

Next Sunday, 24th November: Christ the King

Eucharist: Times and locations as today

(Readings: Daniel 7:9 – 10, 13 - 14; Psalm 93; Revelation 1: 4b – 8;
John 18: 33 – 37)

A thought for the day

‘Two yearnings are at the heart of the Christian message. The first is a yearning for God. The second is the yearning for a better world that is expressed in the second great commandment, to love your neighbour as yourself. For me, being Christian provides a vehicle, a vessel, a community for living out those yearnings.’

Marcus Borg

A prayer of the week for ourselves

Lord, God of hope, you have saved us in the past, you give us your Son in the present, our future is in your hands, yet you have entrusted it also to us. 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, 17th November 2024 **Second Sunday before Advent**
(33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

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. Today the liturgy speaks to us of troubled times and God's judgement. When and how the very end of the world will come is known to God alone. What we do now is that the end time has already begun with the coming of Jesus Christ, when he became one of us in his humanity, died and rose from the dead. With him risen and among us now we live our faith even in the trials of life, not in fear but in the firm hope that God's love and justice will triumph, and that Christ will complete in us in God's good time what we try to build up as we live and trust in him. For we are people of hope in a loving and saving God. Let us renew this hope as we share in today's Eucharist. We welcome David Horton who will preach at Espiritu Santo today.

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 12: 1 – 3 *A vision of judgement*

To the faithful Jews, upset on account of persecution, the writer speaks a message of hope. He looks forward to the pattern of final events in which the righteous are vindicated and the unrighteous are punished.

Psalm 16, with the response:

Preserve me, O God, for in you have I taken refuge

Hebrews 10: 11 – 14; 19 – 25 *Christ's saving sacrifice*

The writer tells how the old temple sacrifices for sin were but a foreshadowing of the one truly and effective sacrifice of Jesus himself which opened the way for humanity to a new and living intimacy with God. We are encouraged to be faithful, to support one another in living the new life we have been given as we look forward to its fulfilment on the 'Day of the Lord.'

Mark 13: 1 – 8 *The birth pangs of the new age*

The words of Jesus reveal symptoms of an ongoing struggle between good and evil. The final victory and the bringing to birth

of the new creation will necessarily generate painful 'birth pangs' in the form of wars and other calamities.

Eucharistic Prayer: E, (pages 14 – 15), with a Preface for All Saints-tide, 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 Furnston, in church (San Eugenio) or by email to sgfurnston@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, 21st November.

10.30am Eucharist at Espiritu Santo, Los Gigantes

(Readings: Revelation 5: 1 – 10; Luke 19: 41 – 44)

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.