

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS for the SOLEMNITY of CHRIST the KING**

Good morning and welcome to our guests and visitors. Please bear with us as we have many announcements this morning:

1. Today, we will have “Afternoons with Mary” at 5:00 PM in the Igreja do Carmo. It is an hour of formation and prayer before 6:00 PM Mass.
2. Anyone wishing to baptize their child during the year should register with the church Secretary and learn about the preparation meetings. The same goes for those who are planning to get married. The marriage preparation courses are already scheduled. If you need assistance in English, please contact Rob as well as the church Secretary.
3. Tomorrow, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 8:30 PM, in the Church of Santo António, we will begin Bible School (in Portuguese). Everyone is invited to take part. Bring your Bible and notebook.
4. On Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, there will be no Eucharist in Santiago. Bishop Manuel António has to go to Lisbon for medical reasons on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and will not return until midday on the 4<sup>th</sup>. The Eucharist will be held in Cabanas at 6:00 PM.
5. On Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup>, we will have the Advent-Christmas Eucharist with the elderly of Pontão, at 11:00 AM, in the Church of Conceição.
6. On Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, we will hold a Pastoral Council in the morning in Santa Luzia.
7. Next Sunday will be the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. In the parish of Conceição we will have our feast day, with the Eucharist at 2:30 PM followed by the procession and the festival. As a result of the feast, there will not be Mass at Conceição on Saturday at 7:00 PM.
8. On Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the feast of Santa Luzia in Santa Luzia, with the Eucharist at 4:30 PM followed by a procession.
9. Confessions during Advent at the Church of Santiago will be on the 20<sup>th</sup> of December from 7:00 to 9:00 PM and on the 21<sup>st</sup> of December from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. There will be multiple priests present to take your confession.
10. Restoration work on the side doors of the church has been completed. On the 14<sup>th</sup> the new doors for the main entrance will be installed. The following day we will have a dedication of the new doors. Our thanks to all who have contributed to this effort. Future efforts will be discussed at the parish meeting and...
11. The English community of the parish will have a meeting on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at Mira Restaurante at 7:30 PM. We will discuss future

directions for the parish and English community. All are welcome. Details are in the WhatsApp group of the community. Please respond by next Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend using the poll in the group or let one of the greeters know. This is your opportunity to hear about the parish and to ask any questions or raise your concerns.

12. In order to have sufficient low gluten wafers at communion, please let one of the greeters know prior to Mass that you require this service. We apologize if you are unable to receive a low gluten wafer, but we do not have additional wafers available beyond the requested number.
13. If you would like to join the lay ministries at this Mass and serve as a lector, extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, greeter, help with the collections, or assist us in adding music to the Mass, please see one of the greeters or contact Rob de Santos on WhatsApp. Previous experience is not required. Instructions will be provided if necessary.
14. These announcements are posted to the [English community of the Parish](#) on WhatsApp and to our Facebook group, the [English Community - Tavira Parish](#) and now on [englishcommunitytavira.org](http://englishcommunitytavira.org), our new website. Please see one of the greeters for more information.