

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.

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Monday 1st to Wednesday 3rd February. The annual Archdeaconry of Gibraltar Synod takes place, not in the usual location of Torrevieja on the mainland, but in the homes of our reps (John, Marisha and Gwen) via Zoom, the normal meeting place in these Covid times!

A prayer for the week for ourselves

Our God and Father, you spoke your mighty word to the cosmos and there was light. You have spoken your Word Jesus Christ among us and there is light in our lives. Do not allow us to keep this light of Jesus hidden under the shade of our mediocrity, but let it shine in our words and deeds, that it may brighten the footsteps of all people in search of the truth. We ask this in the name of the light and guiding star of our lives, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Walking together in faith

Sunday, 31st January 2021

The Presentation of the Lord in the Temple

(2nd February, transferred as usual to the nearest 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. Today we celebrate the feast commonly known as Candlemas which brings the connected seasons of Christmas and Epiphany to an end. It is a feast of joy because of the light and hope that Christ brings to the world. But there is also an element of sadness: what Jesus will go through on the way to his destiny will bring heartbreak to his mother, and he will be rejected by many of his own people. After Communion we proclaim with lighted candles that we do not reject him but follow him as the light of our lives and of our world.

Voiced hymns 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

Malachi 3: 1 – 5 *The Saviour will purify us.*

The anonymous prophet given the name Malachi ('my messenger') relates how the Saviour will come to his temple, that is, live among his people to purify their hearts.

Psalm 24: 7 – 10 with the response:

The Lord of hosts; he is the king of glory.

Hebrews 2: 14 – 18 *Jesus came like us to help us.*

Jesus came among us to be one with us in our trials, and as our high priest made the perfect offering of himself which gives us freedom in God.

Luke 2: 22 – 40 *The light shines for those who accept it.*

Jesus came to bring salvation: wholeness, life, freedom in God, deliverance from all that oppresses. It was costly for him, and is also for those who follow him because not everyone will accept the light and peace that he brings.

Eucharistic Prayer: B, beginning with the Preface for the Presentation of Christ.

After Communion candles will be lit and the final hymn will be sung followed by the concluding prayer. The Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon) may be said as follows:

Response: **A light to lighten the nations and the glory of your people Israel.**

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled.

Response.

My own eyes have seen the salvation; which you have prepared in the sight of every people.

Response.

A light to reveal you to the nations; and the glory of your people Israel.

Response.

Final Responsory

Father, here we bring to an end our celebration of the Saviour's birth.

Help us, in whom he has been born to live his life that has no end.

Here we have offered the Church's sacrifice of praise. **Help us, who have received the bread of life, to be thankful for your gift.**

Here we have rejoiced with faithful Simeon and Anna. **Help us, who have found the Lord in his temple, to trust in your eternal promises.**

Here we have greeted the light of the world. **Help us, who will now extinguish these candles, never to forsake the light of Christ.**

Here we stand near the place of baptism. **Help us, who are marked with the cross, to share the Lord's death and resurrection.**

Here we turn from Christ's birth to his passion. **Help us, for whom Lent is near, to enter deeply into the Easter mystery.**

Here we bless one another in your name. **Help us, who now go in peace, to shine with your light in the world. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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).

Sunday, 7th February 2nd Sunday before Lent

Eucharist:

10.15am San Eugenio

12 noon San Blas

6.00pm Espiritu Santo