

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - NORTH RIDING

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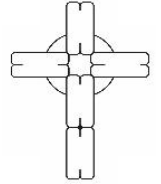
PARISH PRIEST: Fr Bafana Ndlovu OMI

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



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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11/12 March 2023

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:3-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 94

R: O that today you would listen to his voice!

Harden not your hearts.

Come, let us ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come into his presence, giving thanks,
let us hail him with a song of praise.

O come; let us bow and bend low.
Let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your forebears put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'



**Living water, well up
within us now.**

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-2.5-8

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

Lord, you are truly the saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I may not thirst.

Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL : John 4:5-42

"Give me living water, that I may not thirst!"

COVID 19 REGULATIONS REPEALED: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*Even though the government has repealed the regulations, **COMMUNION WILL STILL ONLY BE DISTRIBUTED ON THE HAND.**

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**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.

**The music ministry** is looking for any musicians to join and help out in the Youth Band and Children's Choir. If you are interested in helping out contact Jason 060 684 0449 [jasonwilsonmusics@gmail.com](mailto:jasonwilsonmusics@gmail.com)



**Community News**

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:stjohnsjusticepeace@gmail.com).

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

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES:** Contact Janice Peta in the parish office for more detail.

## 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.

*Please ensure that you book your baby's baptism date with the office. No baptisms will be done without a booking.*

**CONFESSIONS:** Confessions are on Saturdays from 3.45pm till 4.45pm. **Also during Lent on Wednesdays from 5.00pm – 6.00pm**

**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.

**FOR CATECHISM** (Primary School) **& CONFIRMATION** (High school) Registrations for classes are now closed.

Contact Nicky. for all Catechetical formation information: Baptism, Catechetics, Confirmation and RCIA, on [Nicola.rothmann@icloud.com](mailto:Nicola.rothmann@icloud.com).

### OMI Toiletry Drive

Our Confirmation group are participating in a toiletry drive for the brothers at the OMI Novitiate in Germiston.

A Basket for the donations can be found in the hall if anyone would like to contribute.

Physically, our bodies are dependent on water: without it we die. Spiritually, our life depends on the grace and presence of Christ, so he is like spiritual 'water' which refreshes, quenches our 'thirst' or longing, and gives us health and vitality: without it we are bound to die spiritually.

## Announcements

### DISABLED PARKING BAYS:

Please do not park in the bays that are marked for the disabled or elderly. You are causing an inconvenience to those who struggle to walk.

**SECOND COLLECTION: Bishops' Lenten Appeal:** A second collection will be taken up every weekend in Lent. *Children, please put your Lenten offerings into the Mite Box on the Sanctuary during the second collection.*

Additional Masses during Lent will be celebrated on weekdays at 6.00pm.

We will have the third Lenten Talk during the Wednesday evening Mass. The topic will be; "The Sacrament of Confession, Reconciliation and Penance".

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Fridays at 8.15am and 5.15pm (before Mass)



**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Every Friday after the 9.00am Mass until 10.00am.

**PASCHAL SUPPER: (Wednesday, 5 April)** Tickets for the Paschal Supper are on sale at a cost of **R175** per person and **R100-00** for children under 10. Tickets will only be issued once they are paid for. There are a limited number of tickets, so please buy them early. **(NO BOOKINGS WILL BE TAKEN.)** If you are available to help, please give Felicity your name and phone number.

**EASTER EGGS:** Put a smile on an underprivileged child's face and donate a box of marshmallow eggs.

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

## Mass Intentions for the week.



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| (Monday - Friday during Lent |          | 6.00pm | For a Holy Lenten Experience)                                                                                                                                                           |
| Saturday                     | 11 March | 5.00pm | Birthday Blessings for Natasha Dos Santos<br>Special Intentions of Tyrone & Ivanna Poipao<br>Frank da Camara R.I.P<br>Paixoa Franca R.I.P<br>Ivy Tan R.I.P<br>Eleuterio Gonçalves R.I.P |
| Sunday                       | 12 March | 7.30am | Birthday Blessings for Beulah Green<br>Birthday Blessings for Ivanna Torricella<br>In Thanksgiving – Thabile Mbhele & family<br>Sekgametsi Mpahane R.I.P                                |
|                              |          | 9.30am | Maria & Jorge Ferreira R.I.P<br>João Ladeira R.I.P<br>Birthday Blessings for Philo Fotso (50 <sup>th</sup> )<br>Recovery for Stephane Mouton                                            |
|                              |          | 5.00pm | Special Intentions of St John's Youth                                                                                                                                                   |
| Monday                       | 13 March | 6.15am | In thanksgiving for Alexander De Gouveia<br>Thanksgiving for the safe delivery of Baby Aiden                                                                                            |
| Tuesday                      | 14 March | 9.00am | Joe Santana R.I.P<br>John Barrett R.I.P                                                                                                                                                 |
| Wednesday                    | 15 March | 9.00am | Deceased members of Ferreira & De Melim family<br>Healing for Olivia Zietsman<br>Birthday Blessings Cruz Dos Ramos                                                                      |
| Thursday                     | 16 March | 6.15am | Special Intentions of Selina Jodrijevic                                                                                                                                                 |
| Friday                       | 17 March | 9.00am | Jose Maria Rebelo R.I.P<br>Mark De Jesus R.I.P<br>A Special Intention<br>In Thanksgiving for Marcel Delon<br>In Thanksgiving Avril Naidoo                                               |

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Church Etiquette Attending mass is a social and public event that requires certain behaviour.

- *The Cry Chapel is for BABIES and their family. Remember it is NOT a playroom. Please will adults and school going children sit in the main part of the Church..*
- *Don't receive Communion if you are not of the faith or in a state of Grace*
- *Do not eat or drink in church. It is disrespectful as well as being a distraction for others.*