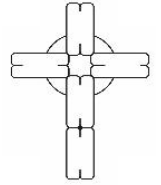


ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - NORTH RIDING



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The parish office will be open from Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 3pm

Mass times: Saturday 5.00pm; Sunday 7.30am and 9.30am and 5.00pm.

Mondays and Thursdays 6.15am; Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9.00am.

Weekday Public Holidays: 8.00am

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

YEAR A

26/27 November 2022

FIRST READING

: Isaiah 2:1-5

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

: Psalm 122

R: We shall go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.
For Israel's witness it is
to praise the name of the Lord.
There were set the thrones of judgement,
the thrones of the house of David.

For the peace of Jerusalem pray,
"May they prosper, those who love you."
May peace abide in your walls,
And security be in your towers.

For the sake of my family and friends,
Let me say, "Peace upon you."
For the sake of the house of the Lord, our God,
I will seek good things for you.



*Come,
Lord Jesus,
Come!*

SECOND READING

: Romans 13:11-14

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

: Matthew 24:37-44

COVID 19 REGULATIONS REPEALED:

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION:

*Even though the government has repealed the regulations, **COMMUNION WILL STILL ONLY BE DISTRIBUTED ON THE HAND.**

WORLD YOUTH DAY

The Youth going to WYD are raising funds to go to Lisbon in July/August 2023.



Please support their fund raisers.



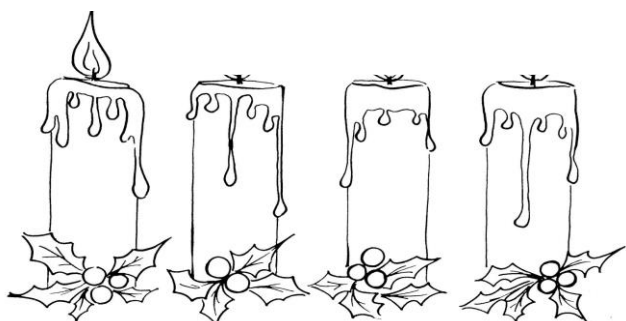
* There is a raffle for R20.00 a ticket with wonderful prizes to be won.

*Hamburgers & boerewors rolls are on sale after the Sunday morning Masses at R30 each. Enjoy a Muffins with a cup of tea or coffee.

**ADVENT -
A JOURNEY FROM
DARKNESS TO LIGHT**

Advent begins today. It is the season of waiting and preparation for the coming of Christmas and the Saviour God promised to Israel.

The first candle of Advent will be lit today. Advent candles symbolize that Jesus, the Light of the World, is drawing near. Jesus Christ is the just root that sprang from the family tree of David. He is Emmanuel, coming to be God with us!



Come, Lord Jesus, come

Community News

'GAUDETE' SECOND COLLECTION:

The annual Advent second collection will continue for four weeks. The money is used by the Archbishop to bring joy to the underprivileged and those in need.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS:

Contact the office to make arrangements.

COUNSELLING: Contact Arianna on 071 138 8401 to make counselling arrangements.

PRAYER CHAIN: Phone Connie on 010 220 5109 or 083 694 8319 for prayer support.

RCIA: (Adult Conversion / Confirmation) and Adult Faith Formation classes started on 1 June. WhatsApp Jacques on 0828453787 or email him on jreborn2000@gmail.com for more information.

BIBLE SHARING: You are invited to join on Monday evenings at 7.00pm on Zoom. Contact Devi on devi.farrel@hotmail.co.za

LECTIO DIVINA: Join us on Thursday evenings at 7.00pm on Zoom. Contact Gordon at gordon.brewer@liblink.co.za

JUSTICE & PEACE: We invite you to a meeting every Tuesday from 7.00pm. To get a link to the meeting please contact Yvonne on 082 9727 248 or email stjohnsjusticepeace@gmail.com.

CHARISMATIC GROUP: All are welcome to join on a Thursday from 6.00pm - 8.00pm

Sacraments and Preparation

BAPTISM: Parents are required to attend a course before the baptism of their child. Contact the office on 010 222 0631 to make an appointment to see Fr Bafana. You are required to attend our baptism formation course.

Baptism appointments will re-open in 2023

CONFESSIONS: Confessions will be on Saturdays at 4.00pm- 4.45pm in the Cry Chapel. If you need a longer Confession, please make an appointment with the office.

MARRIAGE: Contact Fr Bafana three to six months before the event. Couples are required to attend a pre-marriage course of instruction or an Engaged Encounter weekend.

CATECHETICS REGISTRATION FOR CATECHISM (*primary school*) **and CONFIRMATION** (*high school*) will be announced in december once we have finalised all the details of our registration process and 2023 dates.

For all Catechetical formation information: Baptism, Catechetics, Confirmation and RCIA, please contact Nicky: Nicola.rothmann@icloud.com.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Thank you for your continued generous Donations. November donations mainly go towards the annual Care and Share drive for December. Your support of this drive is highly appreciated.

National SSVP has streamlined the Society's banking to Standard Bank. Because of this, we have new banking details which are available either from the parish office or from SSVP office bearers.

Announcements

SENIORS' MASS and CHRISTMAS LUNCH: All Seniors are invited to a Christmas lunch after the 10.00am Mass on 14 December. Please contact Denise Perrins on 0837438070 to book your place.

DISABLED PARKING: A reminder that the parking below the classrooms and immediately in front of the main gates is reserved for the elderly and disabled.

CHRISTMAS/CRAFT TABLE: The Care Group will be holding a Christmas/Craft table and Book sale on Saturday 3rd in the Hall and Sunday, 4 December.

PRAYER CAMPAIGN FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA

Merciful Father, send forth your Spirit upon us the people of Southern Africa. May we hear anew the voice of Jesus Christ, inviting us to walk with him across the turbulent waters of our time: "Courage, it is I. Do not be afraid."

By the grace of the Holy Spirit empower us to bring comfort to the restless, hope to those who despair, healing to victims of violence, and reconciliation where there is division.

May the Holy Spirit heal our families and communities Grant us ethical and courageous leaders who put the good of the people before their own interest.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit we commit ourselves to speak the truth with courage, to act justly in all we do, to share with those in need and always and everywhere to respect your gift of life as we strive to proclaim the values of the Kingdom in solidarity with all people of goodwill. Amen



NATIVITY PLAY AND PICNIC:

Join the parish for the annual nativity play and picnic on Saturday, 17 December, after the 5.00pm Mass. All primary school children are invited to join us for play practice from Monday 12 December to Thursday 15 December from 09:00-12:30 pm.



FIRST FRIDAY BENEDICTION AND MASS:

You are encouraged to spend time in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. Join us on Friday, 2 December, from 6.00pm – 7.00pm to pray for peace and an end to crime and violence in South Africa.

Fr Bafana takes his day off on Mondays and will only be available for appointments from Tuesdays to Fridays.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT takes place every Friday after the 9.00am Mass until 10.00am.

Mass Intentions for the week.



Saturday	26 November	5.00pm
Sunday	27 November	7.30am
		9.30am
		5.00pm
Monday	28 November	6.15am
Tuesday	29 November	9.00am
Wednesday	30 November	9.00am
Thursday	1 December	6.15am

Relatives & friends
on our Pious Lists

Ron Newton R.I.P
 For the Healing of Joe Bettencourt
 Birthday Blessings Aneni N. M. Davis
 In Thanksgiving Marcia Cannon
 John Rickard R.I.P
 Special Intention of Maria Caroto
 For the Healing of Joe Bettencourt
 Samuel Sadiq R.I.P
 Special Intention of Nontuthulezo Mashaba
 For Peace
 Sacred Heart Sodality
 Maria Isabel Nunes R.I.P
 Special Intentions of Mhlaba Mbela

Christmas Banner: As we enter into Advent, take a look at the evolving banner. Each week new symbols will be added. It begins with the empty manger, a small star, hills, grass and a tree with two sheep and shepherds in the background. Watch it grow each week.