

Good morning, everyone. We have the following announcements:

1. It is with profound sorrow that we announce the passing of our fellow parishioner Graham Arthur Frank Bobby, who died peacefully at home on Monday 12 January, with his wife Carmela by his side. Graham joined our music ministry last year as a cantor. He loved to sing, and had served as a professional tenor in New York City before moving here to the Algarve. Graham's presence, musical talent and beautiful voice were an immense blessing to our community, and we are deeply grateful for how generously and joyfully he exercised his gift of singing, including towards the end, when his declining health sadly made performing more difficult. Graham will be greatly missed as a husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, friend, and beloved member of the English-speaking community. Let us keep Graham in our prayers, along with his wife Carmela, his children and the rest of their family as they grieve his enormous loss.
2. This Sunday marks the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Let us pray to the Lord for this intention.
3. Next Sunday, January 25, we will begin the Week of Saint Mary, a week dedicated to the Mother of God, patroness of our parish of Santa Maria. We will open the week with the inauguration of an exhibition at 3:30 p.m. in the Church of Santa Maria, followed by a musical concert. During this special week, in addition to other initiatives, we will have the blessing of children at the 11:30 a.m. Mass in Santiago on February 1.
4. Next Saturday, January 24, is the Diocesan Catechist Day.
5. The campaign to collect school supplies for São Tomé and Príncipe will continue until the end of January. Anyone who wishes to contribute may bring their donation supplies to the parish office.
6. We remind you that on May 30 and 31 we will make our pilgrimage to Coimbra and Fátima. Registration is now open.

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