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**THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND**

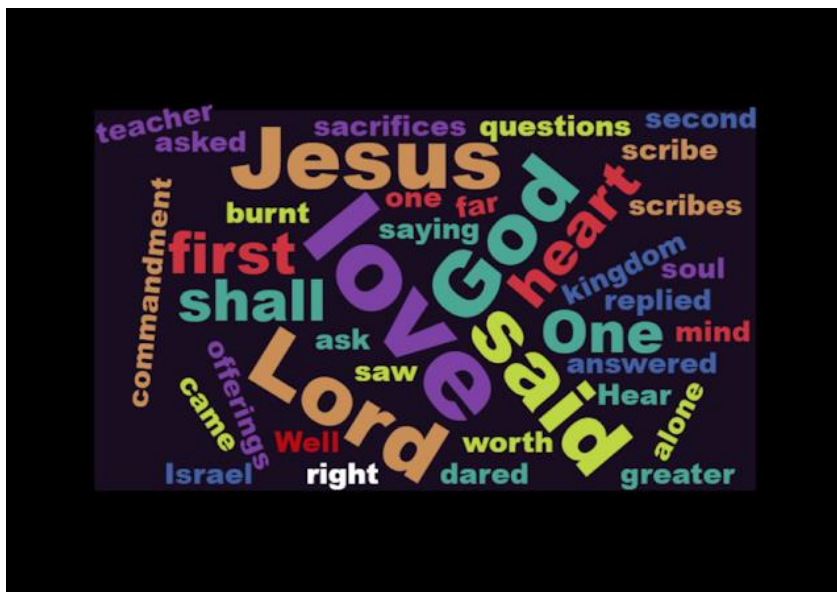
**SS PETER AND  
PAUL,  
TORREVIEJA**

*The Church of England worshipping in Word and Sacrament at Lago Jardín, Los Balcones and La Siesta and ministering through the southern Costa Blanca and eastern Murcia.  
A truly Eucharistic community of faith and love.*

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**FATHER RICHARD'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER  
3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024  
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**WELCOME TO THE CHAPLAINCY OF SS PETER AND PAUL, TORREVIEJA.  
ALL ARE WELCOME TO SHARE IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH IN THIS CHAPLAINCY.**

**Please remember to turn off your mobile phone  
before our services begin.  
Please don't use a mobile phone in church. Pray instead!**

**Please remember to talk to God in prayer before our services begin.  
There is plenty of time to talk to each other afterwards.  
Your talking may distract someone else's praying.  
Please keep a devotional silence.**

Father Richard's contact details are on the front of this newsletter.

Our Churchwardens are:  
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We take the Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults seriously. Our Safeguarding Policy is displayed at La Siesta and Lago Jardín and is available on our website:  
<https://www.c-of-e-torre vieja.com/safeguarding-policy/>  
Our Safeguarding Officer is Anna Horsnell who can be contacted at  
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Nuestra Señora de la Asunción at Los Balcones, our third church,  
is closed for a major rebuilding project.

### **Home Communions**

Father Richard will take Holy Communion to people at home according to their circumstances. This is a privilege and enables for prayer in the home at difficult times and for the communicant to receive Holy Communion at home. Please never hesitate to contact me if you would like Holy Communion at home if you are unable to come to church because of sickness or being housebound.

Here are some guidelines to assist you:

1. If you can, please arrange a surface with a white cloth upon which I can place the Blessed Sacrament. If this is difficult please do not worry too much but it is appreciated.

2. The Priest will not enter into general conversation until after the celebration which lasts about ten minutes. Then he would appreciate a cup of tea and chat with you but if your circumstances don't allow, please do not worry.
3. Please consider giving a donation to the Church for the Priest's ministry. He will have had to drive to you and it also enables you to give your weekly collection to support the priestly ministry in the parish / chaplaincy. This means there can be a Priest available for you and for others with a priestly presence in the parish / chaplaincy. It is a long-established custom – if you can – to make an offering to the Church in thankfulness for the ministry of the Church.
4. You don't have to tidy up before the priest arrives! Just prepare spiritually for an encounter with Christ in the Eucharist by being prayerful before his arrival.

**Father Richard writes:**

The place of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the life of the Church is without doubt. As the one who was chosen to be the Mother of the Lord Mary has a pre-eminent place in the liturgical and spiritual life of the Church – all devotion and honour given to her directly relates to her being the first disciple as it was to her that God sent the Archangel Gabriel and announced the good news that she was to be the Mother of God Incarnate. To honour Mary is to honour God. Our Lady's acceptance of God's will is a beacon for all Christians to follow and, rightly so, we acclaim Mary as God did: *Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee*. If it is a title used by God himself (remember the Archangel is sent by God) then all Christians can acclaim Our Lady in the same way with confidence.

In the Rosary we use the Hail Mary prayer as a way of invoking the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary but always remembering that her whole vocation was to point us to Jesus. *Blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus* echoes the words of Elizabeth at the Visitation. The Rosary is a familiar image here in Spain and on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November I invite you to join me at La Siesta to pray the Rosary, to invoke Our Lady's prayers and make Jesus the beating heart of your prayer life. Come along and experience this prayer.

One more thing more to ponder. The Hail Mary prayer is one of the most well-known Christian prayers. Like the Our Father it is a prayer for all Christians and of all Christians. Many communities say the Hail Mary together at the conclusion of the intercessions in the Holy Eucharist as a way of joining the prayers we have offered with those of the Mother of the Lord. I have seen how what we call *Marian spirituality* has grown and developed during the last nine years and for that I give thanks to God.

With my prayers and best wishes for you all, *Father Richard*



## **100 Club draw for October**

1<sup>st</sup> prize: N° 5. €20 won by Gareth Griffiths

2<sup>nd</sup> prize: N° 100. €15 won by John Dorsett

3<sup>rd</sup> prize: N° 9. €10 won by Anna Sage  
Donated back to Church funds



### **CHRISTMASS HAMPERS**

From Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November until Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December, tickets (squares) will be on sale to win one of the Christmass Hampers that we put together.

This is a good fundraising event to help bring in much needed funds for the work of the chaplaincy and we do ask that you try to support it. Tickets cost €2 per square and these will be available in both churches between the dates above.

Donations of chocolate, biscuits, bottles of wine etc will be gratefully received by Sue Brassington or Joan Berry so that the hampers may be put together .

**DATES AHEAD:**



**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

**1700 HOLY ROSARY AT LA SIESTA CHURCH**

*Come and pray the compendium of the Gospel. If you have prayed the Rosary before or its new to you, you are invited to pray with Father Richard as we offer the Holy Rosary and meditate on the life of the Lord and join our prayers with his holy Mother. We name our petitions before the Lord and ask Our Lady to take up our prayers. **Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death.***

*Please bring your Rosary beads with you or buy some if you don't have. Father Richard has a few spare sets you can use if not.*

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November**

**1700 La Siesta**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

**1130 Lago Jardín**

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

*At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.*





### **FINANCIAL GIVING TO THE CHAPLAINCY**

There are various ways of giving financially to the Chaplaincy for the work of the Church:

1. You can give in the plate each week.
2. You give through the UK gift aid scheme if you are a UK tax payer.
3. You are encouraged to set up a standing order to the Chaplaincy – this helps us budget more effectively.
4. You can make an offset against your Spanish tax
5. if you are Spanish tax payer.

One off donations are gratefully received.

For more information contact Father Richard or the Churchwardens.

The Chaplaincy relies on generous and sacrificial giving in response to a generous God who sacrificed his Son for us all on the cross.

**Spanish Bank details.** Banco Sabadell.

IBAN number ES65 0081 2061 7900 0106 0414

BSAB ESBB / Capellania Anglicana de Torrevieja

**UK Bank details.** Barclays Bank PLC Account name: Diocese in Europe Fund

Account number: 40317039 Sort code: 20-06-13. Address : Tufton Street,London Please state TORREVIEJA as the reference so the money is correctly applied. The IBAN number is: GB16 BUKB 2006 1340 31 70 39.

God bless you all for your support. *Peter and Jennifer (Churchwardens)*

### **GIVING ONLINE:**

<https://givealittle.co/c/3yXhRUWebr0Vqwf1OSVyV8>

### **GIVING BY QR CODE, APPLE PAY, GOOGLE WALLET:**

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***Thank you!***



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**In this Chaplaincy...**

The Chalice containing the Precious Blood of Christ is offered for those who wish to receive it. Holy Communion is offered with the words "The Body of Christ" to which you say **Amen** before consuming the Sacred Host. The words "The Blood of Christ" are said to which you say **Amen** before receiving from the Chalice. The Chalice is optional.

## **INTINCTION IS NOT PERMITTED FOR HEALTH AND HYGIENE REASONS.**

**ONGOING INFORMATION FOR OUR THREE CHURCHES  
SERVICES ARE SHARED BETWEEN LAGO JARDÍN AND LA SIESTA**

**Los Balcones, Nuestra Señora de la Asunción**  
*remains closed for re-building.*

### **Services in the Chaplaincy:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Church</b>
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	1130	La Siesta
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	1700 Rosary	La Siesta
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	1700 Eve of Remembrance Sunday	La Siesta
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	1130 Remembrance Sunday	Lago Jardín
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	1130	La Siesta
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	1700	La Siesta
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	1130 Liturgy of the Word	Lago Jardín
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	1130	La Siesta
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	1130 Advent Carol Service	La Siesta
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	1700	La Siesta
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	1130	Lago Jardín
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	1700 Holy Hour	Lago Jardín
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	1800 Carol Singing	Lago Jardín
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	1130	La Siesta
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	1800 Nine Lessons and Carols	La Siesta
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	1700 Holy Hour	Lago Jardín
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	1700	La Siesta
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	1130	Lago Jardín
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	1700 VIGIL MASS	Lago Jardín
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	2330 MASS DURING THE NIGHT	La Siesta
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>1030</b> MASS OF THE DAY	La Siesta
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> December	1700	La Siesta
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> December	1130	Lago Jardín



### **The Blessed Sacrament Lamp at Lago Jardín**

*burns this week for:*

***Tony Sage RIP on the first anniversary of his death.***

If you would like to dedicate the Blessed Sacrament for a week for a person, an intention, or in memory of a departed loved one, please see Father Richard. The cost is five euros for the week.



### **Father Richard's Prayer List for November 2024:**

*Please pray for the sick and those in particular need at this*

*time:* His Majesty King Charles, Her Royal Highness The Princess of Wales, Sarah Brain. Father Terence, Clíodhna pronounced Cliona Leydon, Michael, Gwyneth Manning, John and Cynthia Parkes, Michael Elliott, Lewis Elliott, David, Linda Thompson, Luke Thompson, Jamie Hill, Jamie Mack, Chris Hughes, Michelle Lane, Rhys Miles, Joey McNab, Eileen Shaw, Anna and Dick Horsnell, David Horsnell, Peter John, Martin Skillen, Raj Panchal, Paul McNab, Lesley Critchley, Gwen Simmons, Vicky, Gary Wilkes.

*Please help Father Richard by letting him know when people can be taken off the prayer list.*

*Please notify Father Richard of any corrections.*

### **Please pray for the recently departed:**

*Those killed as a result of the conflicts in Ukraine, Israel, Lebanon and Gaza.*

+ Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

### **Please advise Father Richard if there are any corrections to the above list.**

*If you wish a name to be added to the list of the sick you need to email Father Richard or write to him giving permission for yourself or ensure permission has been granted by someone else for their name to appear on this list. (GDPR regulations).*

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024**

### **Entrance Antiphon**

**Cf. Ps 37: 22-23**

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;  
be not far from me!  
Make haste and come to my help,  
O Lord, my strong salvation!

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### **Collect**

Almighty and merciful God,  
by whose gift your faithful offer you  
right and praiseworthy service,  
grant, we pray,  
that we may hasten without stumbling  
to receive the things you have promised.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

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### **First reading**

**Deuteronomy 6:2-6**

#### **You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart**

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord the God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: the Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

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### **Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 17(18):2-4,47,51**

*I love you, Lord, my strength.*

I love you, Lord, my strength,  
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.  
My God is the rock where I take refuge;  
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.  
The Lord is worthy of all praise,  
when I call I am saved from my foes.

*I love you, Lord, my strength.*

Long life to the Lord, my rock!  
Praised be the God who saves me,  
He has given great victories to his king  
and shown his love for his anointed.

*I love you, Lord, my strength.*

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### **Second reading**

**Hebrews 7:23-28**

#### **Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood**

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

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### **Gospel Acclamation**

**cf.Jn6:63,68**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life;  
you have the message of eternal life.  
Alleluia!

### **Or:**

**Jn14:23**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him,  
and we shall come to him.'  
Alleluia!

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### **Gospel**

**Mark 12:28-34**

#### **'You are not far from the kingdom of God'**

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

### **Homily**

As we continue to read from Mark's Gospel, our Lectionary skips a chapter that helps set the context for today's reading. If we were to read the sections skipped (chapter 11 and part of chapter 12), we would hear about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, his cleansing of the Temple, and the questioning of Jesus' authority by the chief priests, scribes, and elders. The context, therefore, for this Gospel is Jesus' growing exposure before the Jewish authorities. Jesus is being questioned and tested by the Jewish authorities, yet the scribe who addresses Jesus in today's Gospel seems to be an admirer; he is not testing Jesus.

The question posed in today's Gospel requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional commandments, numbering into the hundreds. For a devout Jew, adherence to the Mosaic Law is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of these commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus was not the only Jewish religious teacher to connect these two commandments, love of God and love of neighbour. Both of these commandments were central elements of the religious tradition that Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed, these commandments continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbour. Many believe, however, that this connection was heard in a new and fresh way when spoken by Jesus.

The scribe who questions Jesus in today's Gospel engages in a positive dialogue with Jesus. He agrees with Jesus' teaching that the commandments to love God and love neighbour stand above the commandment to offer worship and sacrifice in the Temple. With this dialogue, Jesus appears to close the debate with the Jewish authorities. Mark reports that no one dared to question Jesus further.





### The Angelus

The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary,  
**And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,  
Blessed art thou among women  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now  
**and at the hour of our death.**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.  
**Be it unto me according to Thy Word.**

Hail Mary, (as above)

And the Word was made flesh,  
**And dwelt among us.**

Hail Mary, (as above)

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.  
**That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known the incarnation of thy son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by His + cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of His Resurrection.  
Through the same Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**