

ANNOUNCEMENTS for the 5th Sunday of Lent

Good morning and welcome to our guests and visitors. If you miss any of the following, these announcements will, as always, be posted in our WhatsApp and Facebook groups and on the English community website. We have these announcements this morning:

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 when you leave. Your cooperation is appreciated!
2. Today, at 9:00 PM, we will have our Way of the Cross through the streets of the city. We will start at Igreja de São Paulo and end in the Igreja de São José.
3. Tomorrow, as it is the first Monday of the month, we will have our Portuguese Bible meeting at 8:30 PM in Santo António.
4. During the Fridays of Lent, there is the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:00 PM and prayer and adoration until 7:00 PM, ending with the celebration of the Eucharist. During these Fridays, there will be a priest available for confession from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.
5. Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. For the Portuguese community here at Igreja de Santiago, the catechesis Mass on Saturday and the Mass at 11:30 AM Mass on Sunday will begin in front of the Igreja de Santa Maria. In the afternoon, there will be a procession starting at 5:00 PM at the Igreja da Ordem Terceira de Nossa Senhora do Carmo (Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel) and there will not be a Portuguese Mass at 6:00 PM. For additional events for Holy Week in Portuguese, we refer you to the posts on WhatsApp.
6. This year we will have a special emphasis in this parish on the life of the English community during Holy Week. We have the following observances for the community:
 - a. We will begin Holy Week with English Mass on Palm Sunday, April 13th, at 10:30 AM here at the Church of Santiago. We will have music for this Mass led by our cantor, Isobel Barton Reis.
 - b. There will be confessions in English, also here, on Tuesday, April 15th with two priests available, from 4:00 PM to 7:30 PM.
 - c. On Wednesday, April 16th, 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 as a sign of our faith and our participation in

the life of the city. We still have need for a few more volunteers to lead a station. You do **NOT** need to be a lector to do this.

- d. There will be an English Mass for Holy Thursday on April 17th at 6:00 PM here at Santiago and the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Gold Friday, April 18th, at 5:00 PM, also in English.
 - 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.
7. Please note the following dates on your calendar:
- a. On 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 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. Proceeds will go towards the expenses of the youth. Watch our groups for more information soon. This will be open to the public.
8. If you would like to learn more about Catholicism or become a Catholic with English language instruction, please see Rob after Mass.
9. There is a collection for the St. Vincent de Paul community today as you leave. Please donate to help the poor and hungry in our city. As there is a collection today, there will not be one next week.
- 10. Please note there are additional announcements on the reverse side of the handout of the readings for today.**