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# From the Editor

Those of you who not only receive a copy of this magazine but also read it will know that for several years we have been collecting recipes with the view of publishing a Chaplaincy Recipe book. In the December issue of this magazine I told you that we were going to publish the recipes on a computer CD. This has now been done and copies are available in our churches for 7€ each. With the CD you can browse the recipes on the computer and print any you want to try. Then if you spill the milk on it you can print another one with no real loss. When I return to the UK for the summer at the beginning of this month I will be setting up a mail order facility to purchase the CD in the UK. So watch this space. I will tell you more in the May issue. They would make a good Christmas present!!

For some time we have been supporting the Nuns of Arona and after church, while drinking coffee a few weeks ago, someone asked what they did. You know that I am always after suggestions to fill these pages and here is proof that I take notice. On page 20 you will find an article.

Well it's April, the time that the minds of 'swallows' start to turn, often reluctantly, to thoughts of rain, late spring frosts and high-cost petrol in the UK. To all our winter visitors we say 'we hope the British summer is better than last year's and we look forward to meeting up again with you in the autumn.'

## ***The Editor***

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## From Our Chaplain

My dear friends in Christ,

**E**aster Sunday is the culmination of a long period of self examination and so it is right that we celebrate this very special day – after all we are an Easter people. It was the resurrection that changed disciples who were depressed and angry about Jesus' death on the cross into eager apostles. It is the day which gave birth to the Christian Church and its mission to the world. Christmas is merely another birth, Good Friday another wasteful death, Holy Communion a charade – unless - it is true that Jesus, who died on the cross of Calvary is the one who rose again.

Once again there will be a group of us going up to Adeje to see the re-enactment of Christ's Passion on Good Friday – you're welcome to join us and then come to San Eugenio for a short time of reflection following the Stations of the Cross from the point of view of the Centurion and singing that beautiful Spiritual Chant 'Were you there when they crucified our Lord'. And we were present, even though in a re-enactment and we do tremble at the enormity of what we have seen.

This is, after all what the Easter TRIDUUM (The three holy days before Easter Sunday) are all about, starting with the Ceremonial Washing of Feet at Los Gigantes on Maundy Thursday at 10.30 am.

Unless we are humble in God's presence, until we experience his suffering on the cross for us, how can we possibly expect to experience the Glory of the resurrection. This, my friends, is what Lent has been about, preparing ourselves by sharing in His suffering and then rejoicing with Him on that glorious Easter morning. Join us on the beach at 7.30 am at El Médano for an Easter Sunrise

service and then come to the great festivals later in the day. After all, we are Easter people – let's rejoice and celebrate this great feast.

Last month I attended the Installation of the new Chaplain in Gran Canaria – The Revd. Peter Ford, by our Archdeacon The Venerable David Sutch. As he starts his new ministry let us join together in prayer for his new ministry.

May God Bless you and those you love this Easter.

Your Chaplain and friend

***Fr. Keith***

### **Installation of Fr. Peter Ford new Chaplain Gran Canaria**



From L to R: Fr. Idris Vaughn Lanzarote; David Dowdell Lay reader Lanzarote; Fr. Peter Ford new Chaplain Gran Canaria; Ven David Sutch, Archdeacon; Fr. Keith Gordon Tenerife South; Fr. David Jenkins Tenerife North.

## Diary for April

1 <sup>st</sup>	Wed	10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Said	– San Eugenio
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Thur	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
		4.00 pm	Lent Course	– Residence
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fri			
4 <sup>th</sup>	Sat			
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday</b>		<b>Palm Sunday</b>	
		10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– San Eugenio
			Church Lunch	– San Eugenio
		6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
		6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung (by Extension)	– San Blas
6 <sup>th</sup>	Mon		Monday in Holy Week	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Tues		Tuesday in Holy Week	
		11.00 am	Lent Course	– Christine Gaunt's
8 <sup>th</sup>	Wed		<b>Wednesday in Holy Week</b>	
		10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Said	– San Eugenio
9 <sup>th</sup>	Thur		<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	
		10.30 am	Ceremonial Washing of Feet & Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
			Church Lunch	– Los Gigantes
10 <sup>th</sup>	Fri		<b>Good Friday</b>	
		11.00am	Visit to Adeje Passion	
		3.00 pm	Stations of the Cross	– San Eugenio
11 <sup>th</sup>	Sat		Holy Saturday	
<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday</b>		<b>Easter Day</b>	
		7.30 am	Sun Rise Service	– El Médano Beach
		10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– San Eugenio
		6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
		6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung	– San Blas
13 <sup>th</sup>	Mon			
14 <sup>th</sup>	Tues			
15 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Said	– San Eugenio
16 <sup>th</sup>	Thur	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo

17<sup>th</sup> Fri

18<sup>th</sup> Sat

**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday      Divine Mercy Sunday (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter)**

10.15 am Holy Eucharist Sung      – San Eugenio  
6.00 pm Holy Eucharist Sung      – Espiritu Santo  
6.00 pm Holy Eucharist Sung      – San Blas

20<sup>th</sup> Mon

21<sup>st</sup> Tues

22<sup>nd</sup> Wed      10.15 am Holy Eucharist Said      – San Eugenio

23<sup>rd</sup> Thur      St George Patron of England  
Holy Eucharist      – St Georges  
Santa Cruz

24<sup>th</sup> Fri

25<sup>th</sup> Sat      St Mark the Evangelist

**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday      3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

10.15 am Holy Eucharist Sung      – San Eugenio  
6.00 pm Holy Eucharist Sung      – Espiritu Santo  
6.00 pm Holy Eucharist Sung      – San Blas

27<sup>th</sup> Mon

28<sup>th</sup> Tues

29<sup>th</sup> Wed      St Catherine of Sienna Patron of Europe

10.15 am Holy Eucharist Said      – San Eugenio

30<sup>th</sup> Thur      10.30 am Holy Eucharist Sung      – Espiritu Santo

**May**

1<sup>st</sup> Fri      10.15 am Holy Eucharist Said      – San Eugenio

2<sup>nd</sup> Sat      10.30 am Holy Eucharist Sung      – Espiritu Santo

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday      4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

10.15 am Holy Eucharist Sung      – San Eugenio  
Church Lunch      – San Eugenio  
6.00 pm Holy Eucharist Sung      – Espiritu Santo  
6.00 pm Holy Eucharist Sung      – San Blas



# *Intercessions*

THE SICK FOR WHOM WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PRAY:

## ***The Power of Prayer***

Baby Jamie – Edwin & Chioma Azodo – Lesley Bailey – Eileen Baldwin  
Sheila & Cuni Bonzaier – Alan Bosley – Gwen Bower – Cian Brady  
Doreen Brown – Joan Caselton – Marisha Carter – Mendoza Chinaea  
Samuel Coker – David Cole – Milton Cole – Gladys Cole  
Norma & Maisie Collins – Doris Dendy – Bro. Edward SSF  
Rev. Jeff Engel – Victoria Ford – Beth Gaunt – Peter Goldsmith  
Bryan Goulding – Paul Hazelby – Declan Holmes – Joseph Horne  
Roger Hunt – David Jutson – Pam & Howard Lacey  
Betty Lee-Westworth – Mary Mansell – Philip McKenna  
David Memmott – Hazel Noble – Simon Norman-Ballantyne  
Brian Norris – Pam Paterson – David Pinchbeck – Alec Reid  
Mary Roe – Ewen Smith – Fr Robert Sterman – Susan Stratton  
Hilda Thomas – Edna – Neville Thompson – John & Anne Vaughn  
Rosemary Walton – Bruce Weldon – Harry Wilkinson  
Barbara Williams – Frank Winpenny – Philip Wisike

## ***The Recently Departed***

Nick Vicery

## ***Years Mind – Anniversary of Passing***

April 13 <sup>th</sup>	Walter Manning
17 <sup>th</sup>	Elsie Lowe
18 <sup>th</sup>	George Barker
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Dennis Atkinson
24 <sup>th</sup>	Glyn Davies

## ***Birthdays***

April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Chris O'Connor
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## Bishop's Easter Message, 2009

Is Easter a noun or a verb? Most of us would, I suspect, say it is a noun. We might also, if we were interested in the origins of words, go on to say that our English word 'Easter' comes from the name of a pagan goddess of spring, Eostre. The old Christian name for this festival was 'the Christian Passover', often called simply the Pasch, from the Hebrew word for the Jewish Passover Festival – hence that mysterious word 'Paschal' in older Easter hymns.

We are used to keeping Holy Week, starting on Palm Sunday and then moving through the great three days – Maundy Thursday, when we commemorate the Last Supper, the Institution of the Eucharist, and Jesus washing the feet of his disciples, the new commandment (*mandatum* in Latin which gives the day its name) to love one another, followed by Jesus' agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, and his betrayal by Judas; then on Good Friday, the starkest day in the Christian Year, we come to the foot of the Cross to contemplate the three hours of agonising dying, the mockery and the taunts, with the beloved disciple and Mary the Mother of Jesus and the other women at the foot of the Cross; and on Holy Saturday, Easter Eve, there is total nothingness, the life which 'was the light of men' blotted out, engulfed in the darkness of death; and so to the sunburst of the Resurrection on Easter Day.

Although the early Church marked these days and their happenings, in the earliest keeping of Easter it was seen as one great festival and commemoration – the Passover of the Lord. There were echoes of course of the origins of the Jewish Passover Festival in the deliverance of God's people from slavery in Egypt, but the Christian Passover was greater – it was God's deliverance of us all from the burden and chains of sin and death and the powers of evil. The ancient hymns sing of 'the glorious battle', God in Christ in our human nature engaging with all that imprisons us, and routing the spiritual powers of darkness that hold us captive. So on Easter Day we sing 'The fight is o-ver, the battle done', and of the victorious Christ binding Satan and bringing to an end the tyranny of sin. He is victorious over death, and it is from the dead that he is raised.

No one of the Gospels dares to describe Easter itself, the moment of resurrection, for this cannot be captured in the description of human words which belong to the old order. At Easter the new creation breaks through the old order of sin and death, and Christ – the same Christ – is raised to a new and transfigured life. He is recognised – but not immediately; the empty tomb points as a sign, and St John gives us the detail of the folded grave-clothes, for St John wants us to see that Jesus is not like Lazarus whom he had raised from the dead, and who then had to be unbound and set free. The resurrection of Jesus is new life itself, an eternal life which is shared with us as St John again makes clear by setting his Pentecost on Easter evening, when the Risen Lord breathes his life-giving Spirit upon the disciples to be their transforming new life.

It is because of this that Easter is present, Easter is active, Easter is not something mysterious shut up in the past, but a new and transforming life given to us. The poet-priest, Gerard Manley Hopkins, was surely right to make Easter a verb, and to speak of the Risen Christ 'eastering in us', and therefore of Christ 'playing in ten thousand places, lovely in eyes and limbs not us, to the Father, through the brightness of men's faces.'

So St Paul, writing to the Christians of Corinth, in the great fifteenth chapter of his first letter, makes a clear and absolute connection between Christ being raised to new life at Easter, and the sharing of that new life with us. Through our baptism we share in that resurrection life, which is why Easter was and is the time for baptism. But Paul also knows that the present reality of Easter looks to a future reality, the completion and fulfilment of Easter in us at the Last Day. What was true of Jesus who truly died and was taken into the nothingness of death will be true for us. 'As we have worn the likeness of the man made of dust, so we shall wear the likeness of the heavenly man.' What is promised is new creation, transformation and change. For Christians death is not the end, it is not the horizon which closes off our life; for Christians our horizon is the living Christ, and the hope that already gives us.

In St Luke's wonderful and moving story of the unrecognised Risen Lord meeting two dejected disciples on the way to the village of Emmaus from Jerusalem, Jesus points them to how the suffering Messiah was

already part of Jewish understanding. They ask the stranger to come and eat with them, and he sits at table with them. He takes bread, blesses it, breaks and shares it. 'Then their eyes were opened, and they recognised him; but he vanished from their sight.'. In the Eucharist, in the breaking of bread, Easter comes to us over and over again. Christ feeds us with his new life, his risen life, that he may 'evermore dwell in us and we in him.'

May Christ indeed easter in you, and bring you the joy of his resurrection, his new life, that, like St Paul, writing to the Christians of Rome you may be convinced 'that there is nothing in death or life, in the realm of the spirits or superhuman powers, in the world as it is, or the world as it shall be, in the forces of the universe, in heights or depths – nothing in all creation that can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.' 'Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

***+GEOFFREY GIBRALTAR***

### **Do You Have a Spanish Mobile Phone?**

As part of the campaign against terrorism the Spanish have made it compulsory for all owners of pre-payment Mobile phones to register their name and address before the end of October 2009. Failure to do so will result in their mobile number being cancelled and returned to the telephone company for redistribution.

To register go into one of the shops associated with your mobile phone operator with your passport, and proof of your regular Spanish address — NIE or Residencia.

## What Goes Through Your Mind?

**W**hat goes through your mind when the plate comes round to you on a Sunday morning? Is it:-

- Blast, I meant to buy a paper so that I had some small change.
- I've only got a 10€ note or a 1€ coin so it will have to be the 1€ Never mind I'll put in more next week, if I come.
- I'm ready. I have put my donation in a separate pocket already.
- I've already put my donation in a gift aid envelope and filled it in. Why shouldn't the church get the income tax I've already paid instead of the government?

It has been said that there are five levels of giving

<b>Tip</b>	Small Change.
<b>Entertainment</b>	Pay when I go.
<b>Emotional</b>	When I feel like it.
<b>Good intention</b>	When I've got more to spare.
<b>Christian</b>	My giving is an act of worship giving back to God to the utmost of my ability in gratitude for His giving to me.

### ***Sharing the load - Principles behind our Giving***

Christians are called to spread the Gospel, and to serve people in the world. Jesus gives us this commission - "Go into every part of the world and preach the Gospel to all creation," he tells his disciples (S. Mark Chapter 16).

Tenerife is our 'part of the world': We share Jesus' commission with other members of our parish family, for we are disciples now.

But – we can't all do everything! We can't all preach, and baptize, and knock on doors; we can't all visit the hospitals, teach the young, comfort the bereaved. But The Chaplaincy of Tenerife South does all these things: Different members undertake different tasks – but they are done on behalf of all.

The ministry of The Chaplaincy is therefore something we all have a stake in. So the cost of it is something we all share – indeed (apart from prayer which we can all offer) some members, through age or other circumstance, are able to undertake their part in Jesus' commission only by taking a share in the cost. We should see the bill for 'our' ministry as something we need to share out according to our means – in other words, according to the resources God has given us.

So – please think of what we each give to the work of our Church as a share in the ministry.

“Old habits die hard”, the saying goes, and if your habit is ...

- To search amongst loose change or trouser pocket for *something* for the plate on Sundays (it feels so *obvious* if you put in nothing) ..
- To believe that it is up to 'the other people' to 'keep the church going' (*money is so expensive these days*)..
- To think that everybody is *much* better off than you, and it is really up to them others ...

Then you are enjoying the comfort zone of the time-worn routine, and not taking your responsibility for the share in God's work as seriously as you should!

### ***The Arithmetic of Giving***

St Paul suggested that giving ought to be regular, universal, planned and proportionate.

- A bank Standing Order is the best way of ensuring you give regularly.
- Universal means that everybody should be involved.
- Planned means that we should all think about our level of giving and make a commitment.
- Proportionate giving means that those whose income is larger can be expected to give more, proportionately, than those who earn less.

## Good Stewardship

As a Chaplaincy we follow this example by giving 10% of our income to Charities, shouldn't we be following this example. Perhaps 10% should be a target to aim for but 5% would be a good starting point.

Only you can decide what is the right amount for you to give.

Paul, in his 2<sup>nd</sup> letter to the Corinthians, gives a number of principles to follow, from the example of the Christians in Macedonia:

- They gave joyfully and generously (8:2)
- They gave freely and sacrificially (8:3)

And as a result:

- They reaped according to the measure they had sowed (9:6)
- Each should give what they have decided in their heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for god loves a cheerful giver (9:7)
- And many others were blessed through their giving (9:12)

As we say at the communion service *'All things come from you O Lord, and of your own do we give you'*.

### ***A Giving Exercise***

Take twenty minutes over a cup of coffee with your payslip, pension book, cheque book or credit card statement.

What priorities in you life do they reveal?

- Which things really are necessities?
- Which things could you do without?
- How much do you give to others?
- What proportion of your income is that?

The decision is one that only you can make but relating it to other things you may spend your money on may help.

***The Church is your Church  
without your support it will be nobody's church***

Consider the following.

- 1½ € will buy a cup of coffee
- 2€ will buy a daily newspaper
- 5€ will buy petrol for 100 Km in Tenerife (35 miles in the UK) of car travel
- 10€ will buy an average restaurant meal

### ***How does the Chaplaincy of Tenerife South fit into this?***

#### **If you are a resident in Tenerife.**

The above is all relevant and and we would ask you to consider it seriously.

#### **If You Are a 'Swallow'?**

The above is still relevant but you have the decision to make as to what proportion of your Stewardship giving goes to the Chaplaincy and what proportion goes to your Church at home. I know some people who live 6 months in Tenerife and 6 months in the UK have split their giving equally between the two.

#### **If You Are an Occasional Visitor?**

Again you could take the decision to split your giving between the two churches in proportion to time spent in the two places.

#### **What Is the Best Way of Giving?**

There are basically two ways of supporting the Chaplaincy financially.

- One can give each week one is here in the collection.
- One can fill in a Bank Standing Order form and instruct your bank to pass the given sum directly to our Sterling account in the UK either monthly or annually.

This last method has the advantage that no exchange rate mechanisms are involved to deflect some of your money into the hands of the banks.

***Alan Charlesworth***

***What is your church worth to you?***

## The Chaplaincy AGM (précis)

The AGM was held at the Danish Hotel, Callao Salvaje on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March. The meeting was attended by Fr. Keith Gordon, Chairman, 30 Electoral Roll Members and 4 Visitors. Apologies were received from 43 members.

### Elections

#### *Chaplaincy Wardens*

Jean Bates, being the only one nomination, was elected as the Chaplaincy Warden.

Jean Bates has served in this post for the last five years so would not normally be eligible for a seventh term in 2010-11 which could cause us a problem if no nominations were received next year.

A resolution was therefore proposed that ***“With effect from next year, Chaplaincy Wardens could serve for longer than the statutory six years if there were no nominations.”***

This Resolution was carried unanimously.

#### *Council Members*

Fr. Keith thanked all members of the previous council for their work in the past year.

There were 10 nominations for the new council as follows:

Lesley Bowen	Jean Kelly
Marisha Carter	Norma Martindale
Alan Charlesworth	Keith Nielsen
Ronald Eastwood	Elizabeth Thomas
Audrey Christine Gaunt	Patricia Whenlock

There being no further nominations to fill the 10 places the above were elected unanimously.

### Reports

All the individual reports presented to the meeting were accepted without question.

*At the first meeting of the new Chaplaincy Council Bill Blocksom was co-opted onto council with special responsibilities for the Autumn Bazaar.*

## Magazine Subscription Rates

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I know that some of you like to pick up your copy while you are out here on holiday so if you would like us NOT to post certain issues to you this can be arranged; simply circle the relevant months on the subscription form and we will make the appropriate arrangements.

Finally, remember, I am always glad to hear from you with comments, suggestions or articles for inclusion.

***Alan Charlesworth***

Editor

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Please hand this form to any of the Church Sidespeople or send to:  
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38678 Adeje, Tenerife

## My Favourite Hymns

We often hear, after a service at one of our churches, the comment "that Hymn was one of my favourites". Well we aim to please.

If you would like to have one of your favourites played, and sung, at one of our services, perhaps to celebrate a birthday, anniversary etc or when you are visiting us, then please fill in the form on the back of this page.

We would ask you to confine your hymn choices to the ones in our hymn book, Mission Praise, but if your choice has a particular tune that you prefer please include this information and we will do our best to arrange it.

This is a new venture for us and you will appreciate that depending on the number of requests we receive it may not be possible to fulfil everyone's wishes but if you don't ask we can't help!

When your list is received our Chaplain, Father Keith, will attempt to include your choice if it is liturgically possible (we don't want Christmas Carols in Lent) on the date requested.

As most of you will realise St Francis Anglican Chaplaincy of Tenerife South is completely self financing , so we are asking for a minimum of 1€ (one Euro) per choice. We are sure that you will agree that this is a small price to pay to sing, and hear one of you favourite hymns sung in church.

Completed forms, with the donation, should be given to a Chaplaincy Warden, Fr Keith or sent to

Jean Kelly

Apdo Correos No.8

38630 Las Galletas

Arona

Tenerife

## My Favourite Hymns

Name .....

Address .....

.....

Contact

Telephone .....

Email .....

Date of Visiting .....

Which Church .....

First line of Hymn 1 .....

Tune .....

First line of Hymn 2 .....

Tune .....

First line of Hymn 3 .....

Tune .....

First line of Hymn 4 .....

Tune .....

## Which Side of the Road are You On

Southern Ireland has been in the European Common Market from the very beginning. When the Euro was introduced in the year 2001 it again accepted the new monetary system from the beginning.

It is now considering embracing the European ideal and the continental way of life even further by driving on the right (wrong) side of the road.

This they admit will not be without its problems. Foremost of these is the fact that it will be the first occurrence of two adjacent land masses with different driving conventions. Northern Ireland, being part of the UK, will not be changing.

After much discussion it has been decided that the change over will take place in two phases. For the first six months all roads will change to right hand drive except those which cross the north south border. On these roads southern Irish drivers heading towards Northern Ireland will drive on the right but drivers entering Southern Ireland from the north will drive on the left. In this way the Northerners will be given time to adjust to the new driving convention.

Parlo Foil, the Irish tourist organisation, commented that they thought the change would encourage visitors from the continent of Europe.

The Bishop of Nenagh thought it would bring people from the North and South closer together.

**A.S.C**

## Book Sale

A big thank you to all those who came to the Book sales in El Médano. The four sales between them raised 315 € for Chaplaincy funds.

The sales will be repeated from September when Alan & Jan come back to Tenerife.

## The Nuns of Arona and Vilaflor

***'Father Keith and his congregation have made the difference for us between night and day.'***

These were the words of the Sister in Arona as she received the offerings collected after the campaign in the Chaplaincy around Christmastime.

But who are these sisters, and what do they do with the food and clothing?

The sisters are members of the Bethlehemite Order, founded by Hermano Pedro, Saint Peter of Betancourt, the first Canarian saint.

In the next magazine we will write more about him.

Like all religious orders, they follow closely the injunction of Our Lord to love God and to love our neighbour as ourselves.

They come to Tenerife from Colombia, returning the good deeds of Hermano Pedro, who left Tenerife to help the poor of the New World. There are at present about four Sisters in each convent. They are moved about frequently between South America and Europe, wherever the Order feels they are needed the most.

The hungry people of the mountainous area surrounding Arona and Vilaflor know that when they ask the Sisters for help, they will give them what they can.

But without our help, they were compelled to turn them away.

Mother Aura Luz, the Mother Superior of the convent in Vilaflor tells us that there is widespread poverty in the mountains. People are now asking the nuns for help who are ashamed of their situation and have nowhere else to turn. These include people who previously were independent of charity.

We asked her what else the Sisters do and she gave us a long list –

1. In Vilaflor, they tend the Sanctuary of the Founder, Hermano Pedro, Saint Peter of Betancourt. This is on the site of his birthplace. Many pilgrims come there, and they also hold retreats.
2. They look after the small children of the town (from 9 months to 3 years).
3. They prepare young people for their First Holy Communion and Confirmation in the whole area.
4. They teach Religion in the schools.
5. They instruct a keen group of *Laicos*. These are members of the laity who form a sort of secular Order (like Franciscan Tertiaries).
6. They take Home Communion to the housebound and act as Servers in the local churches.

Because they are so involved with the inhabitants, from the toddlers and young people right through to the old and infirm, everyone knows them. So they know that if they come asking for food or clothing, they will not be scorned.

We asked Mother Aura Luz which was more important for us to bring them, food or clothing. She said that they need both equally badly.

The Sisters send their blessing to all the good people who have helped them this year. Please keep up the good work.

### ***Belinda & Gordon Ratcliffe***



## **A Prayer for Old Age**

O Father of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need, I come unto Thee for help to meet the trials of advancing years.

Look graciously upon me, and the more the outward person decays, strengthen me the more continually with Thy grace in the inner person.

Give me courage and patience to bear the infirmities, privations, sorrows and loneliness of old age.

Help me to fight successfully its temptation to be exacting, selfish, unreasonable, irritable and complaining.

Preserve my mental faculties unimpeded to the end, keep my heart and affections warm, so that I may never fail to sympathise with the joys, sorrows and interests of others and to be deeply grateful for the love and forbearance of those around me.

And so fit and prepare me against the hour of death that I may be able to face it fearlessly, trusting in Thy promise to be with me as I pass through the Dark Valley, so that departing in peace my soul may be received into Thy everlasting kingdom through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour.

Amen.

## From the Chaplaincy Recipe Book

### Mars Bar Cheesecake

#### Ingredients:

##### **Base:**

12 Digestive biscuits

3 oz. margarine

##### **Method:**

Melt margarine and crush biscuits, bind together and press firmly into loose bottomed tin.

Slice 3-4 mars bars over base.

##### **Filling:**

200 g Philadelphia Cheese

6 oz castor sugar

1 carton fresh cream (250 ml)

2 pots of toffee yogurt (300 ml)

##### **Method:**

Cream Philadelphia Cheese and sugar until light and fluffy.

Beat fresh cream until fairly stiff and add toffee yogurt to cream.

Combine all ingredients and pour over base.

Leave in fridge to set for approx. 5-6 hours.

Decorate with fresh cream and finely grated chocolate.

***Kathleen McKeown***

Visitor to San Eugenio Church  
From Draperstown,  
Northern Ireland

# Letter from St James the Least of All

## On why a vicar should avoid taking weddings

The Rectory

St. James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

Offering to take last week's marriage service for you in your church, so you could attend your weekend plumbing course, proved to be an unwise act of generosity on my part.

You may now be qualified to unblock church hall kitchen sinks and install drainage to the font, but I will not be taking another marriage ceremony for you again, no matter how much you have set your heart on that electrician's course next year, so that you can re-wire the vestry and put strobe lighting in the sanctuary.

At first, I was delighted when the bride's mother called, inviting me to the reception. I assumed that Charnley Hall would be a fitting location for the reception, even if it was a little puzzling not to be able to find the venue in the directory of stately homes. I did not realise until too late that it was the name of the public house next door to your church. Clearly the regulars in the Saloon Bar were not used to seeing a gentleman of the cloth in their establishment, because someone was sent over to ask me where the fancy dress party was.

At least I had been placed with the happy couple and both sets of parents, although the privilege was rather spoiled when I was told that my presence there was to stop the bride's mother attacking her newly-acquired son-in-law. My presence may have kept the peace at our table, but had no effect on some of the others.

Well before the speeches, remarks between bride's and groom's supporters had moved from sarcasm to the point where I expected tactical nuclear weapons would be deployed. Phrases such as "Who are you looking at?" and "Want to come outside and sort it out?" that I'd only ever read in the sort of cheap fiction one buys for long train

journeys echoed round the room. Battle lines were drawn. The Archduke Ferdinand moment came when a bridesmaid slapped an usher.

Chairs were overturned, fists made contact with noses and bottles were being thrown. I decided it was time to step in and command order, knowing they were bound to obey the Rector of St. James the Less. Approaching one gentleman who was wielding a bottle, I took it from him and then held it aloft above his own head, to demonstrate how threatening such a pose looked.

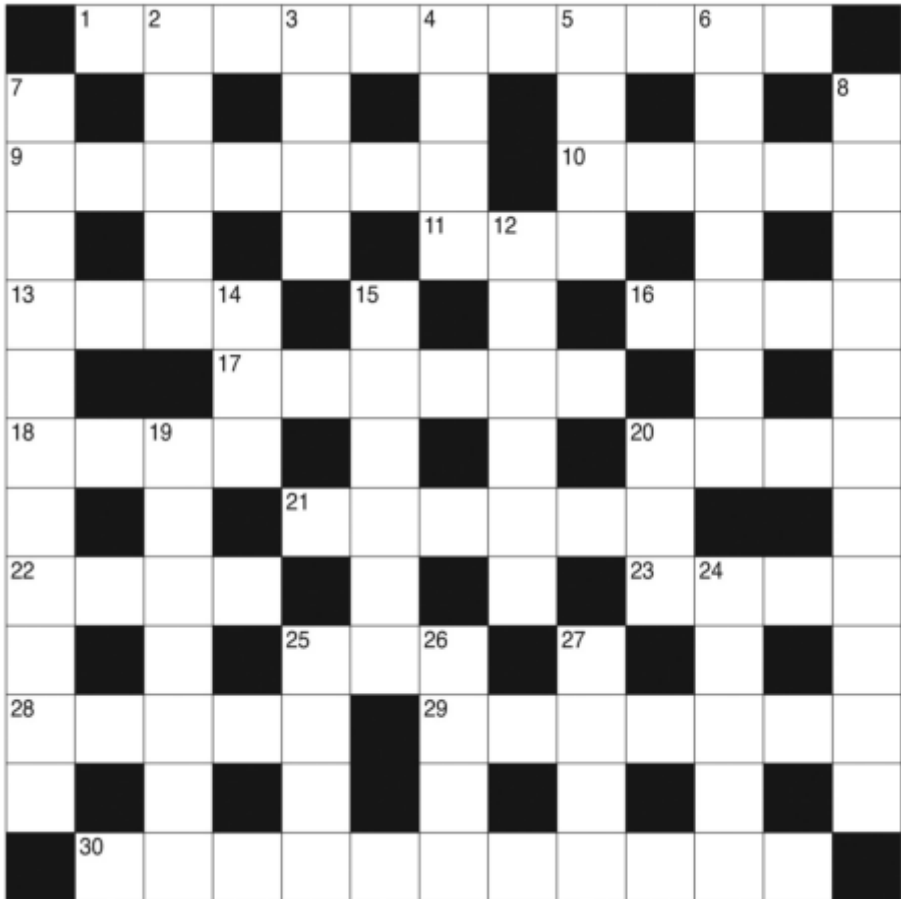
Unfortunately, that was the moment the police arrived, who, unlike our local village constable, were deaf to explanations. Were our churchwarden, Lord Jelley to have been on the bench that day, matters could have been settled quite amicably. It was not to be: you may enthusiastically pass the peace in your church; I am now bound over to keep it.

Your loving uncle,

***Eustace***



# Crossword



The bible references in the clues all refer to the text of the NIV version.

## Clues

### Across

- 1 Criminals (1 Timothy 1:9) (11)
- 9 Disregard (Luke 11:42) (7)
- 10 'If we endure, we will also — with him' (2 Timothy 2:12) (5)
- 11 'Make them — down in groups of about fifty each' (Luke 9:14) (3)
- 13 Lazily (4)
- 16 He was killed by his brother Cain (Genesis 4:8) (4)
- 17 Consented (Acts 15:25) (6)
- 18 A bird the Israelites were forbidden to eat (Leviticus 11:13–15) (4)
- 20 'The water had risen and was deep enough to — in' (Ezekiel 47:5) (4)
- 21 Counsel (2 Samuel 17:11) (6)
- 22 He sold his birthright to his twin brother for some red stew (Genesis 25:30–33) (4)
- 23 Those who 'practise magic — ' are twice condemned in the closing chapters of the Bible (Revelation 21:8; 22:15) (4)
- 25 Gamble (3)
- 28 Shows wedding guests to their seats (5)
- 29 Uriah, Bathsheba's husband, was one (2 Samuel 11:3) (7)
- 30 'The statutes of the Lord are — ,making wise the simple' (Psalm 19:7) (11)

### Down

- 2 Gabriel was one (Luke 1:19) (5)
- 3 'That on the cross my burden gladly bearing, he — and died totake away my sin' (4)
- 4 'A man ought to examine himself before he — the bread and drinks the cup' (1 Corinthians 11:28) (4)
- 5 Twentieth-century US composer of more than 200 Christian songs,— Kaiser (4)
- 6 Sign in the sky of the covenant between God and the earth (Genesis 9:13) (7)
- 7 Sinful (2 Peter 2:9) (11)
- 8 Perfect (Hebrews 9:14) (11)
- 12 In rice (anag.) (6)
- 14 Tibetan ox (3)
- 15 22 Across had one against his brother for stealing from him his father's blessing (Genesis 27:41) (6)
- 19 'When evening comes, you say, "It will be fair — , for the sky is red"' (Matthew 16:2) (7)
- 20 'The — is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land' (Psalm 95:5) (3)
- 24 First Director General of the BBC, Sir John — (5)
- 25 Male siblings (abbrev.) (4)
- 26 What (anag.) (4)
- 27 'Mockers — up a city, but wise men turn away anger' (Proverbs 29:8) (4)

***Solution on page 28***

# Puzzle Solution

Here is the solution to the Crossword Puzzle .

Now I know you would never intentionally cheat but I know how easy it is to see the odd word or letter without meaning to. So, unless you can read upside down and back to front, I have disguised the solution.

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## **Playa de las Americas**

San Eugenio	Sunday	10.15 am	Holy Eucharist, Sung
	Wednesday	10.15 am	Holy Eucharist, Said

## **Los Gigantes**

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	Thursday	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist, Sung

## **Golf del Sur**

San Blas	Sunday	6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist, Sung
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*(See the diary on pages 4-5 for detailed times)*

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