

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1. Next Sunday, October 19th, is Mission Sunday. We will be taking up a special collection to support the Missions, helping the churches most in need and the spreading of the Gospel.

2. As many of you know, there is a project underway, with the blessing and guidance of Bishop Dom Manuel and Fr Miguel, to renovate the parish centre directly across the street from our church.

The goal is to transform the centre into a vibrant communal space where parishioners can use the classroom and courtyard for various activities, including volunteering, wedding receptions, baptisms, and other special events. These renovations also have the potential to enable the parish to rent out the space to the wider community, generating valuable rental income to support parish activities.

The volunteer committee that is leading this effort would like to invite all parishioners to join us for an Open House at the parish centre, next Sunday October 19th, right after the Mass. The committee will present the proposed renovations and answer any questions. Refreshments and light snacks will be provided. We encourage everyone to attend, and we welcome your ideas for this communal space!

We are excited to share that more than half of the renovation costs have already been covered—that's €19,300 out of a total of

€36,000. This is a big milestone, and we're deeply grateful for the support we have received so far.

Fundraising initiatives are ongoing to raise the remaining 17,000 euros. To help achieve this goal, a group of parishioners have committed to match euro-for-euro, all donations, up to 1,500 Euros. What this means is that for a limited time, your donation has twice the impact - for every euro donated, two will be donated to the project. If you would like to contribute, cash donations are gratefully accepted and can be handed to Mike Durant or any member of the liturgical team. Bank transfers are also welcome – further details will be shared in our WhatsApp group.

3. Last but not least, a big thank you to Sharon Ward and her team of volunteers who organised and facilitated the fundraiser this past Monday at the Black Anchor Pub, and to the many parishioners that attended the event. A total of 720 Euros was raised. These funds have been transferred, in accordance with the Bishop's wishes, to the parish centre restoration project bank account, where they will be used for the upcoming renovations and other community needs.

Also, those of you who like to cook or bake: if you could bring any goodies (cookies, muffins, cakes, or light finger foods etc...) to the Open House, that would be absolutely amazing

(There will be two Open Houses - one for the English community, and one for the Portuguese one, so any culinary/baking help is welcome and much appreciated)

Thank you

Finally, if you would like to make a donation to the parish centre renovation project - below are the details for the dedicated bank account that has been created for this project.

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Any contribution, big or small, will help make a meaningful difference. Thank you 🙏

