

**Next Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> December:** Advent I

**Eucharist:** Times and locations as today

(Readings: Jeremiah 33: 14 - 16; Psalm 25; 1 Thessalonians 3: 9 – 13;  
Luke 31: 25 – 36)

A thought for the day

'What we discover in the New Testament...is that the Kingdom of God is a new world order, a new age, a promised hope begun in the teaching and ministry of Jesus – and continued in us....'

We have only the first fruits of the Kingdom in this world, but we experience enough to know that it's the only thing that will ever satisfy us. Once we have had the truth, half-truths do not satisfy us anymore.' *Richard Rohr*

A prayer for the week for ourselves

Lord our God, help us to give each person their due in respect, dignity and justice. Turn us into makers of peace and make our love generous and self-effacing in the service of all, that we may show that Jesus Christ is our Lord and King, now and for ever. Amen.

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***Walking together in faith***

**Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024: Christ the King**  
*(Sunday before Advent)*

**The Sunday Eucharist**

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

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

6.00pm **Espíritu Santo**, Los Gigantes

Welcome to everyone to our worship. On today's feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King, which concludes the Church's calendar year, what kind of a king is shown to us? A man wearing a crown of thorns, in a purple mantle to mock him as a fake, and standing as an accused criminal before a confused Pontius Pilate who represents power as the world has usually understood it. But where is *true* power to be found? It is in the truth of God to which Jesus came to testify by going all the way in demonstrating serving love. In Jesus we see what the power of God looks like. It is

complete self-giving and unconditional love. This is *real* power that reduces worldly expressions of power to nothing.

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

Daniel 7: 9 – 10 & 13 – 14 *Human being and eternal King*

In Daniel's vision, a human figure will be brought to God (the 'Ancient One') and will have power and kingship conferred upon him. This human being (traditionally, 'son of man') has a divine quality and is commissioned by God to conquer evil and chaos and to reign as king. This passage was used extensively by the very early Church to throw light on the identity of the Christ.

Psalm 93, with the response:

**The Lord shall reign for ever and ever**

Revelation I: 4b – 8 *All glory and power to Christ*

Revelation celebrates Jesus as the firstborn from the dead, and looks forward to the process by which his heavenly kingdom, won by his faithful death, floods all other realms and overcomes all other power structures.

John 18: 33 – 37 *Christ's kingdom is not of this world*

The kingdom of Jesus is not concerned with territories and borders but with listening (and acting on) the voice of Jesus and living according to

God's truth. Like Pontius Pilate, today's world has the opportunity to *listen* to the voice of Jesus, but may be as far from grasping the point as Pilate was.

Eucharistic Prayer: B, (pages 8 – 9), with the Preface for Christ the King, 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 Monday to Saturday, 10.00am to 2.00pm  
(12.00 – 2.00 on Thursday)

**From Monday, 25th November:** The Swedish church in Los Cristianos hosts an art exhibition by local artists; from 10.00am – 4.00pm every day this week.

**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, 28th November.**

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

(Readings: Revelation 18: 1 – 2, 21 – 23, 19: 1 – 3; Luke 21: 20 – 28)

**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.