

There will be refreshments after Mass today. Please stay with us and explore the newly refurbished Crypt.

The **Old Treasury Shop** is available when the Cathedral is open. Please visit it and have a look at the wonderful selection of items available, especially olivewood goods from Blessings in Bethlehem.

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.

Today our Mass will be 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. As part of the 1662 liturgy, we will use the Mass setting by John Merbecke (c. 1510 – c. 1585) led by our choir. Among our distinguished guests are the British High Commissioner and the Irish Deputy Ambassador.

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ST. PAUL'S PRO-CATHEDRAL



SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026 THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

SERVICES IN MALTA – AUGUST

Sunday	16	11.00	SUNG MASS IN THE CRYPT
Tuesday	18	11.00	SAID MASS
Thursday	20	11.00	SAID MASS
Sunday	23	11.00	SUNG MASS

OUR LADY & ST GEORGE, GOZO – AUGUST

Wednesday	19	11.00	SUNG MASS
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LECTIONARY – AUGUST

- 16 Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
- 20 Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, Teacher, 1153
William and Catherine Booth, Founder of the
Salvation Army, 1912 and 1890
- 23 Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Prayer Diary We pray in gratitude for the Church Missionary Society and for our partnership with them.

Anglican Communion Pray for the Church in Wales.

World Council of Churches Pray for Burkino Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger.

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, Margaret Weaver, Kathy Bianchi, Mike Hathaway, Cynthia Amato.

At their year's mind we pray for: Kate Egerton-Williams, Glenda Felton, Frank Peake, R. James Lee, Aida Fosberry, William Cross, Gunther Vatter, David Rose.

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.

Confirmation – Sunday October 4 at 11.00am.

Bishop Robert will be with us on the weekend of October 3 and 4. If anyone wishes to be confirmed on the Sunday, please be sure to attend the preparation sessions, starting today after Mass.

On Thursday August 27 at 11.45am (after Mass)

Canon Professor Susan Gillingham will be running a study session on the Jewishness of the Lord's Prayer. This is open to everyone, but please let Fr. David know if you hope to attend. Canon Gillingham is Emeritus Professor of the Hebrew Bible and Emeritus Fellow of Theology at Worcester College, Oxford, and Permanent Deacon in St Barnabas Church, Jericho, Oxford.

Hymns usually singing all verses

244 (2nd t.) **Virgin-born, we bow before thee**
242 **The angel Gabriel from heaven came**
355 **I vow to thee my country**
279 (t.559) **And now, O Father**
413 **Eternal Father, strong to save**

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, who stooped to raise fallen humanity through the child-bearing of blessed Mary: grant that we, who have seen thy glory revealed in our human nature and thy love made perfect in our weakness, may daily be renewed in thine image and conformed to the pattern of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen**

OLD TESTAMENT READING ISAIAH 61.10-END

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

EPISTLE GALATIANS 4.4-7

But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

GOSPEL

LUKE 1.46-55

And Mary said,
My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy *is* his name. And his mercy *is* on them that fear him from generation to generation. He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from *their* seats, and exalted them of low degree. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of *his* mercy; as he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

FIRST READING

EXODUS 1.8-2.10

PSALM

PSALM 124

SECOND READING

ROMANS 12.1-8

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 16.13-20