



SEMANA SANTA  
ALTEA 2026

## GREETING, PARISH PRIEST OF OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION

**Francisco Rafael  
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As we approach Holy Week, the members of our Confraternities' Council have invited me to offer a few words.

In 2026, the Church commemorates the 800th anniversary of the transit to the Father (the passage from this life to eternal life) of Saint Francis of Assisi. By decree issued in January, Pope Leo has proclaimed a Jubilee Year of Saint Francis, to be celebrated from 10 January 2026 to 10 January 2027.

The plenary indulgence may be obtained by visiting a place associated with the life of Saint Francis, as well as a church dedicated to him, such as our Church of Saint Francis in Convent Square. We are therefore invited to reflect upon Saint Francis and his charism. Reading about his life and example can greatly assist us in this reflection.

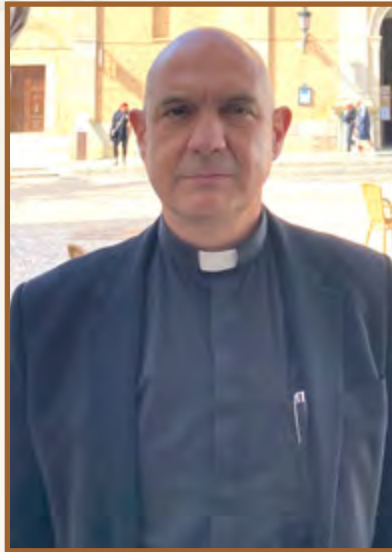
In this regard, we may look to Saint Francis as a man of profound prayer, deeply close to God, who, in prayer, contemplated the mysteries of the life, Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, to such an extent that he received within himself the stigmata of Christ.

Through these simple words, I invite you to live our Holy Week with the contemplative spirit of Saint Francis of Assisi, and, like him, to strip ourselves of all that hinders our prayer and our encounter with the Lord. May we live and pray a renewed Lent and Holy Week, both inwardly and outwardly.

I extend my congratulations to the Major Council of Holy Week Confraternities, to all the confraternities and their members, and I thank them for all the good they do, for their dedication, effort and hard work in helping us all to live the mystery of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

I also congratulate the people of Altea, and all those who come during Holy Week to experience our profound traditions and to share them together in unity.

I wish you holy and blessed days.



## GREETING, PARISH PRIEST OF SAINT ANNE AND SAINT LAWRENCE

**Juan Carlos Ferri Albert**

Each year, the solemnity of the Most Holy Christ of Health of Altea la Vella, celebrated on the third Sunday before Lent, reminds us that the Feast of feasts, the Easter of the Resurrection, is approaching. Around this central celebration are organised the other movable feasts of the liturgical year, such as the beginning of Lent, which prepares us for this great Feast, or Pentecost, which is its fulfilment, followed on the next Sunday by the Most Holy Trinity, and Corpus Christi, as a celebration closely linked to that of Maundy Thursday.

The proclamations announce to us the arrival of the holiest week of the year. Easter means passage: it is the Lord who desires to pass through our lives in order to renew them, if only we allow Him to do so.

I wish you a happy and holy Holy Week.



## AUTHOR OF THE 2026 POSTER

### Cayetano Solano López

Born in Altea, he holds a Degree in History from the University of Valencia (2010–2015) and is a certified professional drone pilot (Polytechnic University of Valencia, 2015–2016). In 2019, he founded the specialised drone channel “Droneando”, followed in 2020 by the creation of the online drone pilot training academy “Droneando.info”.

It is precisely through his work as a drone pilot and digital creator that he has captured some of the most striking, beautiful and spectacular images of Altea currently found on social media. He is also the creator of the documentaries “Arbret de Sant Joan” (2017) and “The Night of Fire and Water: El Castel de l’Olla” (2023).

For Holy Week in Altea, he has created a work that arises from a fundamental question: what is it that unites all the people of Altea? To this question, the artist finds an evident answer: the icon of our town, the Parish Church of Our Lady of Consolation, the symbol that appears in every image of Altea and which we never tire of contemplating. From this certainty, the poster is born.



The result is a minimalist and essential image in which the church becomes the absolute focal point, not as a decorative element, but as the spiritual and visual epicentre of Holy Week in Altea.

The author’s experience in aerial photography has made it possible to observe the church from perspectives normally inaccessible to the viewer, giving rise to an image that is both essential and instantly recognisable.



## PROCLAIMER OF HOLY WEEK IN ALTEA

### José Francisco Serrat Poblet

His committed character and profound love for Altea have ensured that his influence is reflected in virtually every sphere of local life, particularly in its culture and festivities.

His outstanding dedication to traditional celebrations has led him to serve as Proclaimer, Secretary, Vice-President and President of the Saint Blaise Moors and Christians Association. He is currently a founding member of “Amics de Sant Blai”, as well as Vice-President, Deputy Treasurer, Area Delegate and Honorary Member of UNDEF. In 1984, he was Christian King with the Christians d’Altaia company, of which he was a founding and board member. He has also served as Secretary and is currently an active member of the Moros Malvins company.

Likewise, he has been “Majoral” of the festivities of the Most Holy Christ of the Tabernacle, has served on several occasions as majoral of the Saint Peter festivities, and has participated in the Saint John festivities both as “Clavari” and, on various occasions, as “majoral”. At present, he is also Secretary of the association “Amics de l’Arbret”.

In the same way, he has shown a significant commitment

to the cultural life of Altea, having served as Secretary and board member of the Altea Philharmonic Society, and currently as a member of the Organising Committee of the “Vila d’Altea” International Band Competition.

He is also a confraternity member of the Most Holy Christ of the Tabernacle and of the Holy Sepulchre, within which he has likewise served as board member and Secretary.

However, beyond this remarkable and extensive commitment to life in Altea, what truly justifies his appointment as Proclaimer of Holy Week in Altea is the fact that Pepe Serrat was the first President of the Major Council of Confraternities, from 2015 to 2019. During this period, his initiative, selfless dedication and personal involvement were decisive in the creation and consolidation of the Major Council of Confraternities as the organisational and spiritual cornerstone of Holy Week in Altea.

Through his leadership, the promotion of faith and the preservation of the historical, cultural and religious traditions associated with Holy Week in Altea were firmly pursued, ensuring their continuity from generation to generation.

## PROCLAIMER OF HOLY WEEK IN ALTEA LA VELLA

### Vicente Martínez Agulló



The Reverend Vicente Martínez Agulló, a native of Altea, felt a vocation to the priesthood at a young age and was ordained on 11 July 1993. Over more than thirty years of priestly ministry, he has served in numerous communities, beginning his pastoral work as Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of Bethlehem in Crevillente.

In the year 2000, he was appointed Parish Priest of Our Lady of the Assumption in Jijona and of Saint Anne in Torremanzanas, a ministry he carried out until 2003. From that year, and for the following seven years, his missionary and evangelising spirit led him to Peru, where he served as Parish Priest of Saint Mary Magdalene in Casma until 2006, and from then until 2008 as Parish Priest of The Good Shepherd in Carabayllo, Lima.

Upon his return to Spain in 2008, he was appointed Parish Priest of Our Lady of Peace in Villena and of Saint John the Baptist in La Encina, serving until 2010. In 2013, and for the course of one year, he served as Parish Priest of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Arneva, before being entrusted with the parishes of Our Lady of Montserrat in Hurchillo, where he remained until 2017. In that same year, he was appointed Parish

Priest of Saint Anthony Abbot in Orihuela, a post he held until 2023, when he was finally appointed Parish Priest of Calpe and Archpriest of Callosa d’En Sarrià.

In addition to the above, his vocation of service and pastoral dedication led him to combine his parish responsibilities with the office of Diocesan Bursar from 2021 to 2023, as well as with that of Director of the Diocesan Foundation Saint Joseph the Worker in Orihuela, a role he carried out from 2010 to 2023.

Despite this extensive pastoral ministry beyond his native town, his bonds with Altea have always remained unbroken. His humility and kindness, his joyful and approachable spirit, have kept him closely connected to his roots. Thus, despite having spent so many years away, he continues to be for everyone “el Pataleto”: the one who always responds with love to every call for help, who never fails, ever close and ready to serve, and who constantly inspires peace and love of God.

# HOLY WEEK ACTIVITY SCHEDULE 2026

PARISH CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION ALTEA	CHURCH OF SAINT FRANCIS ALTEA	PARISH CHURCH OF SAINT ANNE ALTEA LA VELLA	PARISH CHURCH OF SAINT LAWRENCE L'OLLA	ONVENT OF THE DISCALCED CARMELITE NUNS L'OLLA
<b>FRIDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 2026</b>				
✘ 6:30 p.m. Holy Mass	✘ Charity campaign in aid of Càritas ✘ 7:30 p.m. Solemn Sung Mass ✘ Presentation of the Holy Week 2026 Poster, by <b>Cayetano Solano López</b> ✘ Proclamation of Holy Week 2026, delivered by <b>José Serrat Poblet</b> ✘ Reception (Wine of Honour)			✘ 7:30 p.m. Holy Mass
<b>WEDNESDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2026 – ASH WEDNESDAY</b>				
✘ 6:30 p.m. Holy Mass	✘ 7:30 p.m. Holy Mass	✘ 8:00 p.m. Holy Mass	✘ 7:30 p.m. Holy Mass	✘ 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass
<b>SATURDAY, 21 FEBRUARY 2026</b>				
✘ 6:30 p.m. Holy Mass in honour of the <b>Ecce Homo</b> Confraternity	✘ 7:30 p.m. Holy Mass	✘ 6:30 p.m. Holy Mass		✘ 7:30 p.m. Holy Mass
<b>SATURDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 2026</b>				
✘ 6:30 p.m. Holy Mass in honour of the <b>Jesus the Nazarene</b> Confraternity	✘ 7:30 p.m. Holy Mass	✘ 6:30 p.m. Holy Mass		✘ 7:30 p.m. Holy Mass
<b>SATURDAY, 7 MARCH 2026</b>				
✘ 6:30 p.m. Holy Mass in honour of the <b>Holy Sepulchre</b> Confraternity ✘ <b>Pilgrimage of the Most Holy Christ of the Tabernacle</b> : descent to the Church of Saint Francis, where the image will remain until 14 March	✘ 7:30 p.m. Holy Mass	✘ 6:30 p.m. Holy Mass		✘ 7:30 p.m. Holy Mass
<b>SATURDAY, 14 MARCH 2026</b>				
✘ 6:30 p.m. Holy Mass	✘ 7:30 p.m. Holy Mass in honour of the <b>Most Holy Christ of the Tabernacle</b> Confraternity ✘ <b>Pilgrimage of the Most Holy Christ of the Tabernacle</b> : ascent to the Parish Church	✘ 6:30 p.m. Holy Mass		✘ 7:30 p.m. Holy Mass

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<b>FRIDAY, 20 MARCH TO THURSDAY, 26 MARCH 2026</b>				
✘ 6:30 p.m. <b>Septenary</b> in honour of <b>Our Lady of Sorrows</b>	✘ 7:30 p.m. Holy Mass	✘ 6:30 p.m. Holy Mass		✘ 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass
<b>SATURDAY, 21 MARCH 2026</b>				
✘ 6:30 p.m. Holy Mass	✘ 7:30 p.m. Holy Mass	✘ Charity campaign in aid of Càritas ✘ 18:30 h. Holy Mass Solemne ✘ Proclamation of Holy Week 2026, delivered by the <b>Reverend Vicente Martínez Agulló</b> ✘ Reception (Wine of Honour)		✘ 7:30 p.m. Holy Mass
<b>SUNDAY, 22 MARCH 2026</b>				
			✘ 7:30 p.m. 'Youth' Stations of the Cross	
<b>FRIDAY, 27 MARCH 2026 – FRIDAY OF SORROWS</b>				
✘ 6:30 p.m. Holy Mass in honour of <b>Our Lady of Sorrows</b>	✘ 7:30 p.m. Holy Mass	✘ 6:00 p.m. Holy Rosary ✘ 6:30 p.m. Holy Mass in honour of <b>Our Lady of Sorrows</b>		✘ 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass in honour of <b>Our Lady of Sorrows</b>
<b>SATURDAY, 28 MARCH 2026</b>				
✘ 6:30 p.m. Palm Sunday Vigil Mass	✘ 7:30 p.m. Palm Sunday Vigil Mass	✘ 6:30 p.m. Palm Sunday Vigil Mass		✘ 7:30 p.m. Palm Sunday Vigil Mass
<b>SUNDAY, 29 MARCH 2026 – PALM SUNDAY</b>				
✘ 9:00 a.m. Blessing of Palms and Holy Mass	✘ 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass ✘ 11:15 a.m. Blessing of Palms ✘ Pilgrimage procession from the Church of Saint Francis to the Parish Church	✘ 12:00 noon. Blessing of Palms and Holy Mass	✘ 10:00 a.m. Blessing of Palms and Holy Mass	✘ 11:00 a.m. Blessing of Palms and Holy Mass
✘ 12:00 noon. Holy Mass in the Parish Church	✘ 19:30 p.m. Holy Mass			

PROCESSIONAL ROUTES. (Routes are subject to possible changes due to ongoing works in Carrer Pont de Moncau. Any alterations will be announced in advance during Masses, on parish noticeboards, and through Radio Altea and social media.)

- Pilgrimage – Descent of the Most Holy Christ of the Tabernacle: Parish Church Square, Carrer Major, Portal Vell, Carrer Sol, Carrer la Séquia, Pont de Moncau, Plaça del Convent
- Pilgrimage – Ascent of the Most Holy Christ of the Tabernacle: Church of Saint Francis, Plaça del Convent, Pont de Moncau, Plaça la Creu, Costera dels Matxos, Portal Vell, Carrer Major, Parish Church Square
- Palm Sunday Pilgrimage: Plaça del Convent, Pont de Moncau, Costera dels Matxos, Portal Vell, Carrer Major, Parish Church Square

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<b>MONDAY, 30 MARCH 2026 – HOLY MONDAY</b>				
	✘ 7:30 p.m. Holy Mass			✘ 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass
✘ 11:00 a.m. Chrism Mass at the Co-Cathedral of Saint Nicholas, Alicante				
<b>TUESDAY, 31 MARCH 2026 – HOLY TUESDAY</b>				
✘ 6:30 p.m. Holy Mass	✘ 7:30 p.m. Holy Mass	✘ 7:00 p.m. Confessions ✘ Confessions available upon request ✘ 8:00 p.m. Holy Mass		✘ 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass
<b>WEDNESDAY, 1 APRIL 2026 – HOLY WEDNESDAY</b>				
✘ 7:00 p.m. Holy Mass ✘ At the conclusion of Mass: <b>Children's Procession of Our Lady of Hope and Christ the Rescued</b>	✘ 7:30 p.m. Holy Mass	✘ 7:00 p.m. Confessions ✘ Confessions available upon request ✘ 8:00 p.m. Holy Mass		✘ 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass
<b>THURSDAY, 2 APRIL 2026 – MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>				
✘ 7:00 p.m. Confessions ✘ 8:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper [In Cœna Domini] ✘ Translation of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose ✘ Prayer before the Altar of Repose: from the placement of the Blessed Sacrament until the conclusion of the Stations of the Cross, the Blessed Sacrament Chapel will remain open ✘ 12:00 midnight, Solemn Stations of the Cross, departing from the Parish Church, with the enactment of five scenes by the theatre group "Pla i Revés"	✘ 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Confessions ✘ 6:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper [In Cœna Domini] and Prayer before the Altar of Repose	✘ 8:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper ✘ Translation of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose and Holy Hour	✘ 6:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper	✘ 7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

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<b>FRIDAY, 3 APRIL 2026 – GOOD FRIDAY</b>				
✘ 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon The Chapel (Altar of Repose) of the Parish Church will remain open  ✘ 6:00 p.m. Solemn Liturgy of the Passion and Death of the Lord ✘ 7:00 p.m. Solemn Procession of the Holy Burial	✘ 11:00 a.m. Holy Hour  ✘ 5:00 p.m. Solemn Liturgy of the Passion and Death of the Lord	✘ 12:00 noon Solemn Stations of the Cross at the Calvary of Altea la Vella, with dramatic scenes performed by the theatre group "Pla i Revés"  ✘ 5:00 p.m. Solemn Liturgy of the Passion and Death of the Lord ✘ 9:00 p.m. Solemn Procession of the Holy Burial		✘ 6:30 p.m. Solemn Liturgy of the Passion and Death of the Lord
<b>SATURDAY, 4 APRIL 2026 – HOLY SATURDAY</b>				
✘ 10:00 p.m. Solemn Easter Vigill ✘ 12:00 midnight Procession of the Encounter with the Risen Christ		✘ 10:00 p.m. Solemn Easter Vigill ✘ Immediately afterwards: Procession of the Encounter		✘ 9:00 p.m. Solemn Easter Vigill
<b>SUNDAY, 5 APRIL 2026 – EASTER SUNDAY</b>				
✘ 12:00 noon Easter Mass	✘ 10:00 a.m. Easter Mass ✘ 7:30 p.m. Easter Mass	✘ 12:00 noon Easter Mass	✘ 10:00 a.m. Easter Mass	✘ 11:00 a.m. Easter Mass
<b>MONDAY, 6 APRIL 2026 – EASTER MONDAY</b>				
✘ 11:00 a.m. Holy Mass	✘ 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass	✘ 8:00 p.m. Holy Mass		✘ 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass

PROCESSIONAL ROUTES

PROCESSION OF OUR LADY OF HOPE: Church Square, Sant Miquel Street, Sant Josep Street, Santa Bàrbara Street, Betlem Street, Fondo Street, Salamanca Street, Major Street, Church Square.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Departure from the Church, Major Street, Portal Vell Street, Calvari Street, Alcoi Street, Sant Xotxim Square, Porrat Street, Sant Josep Street, returning to the Church.

PROCESSION OF THE HOLY BURIAL: Church Square, Santa Bàrbara Street, Betlem Street, Fondo Street, Portal Vell Street, Calvari Street, Alcoi Street, Sant Xotxim Square, Porrat Street, Sant Josep Street, concluding at Church Square.

PROCESSION OF THE ENCOUNTER:

- Risen Christ: Church Square, Major Street, Portal Vell Street, Church Square.
- Virgin Mary: Church Square, Santa Bàrbara Street, Betlem Street, Fondo Street, Portal Vell Street, Major Street, Church Square.

## GREETING FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE MAJOR COUNCIL OF HOLY WEEK CONFRATERNITIES AND BROTHERHOODS OF ALTEA

Ana Alvado

Once again, Lent arrives as a prelude to Holy Week, that rich union of devotion, tradition and culture which, while constituting a festive and tourist event, is above all a religious celebration.

From the Major Council of Holy Week Confraternities and Brotherhoods of Altea, as the body that brings together all the confraternities, we work to ensure that Holy Week in Altea continues to be a defining hallmark of our town; that, just as previous generations did, we are able to care for and pass on all that this sacred time represents.

For this reason, I encourage the more than one thousand confraternity members who form part of our confraternities to accompany us in the events organised by your respective associations, all of which are prepared with great effort and dedication. I also invite all the people of Altea, as well as the visitors who arrive during these days, to join us in the many events that have been arranged, so that our processions may be well attended and solemn, as these dates truly deserve.

I would not wish to conclude without expressing my sincere gratitude for the generous dedication of all those who, through their confraternities, work tirelessly for the celebration of these days; to the Parish Priests of Altea and Altea la Vella, to Caixaltea, and to the Most Honourable Town Council of Altea. Thanks to them, and to all who support and collaborate with us, our Holy Week will continue to grow and look towards the future, without ever losing its roots or its essence.

To you all, I wish a Happy Easter of the Resurrection.



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS MAUNDY THURSDAY NIGHT



Once again, the Pla i Revés Theatre Group fills the streets of Altea, clothing them in the spirit of Holy Week.

Holy Week in Altea is lived with particular intensity during the days commemorating the Passion and Death of Jesus, sustained by the promise of His Resurrection.

The Stations of the Cross refer to the path walked by Christ from the moment of His arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane to His arrival at Calvary, culminating in His crucifixion and death. The Stations of the Cross consist of the representation of fourteen "stations", drawn from the Gospels, some of which have been added through Christian tradition.

During the night from Maundy Thursday to Good Friday, a group of women and men—members and collaborators of the Altea-based Pla i Revés Theatre Group—portray various scenes of the Stations of the Cross through the streets of Altea, following the sequence of chapels that symbolically mark the entire Way of the Cross.

The route will depart from the Parish Church, continuing along Major Street, Portal Vell, Calvari Street, Alcoi Street and Saint Xotxim Square, returning to the Parish Church via Porrat Street and Saint Joseph Street.

We wish to express our gratitude for the collaboration of the Town Council of Altea, the Parish Church, and all those individuals and institutions who, year after year, assist in the organisation of this event, which marks the opening of Holy Week in Altea. Above all, we express our hope that this tradition may continue to live on year after year.





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