

Lent Course – ‘Walking with Jesus through the Gospel of Mark’ will shortly (hopefully!) be available in audio and video on our website.

A thought for the day

‘The kingdom of God is about the transformation of life in this world – of individual lives and of the world itself. It is “the dream of God” for the earth.’ – *Marcus J Borg*

A prayer for the week for ourselves

Loving and patient God, we thank you for Jesus your Son. He has spoken to us words of peace, of forgiveness and encouragement. He has given himself to us as our food for the journey of life. May he be our companion on the way that we may not stumble and fall. May he lead us through trials and lapses as we grow and transform into the people you desire us to be. May we, in our turn, support one another on the way by the grace and power of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Walking together in faith

Sunday, 28th February 2021 **First Sunday of Lent**

The Sunday Eucharist:

10.15am **San Eugenio, Pueblo Canario, Las Americas;**

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

6.00pm **Espíritu Santo, Los Gigantes**

Welcome to everyone to our worship. As we begin Lent, the urgent message addressed to us is: ‘Repent (turn your life around)! Have a change of heart! Be converted! But who likes to change one’s habits, mentality or lifestyle? It is difficult to change our ways, or improve them, move from where we are now to where the Lord would have us be. Even Jesus was *driven* by the Spirit to the wilderness to face temptation, to see with clear eyes and mind who he was, what his task was to be, and how people and events would try to turn him away from his mission. But Jesus was stronger than temptation and sin. May his Spirit convert us to be what we are called to be and to do what we have to do as followers of Jesus.

Voiced hymns (unannounced but in the order in which they appear on the hymn boards) will be played during the service. Please remain seated. You are welcome to sing softly or hum behind your mask! At Communion time, the sacrament (one kind only) will be brought to you at your seat unless otherwise announced. Please stand if you are going to receive Communion, or if preferred, remain seated and indicate appropriately that you wish to receive.

Today's readings

Genesis 9: 8 – 17 *God's covenant with Noah*

The first biblical covenant between God and his people and all living creatures is given through Noah. God promises that he will never destroy the work of his hands. The rainbow is the sign that his covenant is steadfast.

Psalms 25: 1 – 9, with the response:

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love.

1 Peter 3: 18 – 22 *One with Christ in Baptism*

A message for discouraged Christians: Christ, too, has gone through suffering and death, but he is risen. You are one with him by baptism and he will save you.

Mark 1: 9- 15 *Repent, and believe the gospel*

After being put to the test in the wilderness, Jesus comes to Galilee and sums up his mission with the words: The time is fulfilled, the kingdom of God has come near. Repent, and believe the good news.

Eucharistic Prayer: B (pages 8 – 9 of the service book) beginning with the extended Preface for Lent. After the Eucharistic Prayer we resume with the Lord's Prayer on page 21.

After the service everyone will be most welcome to some fellowship time at the appropriate local café, as will be announced verbally.

(It is appreciated that not everyone will be willing to meet socially during the current pandemic).

Church financial giving

At this time of Covid-19 precautions, no collection is taken at the Offertory, so please place your offering in the basket provided at the back of the church as you leave. Alternatively, or additionally, contributions will be most welcome by bank transfer to either our euro or sterling accounts. The details are as follows:

For Euros:

Bank: Santander

Account Number: 0049 5857 71 211 600 2325

Account Name: Capellania Anglicana de Tenerife Sur

For Sterling:

Natwest Bank

Account Number: 63550873

Sort Code: 60 – 08 – 31

Account Name: St Francis Anglican Church of Tenerife South

Our Charity Shop, Los Gigantes.

Open Monday to Saturday, 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. Come along and look for the bargains. **Donations of clothes and books** will be particularly welcome at this time.

Contacts: Margaret Rainton and Marisha Carter.

Monday, 22nd February

2.00pm – Church Council meeting at Callao Salvaje

Sunday, 7th March, Lent 2

Eucharist:

Times and locations as today