



**CATHEDRAL OF ST ALBAN THE MARTYR**  
**Anglican Diocese of Pretoria**  
**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**  
**THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST**  
**11 JANUARY 2026**



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**Cathedral 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”**

**– Ezekiel 36:28b**

**COLLECT:** Creator God, our soul’s delight, your voice thunders over the waters, liberating the future from the past: speak your affirming word that we may share in the baptism of Jesus Christ, drink from his cup and serve the world in his name; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

<b>09h30 Celebrant:</b>	<b>Revd Elias Lekoro</b>
<b>09h30 Preacher:</b>	<b>Revd Elias Lekoro</b>
<b>09h30 Synaxist:</b>	<b>Mr Mandla Mnyatheli</b>

Processional Hymn	Guide me, O thou great Redeemer	AMNS 214
Introit Hymn	When Jesus came to Jordan	AMNS 526
Gloria	seTswana	Insert
Kyrie	English	Sung
First Reading	Isaiah 42: 1-9	Atang Mafa
Psalm	29	APB page 636
Second Reading	Acts 10: 34-43	Lilitha Sikrweqe
Hymn For The Gradual	On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry	AMNS 27
Gospel	Matthew 3: 13-17	
Sermon		Revd Elias Lekoro
Nicene Creed	English	Insert
Prayers		Ms Amogelang Mogotsi
Song For Peace	O re nee ho thabela	M.M.G
Offertory Hymns	Awake, our souls; away, our fears	AMNS 436
	O love, how deep, how broad, how high	AMNS 119
Sanctus	Sotho	Insert
Acclamations	isiZulu	Insert
The Lord’s Prayer	English	Sung
Agnus Dei	seTswana	Insert
Communion Hymn	Lord, give us your spirit Come down, O Love divine	Choir AMNS 156
Post Communion Hymn	He is Lord, He is Lord	SOF 165
Recessional Hymn	The Church’s one foundation	AMNS 170

**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.

## NOTICES

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### SUNDAY TEA & COFFEE ROSTER:

- Sunday, 11 January 2026 – Mary Magdalene,
- Sunday, 18 January 2026 – Men's Fellowship,
- Sunday, 25 January 2026 – Choir,
- Sunday, 01 February 2026 – Youth.

**THE SICK AND THE HOUSE-BOUND:** Sylvia Bowker, John Mojapelo, Revd Martha Lebethé, Malesela Kale, Nobulali Nhantsi, Priscilla Motsogi, Ronny Chabalala, those suffering from Covid-19 and all those suffering from incurable diseases.

**WELCOME:** We welcome everyone to our service of worship, 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 (contact details are on the first page).

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

**HOME VISITS:** Parishioners who wish to receive a visit from the Dean, whether for pastoral reasons or for sick communion, are encouraged to contact the office.

**MORNING & EVENING PRAYERS:** Morning and evening prayers will continue until Friday, 19 December 2025 then break for the holiday season. They will resume on Monday, 12 January 2026.

**LECTIONARIES:** Lectionaries for 2026 are now available. They may be purchased from the office for R 50.00 or from the Churchwardens after the Sunday services.

**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 Parish Council, guilds and ministries are urged to consider planning their withdrawals from their saving accounts in advance, instead of requesting a withdrawal on Monday for Friday (for example). This request comes after an in-depth review of the additional charges associated with weekly payments made by the office. To mitigate these additional charges, attempts will be made to only load and release payments twice a month i.e. mid-month and month-end. Exceptions from this will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

**PARKING FEE:** A few months ago, the Council conducted a survey relating to parking fees. Based on responses from the survey, respondents expressed the view that they are willing to contribute to the cost of parking on Sundays; the preferred parking fee is between R 100.00 and R150.00. The preferred frequency of payment is on Sundays in church and on a monthly basis. The preferred payment methods are a hand

held machine in church, and an electronic transfer into 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. Your generosity is truly valued by the congregation. 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 there is no adult supervision when the children are playing outside. Thank you for your continued support.

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

**PARISH ROLL:** Parishioners who wish to update their details may do so by either using the link <https://forms.office.com/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](mailto:bookkeeper@stalbanscathedral.org.za). For those who would like assistance with the updating of their details on the parish roll, the Dean and the Parish Council have asked the Technical Team to help. Members of the Technical Team will be available with laptops to assist with parish roll registrations and update. 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.

**REGULATION ON THE SHARING OF PEACE:** Parishioners are reminded that the sharing of peace is limited to the forms we currently follow, we continue to wave to each other. If people feel comfortable, they may do a fist or handshake.

**REGULATION ON COMMUNION:** Parishioners are reminded that communion in two kinds has been made available for those who wish to share in the common cup. As has always been the case, persons who wish may continue to choose to receive communion in one kind only. Intinction (by placing the host into the blood by either the minister or the communicant) is not permitted for health reasons. The person's hand touching the contents of the cup or the clerics touching the communicant's mouth is unhygienic

**PARKING:** Parishioners who wish to make donations towards the payment of the monthly parking structure are encouraged to do so.

**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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**Banking Details:**

**Name of account:** St Alban's Cathedral

**Account no.:** 010 626 816

**Bank Name:** Standard Bank

**Branch code:** 051001

**Reference:** Use initials and Surname + Collection or Pledges, as applicable

*“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:

- 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
- 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

## **Get Involved**

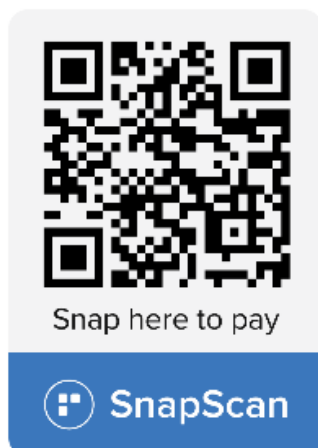
We need all hands on deck! You can:

- 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!**

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



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### Processional Hymn: AMNS 214

1. Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
Hold me with thy powerful hand:  
Bread of heaven,  
Feed me now and evermore.
2. Open now the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fiery cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through:  
Strong deliverer,  
Be thou still my strength and shield.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side:  
Songs and praises  
I will ever give to thee.

### Introit Hymn: AMNS 526

1. When Jesus came to Jordan  
To be baptized by John,  
He did not come for pardon,  
But as his Father's Son.  
He came to share repentance  
With all who mourn their sins,  
To speak the vital sentence  
With which good news begins.
2. He came to share temptation,  
Our utmost woe and loss;  
For us and our salvation  
To die upon the cross.  
So when the Dove descended  
On him, the Son of Man,  
The hidden years had ended,  
The age of grace began.
3. Come, Holy Spirit, aid us  
To keep the vows we make;  
This very day invade us,  
And every bondage break;  
Come, give our lives direction,  
The gift we covet most  
To share the resurrection  
That leads to Pentecost.

### Gloria: seTswana

Kgalalelo go Modimo kwa godimodimo  
le kagiso go batho ba gagwe mo  
lefatsheng.

Morena Modimo, Kgosi ya legodimo  
Modimo Mothatiyotlhe le Rara  
re a go obamela, re go naya ditebogo  
re go bakela kgalalelo ya gago.

Morena Jesu Krete, Morwa-esi wa Rara  
Morena Modimo, Kwana ya Modimo  
O tlosa boleo jwa lefatshe:  
re utlwele bothoko;  
O ntse fa, 'atleng se se siameng sa Rara:  
amogela thapelo ya rona.

Gonne wena wesi O yo o Boitshepo  
wena wesi O Morena  
wena wesi O Godimodimo  
Jesu Krete  
mmogo le Mowa o o Boitshepo  
mo kgalalelong ya Modimo Rara. Amen

### Psalm 29

1. Ascribe to the Lord you sons of heaven:  
Ascribe to the Lord glory and might.
2. Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his  
name:  
O worship the Lord in the beauty of his  
holiness.
3. The voice of the Lord is upon the waters:  
The God of glory thunders the Lord upon  
the great waters.
4. The voice of the Lord is mighty in  
operation:  
The voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.
5. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar-  
trees:  
The Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of  
Lebanon.
6. He makes them skip like a calf:  
Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.
7. The voice of the Lord divides the  
lightning-flash:  
The voice of the Lord whirls the sands of  
the desert  
The Lord whirls the desert of Kadesh.
8. The voice of the Lord rends the terebinth  
trees and strips bare the forests:  
In his temple all cry 'Glory'.
9. The Lord sits enthroned above the water-  
flood:  
The Lord sits enthroned as a king for  
ever.
10. The Lord will give strength to his people:  
The Lord will give to his people the  
blessing of peace.

### Hymn For The Gradual: AMNS 27

1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Awake, and hearken, for he brings  
Glad tidings of the King of kings.

2. Then cleansed be every breast from sin;  
Make straight the way for God within;  
Prepare we in our hearts a home,  
Where such a mighty guest may come.
3. For thou art our salvation, Lord,  
Our refuge, and our great reward;  
Without thy grace we waste away,  
Like flowers that wither and decay.
4. To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,  
And bid the fallen sinner stand;  
Shine forth, and let thy light restore  
Earth's own true loveliness once more.
5. All praise, eternal Son, to thee  
Whose advent doth thy people free,  
Whom with the Father we adore  
And Holy Ghost for evermore.

#### **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**

O re nee ho thabela  
Tse o di ratang kaofela  
Thato ya hao e phetehe  
Bana ba hao ba kgethehe

#### **Offertory Hymn 1: AMNS 436**

1. Awake, our souls; away, our fears;  
Let every trembling thought be gone;  
Awake and run the heavenly race,  
And put a cheerful courage on.
2. True, 'tis a strait and thorny road,  
And mortal spirits tire and faint;  
But they forget the mighty God  
That feeds the strength of every saint:
3. The mighty God, whose matchless power  
Is ever new and ever young,  
And firm endures, while endless years  
Their everlasting circles run.
4. From thee, the overflowing spring,  
Our souls shall drink a fresh supply,  
While such as trust their native strength  
Shall melt away, and drop, and die.
5. Swift as an eagle cuts the air,  
We'll mount aloft to thine abode;  
On wings of love our souls shall fly,  
Nor tire amidst the heavenly road.

#### **Offertory Hymn 2: AMNS 119**

1. O love, how deep, how broad, how high!  
It fills the heart with ecstasy,  
That God, the Son of God, should take  
Our mortal form for mortals' sake.
2. He sent no angel to our race  
Of higher or of lower place,  
But wore the robe of human frame  
Himself, and to this lost world came.
3. For us he was baptized, and bore  
His holy fast, and hungered sore;  
For us temptations sharp he knew;  
For us the tempter overthrew.
4. For us to wicked men betrayed,

Scourged, mocked, in purple robe  
arrayed,  
He bore the shameful cross and death;  
For us at length gave up his breath.

5. For us he rose from death again,  
For us he went on high to reign,  
For us he sent his Spirit here  
To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
6. To him whose boundless love has won  
Salvation for us through his Son,  
To God the Father, glory be  
Both now and through eternity

#### **Sanctus: Sotho**

Wa halalela Morena (x4)  
Magodimo le lefatshe  
Di tletse kganya ya gago (x2)  
Hosanna Magodimo  
Magodimo kwa Godimo (x2)  
A go bakwe yo o tlang  
Ka lebitso la Morena (x2)  
Hosanna Magodimo  
Magodimo kwa Godimo (x2)

#### **Acclamations: isiZulu**

Ukristu wafa  
Ukristu uvukile  
Ukristu uyophinda afike futhi

#### **Agnus Dei: seTswana**

Kwana ya Modimo O tlosa dibe tsa  
lefatshe  
re utlwele botlhoko.

Kwana ya Modimo O tlosa dibe tsa  
lefatshe  
re utlwele botlhoko.

Kwana ya Modimo O tlosa dibe tsa  
lefatshe  
re neye kagiso.

#### **Communion Hymn 1 by Choir**

#### **Communion Hymn 2: AMNS 156**

1. Come down, O Love divine,  
Seek thou this soul of mine,  
And visit it with thine own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
Within my heart appear,  
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.
2. O let it freely burn,  
Till earthly passions turn  
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
And let thy glorious light  
Shine ever on my sight,

And clothe me round, the while my path  
illuming.

3. Let holy charity  
Mine outward vesture be,  
And lowliness become mine inner  
clothing:  
True lowliness of heart,  
Which takes the humbler part,  
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with  
loathing.
4. And so the yearning strong,  
With which the soul will long,  
Shall far outpass the power of human  
telling;  
For none can guess its grace,  
Till he become the place  
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his  
dwelling.

#### **Post Communion Hymn: SOF 165**

HE IS LORD, He is Lord,  
He is risen from the dead  
And He is Lord.  
Every knee shall bow,  
Every tongue confess  
That Jesus Christ is Lord.

#### **Recessional Hymn: AMNS 170**

1. The Church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is his new creation  
By water and the word:  
From heaven he came and sought her  
To be his holy Bride;  
With his own blood he bought her,  
And for her life he died.
2. Elect from every nation,  
Yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation  
One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses  
With every grace endued.
3. Though with a scornful wonder  
Men see her sore opprest,  
By schisms rent asunder,  
By heresies distrest,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping,  
Their cry goes up, 'How long?'  
And soon the night of weeping  
Shall be the morn of song.
4. Mid toil and tribulation,  
And tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation

Of peace for evermore;  
Till with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious  
Shall be the Church at rest.

5. Yet she on earth hath union  
With God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace as we,  
Like them the meek and lowly,  
On high may dwell with thee.