

### A thought for the day

‘We who formerly . . . valued above all things the acquisition of wealth and possessions, now bring what we have into a common stock, and communicate to everyone in need; we who hated and destroyed one another, and on account of their different manners would not live with people of a different tribe, now, since the coming of Christ, live familiarly with them, and pray for our enemies.’ - *Justin Martyr (c.100 – c. 165)*

### A prayer for the week for ourselves

Our God and Father, we thank you with all our hearts for giving us a sure guide, who knows where he leads us, your Son Jesus Christ. We ask you to keep giving us today pastors in the image of your Son: men and women full of compassion and vision, sensitive to people and their needs, open to the demands and potentials of the gospel and of our times. May they be true shepherds through the grace and power of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

**Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021:**    **Seventh Sunday after Trinity**  
*(16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the liturgical year)*

### **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

Welcome to everyone to our worship. We hear today's Good News that God cares for us with a love deeper and more tender than even the most loving of parents. God is particularly close to those who need him most: the weak, the suffering, those who in much of the world's eyes count for nothing. That is the quality of love God showed us in Jesus; that is the love God invites us to have for each other: deep, compassionate, patient, always wanting the good in one another to show itself. Let us ask Jesus in this Eucharist to help us embrace such a compassionate and committed

love for our fellow human beings, not simply for 'our own kind' and those we find it easy to get on with.

*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.*

### Today's readings

Jeremiah 23: 1 – 6 *In search of a true shepherd*

The leaders of Israel have been bad shepherds, says Jeremiah, which is why the flock has been scattered, the people forced into exile in a foreign land. But God is just and will restore his faithful people to their land and shepherd them properly under the leadership of a righteous king. For Christians this prophecy is fulfilled in Jesus.

Psalm 23, with the response:

**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

Ephesians 2: 11 – 22 *Christ is our peace*

Through the blood of Jesus Christ, both Jews and Gentiles become God's people; enemies are reconciled, no one is a stranger, all are citizens and members of the household of God.

Mark 6: 30 – 34 & 53 – 56 *Heart for a leaderless people*

Although he and his disciples needed some days off for rest, Jesus could not close his heart to the leaderless people who searched for him. As a good shepherd he nourished them with his teaching and restored them with his healing touch.

Eucharistic Prayer: B (pages 8 – 9). The Lord's Prayer follows (page 21).

*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

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If you would like to set up a regular payment and you pay UK tax, please contact our treasurer Gwen Furnmston for the necessary declaration form which will increase your donation by 25% at no cost to you, on [sgfurmston@gmail.com](mailto:sgfurmston@gmail.com)

### **Our Charity Shop, Los Gigantes**

Open Tuesday to Saturday 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. Closed on Mondays until further notice. Come along and look for the bargains. Donations of suitable items always most welcome. Enquiries – please contact Marisha.

**Marguerite McElroy**, a regular home communicant, was on Friday, formally admitted as an Oblate Novice of the Community of the Holy

Cross, with whom she has had links for many years. John represented the Mother Superior of the Nottingham-based community in conducting the Admission ceremony which took place within a Eucharist celebrated in Marguerite's bedroom. Marisha, Rosemary and Marguerite's two principal carers were also in attendance. Please pray for Marguerite as she pursues her spiritual journey while coping with serious physical disability.

Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> July: Trinity 8

**Eucharist:**

Times and locations as today.

(Readings: 2 Kings 4: 42 – 44; Psalm 145; Ephesians 3: 14 – 21;

John 6: 1 – 21)