

There will be refreshments after Mass today. Please stay for tea, coffee, water and cake. Donations are welcome. Wine and beer are available at a small charge.

The **Old Treasury Shop** will be open today. Please visit it and have a look at the wonderful selection of items available. New olivewood goods have recently arrived from Blessings in Bethlehem, so please have a good look around.

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.

We are supporting the local **Soup Kitchen OFM Valletta**, run by the Franciscan Community. Financial gifts and non-perishable food are both very welcome. The collection point for your gifts is at the back of the Cathedral.

On **Sunday August 16** we will hold our **Mass in the Crypt** to mark the arrival of the Santa Marija convoy in 1942. We will use the wartime altar and the Book of Common Prayer 1662. It will also allow us to rededicate the space for its new purpose. If you can make and bring a cake, please let Bernice know. There will be a visit to the Crypt after Mass **today** if you would like to see the amazing progress so far downstairs.

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ST. PAUL'S PRO-CATHEDRAL



SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026 MARY MAGDALENE SERVICES IN MALTA – JULY/AUGUST

Sunday	26	11.00	SUNG MASS
Tuesday	28	11.00	MORNING PRAYER
Thursday	30	11.00	SAID MASS
Sunday	2	11.00	SUNG MASS

OUR LADY & ST GEORGE, GOZO – JULY

Wednesday	29	11.00	MORNING PRAYER
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LECTIONARY – JULY/AUGUST

- 26 Eighth Sunday after Trinity – Mary Magdalene
27 Brooke Foss Westcott, Bishop of Durham, Teacher, 1901
29 Mary, Martha and Lazarus, Companions of our Lord
30 William Wilberforce, Social Reformer; Olaudah Equiano and Thomas Clarkson, Anti-Slavery Campaigners, 1833, 1797 and 1846
31 Ignatius of Loyola, Founder of the Society of Jesus, 1556
2 Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Prayer Diary Pray for our partners, relationships and people. Pray for the Intercontinental Church Society and give thanks for our partnership with them.

Anglican Communion Pray for the Anglican Church of Uganda.

World Council of Churches Pray for Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda.

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

Short term sick and those in need: Christobel Borg, Elisabeth Leembruggen, Charity Tait Ovbiagele, Joanna Attard, Margaret Weaver, Kathy Bianchi, Mike Hathaway, Cynthia Amato.

At their year's mind we pray for: John Bryant, Jack Chester, Bishop Felix Arnott, Claude Hillyard, Toby Thomas Petit, Edith Dodd, Arthur Phipps, Len Atkins, Margaret Halliday, David Felgate, Ruth Lloyd, David Strangeways – Chancellor, David Young.

Friends of St. Paul's – Maree Leinster-Mackay has kindly offered to become the new Secretary to the Friends. Should you wish to join we ask that you do so before August 1. The fee is € 60 per annum. Please contact Bernice with regard to payment and bank details. We also ask all current members to pay their yearly subscription by August 1.

Pilgrimage to the Seven Churches of the Revelation – May 3-10 2027. Full details of this exciting pilgrimage are now available. Please see Fr David for a brochure.

Sunset and Sparkles – On **Thursday August 20 from 7.00 to 9.00pm** there will be a gathering on the Chancellor's Lodge Terrace. It will be € 25 per person and include Prosecco and snacks as we watch the sunset. All profits will go to the Restoration Appeal. Please sign the list in the Cathedral if you would like to attend.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

FIRST READING

GENESIS 32.22-31

PSALM

PSALM 17.1-7

SECOND READING

ROMANS 9.1-5

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 14.13-21

Hymns usually singing all verses

557 Praise to the Holiest
393 Brother, sister, let me serve you
214(t.546) Disposer supreme
323 Strengthen for service
626 Ye holy angels bright

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of mind and body and called her to be a witness to his resurrection: forgive our sins and heal us by your grace, that we may serve you in the power of his risen life; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION

God of life and love, whose risen Son called Mary Magdalene by name and sent her to tell of his resurrection to his apostles: in your mercy, help us, who have been united with him in this eucharist, to proclaim the good news that he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING SONG OF SOLOMON 3.1-4 A reading from the Song of Solomon

Upon my bed at night I sought him whom my soul loves; I sought him, but found him not; I called him, but he gave no answer. 'I will rise now and go about the city, in the streets and in the squares; I will seek him whom my soul loves.' I sought him, but found him not. The sentinels found me, as they went about in the city. 'Have you seen him whom my soul loves?' Scarcely had I passed them, when I found him whom my soul loves. I held him, and would not let him go until I brought him into my mother's house, and into the chamber of her that conceived me. *This is the word of the Lord.*

PSALM 42 1-10 Response: My soul longs for you, my God

As the deer longs for the water brooks, so longs my soul for you, O God. My soul is athirst for God, even for the living God; when shall I come before the presence of God? My tears have been my bread day and night, while all day long they say to me, 'Where is now your God?' Now when I think on these things, I pour out my soul: how I went with the multitude and led the procession to the house of God, With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, among those who kept holy day. **R.**

Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, and why are you so disquieted within me? O put your trust in God; for I will yet give him thanks, who is the help of my countenance, and my God. **R.**

My soul is heavy within me; therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan, and from Hermon and the hill of Mizar. Deep calls to deep in the thunder of your waterfalls; all your breakers and waves have gone over me. The Lord will grant his loving-kindness in the daytime; through the night his song will be with me, a prayer to the God of my life. **R.**

SECOND READING 2 CORINTHIANS 5.14-17 A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians

The love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way.

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

This is the word of the Lord.

GOSPEL JOHN 20.1-2,11-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.