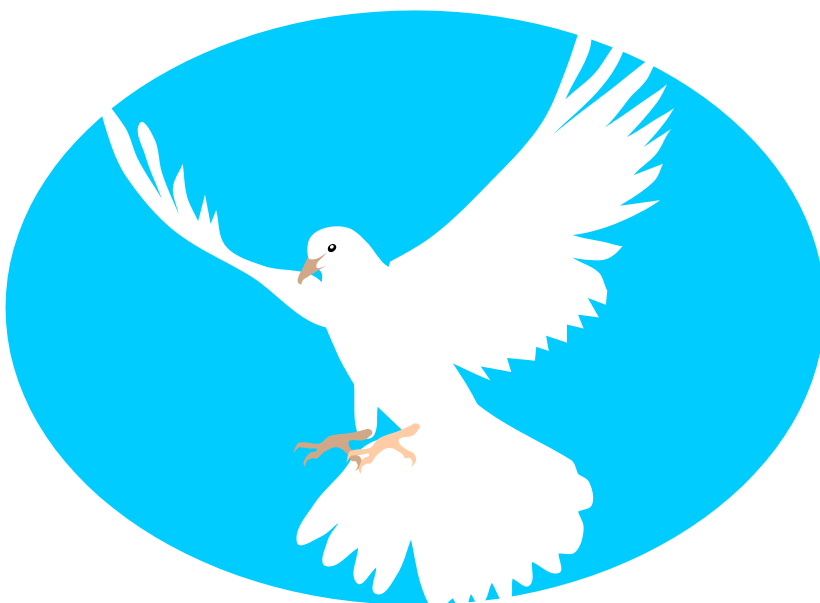
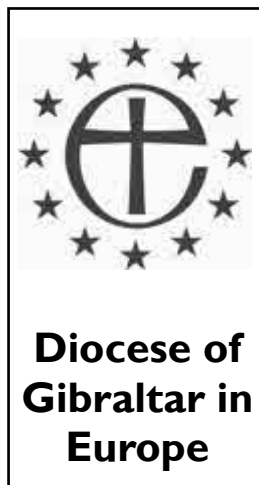


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## From the Editor

Welcome to the first of the summer's bimonthly issues of our magazine.

Last month I thanked everyone for meeting my copy deadline. Unfortunately our Bishop's Easter Letter arrived just as I had finished collating the magazine so I have included it this month. Sorry Bishop.

This month is what my wife and proof reader calls 'a bit on the heavy side' but I hope you find it interesting nevertheless. By popular request I have repeated an article on recognising stroke symptoms (page 20), do read it it may save your life one day. It has also been brought to my attention that many visitors do not know about the 112 emergency telephone number (see pages 19 & 32).

It is exciting that the church at Callao Salvaje is at last up and running. The original promise in 2009 was that it would be open for Easter. Well it was, not in 2009 but 2011 but then this is Tenerife!

On a lighter note, have you been watching the snooker on television? Apart from the wonderful skill of the players I am fascinated by some of the expressions used by some of the commentators. How about "that was millimetres short of inch perfect"

### ***The Editor***

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## From Our Chaplain

My dear friends in Christ Jesus,

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter – we certainly did with plenty to keep us all busy!

The end of March and April were tinged with sadness as we said farewell to Alan Kekwick husband of Mary in Los Gigantes and Steve Furmston, a regular at San Eugenio and husband of our Assistant treasurer Gwen. Our thoughts and prayers are with them both.

But we are an Easter people and Easter Sunday reminds us vividly that Our Lord Jesus Christ has conquered death – not just for himself but for us as well. Jesus promises us Eternal Life, where one day we will all be united. What a wonderful promise!

Earlier in April, we celebrated, with the Roman Catholic Bishop Bernardo the Consecration of the new church in Callao Salvaje. It was a wonderful spring evening in a packed church and plaza with Anglicans and Roman Catholics mingling together in worship and afterwards, in the square sharing friendship over a glass (or two) of wine and tapas. In his opening remarks, Bishop Bernardo made a point of emphasizing that the Anglicans would also be worshipping in this Church. (on Thursday evenings at 6pm). Our first service was (appropriately) on Maundy Thursday – the Institution of Holy Communion). We also held a sunrise service at this church on Easter morning. The Church is named 'Jesu



Cristo, Redentor' (Jesus Christ, Redeemer). I look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible over the coming months.

Bishop Bernardo greeting Fr. Keith, with Fr Jose Domingo (light shirt) and Fr Manuel Navarro (in black) looking on. These two priest are in charge

of the large Adeje area and I thank them both for their welcome and hospitality..

May God Bless you all and may the love of our Lord Jesus Christ fill your hearts this Easter season.

Your Chaplain and friend,Your Chaplain and friend,

***Fr. Keith***

**Consecration of Jesu Cristo, Redentor Church  
in Callao Salvaje**



## Diary for May

|                               |          |  |                    |
|-------------------------------|----------|--|--------------------|
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</b>  |          | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>                                     |                    |
|                               | 10.15 am | Holy Eucharist Sung  | – San Eugenio      |
|                               |          | Chaplaincy Lunch   | – San Eugenio      |
|                               | 6.00 pm  | Holy Eucharist Sung  | – Espiritu Santo   |
|                               | 6.00 pm  | Holy Eucharist by Extension  | – San Blas         |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Mon</b>     |          | George Patron of England ( <i>transferred from 23<sup>rd</sup> April</i> ) |                    |
|                               | 11.30am  | Sung Eucharist at St. George's,–Santa Cruz                                 |                    |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Tues</b>    |          | Mark The Evangelist ( <i>Transferred from 25<sup>th</sup> April</i> )      |                    |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> Wed</b>     |          | Philip and James , Apostles ( <i>Transferred from 1<sup>st</sup> May</i> ) |                    |
|                               | 10.15 am | Holy Eucharist Said  | – San Eugenio      |
| <b>5<sup>th</sup> Thur</b>    | 10.30 am | Holy Eucharist Sung  | – Espiritu Santo   |
|                               | 6.00 pm  | Holy Eucharist Sung  | – Jesu Cristo      |
| <b>6<sup>th</sup> Fri</b>     |          |  |                    |
| <b>7<sup>th</sup> Sat</b>     |          |  |                    |
| <b>8<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>  |          | <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>                                     |                    |
|                               | 10.15 am | Holy Eucharist Sung  | – San Eugenio      |
|                               | 6.00 pm  | Holy Eucharist Sung  | – Espiritu Santo   |
| <b>9<sup>th</sup> Mon</b>     |          |  |                    |
| <b>10<sup>th</sup> Tues</b>   | 10.00 am | Guild of St Clare  | – Caroline Homer's |
| <b>11<sup>th</sup> Wed</b>    | 10.15 am | Holy Eucharist Said  | – San Eugenio      |
| <b>12<sup>th</sup> Thur</b>   | 10.30 am | Holy Eucharist Sung  | – Espiritu Santo   |
|                               |          | Chaplaincy Lunch   | – Espiritu Santo   |
|                               | 6.00 pm  | Holy Eucharist Sung  | – Jesu Cristo      |
| <b>13<sup>th</sup> Fri</b>    |          |  |                    |
| <b>14<sup>th</sup> Sat</b>    |          | St Matthias Apostle  |                    |
| <b>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> |          | <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>                                     |                    |
|                               | 10.15 am | Holy Eucharist Sung  | – San Eugenio      |
|                               | 6.00 pm  | Holy Eucharist Sung  | – Espiritu Santo   |
| <b>16<sup>th</sup> Mon</b>    |          |  |                    |
| <b>17<sup>th</sup> Tues</b>   |          |  |                    |
| <b>18<sup>th</sup> Wed</b>    | 10.15 am | Holy Eucharist Said  | – San Eugenio      |
| <b>19<sup>th</sup> Thur</b>   | 10.30 am | Holy Eucharist Sung  | – Espiritu Santo   |
|                               | 6.00 pm  | Holy Eucharist Sung  | – Jesu Cristo      |

|                  |               |          |  |                  |
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| 20 <sup>th</sup> | Fri           |          |  |                  |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> | Sat           |          |  |                  |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> | <b>Sunday</b> |          | <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>         |                  |
|                  |               | 10.15 am | Holy Eucharist Sung                            | – San Eugenio    |
|                  |               | 6.00 pm  | Holy Eucharist Sung                            | – Espiritu Santo |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Mon           |          |  |                  |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> | Tues          |          |  |                  |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> | Wed           |          | St Bede the Venerable                          |                  |
|                  |               | 10.15 am | Holy Eucharist Said                            | – San Eugenio    |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> | Thur          | 10.30 am | Holy Eucharist Sung                            | – Espiritu Santo |
|                  |               | 6.00 pm  | Holy Eucharist Sung                            | – Jesu Cristo    |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> | Fri           |          |  |                  |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> | Sat           |          |  |                  |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Sunday</b> |          | <b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>         |                  |
|                  |               | 10.15 am | Holy Eucharist Sung                            | – San Eugenio    |
|                  |               | 6.00 pm  | Holy Eucharist Sung                            | – Espiritu Santo |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> | Mon           |          |  |                  |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> | Tues          |          | Visitation of Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth |                  |

## Diary for June

|                 |               |          |  |                    |
|-----------------|---------------|----------|--|--------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Wed           | 10.15 am | Holy Eucharist Said                    | – San Eugenio      |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Thur          |          | Ascension Day                          |                    |
|                 |               | 10.30 am | Holy Eucharist Sung                    | – Espiritu Santo   |
|                 |               | 6.00 pm  | Holy Eucharist Sung                    | – Jesu Cristo      |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Fri           |          |  |                    |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Sat           |          |  |                    |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Sunday</b> |          | <b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> |                    |
|                 |               | 10.15 am | Holy Eucharist Sung                    | – San Eugenio      |
|                 |               | 6.00 pm  | Holy Eucharist Sung                    | – Espiritu Santo   |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | Mon           |          |  |                    |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> | Tues          | 10.00 am | Guild of St Clare                      | – Caroline Homer's |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> | Wed           | 10.15 am | Holy Eucharist Said                    | – San Eugenio      |

|                  |               |          |  |                                      |
|------------------|---------------|----------|--|--------------------------------------|
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Thur          | 10.30 am | Holy Eucharist Sung<br>Chaplaincy Lunch    | – Espiritu Santo<br>– Espiritu Santo |
|                  |               | 6.00 pm  | Holy Eucharist Sung                        | – Jesu Cristo                        |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | Fri           |          |  |                                      |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> | Sat           |          | St Barnabas the Apostle                    |                                      |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Sunday</b> |          | <b>Pentecost</b>                           |                                      |
|                  |               | 10.15 am | Holy Eucharist Sung                        | – San Eugenio                        |
|                  |               | 6.00 pm  | Holy Eucharist Sung                        | – Espiritu Santo                     |
| 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                        |                                      |
|                  |               | 6.00 pm  | Holy Eucharist Sung                        | – Jesu Cristo                        |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | Fri           |          |  |                                      |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> | Sat           |          |  |                                      |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Sunday</b> |          | <b>Trinity Sunday</b>                      |                                      |
|                  |               | 10.15 am | Holy Eucharist Sung                        | – San Eugenio                        |
|                  |               | 6.00 pm  | Holy Eucharist Sung                        | – Espiritu Santo                     |
| 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          |          | Corpus Christi                             |                                      |
|                  |               | 10.30 am | Holy Eucharist Sung                        | – Espiritu Santo                     |
|                  |               | 6.00 pm  | Holy Eucharist Sung                        | – Jesu Cristo                        |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> | Fri           |          | Birth of John the Baptist                  |                                      |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> | Sat           |          |  |                                      |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Sunday</b> |          | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b> |                                      |
|                  |               | 10.15 am | Holy Eucharist Sung                        | – San Eugenio                        |
|                  |               | 6.00 pm  | Holy Eucharist Sung                        | – Espiritu Santo                     |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> | Mon           |          |  |                                      |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> | Tues          |          |  |                                      |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> | Wed           |          | Peter and Paul, Apostles                   |                                      |
|                  |               | 10.15 am | Holy Eucharist Said                        | – San Eugenio                        |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> | Thur          | 10.30 am | Holy Eucharist Sung                        | – Espiritu Santo                     |
|                  |               | 6.00 pm  | Holy Eucharist Sung                        | – Jesu Cristo                        |



# *Intercessions*

## *The Power of Prayer*

THE SICK FOR WHOM WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PRAY:

Baby Jamie – Eileen Baldwin – Trevor Birch – Bronwen Battye  
Jane Beckwith – John Bosley – Barbara & Michael Browback  
Robert Brumpton – Keith Burke – Angela Callaghan – Kath Challinor  
Trish Chapman – Samuel Coker – David Cole – Emanuel Cole  
Gladys Cole – Lydia Cook – Corina Cormack – Jeanette Dick  
Ann Dobson – Nicki Duval – Revd. Jeff Engel – Freda & Karen Fanovard  
Victoria Ford – Gordon & Pearl French – Betty Gilroy  
David & Betty Gledhill – Liz Govan – Dennis Hardy – Ian Hubbard  
Mick & Wendy Hulley – Fr. Philip Lamb – Eric Platt  
Betty Lee-Westworth – Vicky Lever – Mary Mansell – Peter Mitchenson  
Hazel Noble – Ann Plummer – Jill Pratt – Alan Price  
Michelle Radford-Brown – Harvey Roe – Sinead – Joe Slater  
Ewen Smith – Amanda Stead – Revd Robert Sterman – Susan Stratton  
Hilda Thomas – Stephen Thomas – Rose Tomlinson  
John & Anne Vaughn – Vance – Harry Wilkinson – Roger Withers  
Alys Zimmer

## *The Recently Departed*

Steve Furmston – Bruce Urquart – Baby Lacey – John Magee

## *Years Mind – Anniversary of Passing*

|     |                  |                    |
|-----|------------------|--------------------|
| May | 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Gordon Burgin      |
|     | 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Edith Gordon       |
|     | 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Walter Ford        |
|     | 15 <sup>th</sup> | Miriam Dobinson    |
|     | 21 <sup>st</sup> | Michael Boyle      |
|     | 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Gary Martindale    |
|     | 24 <sup>th</sup> | Frederick Everitt  |
|     | 29 <sup>th</sup> | Ian Watts (Priest) |

## **Bishop's Easter Message**

Our human lives are lives in time, from the time of our birth, through childhood and adolescence, to maturity, to years of energy and flourishing, to years of old age and our dying. In that pattern there are many variables, marriage and family, joys of fulfilment and achievement, and tragedies of illness and bereavement and broken relationships, warfare and natural disaster. Our personal lives are lived out against the backdrop of changing history and culture. The place and time of our birth, the wealth or poverty of our family, shape what and who we are, how we see the world, and the expectations we have of our human life. The scientist-priest, Teilhard de Chardin, saw the world as evolving, with an envelope of life, which he called the biosphere, enclosing the physical world, and he looked forward, in a remarkably prophetic way to a further envelope enclosing the world, which he called the no-osphere, the envelope of mind and communication, which is surely what has come to pass in a way which he did not anticipate in the internet, and the whole communications revolution which it signifies. Social networking, now so common, was unknown and unheard of for the greater part of my life as one born during the Second World War.

If we had been born at different times, we would have had different experiences. St Augustine in North Africa in the fourth century saw the collapse of the Roman Empire, and the invasions which destroyed so much of the civilisation taken for granted. Jews of Jesus' day would live through the destruction of the Temple in AD70, when God seemed to have abandoned his people. In the Middle Ages the ravages of the Black Death decimated populations.

The Christian faith, as the Jewish faith from which it sprang, seeks to understand the deep meaning and purpose of the times and seasons of human history, and the history of our individual human lives. The Bible begins with creation 'in the beginning God'. All that is, is brought into being by God, and is held and sustained in being by God – and that is true whether what is known is the limited world of those who first set down the accounts of creation in the book of Genesis, or whether it is the vastness of the galaxies and the infinitesimal patterns of energy that

we know underlie seemingly solid matter. Within that creation in its ordered richness, is a story of human life, and a story of a people. It is a story of exploration into God, of who God is, and of our human identity as those made in his image and likeness. It is a story of the goodness of God, and of sin and evil, of turning away from that source of goodness. It is a story of slavery and exile, a story of unexpected grace and redemption. It is a story of longing hope for a kingdom of justice, love, and peace. That story has been the framework story which has spoken to a myriad human lives, as men and women wrestled with their personal purpose and experiences of wilderness, dying and abandonment.

That story funnels down and is concentrated in a single life, Jesus – ‘the one who saves’. It is a life interpreted by the purposes of God, and the longing of his people. He comes preaching the kingdom and rule of God; he challenges and confronts the abuses of the religion of his day; he brings ‘good news to the poor, and recovery of sight to the blind.’ Who he is challenges his closest followers – Peter confesses him as ‘the Christ, the Son of the Living God’, and then denies him; Judas, one of the Twelve, betrays him. And so the one who has ‘the words of eternal life’ ends as a scarecrow figure tortured on a cross, screaming at the darkened heavens ‘My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?’ That death is not only the death of this God-fearing man, but the death of the hope and faith he had kindled in those whose hearts he had touched. The world on the day of this man’s dying, which echoes and fulfils the dying of so many crushed under the evil tyrannies of the world be they be past or present, leaves us hopeless and helpless. The sun of righteousness is blotted out.

Yet the story of Jesus that we tell, and go on telling, is not a story of darkness, despair and death, it is a story of victory and transformation and new creation. That dying was absolutely real; the evil encountered was no illusion. The God whose creative word called all things into being, is the living word who calls the new creation into being through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. The story is now crucifixion-resurrection, a deep rhythm resonating in every situation of despair – in martyrdoms and persecutions down the ages; in the gulags

of Stalin's Russia; in our unique coming to the point of death. 'Christ is risen and the demons are fallen! Christ is risen and hell has lost its prey! Christ is risen, and life reigns!'

As we come again this year to enter into the mystery of our Lord's death and resurrection it is that we may be transformed by the sacrificial love which reaches into the heart of darkness, and catches us into new and eternal life. Pope Benedict in his remarkable new book *Jesus of Nazareth: Holy Week from the entrance into Jerusalem to the Resurrection*, writes of how 'in the trials of life we are slowly burned clean; we can, as it were become bread, to the extent that the mystery of Christ is communicated through our life and our suffering, and to the extent that his loves makes us an offering to God and to our fellow men....In the message of the New Testament, and in the proof of the message in the lives of the saints, the great mystery has become radiant light.' 'In Jesus' Resurrection a new possibility of human existence is attained, that affects everyone and that opens up a future, a new kind of future, for mankind.'

Good Friday-Easter is the heart of our Christian faith – a transforming mystery which catches us into the Divine Love, which will never let us down and will never let us go. It is indeed hope for the world – a hope grounded in a life and a death in history, and in a new life which blew human history open. As Sunday by Sunday, and at Easter above all, we come as the despairing disciples did to the supper table at Emmaus, to receive the Easter life of Christ, we know over and over again the risen Lord in the breaking of the bread, 'the bread that comes down from heaven to give life to the world.' May God bless you this Easter with an ever deeper knowledge of his love and grace, and may the life and energy of his new creation permeate your life, renew his church, and bring hope to the world. My brothers and sisters may the Lord bless you!

**+Geoffrey Gibraltar**

# Jonah

Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Arise and go to Nineveh." (Jonah 3:12)

I'd be willing to bet a Euro that if ten people were asked what they know about the Jonah story, most of them would say, "the whale." (Of course, the Bible never says that Jonah was swallowed by a whale – all the Bible says is "a great fish" – but everyone calls it a whale, anyway).

Everyone remembers the whale, but in point of fact, the whale is the least important part of this story. There are forty-eight verses in the Book of Jonah and only three of them mention the whale. You see, here is one of the best-known yet least understood episodes in all the Bible. If this sermon does nothing else, I want to convey to you what the story of Jonah is really all about.

The background of this story is that it was written after the Jews had suffered their exile in Babylon. Fifty years earlier, the Jews had been crushed in war and carried off as slaves. It was a searing experience, an experience not unlike that of the Africans who were taken into slavery. Indeed, both groups could easily understand the sorrow and desperate longing for home which appear in the 137<sup>th</sup> Psalm, a psalm written about this same exile:

By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion.

There on the poplars we hung our harps, for there our captors asked us for songs, our tormentors demanded songs of joy; they said, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!" How can we sing the songs of the LORD while in a foreign land? If I forget you, O Jerusalem, may my right hand forget [its skill]. May my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you, if I do not consider Jerusalem my highest joy. (137:1-6)

The experience of exile had left the Jews bitter and hateful towards all foreigners. The old vision of Israel being called by God as "a light to the nations" (Isaiah 49:6) was dead. All they wanted was for God to

destroy their enemies. They had their righteous warriors and nationalistic priests who preached a religion of “Israel First.”

Jonah represents Israel in this story. Like the rest of Israel, Jonah despises outsiders. He stands for all the hostility and prejudice Jews felt towards people of other races and it’s particularly important that God called Jonah to go to Nineveh, one of the world’s greatest cities. Nineveh was the capital of the Assyrian Empire and there was no love lost in the ancient world for the Assyrian Empire. They ruled their subjects with terror and brutality.

Nevertheless, God told Jonah to go to Nineveh and tell the people there that their mighty city was doomed:

Jonah experienced the call of God, that moment of crisis when God enters a person’s life and turns it upside down. It’s a crisis because faithful people have always found that God’s call upsets their prior attitudes and their best-laid plans.

The apostle Paul wanted to be a Jewish scholar and leader, but he was called to leave Israel and preach to the Gentiles. St. Francis Xavier wanted to spend his life in a monastery, but he was called to be a missionary in the Indies.

As for Jonah, he definitely didn’t want to go to Nineveh! It wasn’t that he was afraid to go; but Jonah didn’t want to go because he didn’t want Nineveh to escape destruction by repenting.

Jonah knew that God “is a gracious God”. He knew God was looking for a way to spare the Assyrians and all Jonah wanted was for Nineveh to go up in flames.

So, Jonah does what many of us do when God’s call to us is inconvenient – he runs the other way! God calls us to forgive someone who has wronged us and we run the other way by wanting to continue the grudge. God calls us to stand in the minority for a righteous cause and we run away from God’s call because it’s easier to go along with the crowd.

In Jonah's case, he buys passage on a ship heading away from Nineveh, towards southern Spain. But of course, God doesn't take "no" for an answer – not from Jonah and not from us, either. When God is really tugging on your sleeve and pulling at your conscience, you can run but you can't hide. So, God goes after Jonah; He sends a terrible storm that threatens to sink the ship.

The ship is owned and operated by foreigners and the crew is frantically trying to figure out which one of their gods is displeased. But then Jonah does an extraordinary thing. He knows that there is but one true God, and that he, Jonah, is the man God is angry at. So, Jonah offers his life in order to save the lives of these foreigners. "Throw me into the sea," he says, "because I am the cause of this storm. The God of heaven and earth called me to Nineveh, and I ran the other way."

Jonah can only do this because he has got to know these hated foreigners personally. They're no longer mere abstractions, like "menacing blacks" or "fanatical Moslems". Now Jonah knows the foreigners on this ship as people. Now he knows that they have names and families; they have hopes and fears like anyone else.

So, too, do our own enemies have names and families, hopes and fears just as we do. If we got to know them a little better as people, we might become a little more human ourselves. In every age and in every nation, mistrust of people is fed and perpetuated by distances between people.

This humanization of the enemy encourages Jonah to offer his life for theirs, but the ship's crew doesn't accept his offer; instead, they row harder, trying to escape the storm. Surely, the people of ancient Israel noticed this when they first heard the story of Jonah: a crew of foreigners is risking their lives for a Jew. One of the nice, subtle touches in this story is that the villains – the foreigners – have virtues.

But after exhausting themselves trying to save Jonah, they finally do throw him into the sea. That's where the "whale" comes in and from the belly of the great fish, Jonah says one of the Bible's most moving prayers.

“In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me. From the depths of the grave I called for help, and you listened to my cry.

“You hurled me into the deep, into the very heart of the seas, and the currents swirled about me; all your waves and breakers swept over me.

“I thought I have been banished from your sight; yet I will look again towards your holy temple.” (2:2, 4)

After three days in the belly of hell, Jonah is given up to dry land, and God says to him, “Hey, Jonah! I told you once before to go to Nineveh. Why don’t we start again? Go to Nineveh and tell them what I told you to say.”

He goes and tells them that their great and powerful city will be destroyed in forty days because of their wickedness.

Most kings, prime ministers and presidents, wouldn’t believe their Jonahs - they are too proud to publicly acknowledge that under their leadership, God has doomed their nation.

But long ago, the mighty king of Nineveh listened to Jonah and this foreign, heathen, pagan enemy king repented.

Because of their change of heart, God spared Nineveh but Jonah got upset. After all, a prophet’s job is to foretell God’s actions and when the prophecy doesn’t come true, it makes the prophet look bad. Besides, these were foreigners who pleased God with their repentance! That was a bitter pill for Jonah – for Israel – to swallow.

So, that is the story of Jonah, a whale of a tale which has almost nothing to do with a whale.

*Sermon preached by Father Keith Gordon on 16 March 2011*

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## Filling the Cupboard

Thanks to Elizabeth's appeal before the service at San Eugenio on the 3rd April, the cupboards are not so bare now! After the service a retiring collection raised 218.32€

(Thanks too to Bea, Elise and Martin and the others at all three churches who have given us food parcels for the nuns recently).

The photo shows some of the groceries we purchased with that special collection for the nuns.

They send heartfelt thanks. The relief in Sister Marcela's voice when we rang to say that we were coming with food was palpable - the need is so great and the supplies of food get used up so quickly!



## Book Sale and Coffee Mornings

Many people like a good read and an excellent place to replenish the book shelf is at the Book Sales held at Janet and Alan Charlesworth's house between Los Abrigos and Medano. These happy occasions take place on Saturday mornings and there are usually two a month. A garage full of books – no place for a car! – and good coffee with conversation.



Sometimes, like 19<sup>th</sup> March, one could also have fresh baked (that morning) scones. On that particular morning an overheard comment was, “you are

so good to open your home for fund raising”.

These events make money for the Chaplaincy but they are also a good place to chat and have fellowship.

For those who like facts and figures 9 sales have taken place this winter which have been attended by 64 different people and a total attendance of 140.



With the sale of books and donations for refreshments the sales have raised 531€ for chaplaincy funds.

Book sales will resume again in September.

***A book / coffee / chatty person***

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During the day (the busiest time) there are four operators. They receive calls directly onto their screens. They then classify the information on their second computer screen. Another operator has the job of listening to and talking to any one of the four operators (at one time). This useful facility double checks and ensures accuracy of the facts recorded.

There is also a fifth operator for when things are very busy, who can pass these calls to the other 112 centre in La Raima.

1. Co-ordination e.g. firemen might be needed to free injured in a car crash
2. Security e.g. a car crash could block a road and require police traffic control.
3. Rescue e.g. injured would need helicopter evacuation from a *barranco*
4. Medical/ambulance e.g. Doctors are available 24 hours per day for advice.

There are four ambulances in the Adeje-Arona area, one of which has a doctor on board. Ambulances are in direct contact with the control centre and which one goes to the call out is dictated by their positions. Police vehicles however are not in direct contact with the centre.

Essential to know... For emergencies, phone 112...

For nuisance problems phone 902 102 112. There will be English interpreters who will advise and help you.

## **Stroke:**

### **Remember The Letters.... F. A. S. T**

My nurse friend sent this and encouraged me to spread the word.

If everyone can remember something this simple, we could save some folks. Seriously..

Please read:

#### ***Stroke Identification:***

During a BBQ, a friend stumbled and took a little fall - she assured everyone that she was fine (they offered to call paramedics) ...she said she had just tripped over a brick because of her new shoes.

They got her cleaned up and got her a new plate of food. While she appeared a bit shaken up, Ingrid went about enjoying herself the rest of the evening.

Ingrid's husband called later telling everyone that his wife had been taken to the hospital - (at 6:00 PM Ingrid passed away.) She had suffered a stroke at the BBQ. Had they known how to identify the signs of a stroke, perhaps Ingrid would be with us today. Some don't die.... They end up in a helpless, hopeless condition instead.

#### ***It only takes a minute to read this...***

A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke... Totally . He said The trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed, and then getting the patient medically cared for within 3 hours, which is tough.

#### ***Recognizing a Stroke***

Thank God for the sense to remember the '4' steps, **FAST** . Read And Learn! Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke.

Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple Questions:

- F\*** Facial weakness. Can the person smile?  
Has their mouth or eye dropped?
- A \*** Arm weakness. Can the person RAISE BOTH ARMS?
- S \*** Speech problems. Can the person speak clearly and understand what you say?
- T \*** Time to call 999 / 112 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

***New Sign of a Stroke      Stick out Your Tongue***

Another 'sign' of a stroke is this: Ask the person to 'stick' out his tongue. If the tongue is 'crooked', if it goes to one side or the other, that is also an indication of a stroke.

## **Storage for the Bazaar**

At the March Chaplaincy Council meeting the possibility of purchasing a garage to store goods for the Los Gigantes bazaars was raised. Since this purchase would have involved using 75% of our reserves, the Council were understandably reluctant to jeopardize our future by such a reduction in our cash flow. As a result, we appealed for promises of a donation if the sale was realised.

At the April Council meeting further information was to hand that made the proposed purchase a much less attractive proposition and as a consequence the original proposal was shelved. This means that, while we would like to thank all those who responded with a promise, we have decided not to take up any of the promises that were made.

## **It Makes You Think**

### **With Summer Marriages In Mind...**

One plus one equals one may not be an accurate mathematical concept, but it is an accurate description of God's intention for the marriage relationship. – *Wayne Mack*.

How soon marriage counselling sessions would end if husbands and wives were competing in thoughtful self-denial! - *Walter J Chantry*

### **Musings On Our Life Of Faith...**

Give God what's right – not what's left.

Man's way leads to a hopeless end – God's way leads to an endless hope.

A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing.

He who kneels before God can stand before anyone.

To be almost saved is to be totally lost.

In the sentence of life, the devil may be a comma – but never let him be the full stop.

### **Musings On Modern Life...**

People want the front of the bus, the back of the church, and the centre of attention.

Tact: the ability to shut your mouth before someone else wants to.

If it's true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?

My inferiority complex is not as good as yours.

Indecision is the key to flexibility.

Life is a journey that no one makes alone. The more people you touch along the way, the more meaningful and rewarding your time  
*anon*

## The Twenty and the Five

A well-worn five pound note and a similarly distressed twenty-pound note arrived at the Bank of England to be retired. As they moved along the conveyor belt to be burned, they struck up a conversation. The twenty-pound note reminisced about its travels all over the country. "I've had a pretty good life. I've been to Las Vegas and Monte Carlo, the finest restaurants in Paris, performances on Broadway, and even a cruise to the Caribbean."

"Wow!" said the five-pound note, "You've really had an exciting life!" "So tell me," says the twenty, "where have you been throughout your lifetime?" The five pound note replies, "Oh, I've been to the Methodist Church, the Baptist Church, and the Anglican Church" The twenty-pound note interrupts, "What's a church?"



## **Letter from St James the Least of All**

The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-in-cheek letters from 'Uncle Eustace'...

### **On the perils of holding a Rose Queen celebration**

#### **The Rectory**

#### **St. James the Least of All**

My dear Nephew Darren

On reflection, inviting your parishioners to join in our annual Rose Queen celebrations may not have been entirely wise. It was cheering to see that your people arrived on carnival floats, although less happy that they should be being pursued by the police trying to recover lorries temporarily liberated from your local coal merchant.

Once the procession started, your drivers did not seem to have grasped the fact that the vehicles were expected to tour the village slowly, for the benefit of spectators, instead of treating it as a competitive race, resorting to driving anti-clockwise around roundabouts in order to queue-jump. I noticed that numbers on your floats gradually diminished as they were flung off while careering round corners. Those who had a walk of several miles back home while dressed as pirates and ballerinas had my sympathy. Our tea ladies however, were less sympathetic when hay bales were spun off as your drivers demonstrated handbrake turns in the car park, felling our Women's Guild like a row of skittles.

The local police normally use the afternoon to do a little gentle point duty while drinking gallons of sweet tea; this year, the number of tickets issued for unsafe vehicles, dangerous driving and assorted tax and insurance lapses should boost our constabulary's figures for the next twelve months.

I must concede that the group who decided to make a *papier mache* swan for one of your floats showed great imagination. It was such a pity that they did not know a fifteen foot swan would be driven under a

twelve foot bridge. The drama of its emergence, headless, was only exceeded by the following float which appeared to have a group of Brownies being savaged by a demented, bodiless, vulture.

I am sure that some of your people's offers to help this year's Princesses campaign for election for Rose Queen next year were well-meant. However, outlining systems for vote rigging and elector intimidation take a competitive spirit a little too far.

The crowning of the Rose Queen is always a high point to the afternoon, but could I point out that the "gold" crown is metal foil and the "diamond" sceptre is a piece of yellow glass. So could we please have them returned before next year?

Your loving uncle,

***Eustace***



## Seasons Of Love

Springtime, a time for planting  
Seeds of love so fragile so new  
The daffodils soon will be blooming  
The springtime was when I met you

The apple and the pear blossom  
So gently fragranced the air  
I knew as our love began growing  
With you my life I would share

Hazy, lazy, long summer days  
We have children now, as we planned  
Holiday fun at the seaside  
Building sand castles in the sand

Roses full bloom in the garden  
Honeysuckle grows round the door  
Summer loving on hot steamy nights  
Who could ask for anything more

Autumn brings in the harvest  
Apples, pears, blackberries, grain  
Like fledglings the children have flown the nest  
Leaving time for each other again

The leaves on the trees are now falling  
Love pours at a more sedate pace  
Strong and mature like a full bodied wine  
So potent it makes my heart race

Winter, robins, holly and mistletoe  
Christmas dressed up gold and red  
Jack frost holds life in his icy hands  
We snuggle together closely in bed

Loves passion once a roaring inferno  
Slowly cools with the first fall of snow  
The fire's now smouldering embers  
Still hot and continue to glow.

***Elizabeth Thomas***

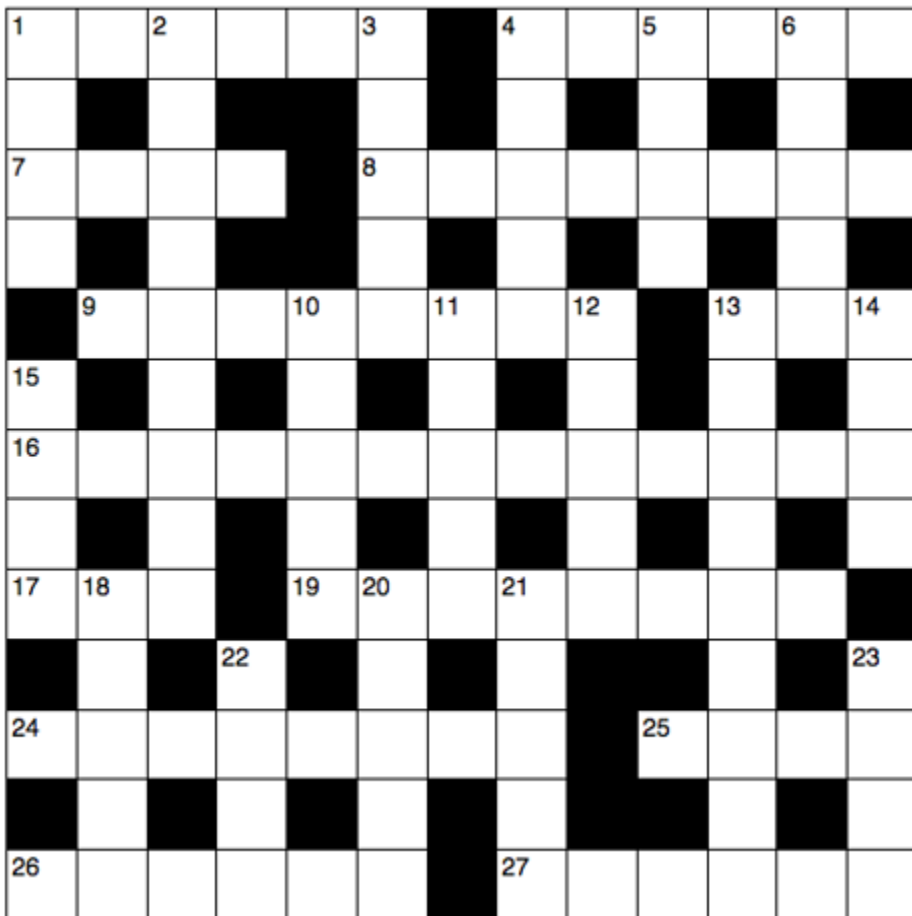
## Sudoku

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|   | 5 |   |   |   |   |   | 4 |   |
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| 8 |   | 1 | 5 |   |   |   | 9 |   |

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*Solution on page 30*

# Crossword



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

***Solution on page 30***

# Clues

## Across

- 1 One who owes money, goods or services (Isaiah 24:2) (6)
- 4 'A good measure, pressed down, — together and running over' (Luke 6:38) (6)
- 7 Continuous dull pain (Proverbs 14:13) (4)
- 8 This bread contains yeast (Amos 4:5) (8)
- 9 'But take heart! I have — the world' (John 16:33) (8)
- 13 And the rest (abbrev.) (3)
- 16 What Paul was accused of by Tertullus, the high priest's lawyer, in his trial before Felix (Acts 24:5) (13)
- 17 Rap (anag.) (3)
- 19 Founder of the Jesuits in 1534 (8)
- 24 'For where your — is, there your heart will be also' (Luke 12:34) (8)
- 25 The first word written on the wall during King Belshazzar's great banquet (Daniel 5:25) (4)
- 26 'We all, like sheep, have gone — ' (Isaiah 53:6) (6)
- 27 One was given in honour of Jesus in Bethany (John 12:2) (6)

## Down

- 1 'The blind receive sight, the lame walk, the — hear, the dead are raised' (Luke 7:22) (4)
- 2 Conduct (Colossians 1:21) (8)
- 3 In the Catholic and Orthodox traditions, the body of a saint or his belongings, venerated as holy (5)
- 4 'Like a — of locusts men pounce on it' (Isaiah 33:4) (5)
- 5 Very old (Genesis 44:20) (4)
- 6 In Calvinist theology, one who is predestined by God to receive salvation (5)
- 10 How Nicodemus addressed Jesus when he visited him one night (John 3:2) (5)
- 11 Sea (Psalm 148:7) (5)
- 12 'I will — you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever' (Psalm 145:1) (5)
- 13 One of the groups of philosophers that Paul met in Athens, who disagreed with his teaching about the resurrection (Acts 17:18) (9)
- 14 Barred enclosure (Ezekiel 19:9) (4)
- 15 'Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in — with the Spirit' (Galatians 5:25) (4)
- 18 Cares (anag.) (5)
- 20 Garish (Ezekiel 16:16) (5)
- 21 'So God said to Noah, "I am going to put — — to all people"' (Genesis 6:13) (2,3)
- 22 Just (2 Corinthians 6:13) (4)
- 23 'The — of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge' (Proverbs 1:7) (4)

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## Puzzle Solutions

Here are the solutions to the Puzzles .

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. You can read it properly by holding this page up to a mirror.



# Michael Rhodes

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### **British Consulate (new telephone number)**

Consularline is the first point of contact for our customers who call the Tenerife British Consulate by telephone and will provides a consistent service, answering enquiries or putting customers in touch with the department who will best be able to deal with their query.

The number for local calls is

- **902 109 356**
- **+34 91 334 2194** (alternative number)

The Contact Centre opening hours for Tenerife are 08:00 to 16:00hrs Monday to Friday. Please note that the British Consulate in Tenerife will maintain the same opening hours to the public - 08:30 - 13:30 Monday - Friday.

Out of office hours customers should call the above numbers and they will be given details of the 24hr emergency response centre which is based in the UK.

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# TIMES OF SERVICES



## **Playa de las Americas**

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

## **Los Gigantes**

|                |          |          |                      |
|----------------|----------|----------|----------------------|
| Espiritu Santo | Sunday   | 6.00 pm  | Holy Eucharist, Sung |
|                | Thursday | 10.30 am | Holy Eucharist, Sung |

## **Golf del Sur** (From September to April)

|          |        |         |                                      |
|----------|--------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| San Blas | Sunday | 6.00 pm | Holy Eucharist, Sung<br>By Extension |
|----------|--------|---------|--------------------------------------|

## **Los Cristianos** (*Second and Fourth Sundays September to December*)

|                |        |          |                            |
|----------------|--------|----------|----------------------------|
| Swedish Church | Sunday | 10.30 am | Holy Eucharist, with Hymns |
|----------------|--------|----------|----------------------------|

## **Callao Salvaje**

|                        |          |         |                      |
|------------------------|----------|---------|----------------------|
| Jesus Christ, Redeemer | Thursday | 6.00 pm | Holy Eucharist, Sung |
|------------------------|----------|---------|----------------------|

*(See the diary on pages 4-5 for detailed times)*

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