

**Next Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> November:** Second Sunday before Advent

**Eucharist:** Times and locations as today

(Readings: Daniel 12: 1 - 3; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10: 11 – 14 & 19 – 25;  
Mark 13: 1 – 8)

#### A thought for the day

'Each of us must turn inward and destroy in ourselves all that we think we ought to destroy in others. And remember that every atom of hate we add to this world makes it still more inhospitable.'  
*Esther 'Etty' Hillesum (1914 – 1943, died at Auschwitz).*

#### A prayer for the week for ourselves

Lord, God of hope, you have saved us in the past. You have given us your Son Jesus Christ to guide us in the present and our future lies in your hands. As the fruit of our worship today, help us to seek this future as a challenge to be creative and to build up a new world by the power of Jesus Christ, who will complete your work in us and who lives with you and with us for ever. Amen.

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

Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024 **Third Sunday before Advent**

*(32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; Remembrance Sunday)*

#### **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. A question to ponder today is, 'How has being a Christian changed your life?' As Jesus begins his ministry, as described in today's Gospel, he invites radical change, change in attitudes to God and humanity, change in lifestyle, from becoming self-centred to self-less and God-centred. Such a message is very appropriate on Remembrance Sunday, as we pause to count the cost of human conflict and consider how things could be so much different. It begins with each of us as individuals, our attitudes, our relationships, our motives. What is it that fuels a state of war and conflict among people? What warlike situations still exist in *our* lives? How do we, as well as our leaders, need to change to ensure that war is confined to the past?

Important information regarding the reception of Holy Communion  
*Holy Communion is distributed in both kinds. You may wish to receive in one kind only, but 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:

Jonah 3: 1 – 5 & 10 *God's mercy in the face of repentance*

A story in which the character of Jonah symbolizes the people of Israel and their vocation to proclaim the word of God to the nations around them. Jonah is told to go to Nineveh, the capital of the Assyrian Empire. The Ninevites heed his message and repent.

Psalms 62: 5 – 12, with the response:

**Wait on God alone in stillness, O my soul**

Hebrews 9: 24 – 28 *Christ's perfect sacrifice*

The writer stresses that Jesus has entered the real heaven, not the model or miniature human version, the temple which the priests enter year by year to offer sacrifice. By his self-sacrifice Christ has achieved the removal of sin once and for all and of any separation the readers believed existed between God and themselves.

Mark 1: 14 – 20 *The call of Jesus: 'follow me.'*

Jesus begins his ministry in Galilee by calling his first disciples, the founders of a new community of disciples who would change their lives and follow his way.

Eucharistic Prayer: B, (pages 8 – 9), with a Preface for All Saints-tide, followed by the Lord's Prayer and Holy Communion (page 21).

*If you normally receive Holy Communion in your own church, you are welcome to do so with us. If you are not going to receive Communion, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing instead – simply bow your head as you approach the priest, or you can say, 'Blessing please.'*

**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 Monday to Saturday, 10.00am to 2.00pm  
(12.00 – 2.00 on Thursday)

**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, 14<sup>th</sup> November.**

**10.30am Eucharist** at Espiritu Santo, Los Gigantes

(Readings: Philemon 7 – 20; Luke 17: 20 – 25)

**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.