

Lent Study – ‘Walking with Jesus through the Gospel of Mark.’
The Week 4 presentation is available on the website.

Advance notice: **Good Friday, 2nd April – at San Blas:** The Liturgy of the Cross, with the San Blas Roman Catholics, time to be confirmed but probably 3.00pm. All welcome.

A thought for the day

‘We have been invited – even now, even today, even this moment – to live consciously in the communion of saints, in the Presence, in the Body, in the Life of the eternal and eternally Risen Christ.’ –
Richard Rohr

A prayer for the week for ourselves

Patient and merciful God, you do not condemn us but raised up Jesus your Son above us and among us to lift us up from our guilt and sorrow. With him, and in gratitude to you, let us be grace and goodness to one another. Help us to lift up the fallen and broken hearted, to bind their wounds and to let them become fully human and free as your sons and daughters in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Walking together in faith

Sunday, 14th March 2021 **Fourth Sunday of Lent**
(Mothering Sunday)

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. We are reminded in our liturgy today of how God loves the world so much that he came among us as one of us through the human life of Jesus. If this message is true, how could we possibly be indifferent to it. If we deeply believe that God finds us lovable, how could we not put our trust in him? He does not compel or impose himself on us, he just invites us. God wants to nurture and to care for us and to let that be an example of how we treat others. Such thoughts are appropriate for Mothering Sunday. We give thanks today for all mothers and for all that ‘mother’ means in our life experience: all who have

nurtured, loved and cared for us and helped us to be who we are. At its best, a mother's love is a living example of the love of God.

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.

Today's readings

Numbers 21: 4 – 9 *A bronze serpent, a pointer to the cross*
The people of Israel in the wilderness were losing faith in God and were resorting to faith in themselves, with potentially disastrous consequences. In that chaotic situation, God acted and provided a focus (the bronze snake on a staff), as a sign of his saving involvement with them.

Psalms 107: 1 – 3 & 17 – 20, with the response:
O give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures for ever.

Ephesians 2: 1 – 10 *All is grace*
Paul claims that it is by grace alone that we have been saved. Thus our salvation is not the *result* of any good works of ours, rather, our good works are the response to the good news of our salvation.

John 3: 14 – 21 *Saved by the cross of Christ*
John portrays a world that is already lost, one that lives according to its own 'lights' which give no light at all. The situation parallels that in the camp of Israel (1st reading). John reuses the imagery. God enters a situation of chaos to provide a means of escape. He presents Jesus lifted up on the cross as a sign of God's faithful love for his people.

Eucharistic Prayer: From the Scottish Episcopal (Anglican) Rite with a Lenten 'proper.' The Lord's Prayer follows (page 21).

Please stand if you are going to receive Communion, or if preferred, remain seated and indicate appropriately that you wish to receive.

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.

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Next Sunday, 21st March, Lent 5

Eucharist: Times and locations as today