

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.

This year's Common Fund payment to the Diocese will be € 19 384. Please reflect on this prayerfully when you consider the level of your giving to the Cathedral. Thank you.

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ST. PAUL'S PRO-CATHEDRAL



SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2026
THOMAS THE APOSTLE

SERVICES IN MALTA – JULY

Sunday	5	11.00	SUNG MASS
Tuesday	7	11.00	SAID MASS
Thursday	9	11.00	SAID MASS
Sunday	12	11.00	SUNG MASS

OUR LADY & ST GEORGE, GOZO – JULY

Wednesday	8	11.00	SUNG MASS
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LECTIONARY – JULY

- 5 Fifth Sunday after Trinity – Thomas the Apostle
- 6 Thomas More, Scholar and John Fisher, Bishop of Rochester, Reformation Martyrs, 1535
- 11 Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, Father Of Western Monasticism, c.550
- 12 Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Prayer Diary Join us in our diocesan cycle of prayer as we think of all those we journey in faith with as a diocesan family; for our partners, relationships and people. Today we bring all new chaplains and curates to the Lord in gratefulness for their ministry.

Anglican Communion Pray for the Anglican Church of South America.

World Council of Churches Pray for Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda.

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, Francesca Camillieri (Names included until advised).

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

RIP: Michael Collins.

At their year's mind we pray for: David Lemon, Joan Stagg, Eric Stuart, Christopher Bates, Brian Chapman, Kevin Agius, Dorothy Nelson, Douglas McQueen, Alfred Monetebello, Albert Cotiyam, Frederick Hayward, Lily Scerri, Robert Runcie, Archbishop of Canterbury.

Friends of St. Paul's – Maree Leinster-Mackay has kindly offered to become the new Secretary to the Friends of St. Paul's. 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 pay their yearly subscription by Aug. 1.

A Pilgrimage to the Seven Churches of Revelation. Might you be interested in a seven-night devotional journey around The Aegean Region of Turkey, led by Canon James Buxton, at some point between late April and late June 2027? If so, Fr David has some information for you to consider which will tell you more, and might just whet your appetite.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

FIRST READING	GENESIS 25.19-END
PSALM	PSALM 119.105-112
SECOND READING	ROMANS 8.1-11
GOSPEL	MATTHEW 13. 24-30,36-43

Hymns usually singing all verses

- 411 Dear Lord and Father of mankind
220(ii) How beautiful are their feet
229 Who are these like stars appearing
324 Sweet Sacrament Divine
490 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

COLLECT

Almighty and eternal God, who, for the firmer foundation of our faith, allowed your holy apostle Thomas to doubt the resurrection of your Son till word and sight convinced him: grant to us, who have not seen, that we also may believe and so confess Christ as our Lord and our God; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Habakkuk 2.1-4

A reading from the book of the prophet Habakkuk

I will stand at my watch-post, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of

the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

This is the word of the Lord.

PSALM 31

1-6

Response: Into your hands I commend my spirit

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness. Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me. Be my strong rock, a fortress to save me, for you are my rock and my stronghold; guide me, and lead me for your name's sake. Take me out of the net that they have laid secretly for me, for you are my strength. **R.**

Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth. I hate those who cling to worthless idols; I put my trust in the Lord. **R.**

SECOND READING

EPHESIANS 2.19-END

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians

You are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

This is the word of the Lord.

GOSPEL

JOHN 20.24-29

Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'