

Good morning, everyone. We have the following announcements:

1. If you would like to purchase your own hymnal, which would be a great help in reducing the work of our volunteers each week, please speak to Tom Heath, who has kindly ordered them for us. Each hymnal costs 10 euros.
2. This Monday at 9:00 p.m., in Ferreiras, we will have the closing of another fraternal gathering. Three young people from our parish are taking part in this youth retreat.
3. Monday, December 8th, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, which is a Holy Day of Obligation.

The Mass schedule will be:

Sunday, December 7th at 6:00 p.m.: Vigil Mass at the Church of Carmo;

Monday, December 8th:

- 10:15 a.m. — Mass in English at the Church of Santiago;
- 11:30 a.m. — Mass in Portuguese at the Church of Santiago;
- 2:30 p.m. — Mass of the Feast of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception in Conceição, followed by the procession and community celebration;
- 5:00 p.m. — Mass in Santa Luzia.

Please note that there will be no Mass at Carmo on the 8th; it will take place in Santa Luzia instead.

4. This year we are preparing an Algarve-style Nativity scene for the Church of Santiago. You are welcome to bring *searinhas*, oranges, and other traditional items. These may be brought to the Church of Santiago starting on December 8th.
5. The Advent campaign of our Diocese highlights Saint Carlo Acutis, canonized only a few months ago, as our model for this season. We are invited to walk the Advent journey following his example of holiness.
6. And finally, the Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites continues its series “Afternoons with Mary” at the Church of São Paulo. The next gathering will be on Saturday, December 6th, at 6:00 p.m.

All of these announcements will be posted in our WhatsApp group and the English-speaking Community website. Thank you.