

ANNOUNCEMENTS for the Solemnity of St. Vincent

Good morning and welcome to our guests and visitors. We have these announcements. 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.

1. We are observing a Festival Week for Saint Mary, the patron saint of the parish of Santa Maria. This will be a week of celebrations including the following:
 - a. This week there are talks related to Our Lady. These talks will take place on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 9:00 PM here at Santiago; and on Tuesday at the same time in the Igreja da Misericórdia. Content is expected to be only in Portuguese.
 - b. On Friday, January 31st, we will have a concert at 9:00 PM here at Santiago, featuring the chamber choir of Faro Cathedral.
 - c. On Saturday, February 1st, at 9:30 PM, in the Igreja do Carmo, there is a concert by Carlos Guilherme and the Algarve Jazz Orchestra.
 - d. On Sunday, February 2nd, at 5:00 PM, there is an organ and choir concert titled "*Jubilate Deo*", here at Santiago.
 - e. Also, next Sunday at 3:00 PM a temporary exhibition of sacred art titled "*Tavira Under the Gaze of Saint Mary*" will open at the Igreja de Santa Maria with additional displays at Igreja da Misericórdia and Igreja do São Paulo.

We have published a poster on the events in our WhatsApp and Facebook groups and the website. Please check this post for more information.

2. The Bishop of the Diocese of the Algarve, Bishop Manuel Neto Quintas, will be visiting our parish on the 1st and 2nd of February in a Pastoral visit. Detailed schedules have been posted in our groups and website and will be updated later today. Please note the following important items:
 - a. The Bishop will have a pastoral message for the English community as part of Mass at Igreja de Santa Maria do Castelo, just up at the top of the hill, next Sunday, February 2nd at 10:30 AM. The Mass on that Sunday (only) for English community will be celebrated in the Igreja de Santa Maria.
 - b. Following Mass next Sunday, lunch is scheduled for 1:00 PM at the Escola Secundária Dr. Jorge Augusto Correia, which is the local high school, and parishioners are welcome to attend. If you wish to take

part in the lunch, you **must** make reservations! Please contact Rob de Santos by ***direct message only*** via WhatsApp or Facebook (*please **do not** post in the groups!*) and provide your names and contact information or see Rob following Mass today. It is strongly preferred that members of the English community do this in lieu of other options for signup. The deadline for reservations is tomorrow (Monday) and a donation to help cover the cost is requested.

3. Also on Sunday, February 2nd, there will also be a cycling tour, departing from the Parish council building near the Praca da Republica, the central square of Tavira, beginning at 9:00 AM.
4. Aside from these items, there will be the normal Portuguese Masses next weekend at the usual times, but please note that the Saturday, February 1st Portuguese Mass at 6:00 PM will begin at the Igreja da Misericórdia with the blessing of the candles and be followed by a procession to Santa Maria. Other Masses that weekend will also be at Santa Maria.
5. Please note there are additional announcements on the reverse side of the PDF posted online with the readings for today.