

Igreja de Santiago (Church of St. James)

English Community Information



Location:

- Rua Dom Paio Peres Correia 42, Tavira, 8800-407 Portugal
- Parish office hours: Monday to Friday, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM WET, +351 967 971 853

On the Web and Social Media:

- Email for parish office:
tavira@diocese-algarve.pt
Or paroquiatavira@gmail.com
- Website (English):
<https://englishcommunitytavira.org>
- Facebook (English):



<https://www.facebook.com/englishcommunitytaviraparish>

- Facebook (Portuguese):
<https://www.facebook.com/paroquiatavira>
- WhatsApp (English):
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/B7JA8oZp0mH0yx95Kdrq9T>



Mass Times:

- English: Sundays at 10:30 AM WET, holy days and feasts as announced.
- Portuguese: Sundays at 11:30 AM WET, Saturdays and holy days at 6:00 PM WET, weekdays (Tuesday to Friday): 8:30 AM WET
- Eucharistic Adoration: Thursdays, following Mass.



Our Mission:

We seek to grow and build the English-speaking Catholic community in Tavira. We strive to create a place where everyone shares their Christian life with each other and spreads God's message to the community. We welcome all including those who are immigrants or visitors.

Pastoral Team:

- Rev. Father Miguel Lopes Neto, Pastor
- Bishop Emeritus Dom Manuel António Mendes dos Santos, C.M.F., Administrator
- Tita Valente, Parish Secretary

Contact information for English community:

- For assistance in the English community contact Rob on WhatsApp: +351 910 485 237 or email: shuttleman58@gmail.com
- General Email: use contact form at website
- WhatsApp: see above.
- SMS/mobile: +351 910 485 237. Please provide your name when texting.

History of the Parish:

It is believed that construction of the church began after the Reconquista on the ruins of a mosque in 1242 AD. The initial construction was finished in about 1270 AD. Following extensive damage from the earthquake and tsunami in 1755, the church needed extensive repairs. It was rededicated in 1777, but repair work continues even to the present day.

For more information see:

<https://www.taviratoday.com/church/igreja-matriz-de-santiago-2/>

Ministries:

- Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession): contact the parish office for an appointment or scheduled times.
- Sacrament of Marriage: contact the parish office. For English assistance, contact Rob (see above).
- Sacrament of Anointing (serious illness): contact the parish office to request pastoral assistance.
- For those who wish to join the church, we offer catechetical instruction in English:
 - o Adults (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults): contact Rob (see above)
 - o Youth: contact the parish office
- St. Vincent Community: Francesca Souza, +351 918 206 068

Parish Tours:

Available Monday to Friday, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM WET (€3). During special events, restoration work, and holy days, tours may not be available.