

ANNOUNCEMENTS for the 1st 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:

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 leave them at the ends of the pews or return them to the entrances when you leave. Your cooperation is appreciated!
2. We will be providing printed copies of the readings during Lent. We welcome donations to help offset the 25 euro weekly cost of printing the readings. If you would like to support this, please contact Rob and he can provide information on how to donate.
3. During the **Fridays** of Lent, there will not be a Portuguese Mass here at Santiago church in the morning. Instead, to celebrate Fridays of Mercy, we will have a time of adoration and confessions in the afternoon. We will expose the Blessed Sacrament at 5:00 PM and have 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.
4. During Lent we will have the following observances:
 - a. On March 21st, we will begin our Stations of the Cross, starting at the Pastoral Center in Santa Luzia at 9:00 PM and ending at the Chapel of St. Luzia. On March 28th at 9:00 PM we have the Way of the Cross at Igreja de Nossa Senhora da Conceição (Church of Our Lady of the Conception), in Conceição.
 - b. On April 5th at 4:00 PM there is Catechism in Portuguese here at Church of Santiago.
 - c. On April 6th, at 9:00 PM there will be a procession through the streets of the city of Tavira, beginning here at the Church of Santiago. All are encouraged to participate.
 - d. Confessions in English will be available in Lent here at Church of Santiago on April 15th from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM and from 8:30PM to 10:00 PM and on April 5th in Portuguese only.
5. Bishop Dom Manuel António will be away from Monday, March 10th until Monday, March 17th. He will be on retreat in Fatima, with the bishops of Portugal, and taking part in the ordination of the new bishop of Guarda, José Miguel.

6. On March 10th, the novena to São José (St. Joseph) will begin in the Capela de São José (the Chapel of St. Joseph). This novena will take place at 2:30 PM on weekdays and at 4:00 PM on Saturdays and Sundays. On the 19th, we will have the Eucharist of St. Joseph at 11:00 AM.
7. On March 15th, the youth pilgrimage to the Mãe Soberana (the Sovereign Mother) will take place in Loulé.
8. On March 17th, the third Monday of the month, we will have our Portuguese Bible meeting in the Igreja de Santo António at 8.30 PM.
9. If you would like to learn more about Catholicism or become a Catholic with English language instruction, please see Rob after Mass.
10. Following Mass today there is a collection as you exit for the St. Paul de Vincent community. Please donate to help them feed the poor in our parish.
11. Please note there are additional announcements on the reverse side of the PDF of the readings for today.