

A thought for the season

‘The Christian revelation was precisely that we are already spiritual (“in God”), and our difficult but necessary task is to learn how to become human. Jesus came to model the full integration for us (see 1 Corinthians 15: 47 – 49). He told us, in effect that divinity looked just like him – while he looked ordinarily human to everybody!’ – *Richard Rohr*

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:

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Walking together in faith

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Thursday, 24th December 2020

Eucharist of the Night:

6.00pm **Espiritu Santo, Los Gigantes**

(For Christmas Morning please turn the page!)

Welcome to everyone to our Christmas worship. Our first service of Christmas Day announces the birth of the Saviour. Tonight, the world is reminded how God became flesh and blood like us. He joined us in our human poverty as he was born of Mary in humble circumstances. There we could see how God had eyes to smile at us, ears to hear our cries, arms to extend to us and embrace us, a life to live for us and to give up for us. Has his coming changed us and brought us closer to him?

Voiced hymns (carols) 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.

Tonight's readings

Isaiah 9: 2 – 7 *A light in our darkness*

A child born to us will bring us light and peace from God.

Psalm 96: 1 – 3 & 11 – 13 with the response:

Today a saviour has been born to us; he is Christ the Lord.

Titus 2: 11 – 14 *Jesus, the gift of God's grace*

The coming of Jesus was God's gift of grace to all people. But he depends on our cooperation.

Luke 2: 1 – 14 *Today a Saviour has been born to us*

This is the Good News of tonight: a Saviour has been born to us. It is news of great joy which we are to share with the world, and give glory and praise to God!

Eucharistic Prayer B with preface for Christmas Day

Friday, 25th December 2020

Eucharist of the Day:

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

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

As we continue our celebration of the birth of our Lord, we rejoice in the truth that in Jesus, God's Word and promises become alive. God comes to

us in a child, he comes to share our humanity, and comes to set us free. Jesus shows us who God is: a saving, loving God who is close to us. Do we listen to his Word? Do we give him our word of acceptance and love?

Prayer at the Advent Wreath:

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, King of peace: to you be praise and glory for ever. The new light of your incarnate Word gives gladness in our sorrow, and a presence in our isolation. Fill our lives with your light, until they overflow with gladness and praise. Blessed be God for ever.

Lord Jesus, Light of light, you have come among us. Help us who live by your light to shine as lights in your world. Glory to God in the highest. Amen.

Today's readings

Isaiah 52: 7 – 10 *The good news of liberation*

Through the prophet God announces liberation to his people in captivity. This liberation is brought to us too by the coming of Jesus.

Psalm 98: 1 – 7 with the response:

The Lord has made known his salvation

Hebrews 1: 1 – 4 *Now God speaks to us through his Son*

God has often spoken to people, including through the medium of human seer, sage and sybil, but in the coming of Jesus Christ, God speaks to us his definitive word. In him we see what God means and who God is.

John 1: 1 – 14 *The Word became flesh and dwelt among us*

Jesus is the image of the Father, God's Word become human, God's light in our darkness, God living among us. Do we accept him as he is, and so also live as God's children?

Eucharistic Prayer B with preface for Christmas Day

Sunday, 27th December 2020 Christmas I

Eucharist

10.15am **San Eugenio;**

12 noon **San Blas**

6.00pm **Espiritu Santo.**

(Readings: Isaiah 61: 10 – 62: 3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4: 4 – 7;
Luke 2: 15 - 21)