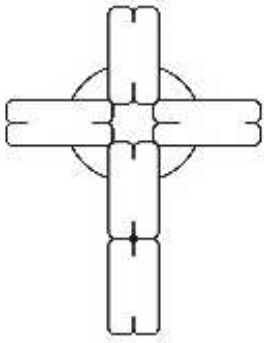


ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - NORTH RIDING



Parish Priest: Fr Bafana Ndlovu OMI

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The parish office hours - Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 3pm

Website: www.st-johns.org.za **E-mail:** ppc@st-johns.org.za

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

FOURTH SUNDAY

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31Jan /1 February 2026

FIRST READING:

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 146

**R: Blessed are the poor in Spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

It is the Lord who preserves fidelity forever,
who does justice to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord who sets prisoners free.

It is the Lord who opens the eyes of the blind,
the Lord who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord who protects the stranger.

The Lord upholds the orphan and the widow,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign forever,
the God of Sion from age to age.



**Blessed
are the
peacemakers,
for they
will be called
sons
of God.**

SECOND READING:

1 Corinthians 1:10-26-31

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

Matthew 5:1-12

Blessed are the poor in spirit

St John's Mission Statement

A community that encounters Christ through the worship and spiritual guidance of God by loving and supporting our fellow brothers and sisters.

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 meet with Father to discuss baptism and attend preparation classes.

CONFESSIONS: Confessions are on Saturdays from 3.45pm till 4.45pm, or by appointment.

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.

CATECHISM (Primary School)
& CONFIRMATION (High school)
Contact the office.

- Children of catechetical age should attend classes from Grade 1 to Grade 7 in order to receive continued formation and to ensure all Sacraments are received.
- Confirmation classes are attended from Grade 8 and is a 3.5 year program.

PRAYING THE ROSARY: The Rosary is prayed as a community every Monday and Thursday after the 6.15am Mass and on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 8.30am before the 9.00am Mass. The Rosary is also prayed in front of the grotto of Our Lady on the last Saturday of each month at 9.00am.

RCIA and FAITH

ENRICHMENT/CONVERT CLASSES: If you are interested in deepening your faith or becoming a Catholic, classes begin each year after Easter. Please phone the parish office for more details on the course.

Community News

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS:
Contact the office to make arrangements.

COUNSELLING: Please leave a message on 071 138 8401 to make arrangements for counselling.

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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please contact the parish office or ask an immediate family member to do so on your behalf so we can make arrangements for Father to see you.

BIBLE SHARING: You are invited to join on Monday evenings at 7.00pm on Zoom. Contact Evelyn on edevelyndeiner25@gmail.com

LECTIO DIVINA: Join us on Thursday evenings at 8.00pm 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 PRAYER GROUP:
All are welcome to join on a Thursday from 6.00pm - 8.00pm.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL- SSVP. New members are needed and we would love you to join this ministry. Please contact Maqueen Ntladi on 083 236 5719 or Michael Wise on 082 561 6980

Community Notices

SECOND COLLECTION: Thank you to all who contributed to the Sick Priest's maintenance fund.

REMINDER: The gate will be closed at the start of Mass. Please make sure you arrive on time.

SENIOR CITIZENS GROUP: The Senior Citizens Group will meet in the Parish Hall on Monday, 2 February 2026, at 9.30 for 10 a.m. Senior Citizens of the Parish, who wish to meet with other Senior Citizens and enjoy a cup of coffee and refreshments, will be most welcome to attend.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS & ADORATION: You are encouraged to spend time in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. Join us on Friday, 6 February, from 6.00pm – 7.00pm to pray for peace and an end to crime and violence in South Africa.

GRIEF SHARE: A 13 week program to assist you in dealing with the loss of a loved one, commences on Saturday, 21 February, at 10.00am in classroom 7. The cost of the workbook is R300. Contact Arianna on 071 138 8401.

PILGRIMAGE TO NGOME: On behalf of the Sacred Heart Sodality of the Arch Diocese of Johannesburg, we extend a cordial invitation to you to join our annual pilgrimage. The pilgrimage will be at the Ngome shrine from 7 - 8 March 2026 at a cost of R750. We will dedicate our entire overnight prayers to the Lord. We hope to see you there. For further details please contact Ouma Mangale on 083 7123 890 or Mbali Thipe on 072 226 9169.

WORLD YOUTH DAY: The Pilgrims will be hosting a Cheese & Wine fundraiser on Saturday, 14 February, after the 5.00pm Mass. Tickets are R150 for a single and R250 for a couple. There will be a babysitting service at R20 per child. For more information, parishioners can contact Neo on 067 120 6159. Please make sure to support our youth and buy a ticket.



CHOIRS: •Easter Vigil – Combined Choir: Anyone interested in joining the combined choir for the Easter Vigil Mass, please contact the parish office for more details.

•St David Choir - also known as the French Choir is in need of new members. N.B. You do not need to speak French nor be an experienced singer. Please contact Franck on 081 704 6455 for more information or join us for rehearsal on: Fridays 5:45pm to 7:45pm and Saturdays 10:00 to 12:00

ASH WEDNESDAY: Please start bringing in your old Palm Crosses before the 17 February to be burnt for Ash Wednesday.

RETROUVAILLE: If your marriage is hurting, Retrouvaille can assist you with tools to help strengthen your marriage. The next weekend is on 13-15 February. For more information and to make a booking, call Colleen on 0832457446 or email retrouvaille@lantic.net.

St John's Youth Ministry Contacts

Youth on Friday — Jason — 060-684-0449

World Youth Day — Neo — 067-120-6159

Youth Band — Keira — 062-313-1183

Junior Youth — Maxine — 083-265-2058

Children's Choir — Palesa — 065-711-2218

Mass Intentions for the week.

Saturday	31 January	5.00pm	Soobramanie Pillay R.I.P Louis de Vasconcellos R.I.P Ken Cullen R.I.P Intentions - Jacinta Santana Thanksgiving for Kyle & Bianca Govender Intentions and Protection for the Da Silva Family
Sunday	1 February	7.30am	Evrad Joseph R.I.P Mervyn & Rani Abraham RIP Dolores O'Connor RIP Special Intention Jacqui Rutherford Special Intention George Uzomah Birthday Blessings for Reginald Barkley
		9.30am	Julia and Manuel de Gouveia R.I.P Shyam Sookayee R.I.P Louis de Vasconcellos R.I.P Thanksgiving for the Osho Family Birthday blessings for Michael and Funso Osho
		5.00pm	For the Souls in Purgatory and for the Da Silva Family José Fernandes R.I.P Eugene De Pontes R.I.P Special Intentions Mugauri Family
Monday	2 February	6.15am	Jonas Moilwa R.I.P Nthete Raditapole R.I.P Special Intentions Daveyrose Ralephenya Birthday Blessings for Abigail O'Donnell Intentions and Protection for the Da Silva Family
Tuesday	3 February	9.00am	For the Souls in Purgatory and for the Da Silva Family Leonard Thomas Graham R.I.P Kerry Ann Graham R.I.P Blaise Rutherford R.I.P Thanksgiving for Patience Moilwa Thanksgiving for Phenyo Moiwa
Wednesday	4 February	9.00pm	Intentions and Protection for the Da Silva Family Healing for Dalene Barret
Thursday	5 February	6.15am	For the Souls in Purgatory and for the Da Silva Family
Friday	6 February	9.00am	Intentions and Protection for the Da Silva Family

Lent & Easter Dates 2026

18 February - Ash Wednesday

2 April – Holy Thursday

4 April – Easter Vigil

29 March - Palm Sunday (start of Holy week.)

3 April – Good Friday

5 April – Easter Sunday