

Saint John

“Saint John’s” bonfire is celebrated in Monforte on June 24th, being the most important party of the year in OS CHAOS Street.



The root of this party comes from ancient pagan times to worship the longest day of the year, replacing the sun by fire at night, so that light doesn't die on that day.



People collect wood to form a big bonfire which will be burnt at midnight after a Holy Mass. The neighbours from Os Chaos and Monforte in general meet to dance and jump around and over the fire to “be purified and protect themselves against bad influences”, according to superstitions.

In addition to fire, this peculiar night people leave flowers in water out of their windows, and the next morning you have to wash your face with this water. If you do this, you'll be “purified”.

During St John, people go to other houses to have lunch, and, of course, our dishes have plenty of delicious food, Galician people are like that...