

Tea and coffee, water and cake will be served, with our compliments, after the service on the Portico. Please stay with us if you can. Donations are very welcome to cover our costs.
Red wine, white wine and Cisk Lager are all available at the extremely modest cost of €1.00 per glass.

The **Old Treasury Shop** will be open today. Please visit it and have a look at the wonderful stock available. We now have a good selection of jams, marmalades and chutneys.

If you are visiting us, and if you sing in a church choir at home, you are very welcome to join our Sunday choir. Music and robes will be provided. Please make yourself known to the stewards, the churchwardens or the organist.

Food Bank Your support is hugely appreciated. Financial gifts and non-perishable food are both very welcome. The collection point for your gifts is at the back of the Cathedral.

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ST. PAUL'S PRO-CATHEDRAL



SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 HOLY CROSS DAY SERVICES IN MALTA – SEPTEMBER

Sunday	14	11.00	SUNG MASS
Tuesday	16	11.00	SAID MASS
Thursday	18	11.00	SAID MASS
Sunday	21	11.00	SUNG MASS

OUR LADY & ST GEORGE, GOZO – SEPTEMBER

Wednesday	17	11.00	SUNG MASS
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LECTIONARY FOR SEPTEMBER

- 14 Holy Cross Day
- 15 Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr, 258
- 16 Ninian, Bishop of Galloway, Apostle of the Picts, c.432
Edward Bouverie Pusey, Priest, Tractarian, 1882
- 17 Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, Visionary, 1179
- 19 Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury, 690
- 20 John Coleridge Patteson, first Bishop of Melanesia
And his Companions, Martyrs, 1871
- 21 Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Prayer Diary Pray for the Russian Orthodox Church.
Pray for the head of the Orthodox Department for external church relations, Metropolitan Anthony.
Pray for the Persecuted Church worldwide and the role of Open Doors in providing information about this.

Anglican Communion: Pray for the Anglican Church of South America.

World Council of Churches: Pray for Ghana, Nigeria.

Long term sick and housebound: Michele Magro, Aldo Packer, Sandra Davids, Alex Jolliffe, Bernadette Carrera Lowe, Cameron Sutherland, Gina Grand, Linda Henry Stella Vickers, Christina Williams, Pat Armitage, Margaret Welch, Diana Hampson, James Holliday, Amy Holliday, William Farr Smith (Names included until advised).

Short term sick and those in need: Elizabeth Lochhead, Olive Holliday, Christobel Borg.

RIP: Marian Matthews, Mary Sammartanno.

At their year's mind: Yelena Zaric, Joe Agius, Ray Doxey, Yvonne Golding, Caroline Hills, Edward Wyatt, Bertha Walters, Ronald Norris, Edward Bennington, Donald Fergusson, Anetta Criminale.

On **Friday October 3 at 7.00pm** there will be a ceremony in the Cathedral to rededicate the bells following the recent restoration. You are all warmly invited to attend, but to help with logistics please let the churchwardens know as soon as possible if you are coming along.

Please inform Nita Tabone nitatabone14@gmail.com if you wish names to be added or removed from the prayer list and with some details of those for whom our prayers are asked.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

FIRST READING

PSALM

SECOND READING

GOSPEL

PROVERBS 3.13-18

PSALM 119.65-72

2 CORINTHIANS 4.1-6

MATTHEW 9.9-13

Hymns (usually singing all verses)

172 The head that once was crowned with thorns
122(ii) The royal banners forward go
127 When I survey the wondrous cross
118 O love, how deep, how broad, how high
499 Lift high the cross (omit * verses)

COLLECT

Almighty God, who in the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace: grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION

Faithful God, whose Son bore our sins in his body on the tree and gave us this sacrament to show forth his death until he comes: give us grace to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our hope, who reigns as Lord, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING NUMBERS 21.4-9 A reading from the book of Numbers

The Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.'

So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.
This is the word of the Lord.

PSALM 22 23-28 Response: Be not far from me, O Lord

Praise the Lord, you that fear him; O seed of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, O seed of Israel. For he has not despised nor abhorred the suffering of the poor; neither has he hidden his face from them; but when they cried to him he heard them. **R.**

From you comes my praise in the great congregation; I will perform my vows in the presence of those that fear you. The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek the Lord shall praise him; their hearts shall live for ever. **R.**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him. For the kingdom is the Lord's and he rules over the nations. **R.**

SECOND READING PHILIPPIANS 2.6-11 A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
This is the word of the Lord.

GOSPEL JOHN 3.13-17

Jesus said to Nicodemus, 'No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.'

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'