

ANNOUNCEMENTS for the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Good morning and welcome to our guests and visitors. We have these announcements:

1. Next Saturday marks the beginning of the Festival Week of Santa Maria, the patron saint of the parish of Santa Maria. We will have a week of celebrations from January 25th to February 2nd. The week will begin with a conference given by Prof. Dr. Francisco Lameira, at 9:00 PM on the 25th here at the Church of Santiago entitled: "The Marian Iconography of Tavira". Throughout the week there will be events every day of the week and concerts on January 31st, February 1st, and 2nd. We have published a poster on the events in our WhatsApp and Facebook groups and the website. Please check the poster for the full program.
2. The Bishop of the Diocese of the Algarve, Bishop Manuel Neto Quintas, will be visiting our parish on the 1st and 2nd of February in a Pastoral visit. Detailed schedules have been posted in our groups and website and will be updated as more information is received. There are two items to bring to your attention at this time:
 - a. The Bishop will have a pastoral message for the English community as part of Mass at Igreja de Santa Maria do Castelo, just up at the top of the hill on February 2nd at 10:30 AM. The Mass on that Sunday (only) for English community will be celebrated in the Igreja de Santa Maria that day.
 - b. Following Mass that day, lunch is scheduled for 1:00 PM at the Escola secundária Dr. Jorge Augusto Correia, which is the local high school and parishioners are welcome to attend. If you wish to take part in the lunch, please contact Rob de Santos and provide your names and contact information by WhatsApp or e-mail. It is strongly preferred that members of the English community do this in lieu of direct contact with the church office or using a signup sheet.
3. Tomorrow, Monday, January 20th, is St. Sebastian's Day and there will be Mass in the Chapel of St. Sebastian at 9:00 AM.
4. Please note there are additional announcements on the reverse side of the PDF posted online with the readings for today.