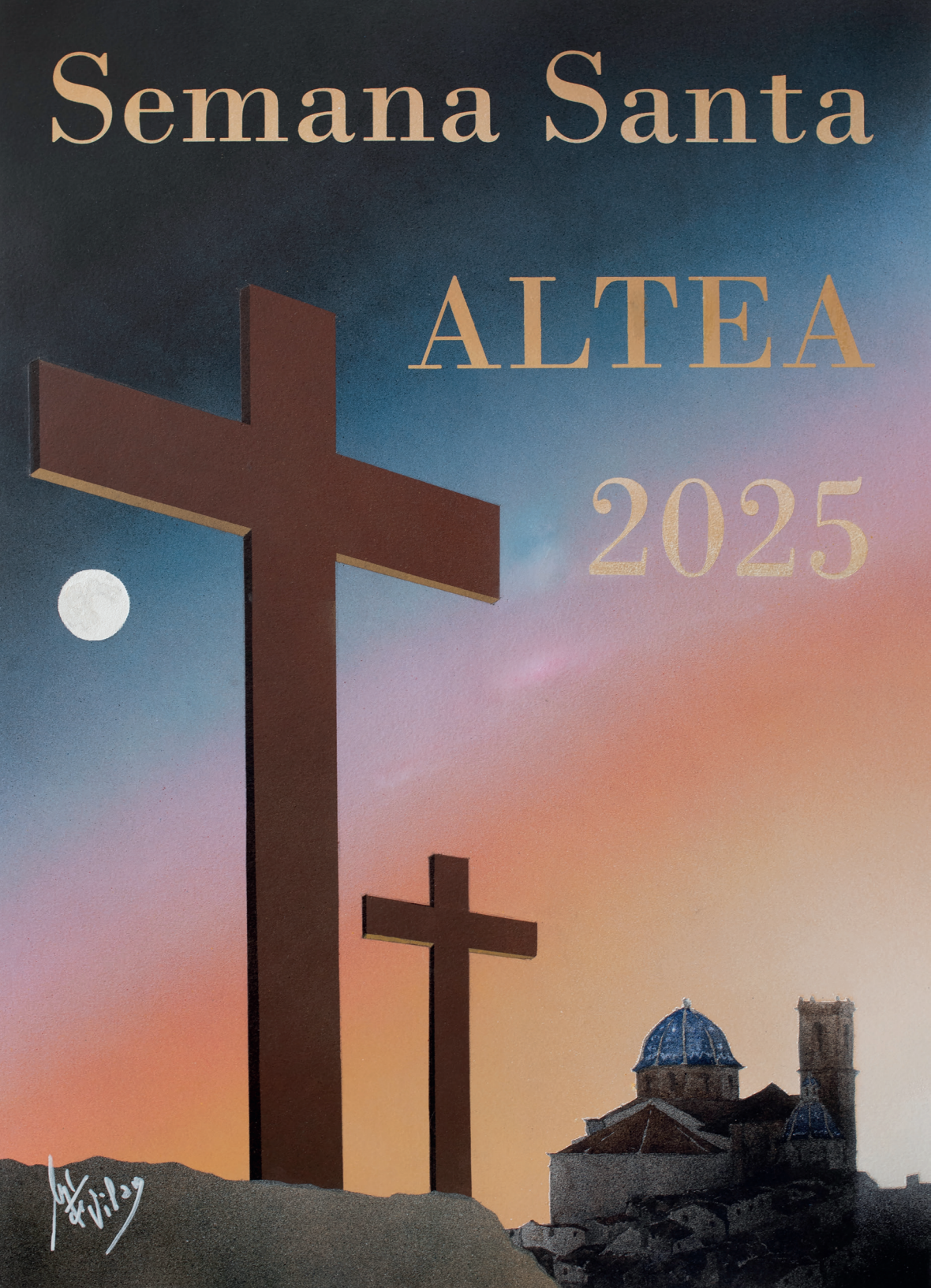


# Semana Santa

## ALTEA

### 2025



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# GREETING FROM THE PARISH PRIEST OF ALTEA

**Francisco Morat6**



Dear readers,

Holy Week in this year 2025, the Jubilee Year of Hope—marked by the commemoration of the 2025th anniversary of Christ's birth—is truly a special occasion.

We are blessed with a renewed Brotherhood Council, including its president, secretary, and other members. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all, both past and present, for their tireless work throughout the year in service of our town and its Holy Week traditions.

The concept of a Jubilee Year has its roots in the Old Testament—it was a year of joy, a time of reconciliation among brethren, of setting prisoners free, and of returning from exile. It was the king who granted it, showing his generosity to his people. The word jubilee itself means joy—and that is precisely what the king wished for his people: decisions that would bring them happiness.

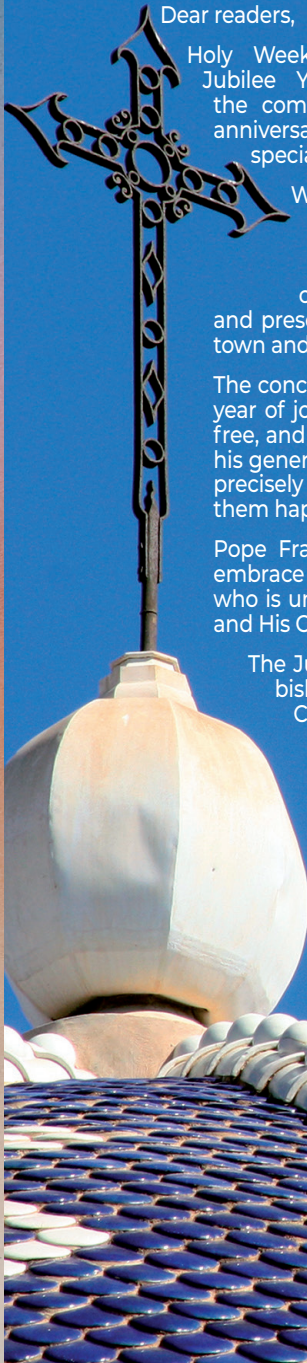
Pope Francis has proclaimed this Jubilee Year, calling upon us all to embrace the profound and true joy of salvation in Christ Jesus. Everyone who is united with Christ through baptism is already a member of Christ and His Church.

The Jubilee Year holds great significance in Altea's Holy Week, as our bishop, José Ignacio, has declared our Parish Church of Our Lady of Consolation a Jubilee Temple. By attending Mass in our church, praying for the Pope's intentions, and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation (either on the same day or within a period of ten days before or after), we may obtain a plenary indulgence for ourselves or apply it to a soul in purgatory, aiding its passage into heaven.

This special grace comes from the immense treasury of Christ's redemption on the Cross—the very mystery we relive and celebrate during Holy Week.

You are all warmly invited to participate in the various Lenten celebrations, from Ash Wednesday to the descent of the Most Holy Christ of the Tabernacle to Saint Francis, His days in Saint Francis, and many other sacred events.

Wishing you all a blessed  
Holy Week and  
Easter  
2025.





## **GREETING FROM THE PARISH PRIEST OF SAINT ANNE AND SAINT LAWRENCE**

**Juan Carlos  
Ferri Albert**

In this year 2025, both Orthodox and Catholic Christians will celebrate Easter on the

same day—20th April. This rare occurrence is due to the exceptional alignment of the Julian calendar (used by the Orthodox Church) and the Gregorian calendar (followed by the Catholic Church and other Christian denominations).

For both Catholics and Orthodox Christians, Easter represents the pinnacle of the liturgical year.

The date of Easter was first discussed at the Council of Nicaea in the year 325, whose 1,700th anniversary we are commemorating this year. On that occasion, it was established that Easter would be celebrated on the first Sunday following the first full moon of spring.

However, the desire to establish a common date for celebrating Christ's Resurrection remains a heartfelt aspiration of Pope Francis—one that was already expressed by Pope Paul VI in a letter dated 26th March 1975 to the Patriarch of Constantinople, Dimitrios I.

Indeed, Pope Francis has stated his willingness to accept a fixed date for Easter should an agreement be reached, so that both Orthodox and Catholic Christians may celebrate it together.

During these weeks, we prepare ourselves to celebrate the greatest mystery of our faith, which we commemorate in the Eucharist—the Resurrection of the Lord and the hope of our own resurrection.

Wishing you all a blessed celebration of the Easter mystery.



## OPENING HOURS OF EASTER 2025

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	CONVENT OF THE DISCALCED CARMELITE L'OLLA
<b>SATURDAY, 1st MARCH 2025</b>				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✘ Convent Market: Charitable Campaign by Caritas</li> <li>✘ 19:30 - Solemn Sung Mass</li> <li>✘ Presentation of the Holy Week 2025 Poster - Author: Agustín Vilar</li> <li>Holy Week Proclamation by the Parish Choir</li> <li>✘ Honour Wine Reception</li> </ul>	✘ 18:30, Mass		✘ 19:30, Mass
<b>ASH WEDNESDAY, 5th MARCH 2025</b>				
✘ 18:30, Mass	✘ 19:30, Mass	✘ 20:00, Mass	✘ 18:00, Mass	✘ 08:30, Mass
<b>SATURDAY, 8th MARCH 2025</b>				
✘ 18:30, Mass in honour of the Brotherhood of Ecce Homo	✘ 19:30, Mass	✘ 18:30, Mass		✘ 19:30, Mass
<b>SATURDAY, 15th MARCH 2025</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✘ 18:30, Mass in honour of the Brotherhood of Jesus the Nazarene</li> <li>✘ Pilgrimage of the Most Holy Christ of the Tabernacle: Descent to the Church of Saint Francis, where it will remain until the 22nd</li> </ul>	✘ 19:30, Mass	✘ 18:30, Mass		✘ 19:30, Mass
<b>SATURDAY, 22nd MARCH 2025</b>				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✘ 19:30, Mass in honour of the Brotherhood of the Most Holy Christ of the Tabernacle, at the Church of Saint Francis</li> <li>✘ Pilgrimage of the Most Holy Christ of the Tabernacle: Ascent to the Parish Church.</li> </ul>	✘ 18:30, Mass		✘ 19:30, Mass

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	CONVENT OF THE DISCALCED CARMELITE L'OLLA
<b>SATURDAY, 29th MARCH 2025</b>				
✘ 18:30, Mass in honour of the Brotherhood of the Holy Sepulchre	✘ 19:30, Mass	✘ 18:30, Mass		✘ 19:30, Mass
<b>FRIDAY, 4th APRIL 2025 - FRIDAY, 11th APRIL 2025</b>				
✘ 18:30, Seven-day Devotion in honour of Our Lady of Sorrows	✘ 19:30, Mass	✘ 20:00, Mass		✘ 08:30, Mass
<b>SATURDAY, 5th APRIL 2025</b>				
✘ 18:30 h. Mass	✘ 19:30, Mass	✘ 20:00, Solemn Mass ✘ Holy Week Proclamation by Marga Moltó Riera ✘ Honour Wine Reception		✘ 19:30, Mass
<b>FRIDAY, 11th APRIL 2025 - FRIDAY OF SORROWS</b>				
✘ 18:30, Mass in honour of Our Lady of Sorrows	✘ 19:30, Mass	✘ 19:30, Holy Rosary ✘ 20:00, Mass in honour of Our Lady of Sorrows		✘ 08:30, Mass in honour of Our Lady of Sorrows
<b>SATURDAY, 12th APRIL 2025</b>				
✘ 18:30, Palm Sunday Vigil Mass	✘ 19:30, Palm Sunday Vigil Mass	✘ 20:00, Palm Sunday Vigil Mass		✘ 19:30, Palm Sunday Vigil Mass
<b>SUNDAY, 13th APRIL 2025 - PALM SUNDAY</b>				
✘ 9:00, Blessing of Palms and Mass	✘ 10:00, Mass ✘ 11:15, Blessing of Palms ✘ Pilgrimage from the Church of Saint Francis to the Parish Church.	✘ 12:00, Blessing of Palms and Mass	✘ 10:00, Blessing of Palms and Mass	✘ 11:00, Blessing of Palms and Mass
✘ 12:00, Mass at the Parish Church	✘ 19:30, Mass			

#### HOLY WEEK PROCESSIONS

Pilgrimage of the Most Holy Christ of the Tabernacle (Descent): Departure from the Parish Church square, through Major Street, Portal Vell, Sol Street, La Sèquia Street, Montcau Bridge, and Convent Square.

Pilgrimage of the Most Holy Christ of the Tabernacle (Ascent): Departure from the Church of Saint Francis, through Convent Square, Montcau Bridge Street, La Creu Square, Costera dels Matxos, Portal Vell, Major Street, and the Parish Church Square.

Palm Sunday Procession: Convent Square, Montcau Bridge Street, Costera dels Matxos, Portal Vell Street, Major Street, and the Parish Church Square.

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<b>HOLY MONDAY, 14th APRIL 2025</b>				
	✘ 19:30, Mass			✘ 08:30, Mass
✘ 11:00, Chrism Mass at Saint Nicholas in Alicante				
<b>HOLY TUESDAY, 15th APRIL 2025</b>				
	✘ 19:30, Mass	✘ 19:00 h. Confesiones Disponibilidad para confesión cuando se solicite ✘ 20:00 h. Mass		✘ 08:30, Mass
<b>HOLY WEDNESDAY, 16th APRIL 2025</b>				
✘ 19:00, Mass ✘ 19:45, Following the Mass: <b>Children's Procession of Our Lady of Hope and Christ Rescued</b>	✘ 19:30, Mass	✘ 19:00, Confessions Confessions available upon request ✘ 20:00 h. Mass		✘ 08:30, Mass
<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY, 17th APRIL 2025</b>				
	✘ 10:30 - 12:30 - Confessions			
✘ 19:00, Mass In Cœna Domini ✘ ransfer of the Blessed Sacrament to the Monument ✘ Prayer before the Monument: The Chapel of the Tabernacle will remain open until the end of the Way of the Cross ✘ 20:00, Confessions ✘ 24:00, Solemn Way of the Cross, departing from the Parish Church, featuring five scenes performed by the theatre group Pla i Revés	✘ 18:00, Mass of the Lord's Supper and Prayer before the Monument	✘ 20:00, Mass of the Lord's Supper ✘ Transfer of the Blessed Sacrament to the Monument and Holy Hour	✘ 18:00, Mass of the Lord's Supper	✘ 19:30 , Mass of the Lord's Supper

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<b>GOOD FRIDAY, 18th APRIL 2025</b>				
✘ 09:00 - 12:00 - The Chapel (Monument) of the Parish Church will remain open	✘ 11:00, Holy Hour	✘ 12:00, Solemn Way of the Cross at Calvary in Altea la Vella, featuring dramatic scenes performed by the theatre group Pla i Revés		
✘ 18:00, Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death	✘ 17:00, Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death	✘ 17:00, Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death		✘ 18:30, Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death
✘ 19:00, Solemn Procession of the Holy Burial		✘ 21:00, Solemn Procession of the Holy Burial		
<b>HOLY SATURDAY, 19th APRIL 2025</b>				
✘ 22:00 h. Solemn Easter Vigil		✘ 22:00, Solemn Easter Vigil  ✘ Next, Procession of the Encounter		✘ 21:00, Solemn Easter Vigil
✘ 24:00, Procession of the Encounter with the Risen				
<b>EASTER SUNDAY, 20th APRIL 2025</b>				
✘ 12:00, Easter Mass	✘ 10:00, Easter Mass  ✘ 19:30 h. Easter Mass	✘ 12:00, Easter Mass	✘ 10:00, Easter Mass	✘ 11:00, Easter Mass
<b>EASTER MONDAY, 21st APRIL 2025</b>				
✘ 11:00, Mass	✘ 10:00, Mass	✘ 20:00, Mass		✘ 08:30, Mass

Procession of Our Lady of Hope: Parish Church Square, Saint Michael Street, Saint Joseph Street, Santa Bárbara Street, Bethlehem Street, Fondo Street, Salamanca Street, Major Street, and back to the Parish Church Square.

Way of the Cross: Departure from the Church, through Major Street, Portal Vell Street, Calvari Street, Alcoi Street, Saint Xotxim Square, Porrat Street, Saint Joseph Street, and returning to the Church.

Procession of the Holy Burial: Parish Church Square, Santa Bárbara Street, Bethlehem Street, Fondo Street, Portal Vell Street, Calvari Street, Alcoi Street, Saint Xotxim Square, Porrat Street, and Saint Joseph Street, ending at the Parish Church Square.

Procession of the Encounter:

- Risen Christ: Parish Church Square, Major Street, Portal Vell Street, and back to the Parish Church Square.
- Virgin Mary: Parish Church Square, Santa Bárbara Street, Bethlehem Street, Fondo Street, Portal Vell Street, Major Street, and back to the Parish Church Square.

# AUTHOR OF THE 2025 POSTER

## Agustín Vilar Lledó

Born in Altea in 1963, Agustín Vilar Lledó is a Technical Industrial Engineer by profession, having graduated from the E.U.I.T.I. of Valencia (Polytechnic University of Valencia). However, his true passion lies in painting. He began cultivating this artistic pursuit in the early 1980s, and since then, in a self-taught manner, he has continued to experiment with and expand his styles and techniques.



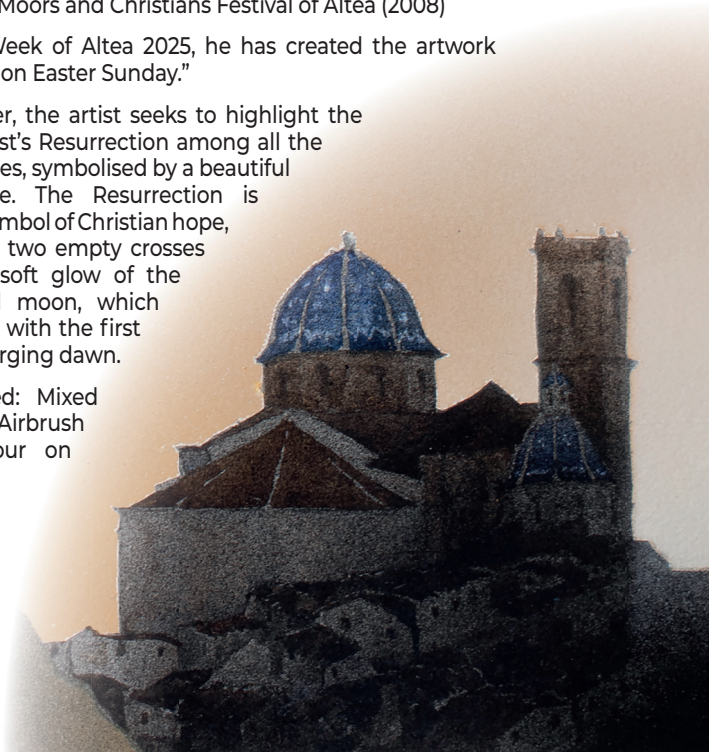
Throughout his artistic career, he has particularly distinguished himself in the creation of posters, with some of his most notable works including:

- Poster for the Moors and Christians Festival of Altea (1984)
- Poster for the Festivities in Honour of the Santíssim Crist del Bon Encert of Alfaz del Pi (1985)
- Cover of the Festivities Book in Honour of Saint Peter of Altea (2005)
- Poster for the Moors and Christians Festival of Altea (2008)

For the Holy Week of Altea 2025, he has created the artwork entitled "Dawn on Easter Sunday."

With this poster, the artist seeks to highlight the Mystery of Christ's Resurrection among all the Paschal Mysteries, symbolised by a beautiful Sunday sunrise. The Resurrection is depicted as a symbol of Christian hope, represented by two empty crosses reflecting the soft glow of the Eucharistic full moon, which gradually fades with the first rays of the emerging dawn.

Technique used: Mixed media – Airbrush and Watercolour on Acrylic.





# TOWN CRIER 2025

## Coro Parroquial

At the beginning of the last century, around the year 1922, Don José Pérez Albiñana, known as Mestre Pérez, formed a small orchestra to accompany religious celebrations of the time. This ensemble was occasionally complemented by a choir, depending on the occasion. After the Spanish Civil War, the orchestra was gradually replaced by the organ, and the presence of the choir became a permanent feature rather than an occasional one. The choir's composition varied depending on whether the celebration took place in the Parish Church or in the Church of San Francisco. These early choirs laid the foundation for what is now the Parish Choir.

Following Mestre Pérez, the choir was later directed by his daughter, Antonia, and in 1981, she was succeeded by Jaime Ripoll Martins, known as Jimmy, who has continued to lead the choir ever since. Over the years, many others have actively contributed to the organ and musical direction, including priests such as Paco Bernabé and Antonio Pérez, as well as musicians like Isa Lloret, Anabel Simó, Anna Ferrer, and Luis Alvado, among many others.

Since 1922, hundreds of devoted men and women have been part of the choir, offering their voices selflessly to enrich our prayers with depth and emotion. Their music has enhanced religious services and celebrations, helping us experience the liturgy with greater beauty and devotion.

The spirit and values embodied by all those who have been part of the choir over the past 100 years fully justify its selection as the Town Crier for the Holy Week of Altea. Through their dedication and attitude, they are a living example of Saint Augustine's profound words:

"The one who sings praise, not only praises but also rejoices in praising; the one who sings praise, not only sings but also loves whom he sings to. In praise, there is a declaration of gratitude; in the song of the lover, there is love."



# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE MAJOR BOARD OF BROTHERHOODS AND CONFRATERNITIES OF HOLY WEEK

**Ana Alvado**

Dear friends,

We are approaching days of deep emotions—a time of Lent, a time to embark on a 40-day journey towards Holy Week. Altea adorns itself in a mantle of solemnity, where music resonates, mingling with the scent of incense and candles, creating an atmosphere filled with unique sensations.

From the Major Board of Brotherhoods and Confraternities of Holy Week in Altea, we have prepared numerous events to mark this sacred journey. I would like to extend my gratitude to the parish priests of Altea and Altea la Vella, and especially to all the Brotherhoods, for their dedication and effort in making each celebration a true expression of devotion, helping our Holy Week grow in significance. I would also like to thank the Altea Town Council and Caixaltea for their invaluable support.

Finally, I warmly invite you all to join us and take part in Holy Week with reverence and devotion. May each celebration be an opportunity to draw closer to God.



# THE EASTER WEEK IN ALTEA



**The Easter Week in Altea**, la Semana Santa Altea-na, lives intensely the days of the passion and death of Jesus, with the promise of his Resurrection.

We call Via Crucis the way that the Christ walked from the moment of his arrest in the garden of Gethsemane to his arrival at Calvary, with his crucifixion and death. The Via Crucis is the representation of fourteen "stations" taken from the Gospels.

During the night of Holy Thursday, a group of women and men, members of the Pla i Revés Theatre Group, will represent various scenes of Via Crucis through the streets of Altea, following the trail of the chapels in which the whole way of the cross is represented.

Scenes that are performed:

- Jesus in prayer in the Garden of Olives.
- Jesus is condemned to death. We see Pilate condemning Jesus, watched by the people and the members of the Sanhedrin. On one side of the scene we see a group of women, weeping without consolation.
- Jesus' first fall. His mother tries to help him but is prevented from doing so by a soldier. A little away from the scene is Simon, the Cyrenean, observing the situation.
- Jesus with Veronica wiping his face while the Cyrenean carries the cross of Jesus. In another scene are the daughters of Jerusalem following the way of the cross. At the top of the scene are Pontius Pilate and the members of the Sanhedrin watching the journey.

• Jesus in his mother's arms after his death on the cross. A few steps further on, the burial of Jesus is staged, accompanied by all his followers.

We would like to thank the collaboration of the Municipality of Altea, the Brotherhood of the Holy Sepulchre and the Parish Church that year after year help us in the realization of this event that opens the Holy Week in Altea, la Semana Santa Alteaana. And, of course, to all those who collaborate to keep this tradition alive.

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Photos: Pepe Zaragoza Juan



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