

ANNOUNCEMENTS for the 3rd 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 thank Isobel Barton Reis for leading us today in Lenten music. We will next have music at Mass on Palm Sunday.
3. 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. If you have previously offered to donate, please do so this week as funds donated so far have been spent.
4. 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.
5. During Lent we will have the following observances:
 - a. Way of the Cross 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 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.
 - c. Confessions in English will be available in Lent at this church on Tuesday, April 15th from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM and from 8:30 PM to 10:00 PM.
 - 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.
6. Today, as you leave, we have a collection for CARITAS, the Catholic Church's global institution for the needy in the world. Please donate to help the poor.
7. On Saturday March 29th, there will be a formation meeting for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in Fuzeta, in Portuguese, starting at 10:00 AM

and ending at 12:30 PM. English only speakers should contact Rob for instruction.

8. There is a parish pilgrimage to Italy this coming autumn, if you would like more information, check the WhatsApp or Facebook groups for the details in English. The tour will be in Portuguese.
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.