

ANNOUNCEMENTS for the 4th 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 many 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 leave them at the ends of the pews or return them to the entrances when you leave. Your cooperation is appreciated!
2. 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.
3. During Lent we will have the following observances for the English community:
 - a. This year we will have a special emphasis in this parish on the life of the English community. We will begin Holy Week with English Mass on Palm Sunday, April 13th, at 10:30 AM here at the Church of Santiago.
 - 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. Please note the slight time change.
 - 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 will ask for volunteers by WhatsApp and Facebook beginning tomorrow for those who wish to lead the community at one of the stations. 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.
4. 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 soon.
 - 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.
5. On Monday, March 31st, the last Monday of the month, we will have Eucharist at 6:00 PM in the church in Santo António.
 6. On Saturday, April 5th, we will have confessions here at Santiago with Portuguese speaking priests, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. These confessions are mainly for those in catechesis, but anyone can attend. After the Eucharist at 6:00 PM, we can also take confessions.
 7. Also on April 5th, the catechesis group will make the Way of the Cross beginning at 4:00 PM, starting here at Church of Santiago, and on the following day, Sunday April 6th, the whole of the parish will make the Way of the Cross through the streets of the city. We will start at Igreja do São Paulo and end at Igreja de São José.
 8. If you are planning to join the parish pilgrimage to Rome in November, everyone including those who have pre-registered must go to the parish office to confirm their registration and sign documents. Registration involves paying an initial entrance fee of 300 euros. It is suggested that participants pay 300 euros every month between April and October, so that by October they will have paid the full price of the trip. It is important to get fifty registrations as soon as possible in order to prepare for the trip properly. The tour will be in Portuguese and information has been posted in our WhatsApp and Facebook groups.
 9. If you would like to learn more about Catholicism or become a Catholic with English language instruction, please see Rob after Mass.
 - 10. Please note there are additional announcements on the reverse side of the handout of the readings for today.**