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CATHEDRAL OF ST ALBAN

THE MARTYR



EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

19 JULY 2026

09h30 SERVICE	
Celebrant	The Very Revd Canon Moses Thabethe
Preacher	Revd Elias Lekoro
Synaxist	Prof Sheila Mokoboto-Zwane
Prayers	Mr Mandla Mnyatheli

MISSION STATEMENT

We shall be a spiritual home in which the Love of God, His Compassion and His Living Word comforts and enlivens all God's people through various ministries.

DIOCESAN THEME

The holy people of God, a Covenant people.

Dean: The Very Revd Canon Moses Thabethe (0609941331)
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Alternate Churchwarden: Pontsho Moraba (0826460930)

WELCOME

We welcome everyone to our worship service, especially those joining us for the first time. May you be refreshed and renewed through this act of worship today. Should you wish to join our parish, feel free to contact one of the Churchwardens.

ORDER OF SERVICE

COLLECT PRAYER

Lord of heaven and earth, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and power of your Church: sow in our hearts the seeds of grace that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Heavenly Father, you are the source of all blessings. With hearts full of gratitude, we present our offerings and tithes, offered electronically and physically. Help us to be generous givers, dear Lord, of our money, our gifts, and our lives; that through them, we may extend your kingdom in this church and the wider world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR HEALING AND WELLNESS

O Lord of light and endless compassion, we are always in need of your mercy and grace. Amid sickness and infirmity, heal the sick, bind up the broken-hearted, and forgive sin. Give us comfort in our anxiety and fear, courage and strength in our suffering, patience and compassion in our caring, and consolation in our grieving. Strengthen our faith and hope, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Processional Hymns	Thy kingdom come, O God	AMNS 177
Introit Hymn	In Christ there is no east or west	AMNS 376
Gloria	seTswana	Sung
Kyrie	English	Insert
First Reading	Genesis 28: 10-19a	Thabile Makeleni
Psalms	139: 1-11, 23-24	APB page 780
Second Reading	Romans 8: 12-25	Somila Sikrweqe
Hymn For The Gradual	There is a redeemer	SOF 544
Gospel	Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43	
Teens Hymn	I'm happy today, O yes	Insert
Sermon		Revd Elias Lekoro
Nicene Creed	English	APB page 108
Prayers		Mr Mandla Mnyatheli
Song For Peace	Thina imihla ngemihla	Insert
Offertory Hymns	Amazing grace! How sweet the sound Modimo wa matla le thata	SOF 19 seTswana 178
Sanctus	English	Sung
Acclamations	seTswana	Insert
The Lord's Prayer	English	Insert
Agnus Dei	isiZulu	Insert
Communion Hymn	Holy Spirit, come, confirm us Wasizek' isonka Yesu	AMNS 471 isiXhosa 380
Post Communion Hymn	Spirit of the living God	SOF 510
Recessional Hymn	O worship the King all glorious above	AMNS 101

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PARISH NOTICES

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Saturday, 18 July 2026 – MMG Outreach
- Saturday, 25 July 2026 – Dean's Meeting With The M.U
- Sunday, 26 July 2026 – Sunday School Resumes
- Sunday, 02 August 2026 – Blessing Of The St Laurence Guild Diocesan Banner

SUNDAY TEA & COFFEE ROSTER

- Sunday, 19 July 2026 – Mothers' Union
- Sunday, 26 July 2026 – Men's Fellowship
- Sunday, 02 August 2026 – Choir
- Sunday, 09 August 2026 – Youth
- Sunday, 16 August 2026 – Sunday School

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SICK AND HOUSE-BOUND

Sylvia Bowker, John Mojapelo, Revd Martha Lebethé, Malesela Kale, Nobulali Nhantsi, Priscilla Motsogi, Ronny Chabalala, Tony Amurjeeth, those who are afflicted by serious illness, and all who live with chronic or incurable disease.

HOME VISITS

Parishioners who wish to receive a visit from the clergy, whether for pastoral reasons or for sick communion, are encouraged to contact the office.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

We wish all parishioners who will be celebrating their birthdays and wedding anniversaries this coming week the very best. May God continue to shower you with blessings and joy. May He always keep you in His tender and loving care.

BANKING DETAILS

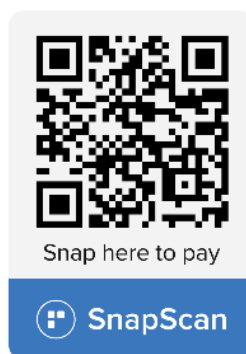
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KEY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLASTIC FREE JULY: Plastic Free July is a global movement to encourage people to choose to refuse single-use plastics in their daily lives. Genesis 2:15 “The Lord God took the man and kept him in the Garden of Eden to till and keep it”. As Christians, we can recommit to protecting our world this Plastic Free July.

ST MARY MAGDALENE OUTREACH: The St Mary Magdalene Guild will be visiting Tshwane Haven, a home that cares for babies and toddlers with medical needs, on 18 July 2026. We invite all parishioners to join us in sharing Christ’s love by donating baby essentials, toiletries, clothing, blankets, food items, toys, and monetary contributions. Your generosity will help bring comfort, care, and hope to vulnerable children and their caregivers. “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” (Matthew 25:40) Donations can be handed to any St Mary Magdalene Guild member before the outreach date. For enquiries, please get in touch with Reneilwe Motlhope – 069 539 1414 or Reabetswe Botshe – 076 782 8881. Together, let us be the hands and feet of Christ in service to others.

MOTHERS’ UNION MEETING: The Dean requests the attendance of **ALL** affiliated members of the Mothers' Union at a meeting to be held on Saturday, 25 July 2026, at 10h00 in the Cathedral.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECESS: Sunday School will be in recess during the school holidays and will resume on Sunday, 26 July 2026.

PATRONAL FESTIVAL: The Dean, Churchwardens and Parish Council express their sincere appreciation to all parishioners, guilds, ministries and friends of the Cathedral for their generous support of the Patronal Festival fundraising campaign. Your contributions are greatly appreciated and will assist in supporting the life and ministry of the Cathedral. Parishioners who have not yet had an opportunity to contribute are warmly invited to do so. Contributions will continue to be received until Friday, 31 July 2026. When making an EFT or bank deposit, please use the reference: **Patronal – [Guild/Ministry Name] or Patronal – [Family Name]**

MOTHERS’ UNION: Mothers who wish to join the Mothers’ Union are kindly requested to see Mama Tokie, the parish leader, after the service.

A.W.F GBV CAMPAIGN: Fellow parishioners, for 365 Days, let us actively campaign and prevent all forms of violence against women and children under the theme **UNITE to End Digital Violence against All Women and Girls**.

WEEKLY PAYMENTS: Following a meeting of the Parish Council, guilds and ministries are urged to consider planning their withdrawals from their savings accounts rather than requesting a withdrawal on Monday for Friday (for example). This request follows an in-depth review of the additional charges associated with the office's weekly payments. To mitigate these additional charges, attempts will be made to load and release payments only twice a month, i.e., mid-month and month-end. Exceptions from this will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

CALLING ALL SINGERS: The St Alban’s Cathedral Choir is calling... and it might just be calling you! Whether you’re a seasoned chorister or someone who sings happily in the car or shower, young or young-at-heart, we’d love for you to join us. Singing is better when we come together as a community. Be part of something beautiful (and joyful) — your voice will truly make a difference. Curious? Our Chairperson, **Chaile Makaleng (082 374 1364)**, will be delighted to give you the lowdown on becoming a choir member.

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PARKING FEE: A few months ago, the Council conducted a survey relating to parking fees. Based on survey responses, respondents expressed willingness to contribute to the cost of parking on Sundays; the preferred parking fee is between R 100.00 and R150.00. The preferred payment frequency is on Sundays in church and monthly. The preferred payment methods are a handheld machine in the church and an electronic transfer to the Cathedral account. The reference should be **Parking**, followed by the name of the Parishioner.

SERVING TEA AND COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY SERVICES: The Parish Council would like to express sincere gratitude to the Guilds, Ministries, and Individuals for their faithful commitment to serving tea and coffee after the 07h30 and 09h30 services. The congregation truly values your generosity. May we continue to grow together in this spirit of fellowship.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: There is a need for vigilance in safety and security on the church premises. Parents are kindly asked to sit with their children after the communion/blessing as teachers return to their pews in the church, and to remain with them when the children are playing outside, as there is no adult supervision. Thank you for your continued support.

RECYCLING: The parish has a recycling project for plastic, glass and ordinary bottles. Parishioners are welcome to bring their recycling bottles from home. Let us contribute towards a cleaner environment.

PARISH ROLL: We encourage parishioners who wish to update their details on the Parish Roll to do so by either using the link <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/zJgFGPtIEy> to access the membership form, or by visiting the website <https://www.stalbanscathedral.org.za/> and clicking on the “membership form” button at the bottom of the page, or by contacting the office via e-mail at bookkeeper@stalbanscathedral.org.za. For those who would like assistance with updating their details on the parish roll, the Technical Team members are available to help after the service. They will be available with laptops to assist with parish roll registrations and updates. In accordance with the Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA), the Cathedral Office, the clergy, Churchwardens, and Parish Councillors are duty-bound to take adequate precautions in collecting, processing and storing personal information, solely for pastoral connection with parishioners.

COMMUNICATION: Parishioners who do not receive communication from the Cathedral office are requested to submit their communication details to the office via e-mail.

COLLECTION AND PLEDGES: Kindly use the banking details provided below for contributions to the collection and pledges.

“The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 (ESV).

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CATHEDRAL RENOVATION & RESTORATION APPEAL

“Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain.” – Psalm 127:1

The St. Alban's Cathedral has embarked on a R2.99 million renovation project to restore and preserve our sacred and historic place of worship. The renovation includes urgent roof repairs, improved lighting, walkway and driveway upgrades, waterproofing, crack sealing, bathroom refurbishments, and restoration of heritage features. This effort reflects our commitment to maintaining the Cathedral as a safe, dignified, and welcoming space for all generations to come.

How We're Raising Funds

The Fundraising Committee is actively rolling out a variety of activities, and your support is needed. Planned fundraising efforts include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music Concerts at the Cathedral • Golf Day (August/September) • Youth Movie Day with popcorn and wors rolls (June) • High Tea for the Cathedral • Walk for the Cathedral | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring Market & Merchandise Sales • Cathedral Merchandise Sale (clothing, candles, and more) • Gala Fundraising Dinner & Auction • Individual Pledges and Donations • SnapScan, EFT, Card Machine and Envelopes available |
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Get Involved

We need all hands on deck! You can:

- Join the Fundraising Team
- Pledge monthly (Reno25_Surname_Initial as reference)
- Offer your time, talent, or resources
- Suggest sponsors or funding leads
- Invite friends and family to our events

Let's build together!

Contact: Churchwardens: Clement Sibiya (082 490 9191) | K. Mulaudzi (082 840 0881)
Alt. Churchwarden: Pontsho Moraba (082 646 0930)
Fundraising Chair: V. Qwalela (079 032 3885)

“God loves a cheerful giver.” – 2 Corinthians 9:7

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INSERTS

Processional Hymn: AMNS 177

1. Thy kingdom come, O God,
Thy rule, O Christ, begin;
Break with thine iron rod
The tyrannies of sin.
2. Where is thy reign of peace
And purity and love?
When shall all hatred cease,
As in the realms above?
3. When comes the promised time
That war shall be no more,
And lust, oppression, crime
Shall flee thy face before?
4. We pray thee, Lord, arise,
And come in thy great might;
Revive our longing eyes,
Which languish for thy sight.
5. Men scorn thy sacred name,
And wolves devour thy fold;
By many deeds of shame
We learn that love grows cold.
6. O'er lands both near and far
Thick darkness broodeth yet:
Arise, O morning star,
Arise, and never set.

Introit Hymn: AMNS 376

1. In Christ there is no east or west,
In him no south or north,
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth
2. In him shall true hearts everywhere
Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord,
Close binding all mankind.
3. Join hands, then, brothers of the faith
Whate'er your race may be;
Who serves my Father as a son
Is surely kin to me.
4. In Christ now meet both east and west,

In him meet south and north;
All Christlike souls are one in him,
Throughout the whole wide earth.

Kyrie: English

Kyrie Eleison (X3)
Krisite Eleison (X3)
Kyrie Eleison (X3)

Psalm 139: 1-11, 23-24

1. O Lord you have searched me out and known me:
You know when I sit or when I stand
You comprehend my thoughts long before.
2. You discern my path and the place where I rest:
You are acquainted with all my ways.
3. For there is not a word on my tongue:
But you Lord know it altogether.
4. You have encompassed me behind and before:
And have laid your hand upon me.
5. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me:
So high that I cannot endure it.
6. Where shall I go from your spirit:
Or where shall I flee from your presence?
7. If I ascend into heaven you are there:
If I make my bed in the grave you are there also.
8. If I spread out my wings towards the morning:
Or dwell in the utter most parts of the sea,
9. Even there your hand shall lead me:
And your right hand shall hold me.
10. If I say 'Surely the darkness will cover me:
And the night will enclose me',
11. There darkness is no darkness with you but
the night is as clear as the day:

The darkness and the light are both alike.

23. Search me out O God and know my heart:
Put me to the proof and know my thoughts.

24. Look well lest there be any way of wickedness
in me:
And lead me in the way that is everlasting.

Hymn For The Gradual: SOF 544

THERE IS A REDEEMER,
Jesus, God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.

*Thank You, O my Father,
For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit –
Till the work on earth is done*

Jesus my Redeemer,
Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain.

When I stand in glory
I will see His face,
And there I'll serve my King forever
In that holy place.

*Thank You, O my Father,
For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit –
Till the work on earth is done*

Teens Hymn

I'm happy today, O yes, I'm happy today,
In Jesus Christ, I'm happy today,
Because He's taken all my sins away,
And that's why I'm happy today!

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God
The Father, the Almighty
Maker of heaven and earth
Of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ
The only Son of God
Eternally begotten of the Father

God from God, Light from Light
True God from true God
Begotten, not made, of one Being with the
Father;
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
He came down from heaven
Was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
And the Virgin Mary
And was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
In accordance with the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
To judge the living and the dead
And his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
The giver of life
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son
Who with the Father and the Son is
worshipped
And glorified
Who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead.
And the life of the world to come. **Amen**

Song For Peace

Thina imihla ngemihla
Sikwenza mkhulu wena

Offertory Hymn 1: SOF 19

AMAZING GRACE! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me;
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Yes, when this heart and flesh shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil
A life of joy and peace.

When we've been there a thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.

Offertory Hymn 2: seTswana 178

1. MODIMO wa matla le thata,
O Rara wa rona le kgosi;
Le rona re bana ba gago,
Re dinku tsa 'saka ja gago.

*Modimo wa matla le thata,
O rara wa rona le Kgosi*

2. Re itse ka boamaruri
Fa o re rometse Morwao
Go swela ditlolo tsa rona,
Le go re busetsa go wena.
3. Rara wa maitshwarelo,
Mme o re ratile segolo;
Mme rona re tsile go wena
Go lopa go rata Modimo
4. Re tshole ka pelotlhomogi,
Re goromeletse letshego;
A re nne re itumelele
Dipako tsa Morekolodi
5. Tebogo le itumelelo
Le thata le tlotlo le pako
A di nne ka metlha le metlha
Go Rara le Morwa le Mowa

Modimo wa matla le thata,

O rara wa rona le Kgosi

Acclamations: seTswana

Kreste o sule
Kreste o rudile
Kreste o tla tla gape

Lord's Prayer: English

1. Father God in heaven, Lord most high
Hear your Children's prayer, Lord most high
Hallowed be Thy name, Lord most high
O Lord, hear our prayer.
2. May your kingdom come, here on earth
May your will be done, here on earth
As it is in heaven, so on earth
O Lord, hear our prayer.
3. Give us daily bread, day by day
And forgive our sins, day by day
As we too forgive, day by day
O Lord, hear our prayer
4. Lead us in your way, make us strong
When temptation comes, make us strong
Save us from all sin, make us strong
O Lord, hear our prayer.
5. The Kingdom's Yours my Lord, evermore
The glory's Yours my Lord, evermore
The power's Yours my Lord, evermore
Evermore, Amen.

Agnus Dei: isiZulu

Mvana kaNkulunkulu wena esusa izono
zomhlaba:
sihawukele.

Mvana kaNkulunkulu wena esusa izono
zomhlaba:
sihawukele.

Mvana kaNkulunkulu wena esusa izono
zomhlaba:
siphe ukuthula

Communion Hymn 1: AMNS 471

1. Holy Spirit, come, confirm us
In the truth that Christ makes known;
We have faith and understanding

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Through your helping gifts alone.

2. Holy Spirit, come, console us,
Come as Advocate to plead,
Loving Sprit from the Father,
Grant in Christ the help we need.
3. Holy Spirit, come, renew us,
Come yourself to make us live,
Holy through your loving presence,
Holy through the gifts you give.
4. Holy Spirit, come, possess us,
You the love of Three in One,
Holy Spirit of the Father,
Holy Spirit of the Son.

Communion Hymn 2: isiXhosa 380

1. Wasizek' isonka, Yesu,
Wati, usapule:
"Tabatani, nidle nonke,
Singum-Zimba wami."
2. Wayizek' indebe, Yesu,
Wati, ubulele:
"ngumnqopiso omtsha yona,
Ili-Gazi lami."
3. Sitabat' isonka, Yesu,
Sikangele kuwe;
Sitabata sidle sona,
Sikumbule Wena.
4. Siyazek' indebe, Yesu,
Sitembele kuwe;
Siyasela kuyo sonke,
Sikumbule Wena.

Post Communion Hymn: SOF 510

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD,
Fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Break me, melt me, mould me, fill me.
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.

Recessional Hymn: AMNS 101

1. O worship the King all glorious above;
O gratefully sing his power and his love;

Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendour and girded with
praise.

2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds
form,
And dark is his path on the wings of the
storm.
3. The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old;
Hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.
4. Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the
plain,
And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.
5. Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,
In thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end!
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.
6. O measureless might, ineffable love,
While angels delight to hymn thee above,
Thy humbler creation, though feeble their
lays,
With true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

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