

ANNOUNCEMENTS for the 16th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Good morning and welcome to our guests and visitors. We have many announcements this morning, so please bear with me:

1. Please see our Extraordinary Minister, Kathy, if you need low gluten wafers.
2. Registration is now open for the parish pilgrimage to Fátima and Alcobaca on September 28th and 29th. We want to consecrate the next pastoral year to Our Lady of Fatima on September 28th. Please register with the parish office if you wish to attend.
3. We are making the Santa Luzia Pastoral Center across the road available for events: including weddings, baptisms, and birthdays. If you are interested, please contact the parish office.
4. This year we will solemnly celebrate the Patron Saint of our parish, St. James. We will have a week dedicated to this celebration, with the following program:
 - a. Beginning today at 3:30 PM with an exhibition of the work of the elderly of the parish, in the Municipal Library, at the Palácio da Galeria.
 - b. On Tuesday, July 23rd, there will be the Walk of St. James, beginning at 9:00 PM here at Santiago church and ending at the Chapel of Nossa Sra. das Ondas.
 - c. Also on Thursday, July 25th, the Solemn Mass in honor of São Tiago, will be held at 6:30 PM here in the church and followed by a procession through the city center. A concert in the Praça da República will begin at 10:00 PM that evening.
 - d. The following day, Friday, July 26th, there is a celebration of grandparents with the Eucharist in Igreja do Carmo at 10:30 AM. All the grandparents are invited, of course, and followed by a harp concert by Helena Madeira. At 3:00 PM that day, Isabel Balancho's book on traditions and memories will be presented at the Municipal Library.
 - e. To conclude the celebration, next Sunday, July 28th at 11:00 AM, we will have the Solemn Eucharist of St. James, here at Santiago church.
5. Next Sunday we will have a group of young people from Lisbon who will be visiting with us and provide us with choral accompaniment at this Mass. More details will be forthcoming including a community activity with them on the previous day, Saturday.
6. We are pleased to announce that there is now a Facebook group for the English community in the Parish of Tavira. You can find it by searching for "*English Community -Tavira Parish*" on Facebook.

7. You are also invited to join with the English community of this parish in raising money to renovate the doors of Santiago church as a gift to the parish. Thus far we have raised over €1,000 but more is needed. Please give something above your regular contribution and designate this for the parish doors. Please see me or the parish office after Mass if you wish to contribute by bank transfer.
8. These announcements are posted to the English community of the Parish on WhatsApp and to our Facebook group. If you are not already part of these groups, please see me after Mass. There is important parish and diocesan information posted regularly in the group.