

Advanced notice for Sunday, 6th October: Our **Patronal Festival** in honour of St Francis of Assisi. Also to include the delayed celebration of John's 40th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. There will be a single Eucharist on this day; **10.15am at San Eugenio**, followed by a lunch locally. Further details to follow.

A thought for the day

'When Christ calls himself the 'Light of the world' (John 8: 12), he is not telling us to look just at him, but to look out at life with his all-merciful eyes. We see him so we can see *like him*, and with the same infinite compassion.' - *Richard Rohr*

A prayer for the week for ourselves

Lord our God, we give you thanks that your Son Jesus has shared himself with us in our Eucharistic celebration. We ask you to give us his Spirit of strength that we may also share in his attitude of openness to your will and to the needs of those around us. May we thus fulfil more than the law and serve you as your sons and daughters, in whom you recognise the likeness of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord for ever. Amen.

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Walking together in faith

1st September 2024

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

(22nd 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. We have come together to listen to the word of God and to eat from God's table. To listen means not simply to hear what the Lord has to say, but to digest what it is he is saying and let that word guide our life. But even then, our obedience to the word of God should not become a mechanical compliance, and unthinking observance of 'the rules.' That is fake religion! God is a God who loves us, who wants to be near his people. If we respond to God's love, our response to his word and commandments must be a response from the heart, given to God by free and responsible people who follow the example of Jesus who always put the worship of God and the needs of others first.

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

Deuteronomy 4: 1 – 2 & 6 – 9 *The Law brings wisdom and life*
Moses teaches the Israelites during their wilderness sojourn. Keeping God's law brings wisdom and life to God's people. It is their response of loyalty to God's liberating nearness.

Psalm 15 with the response:

The just will live in the presence of the Lord

James 1: 17 – 27 *Live by God's word*

James tells us how God's word has brought us life. We should put it into practice, with love of our fellow human beings as the heart of it. Then our worship of God will be genuine.

Mark 7: 1 – 8, 14 – 15 & 21 – 23 *Serve God with the heart*

Jesus teaches that true religion consists in a personal relationship with God (and people), not in the merely outward observance of the law. Human customs or traditions (sometimes mistaken for right religious practice) often stand in the way of God's law of love.

Eucharistic Prayer: B (pages 8 – 9), 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

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 is open on Fridays only 10.00am – 2.00pm. Apologies for the inconvenience. Hopefully, we will return to daily opening in the coming weeks.

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.

There will be no service at Espiritu Santo, Los Gigantes on Thursdays 5th and 12th September.

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, 8th September Trinity 15

Eucharist: 10.15am San Eugenio

President and Preacher: The Revd Bob Horrocks.

Please note the variations in service arrangements while John and Rosemary are on holiday (5th September to 2nd October). The details are now on the church noticeboards and will shortly appear on our website.