

There will be refreshments on the Portico after Mass today. Please stay with us.

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.

Confirmation – Sunday October 4 at 11.00am. Bishop Robert will be with us on the weekend of October 3 and 4. The preparation sessions continue today after Mass.

On **Tuesday September 8 at 7.30pm** there will be a **Free Concert by the Choir of Exeter College, Oxford** featuring classic choral anthems. There will be a retiring collection for Cathedral funds. Please come along.

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ST. PAUL'S PRO-CATHEDRAL



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2026 THE FORTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

SERVICES IN MALTA – SEPTEMBER

Sunday	6	11.00	SUNG MASS
Tuesday	8	11.00	SAID MASS
		19.30	FREE CONCERT
Thursday	10	11.00	SAID MASS
Sunday	13	11.00	SUNG MASS

OUR LADY & ST GEORGE, GOZO – SEPTEMBER

Wednesday	9	11.00	SUNG MASS
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LECTIONARY – SEPTEMBER

- 6 Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity
- 8 The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 9 Charles Fuge Lowder, Priest, 1880
- 13 Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Prayer Diary We pray for our partners, relationships and people. We pray for all of those in our chaplaincy communities and for those in lay ministry.

Anglican Communion Pray for the Episcopal/Anglican Church of Alexandria.

World Council of Churches Pray for Benin, Ivory Coast, Togo.

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, Dee Hopkinson.

At their year's mind we pray for: Tony Hutton, Joan Hutter, Geoffrey Woodward, Louis Bartrip, Patricia Sandbrook, Stanley Nettleship, Ronald Proverbs, Robert Stevenson

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.

We need a new secretary for our Restoration Appeal. If you think you might be able to help, please speak to Fr. David.

If you could join a team who help to keep the Portico clean, please speak to one of the churchwardens.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

FIRST READING

EXODUS 14.19-END

PSALM

PSALM 114

SECOND READING

ROMANS 14.1-12

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 18.21-35

Hymns usually singing all verses

585 (omit*) The Church's one foundation

390 Blessed assurance

393 Brother, sister, let me serve you

318 O Thou, who at the Eucharist

380 (omit*) At the name of Jesus

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

EXODUS 12

1-14

A reading from the book of Exodus

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses

in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance. *This is the word of the Lord.*

PSALM 149 Response: Sing to the Lord in the congregation of the faithful

Alleluia. O sing to the Lord a new song; sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful. Let Israel rejoice in their maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their king. Let them praise his name in the dance; let them sing praise to him with timbrel and lyre. For the Lord has pleasure in his people and adorns the poor with salvation. **R.**

Let the faithful be joyful in glory; let them rejoice in their ranks, with the praises of God in their mouths and a two-edged sword in their hands; To execute vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples; To bind their kings in chains and their nobles with fetters of iron; To execute on them the judgement decreed: such honour have all his faithful servants. Alleluia. **R.**

SECOND READING

ROMANS 13.8-end

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the word of the Lord.

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 18.15-20

Jesus spoke to his disciples, 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'