

ANNOUNCEMENTS for the 2nd 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, we will have the Exposition of 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 following the exposition.
4. Tomorrow, March 17th, the third Monday of the month, we will have our Portuguese Bible meeting in the Church of Santo António, at 8:30 PM.
5. We are continuing with the novena of São José, in the chapel of the same name, today at 2:30 PM. On Wednesday March 19th, we will have the Solemn Eucharist of São José, in the chapel at 11:00 AM.
6. During Lent we will have the following observances:
 - a. Way of the Cross on March 21st at 9:00 PM at Igreja de Santa Luzia (Church of Santa Luzia), in Santa Luzia and on March 28th at 9:00 PM at Igreja de Nossa Senhora da Conceição (Church of Our Lady of the Conception), in Conceição.
 - b. On April 6, 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.
 - c. 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.
7. If you would like to learn more about Catholicism or become a Catholic with English language instruction, please see Rob after Mass.

8. Please note there are additional announcements on the reverse side of the handout of the readings for today.