

### A thought for the day

‘The gifts that God provides are available to all. The early Christians were Jews and were surprised that God was bringing Gentiles into the Christian family. But God is generous and inclusive. How could they withhold the baptism from people who God has accepted?’ – *Jill Pargeter (in today's homily)*

### A prayer for the week for ourselves

God our Father, in this Eucharistic celebration you have given us your Son Jesus Christ to strengthen us in love for you and for one another. Accept our thanks and bring out the best in us, that we may bear rich fruit of faithful, reliable love. May your Holy Spirit unite us to build community with one another and to live in your love and joy today and every day. Amen.

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### ***Walking together in faith***

**Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2021; Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
*(Rogation and Christian Aid Sunday)*

### **The Sunday Eucharist:**

10.15 a.m **San Eugenio**, Pueblo Canario, Las Americas;

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

6.00pm **Espiritu Santo**, Los Gigantes

### *The Easter greeting:*

**Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Welcome to everyone to our worship. We are reminded again today that the heart of Christianity is *LOVE*: love of God, love of one another, love for everyone. This is a very demanding love, for it commits us to love not only those we like and who love us, or like-minded fellow Christians, but also the difficult ones, the ‘unlovable,’ people far from perfect, and also those beyond our circle or culture, outsiders, ‘different’..... That is not so easy, and this is probably why Jesus calls it a commandment. Let us ask the

Lord in this Eucharist to help us grow in genuine universal Christian love.

*As usual for these times 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 be aware that **in the first hymn**, the recording for the last two verses bears almost no resemblance to the words in the book. Blame the compilers of the book, not the recording which follows the traditional and best-known wording!*

#### Today's readings

Acts of the Apostles 10: 44 – 48    *God's love open to all*  
God's sign to Peter and the Church that believers from the Gentile, non-Jewish world are accepted and loved by God is that the Holy Spirit comes down on them too.

Psalm 98: 1 – 7, with the response:

**The Lord has made known his salvation.**

1 John 5: 1 – 6    *A life of faith and love*  
Those who believe in God and in his risen Son Jesus Christ also love their neighbour. They belong to God's family, just as we do, even though at times we may find them strange relatives.

John 15: 9 – 17    *'Love one another as I have loved you.'*  
Jesus loves his disciples and wants them to stay in his love and joy by keeping his commandment to love one another.

*The homily today will include a presentation for Christian Aid Week by Jill Pargeter who worked for the organisation for 18 years.*

Eucharistic Prayer: B (pages 8 – 9) with an Easter Preface, followed by the Lord's Prayer (page 21)

*The Easter dismissal:*

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

*After the services at San Eugenio and San Blas all are welcome to some fellowship time at the usual cafes.*

#### **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

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**Today there will also be an optional retiring collection for the work of Christian Aid.** In the absence of the usual CA envelopes please use the Gift Aid envelopes provided with your books, without writing any details on them. Thank you.

**Our Charity Shop, Los Gigantes**, open 10.00am to 2.00pm, Monday to Saturday.

Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> May; 2.00pm

**Church Council meeting** at Callao Salvaje Community Church

Next Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> May; Easter 7 (Sunday after Ascension Day):

**Eucharist:**

Times and locations as today. (Readings: Acts 1: 15 – 17 & 21 – 26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5: 9 – 13; John 17: 6 – 19).