *The Lord took me and sent me*

The prophet Amos is compelled to speak God's uncomfortable message of warning to a self-sufficient people which paid only lip-service to God.

Psalm 85: 7 – 13, with the response:

**Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation**

Ephesians 1: 3 – 14 *God has chosen us in Christ*

A song of thanksgiving to God who has chosen us to be his children through the blood of Christ and has destined us to be his people and heirs of eternal happiness.

Mark 6: 14 – 29 *John the Baptist, martyr for the kingdom of God*

Jesus has sent out his disciples to proclaim the Good News. Meanwhile Mark makes a break in his narrative flow to recall the arrest of John the Baptist and to relate events leading to his execution. It is a scene that foreshadows the Passion and death of Jesus and highlights the sacrifice required in speaking truth to corrupt and unjust power.

Eucharistic Prayer: E (pages 14 – 15), with an alternative preface for a Sunday in ordinary time. 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](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.

**Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> July**

2.00pm Church Council meeting at Callao Salvaje.

**Our Charity Shop in Los Gigantes**

This week open Tuesday to Saturday, 10.00am to 2.00pm.

For information, please contact Marisha.

**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, 18<sup>th</sup> July**

**Eucharist: 10.30am** at Espiritu Santo, Los Gigantes  
(Readings: Isaiah 26: 7 – 9; 16 - 19; Matthew 11: 28 – 30)

**Next Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> July** Trinity 8

**Eucharist:** Times and locations as today.

(Readings: Jeremiah 23: 1 - 6; Psalm 23; Ephesians 2: 11 – 22;  
Mark 6: 30 – 34; 53 – 56)