



LUMINARIA DI SAN DOMENICO is the Praiano main event which comes to live every year from August 1st to August 4th to celebrate San Domenico.

On August 4th, in the early morning (the first Mass is at 7am), Praiano celebrates the Festival of San Domenico. Every year, since 1599, the people of Praiano have decorated their balconies, terraces and gardens with lamps lit by wax and oil. This custom originates from when Dominican Monks came to the Monastery of Santa Maria a Castro (San Domenico), situated on the hill above Praiano. As the story goes, before the birth of Domenico, his mother dreamt of a dog with a flaming torch in his mouth to burn the world, and, so, when Domenico was born he had to spread "God's word throughout the world".

Because of all the difficulties occurred for the Sanitary Emergency, the event will be not very full of shows as the last years. A strong signal of attention must be given especially to our guys who are the soul of the event.

So to keep the tradition of this magical event woven of love, passion and faith, participation and sharing, hoping that the 2021 will be the year of the revival, of the renewed magnificence for the Luminaria di San Domenico, for the Praiano community and for the whole World, the Praiano Town – hall in collaboration with Pelagos Association, San Gennaro Parish and supported by the Amalfi Coast District realized the 2020 Luminaria di San Domenico Edition respecting the Covid-19 Emergency guide lines.

2020 Program

From August 1st to August 4th at 9:30pm

In Piazza San Gennaro

The sounds of the bells of the Convent of Santa Maria a Castro and of the church of San Gennaro, together with the choreography of the "RAGAZZI DELLA LUMINARIA" will open the 2020 Luminaria and light the thousands of candles decorating the piazza.

Tuesday August 4th 2020

SAN DOMENICO feast

Convento of San Domenico – Santa Maria a Castro Church

at 7.00am and 8.00am | Holy Masses

Chiesa di San Gennaro

At 8.pm | Solemn Mass celebrated by the Arci-Bishop of Amalfi Coast Curia.

During the evening of the event the access to the San Gennaro square will be only from the stairs accrossing the Praiano – Tourist office. It will be oneway. The exit will be below the church following via Masa on the left side.

As requested by the Covid-19 Emergency guide lines, to give to everyone the opportunity to get to the San Gennaro square and enjoy the Luminaria, the access will be allowed for a fixed number of people and the time of stay it will be regulated for each participant.

