

ANNOUNCEMENTS for Palm Sunday

Good morning and welcome to our guests and visitors. If you miss any of the following, these announcements will be posted in our WhatsApp and Facebook groups and on the English community website. We thank our cantor, Isobel Barton Reis for the music today and our clergy, Fr. Miguel, and Bishop Dom for the Eucharist this morning. We have these announcements:

1. To assist the parish, we ask that if you do not choose to take any of the handouts home with you (***and it is fine if you do take them home!***), please take a moment to return them to the entrances and hand them to one of the greeters when you leave. Also, if you do not wish to take your palm branches home, please return those to the greeters. As sacred objects, they must be burned or buried, not disposed of otherwise. Your cooperation is appreciated!
2. This Holy Week we have a special emphasis on the life of the English community in the Algarve. We have the following observances for the community:
 - a. There will be confessions in English here on Tuesday, with two priests available, from 4:00 PM to 7:30 PM.
 - b. On Wednesday, beginning at 6:00 PM, ***a procession lead by the English community*** will begin here at Santiago and go through the center of Tavira, ending back at the church. The entire community is encouraged to participate by walking with us as a sign of our faith and our participation in the life of the city.
 - c. There will be an English Mass for Holy Thursday at 6:00 PM here at Santiago.
 - d. On Good Friday, we will celebrate the Lord's Passion in English at 5:00 PM here at the church.
 - e. On Easter Sunday, English Mass will be here at the church at the usual time of 10:30 AM. Please plan to arrive early as we expect a full church, and we will also have music led by our cantor, Isobel Barton Reis.
 - f. For a complete summary of the Holy Week schedule in both English and Portuguese see the Facebook and WhatsApp groups.
3. Please note the following dates on your calendar:
 - a. On Tuesday, April 29th, the English community will meet at Winery Al-Lugar at 5:00 PM. Everyone is invited. More information will be on the WhatsApp and Facebook groups this week.

- b. On the Mondays of May 19th, and June 2nd, at 5:00 PM, we will have “quiz nights” at The Black Anchor Pub to raise money to assist the youth in this parish in their pilgrimage to Rome this summer as part of the Jubilee year in the global church. Watch our groups for more information soon. This will be open to the public.
- 4. If you would like to learn more about Catholicism or become a Catholic with English language instruction, please see Rob after Mass.
- 5. Please leave the church today promptly and quietly as there is a Portuguese Mass immediately following this Mass. Thank you. The youth of the parish are selling cakes and treats as you exit for their pilgrimage to Rome.
- 6. *Please note there are additional announcements on the last page of the handout of the readings for today.***