

ANNOUNCEMENTS for the SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY MOTHER

Good morning and welcome to our guests and visitors. We have these announcements:

1. Peace candles in support of the Caritas international charity are on sale outside the church. The candle sales support the ten million stars project of Caritas serving people in need around the world during the year.
2. The St. Vincent de Paul Conference is collecting non-perishable food for the poor during Advent. Bring milk, canned food, oil, olive oil, rice, pasta, cereals, etc. and leave them here in the church.
3. The doors of our church are finally finished. We would like to reiterate our thanks to everyone who helped with this work.
4. Next Sunday is Epiphany Sunday. We will have a collection for the Missions for Children.
5. This Saturday, January 4th, we will have the Catechism Kings' festival, with a movie screening, at Igreja de San Antonio at 3:30pm. The ticket for entry is to bring a non-perishable food item to be given to the needy. Everyone is invited.
6. The Jubilee Year 2025 has begun. Throughout the year there will be special events in recognition of this global celebration. You can learn more about the Jubilee in the Catholic church worldwide with links posted on our WhatsApp and Facebook groups, and on our website.
Diocese of the Algarve - Opening of church doors - <https://afl.fan/vdxlx>
7. Our young people are continuing their fundraising to take part in the Youth celebration of the Jubilee in Rome, by selling cakes and other items at the door of the church.
8. At the doors when you exit, you will find the book "Palavra e Vida," priced at five euros. It contains a reflection on the Gospel of the liturgy for every day of the year in Portuguese for those learning the language.
9. As you will have noted this morning, we are providing, on a trial basis during Advent, the readings and general information on a handout. The Lay Liturgical ministry and Media ministry of the English Community are exploring a regular weekly bulletin as a more permanent solution, but we do not have any decision or timetable currently. The cost for this during Advent is funded by donations from the Lay Liturgy group. Your feedback is welcome as the ministries decide whether to continue this in Ordinary Time.
10. Please note there are additional announcements on the reverse side of the reading's handout for today.