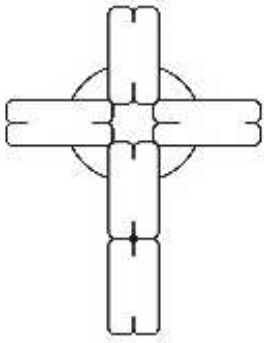


ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - NORTH RIDING



Parish Priest: Fr Bafana Ndlovu OMI

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

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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

FIFTH SUNDAY

Cycle A

7/8 February 2026

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 58:7-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 112

R: A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

A light rises in the darkness for the upright;
he is generous, merciful and just.

It goes well for the man who deals generously and lends,
who conducts his affairs with justice.

He will never be moved;
forever shall the just be remembered.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart, he trusts in the Lord.

With a steadfast heart he will not fear.
Open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm forever.
His might shall be exalted in glory.



SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
he who follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

Matthew 5:13-16

Your light shall break forth like the dawn

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

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

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.

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 retrovaille@lantic.net.

SENIOR CITIZENS MASS: There will be a Mass for all our seniors on Wednesday, 11 February at 10.00am. You are all invited to a tea in the hall afterwards.

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. Please note: 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 bring in your old Palm Crosses to be burnt for Ash Wednesday on Tuesday.

CRY ROOM: The Cry Room is not a playroom. Please be respectful of others using the Cry Room.

YOUR LIGHT MUST SHINE TO LEAD OTHERS TO CHRIST

When we live kind, caring lives, we shall be showing the brightness of God's love, and that will commend people to trust him far more than philosophical argument. Following Christ is not merely knowing about him, but knowing him personally so that he seeps through our lives. (SusanSayers)

Mass Intentions for the week.

Saturday	7 January	5.00pm	Special Intention Christine Azel Special Intention Isabel Corota Thanksgiving for Beverley Padayachee & family Birthday Blessings for Abusiswe Mbhele Birthday Blessings Gianna De Jesus John Declan O'Callaghan R.I.P
Sunday	8 February	7.30am	Special Intentions Sharon Diak Special Intentions Lynne Sandham David Kearns R.I.P Gerrard Ashley Pillay R.I.P Jack and Nora Wailey R.I.P Evrard Joseph R.I.P
		9.30am	For the Souls in Purgatory and for the Da Silva Family Joao Ladeira R.I.P
		5.00pm	Intentions and Protection for the Da Silva Family Birthday Blessings Lulu Da Silva Mariagrazia Bollini R.I.P
Monday	9 February	6.15am	For the Souls in Purgatory and for the Da Silva Family
Tuesday	10 February	9.00am	Special Intention Gianna De Jesus Intentions and Protection for the Da Silva Family Chile Ramsingh R.I.P
Wednesday	11 February	9.00pm	Thanksgiving for Vivienne Peffer Intentions - Jean Marc de Villiers Eleuterio Goncalves R.I.P Manuel Ferreira R.I.P For the Souls in Purgatory and for the Da Silva Family
Thursday	12 February	6.15am	Intentions and Protection for the Da Silva Family
Friday	13 February	9.00am	For the Souls in Purgatory and for the Da Silva Family Duarte Goncalves R.I.P Nelson Gomes R.I.P

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