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THE DIOCESAN NEWS
with PRAYER and PASTORAL CARE

Friday, 18th September 2026

Greetings dear Clergy and Diocesan Family

Herewith news update, carrying our usual information of Birthdays, Anniversaries, Bereavements and our Prayers for the Sick.

1 Thessalonians 5:18



¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1.

BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER 2026

18 th	André Joseph
19 th	Corné Resandt
	Sammy Fortuin
21 st	Cynthia Roberts
25 th	Nolan Boyd
	Estelle Naidoo
26 th	Lloyd Fortuin
	Rhona George

2.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

SEPTEMBER 2026

18 th	Charmaine and Justin McBride
23 rd	Ezra and Logan Moodaley
24 th	Douglas and Riaana Kirkpatrick
	Ntuthuzelo and Nombasa Luty

3.

THE SICK

Please pray for those who have asked us for prayers for particular persons and situations. We hold each in deep affection and prayer before the Lord.

- The Revd Charles Williams.
- The Revd Dirk Magerman.

- **Mrs Naomi van Staden.** Please continue to pray for Mrs van Staden, wife of Fr James van Staden.
- **Mr John Diergaardt.** We embrace Lay Canon Pat with prayer as she looks after her husband John. Prayers of healing.
- **Mrs Henriette Isaacs.** We pray that God's healing hand may rest upon her.
- We also hold Vicar-General, Russel Blassoples' dad in our hearts and prayers.
- Keep praying for **Eldridge Cohen Chali**, from the Parish Church of Al Saints, Atlantis.
- **The Revd Anthea Brache.**
- **The Revd Pamela Parenzee.**

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THOSE WHO MOURN

Our deepest sympathy to all who lost loved ones. We extend our love and prayers and pray for God's Peace to enfold them.

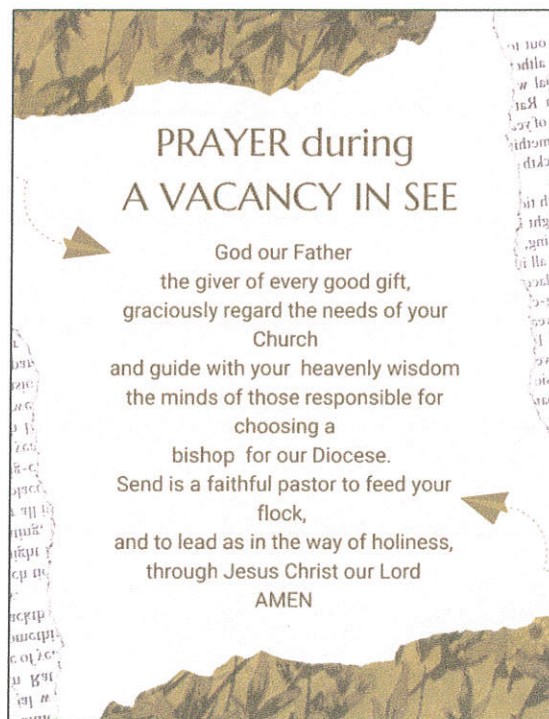
Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light Shine upon them.



5.

DIOCESAN NEWS

5.1 PRAYERS for the DIOCESE of SALDANHA BAY during THE VACANCY IN SEE



Could you please use this Collect, from APB 1989, page 84, in all our acts of public worship, on Sundays and weekdays.

5.2 EVENSONG SERVICE with THE ARCHBISHOP of CANTERBURY at St George's Cathedral

Dear Diocesan family

The Vicar General invites you to note the following invitation and to share it widely within your parish, ministry and networks.

If anyone are interested in seding a group to the Cathedral on the 6th October 2026, you can inform the Diocesan Office, please.

Archbishop Sarah is visiting St George's Cathedral on Tuesday, 6th October 2026. As part of her time here, they would like to gather children from Anglican Homes and learners from Anglican schools across the 3 Dioceses.

On the afternoon of Tuesday, 6th October, from 15h45 to 16h45, children and learners from Anglican Homes/Schools are invited to gather and spend time with Archbishop Sarah. This will be a meaningful occasion for them and provide an opportunity to meet with her and hear something of her ministry and the life of the worldwide Anglican Communion.

The programme for the hour also includes a reading of Archbishop Thabo's new children's book.

Young people from grades 1 to 3 and 8 to 12 (to ensure age diversity) are invited and the invitation extends to 10 to 15 children from each of the Anglican Homes/Schools.

The Venerable Allen Goliath is the Diocesan Convenor to the Diocesan Homes and can be contacted to assist with the co-ordination of participation and for more details.

Following the gathering, there is Evensong at 17h30 at which Archbishop Sarah will preside and preach. The children, representatives of the 3 neighbouring Dioceses and invited guests will be warmly invited to remain for the service should they wish to.

Further details regarding the programme will be communicated as they are finalized.

5.3 THE REVEREND CANON MATTHEW ESAU

Canon Matthew Esau was given the Peace with Justice award by the Archbishop on Thursday, 10th September 2026 at Bishopscourt.

We congratulate Fr. Matt Esau for this beautiful reward. May God continue to make use of him in peace and justice.

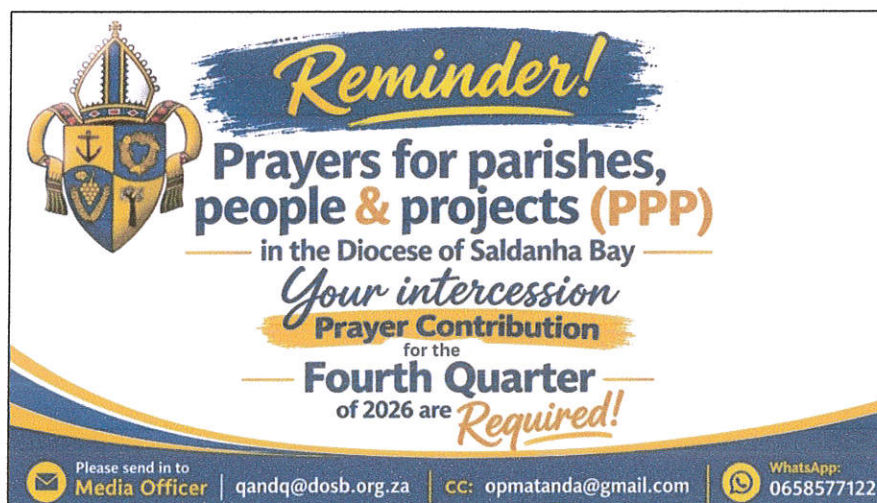


5.4 THE DIOCESAN CHOIR FESTIVAL ... *"Where words fail, music speaks"*

When: Saturday, 26th September 2026
Where: Saldanha Multipurpose Centre
Time: 18h00 (6pm)

5.5 THE PRAYERS FOR PARISHES and PEOPLE

Grateful thanks to all the Parishes and Churches for their contributions.



5.6 The QUILL and QUIVER

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5.7 CONFIRMATIONS IN THE DIOCESE

Special prayers to our confirmation candidates as they prepare themselves for their confirmation.

"Each moment of your life, may you feel the Lord's embrace. May you sense His guiding presence in each challenge that you face. May His peace and light be with you, and may you realize How deeply loved and precious you are within His eyes."



September			
			17 TH TO 19 TH SEPTEMBER SYNOD OF BISHOPS
			20 TH TO 23 RD SEPTEMBER PROVINCIAL SYNOD 2026
	20	09h00am	St Michael and all Angels, Edgemead
	27	09h15am	St Margaret, Parow
	27		St Nicholas, Matroosfontein

October			
	04	09h30am	All Saints, Durbanville
	04	09h30am	Bernard Mizeki, Mbekweni
	04	09h00am	St Mary Calvinia
	04	09h00am	St Anne Maitland
	11	09h30am	St Oswald, Milnerton
	18	09h00am	Church of the Annunciation, Paarl
	18	08h00am	St Francis of Assisi, Ravensmead
	25	09h00am	St Andrew, Northpine
	25	08h00am	St Mary Kraaifontein
Saturday	31	11h00am	St John, Bellville

November			
	01	10h00am	St Alban and St Augustine, Wellington
Saturday	07	11h00am	Ascension, Klein Drakenstein
	08	09h00am	St Andrew, Hoedjies Bay
	08	08h00am	St Joseph the Worker, Bishop Lavis
	15	08h00am	St Timothy, Factreton
	15	08h00am	St Andrew, Eureka Estate
Saturday	21	09h00am 14h00pm	St Augustine, Moorreesburg St James, Langebaan
	22	09h00am	All Saints, Hopefield
Saturday	28	10h00am	St Christopher, St Helena Bay
	29	09h00am	St Monica Vredenburg
	29	09h00am	St Michael and All Angels, Abbotsdale
	29	10h00am	St James, Klawer

December			
	06	09h00am	St Stephen, Paarl
	06	09h30am	St Stephen, Pinelands
	13	09h00am	Holy Trinity, Paarl
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	27		

5.8 DIOCESAN QUIET DAYS 2026

[... a time to pause, reflect, and a way to connect with God and find peace in the stillness of the moment..]

Our next Quiet Garden Movement is on the **15th October 2026**, at the Church of St Peter Churchhaven. All Clergy and Laity are welcome to join.

Isaiah 30:15: "In quietness and trust is your strength."



**THE DIOCESE OF
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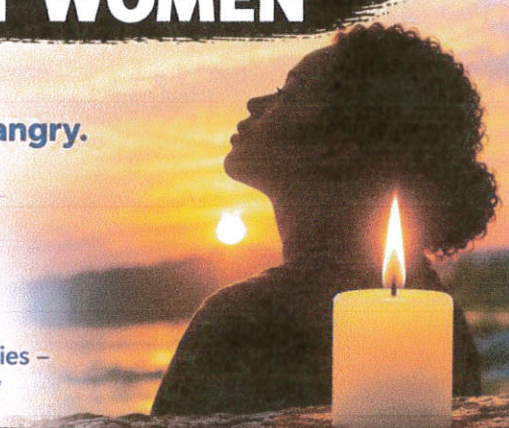
Faith ♦ Community ♦ Justice

**GBV VIOLENCE/FEMICIDE IS A
HORRENDOUS CRIME
AGAINST WOMEN**

We mourn.
**We stand together. We are angry.
Their lives matter.**

We stand with our nation, with the tragedy of the lives lost, with the families who are grieving.

Along with the rest of the nation, with religious groups, with communities – we demand action and accountability from our Government.



**ON SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2026,
WE ENCOURAGE ALL PARISHES IN OUR DIOCESE TO
— WEAR BLACK —
AS A VISIBLE AND SHARED
SYMBOL OF MOURNING.**

A woman should be able to go for a run safely.
A woman should be able to walk down a street safely.
A woman should not have to endure sexual harassment.
A woman does NOT ask to be raped. Murdered. Assaulted.

A woman is...
A mother. She is your mother.
A daughter. She is your daughter.
A sister. She is your sister.
A child. She is your child.
A grandmother. She is your grandmother.

**— HER LIFE IS NOT ANYONE
ELSE'S TO TAKE. —**



5.10 VACANT PARISHES in THE DIOCESE of Saldanha Bay

- (a) Table View, St Chad
- (b) Hopefield, All Saints
- (c) Klawer, St James
- (d) Clanwilliam, St John

A Prayer for a Vacancy in a Pastoral Charge

*God our Father
the giver of every good gift.
Graciously regard the needs of your Church
and guide with your heavenly wisdom
the minds of those responsible for choosing
a Rector for these Parishes.
Send us a faithful pastor to feed your flock
and to lead us in the way of holiness;
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord.
Amen*

6. FOR INFORMATION and SHARING

6.1 The Archbishop and Province Honors Advocate Adrian Mopp ... congratulations note from the Vicar General of the Diocese of Saldanha Bay, attached for your information.

6.2

17TH TO 19TH SEPTEMBER SYNOD OF BISHOPS
20TH TO 23RD SEPTEMBER PROVINCIAL SYNOD 2026

We pray for all Bishops and Clergy as they meet for Synod.

Matthew 18:20

"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

6.3 SAFCEI NEWS and EVENTS

Mark your diaries for these exciting events!

26 September - Public Hearing on Data Centres, St Georges Cathedral, Cape Town

1-7 October - [Green Action Week](#)

2 October - [Close of the Season of Creation Webinar \(SAFCEI\)](#)

4 October - Feast of St Francis Day, World Animal Day

16 October - World Food Day

20-22 October - Regional Women's FLEAT cohorts workshop

9-20 November - UNFCCC COP31

[Follow [@safcei](#) on social media or visit the [events page](#) on our website for more details.]



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Wednesday 16 September 2026

On behalf of The Most Revd Dr Thabo Makgoba
Archbishop of Cape Town and Metropolitan of the
Anglican Church of Southern Africa

CONGRATULATIONS ADVOCATE ADRIAN CARL MOPP

We extend our warm congratulations to Advocate Adrian Carl Mopp
on his appointment as Director of Public Prosecutions for the Western Cape.

Advocate Mopp assumes this responsibility at a time when the work of the National Prosecuting Authority is vital to strengthening public confidence in the administration of justice. His extensive prosecutorial experience and long service in the Western Cape will stand him in good stead as he undertakes this demanding office.

We encourage Advocate Mopp to exercise his responsibilities with courage, independence and integrity, always mindful that the law must serve every person equally and that the pursuit of justice must include particular concern for those who are vulnerable, marginalised or without ready access to power.

We assure Advocate Mopp of our prayers as he begins this new chapter of service. May God grant him wisdom, discernment and strength, and may his leadership contribute to a just, safe and compassionate society in which the dignity of every person is upheld.

Advocate Mopp and his family are faithful Anglicans and parishioners of St Stephen's, Pinelands.

With sincere and warmest regards

Archdeacon Rus Blassoples

Vicar-General of the Diocese of Saldanha Bay