

ANNOUNCEMENTS for the Second Sunday of Easter

Good morning and welcome to our guests and visitors. If you miss any of the following, these announcements will 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 return them to the entrances and hand them to one of the greeters when you leave. Your cooperation is appreciated!
2. Please note the following dates on your calendar:
 - a. On Tuesday, 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 the Mondays of 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. ***It is time to get your team together and enter it into the competition.*** These events are open to the public. Sharon Ward of our community has additional information.
3. This Monday, at 7:00 PM, here at Santiago church, there will be a Portuguese Mass in memory of Pope Francis.
4. People wishing to take part in the parish pilgrimage to the Cathedral in Faro should register with the parish secretary at the office so that we can prepare the logistics for the day. All are welcome to participate.
5. If you would like to learn more about Catholicism or become a Catholic with English language instruction, please see Rob after Mass.
6. Next Sunday begins a week of prayer for vocations in the parish.
7. Next Thursday is the first day of May, the Month of Mary. We will have the rosary every day at 9:00 PM here at Santiago and led by the various groups in the parish in Portuguese. On Saturdays, the rosary will begin at 5:00 PM and led by those in Catechesis. On Sundays it will be at 6:30 PM at the Igreja do Carmo church and led by the Carmelites Order and the Brotherhood. The rosary will also be prayed in other communities, such as at the churches in Santa Luzia, at 4:00 PM and Cabanas, at 6:30 PM.
8. In May there will also be changes to some of the Mass times for Portuguese Masses. At Igreja do Carmo, the Sunday Mass will move to 7:00 PM and in Cabanas the Wednesday Mass will also move to 7:00 PM. At the Igreja de Nossa Senhora da Conceição, the Saturday Mass will move to 7:30 PM.

9. We are also asking people to sign up to take part in the pilgrimage to Rome-Italy. The tour is in Portuguese. Currently, the number of people registered is not enough for us to go ahead with this event. If we do not reach the minimum number by the end of May, we will cancel the pilgrimage.
10. Please leave the church today promptly and quietly as there is a Portuguese Mass immediately following. Thank you.
11. The youth of the parish will be selling cakes and pastries, as you exit, to raise money for their pilgrimage to Rome this summer.
- 12. *Please note there are additional announcements on the last page of the handout of the readings for today.***