

There will be refreshments on the Portico after Mass.
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.

A Chaplaincy Council Meeting will be held today in the Crypt following the Mass.

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ST. PAUL'S PRO-CATHEDRAL



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026
ST LUKE THE EVANGELIST

SERVICES IN MALTA – OCTOBER

Sunday	18	11.00	SUNG MASS
Tuesday	20	11.00	SAID MASS
Thursday	22	11.00	SAID MASS
Sunday	25	11.00	CHORAL MASS
		16.00	CHORAL EVENSONG

OUR LADY & ST GEORGE, GOZO – OCTOBER

Wednesday	21	11.00	SUNG MASS
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LECTIONARY – OCTOBER

- 18 Luke the Evangelist
19 Henry Martyn, Translator of the Scriptures, Missionary
In India and Persia, 1812
25 Last Sunday after Trinity

Prayer Diary Pray for our partners, relationships and people. We pray today for the Mission to Seafarers, particularly for the Chaplains in our diocese who are part of the life of the ports.

Anglican Communion Pray for the Anglican Church of Canada.

World Council of Churches Pray for Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico.

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: Edith Beer, Gloria Deans, Barbara Wilson, Trevor Rodger, Helen Muscat, Marjorie de Wolff, Cecil Southey, Margaret Williamson, Harry Kennedy, Walter Trower – Bishop of Gibraltar.

After Mass, discover Ancient Rome over your coffee.

Join re-enactors **Legio X Fretensis** in Independence Square to see authentic Roman military gear, arms and daily life up close! They will be there until 2.00pm.

Next Sunday we will be joined by the Choir of Coventry Cathedral. They will sing at Mass, and will also sing Choral Evensong at 4.00pm. Please come along.

All Souls. The annual All Souls service will be held on Monday, November 2 at 11.00 a.m. in Ta Braxia Cemetery Chapel. All are very welcome. Should you wish a loved one remembered by name please email Andy Welsh anwelsh85@gmail.com

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

FIRST READING	NEHEMIAH 8.1-4A, 8-12
PSALM	PSALM 119.9-16
SECOND READING	COLOSSIANS 3.12-17
GOSPEL	MATTHEW 24.30-35

Hymns usually singing all verses

229 Who are these like stars appearing
220 How beauteous are their feet
221 How bright these glorious spirits shine
311 Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour
227 Rejoice in God's saints

COLLECT

Almighty God, you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: by the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel, give your Church the same love and power to heal; 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

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 **ISAIAH 35.3-6**
A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah

Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you." Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert.
This is the word of the Lord.

PSALM 147 **1-7**
Response: Great is the Lord and mighty in power

Alleluia. How good it is to make music for our God, how joyful to honour him with praise. The Lord builds up Jerusalem and gathers together the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up all their wounds. He counts the number of the stars and calls them all by their names. **R.**

Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his wisdom is beyond all telling. The Lord lifts up the poor, but casts down the wicked to the ground. Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make music to our God upon the lyre. **R.**

SECOND READING **2 TIMOTHY 4.5-17**
A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy

But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry. For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing. Do your best to come to me quickly, for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry. I sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, and my scrolls, especially the parchments. Alexander the metalworker, did me a great deal of harm. The Lord will repay him for what he has done.

You too should be on your guard against him, because he strongly opposed our message. At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth.
This is the word of the Lord.

GOSPEL **LUKE 10.1-9**

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road. "When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house. "When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'