

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, Wednesday, 17th February.
There will be a said Eucharist at 10.15am at San Eugenio. Due to the current pandemic precautions it is unlikely that ashes will be used in the normal way. Further details next Sunday, but please make a note of the day and time now.

A prayer for the week for ourselves

Loving Creator, you made humanity for yourself with hearts that are restless till they rest in you. Male and female, you made us for your glory, to reflect and fulfil your longings for our world. In the life of Jesus Christ, you offered us a vision of yourself, a pattern of your generous and profligate love. Entice us by your Spirit, the kiss of God renewing all creation, so that we become more fully human, more truly what you would have us be, and discover our beginning, continuing and ending in you. Amen.

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Walking together in faith

Sunday, 7th February 2021 **Second Sunday before 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. In our readings today, we consider the central Christian message of God among us, incarnate, enfleshed, ‘earthed,’ actually one of us in the person of Jesus. Many times in the course of history God spoke and his word was effective and liberating. In Jesus he spoke his definitive Word, born a child of people, born to save us and bring us back to God. Do we listen to God’s Word, Jesus? Do we allow this Word to transform our lives?

Voiced hymns (unannounced but in the order they appear on the hymnboards) will be played during the service. Please remain seated. You are welcome to sing softly or hum behind your mask!

The words and number of verses may not always correspond to what appears in the hymn book! That is a reality of the current times as we strive to find and download suitable hymns that are voiced. 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

Proverbs 8: 1, 22 – 31 *God's creative wisdom*

In the Old Testament, God lets his word of wisdom speak as a person who carries out God's plan. We understand that God's living word, and God's wisdom took on human form in Jesus Christ who helps us to live according to God's wise plan.

Psalm 104: 26 – 37 with the response:

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.

Colossians 1: 15 – 20 *God is near to us in Christ*

An ancient hymn that tells us how near God wanted to be to us, so much so that he became visible in his Son Jesus Christ, the first-born of all creation. In Christ we are reconciled and brought close to the living God.

John 1: 1 – 14 *The Word became flesh*

We hear again the great Christmas Gospel about the mystery of Jesus: he is, as our second reading proclaims, the image of God the Father, God's Word in human form, God's light in our darkness, God living among us.

Eucharistic Prayer: G (pages 18 – 19 of service book)

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.

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Sunday, 14th February, Sunday before Lent

Eucharist:

10.15am San Eugenio

12 noon San Blas

6.00pm Espiritu Santo