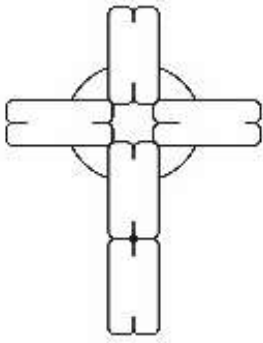


ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - NORTH RIDING



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The parish office hours - 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

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Cycle A

10/11 January 2026

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Psalm 28

R: The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly powers,
Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
Bow down before the Lord, majestic in holiness.

The voice of the Lord upon the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour.

The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: "Glory!"
The Lord sat enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits as king forever.



SECOND READING:

Acts 10:34-38

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia

The heavens opened and the Father's voice was heard:
"This is my Beloved Son, listen to him."

Alleluia

GOSPEL:

Matthew 3:13-17

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)
CATECHISM REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

- 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.
Saturdays 3.45pm to 4.45pm
& Wednesday 5.00pm to 6.00pm
- Confirmation classes are attended from Grade 8 and is a 3.5 year program.
Tuesdays 6.30pm to 7.30pm.

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.

**During Normal Mass Schedule times*

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

MASS TIMES: All Masses have returned to normal times. Mondays & Thursdays 6.15am; Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9.00am

OFFICE HOURS: The office is back to normal hours: 8.30am – 3.00pm

CATECHISM AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR PRIMARY AND HIGH SCHOOL: Classes Begin from the 17th of January, Please Register!!!

- **Primary School** Catechism takes place on either a **Saturday at 3.45pm to 4.45pm**
Or Wednesday 5.00pm to 6.00pm
- **High School** Confirmation classes take place on a **Tuesday at 6.30pm to 7.30pm.**
Please register early on our online registration forms, Scan the QR code on the posters, visit the website or follow the links from our WhatsApp group

CARE GROUP: The Care Group's sewing group will be meeting again in the hall on Thursday, 15 January at 9.00am. All are welcome to join in the fellowship and friendship. *The Care Group are looking for donations of old Christmas Decorations; items can be dropped off at the office.*

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

PARKING FOR DISABLED AND ELDERLY: Please will parishioners stop parking in the disabled parking. The parking below the classrooms and immediately in front of the main gates is reserved for the elderly and disabled.

SENIORS MASS: There will be **NO** senior's Mass this month.

EASTER & THE MOVABLE FEASTS:

18 February: Ash Wednesday (*Lent Begins*)

29 March: Palm Sunday (*Holy Week Begins*)

2 April: Holy Thursday

3 April: Good Friday

4 April: Easter Vigil (*Saturday*)

5 April: Easter Sunday

"Almighty Father, open the heavens and pour out your Spirit upon your people. Renew in us the grace of our Baptism so that we may reflect ever more faithfully the image of your Beloved Son, Jesus Christ who is Lord forever

*Jesus Christ,
I remember your
baptism today
as I thank God
for my first
Sacrament.*



*The Father anointed
his beloved son,
Jesus, with the Holy
Spirit and with
power, to bring
healing and peace to
all nations.*

Mass Intentions for the week.

Saturday	10 January	5.00pm	Birthday Eleanor Schultz Damon, Tony and Norah Rahme R.I.P Michelle and Joao De Abreu R.I.P Birthday Blessings for Barbara Rickard
Sunday	11 January	7.30am	Evrad Joseph R.I.P Special Intentions for Theresa Sehlapelo Special Intentions for Jessica Dihaba Birthday Blessings Barbara Rickard
		9.30am	Parishioners of St Johns
		5.00pm	Parishioners of St Johns
Monday	12 January	6.15am	Special Intentions of Juliette de Villiers
Tuesday	13 January	9.00am	Safe traveling mercies for Kyle & Bianca Govender Charlotte Herde RIP
Wednesday	14 January	9.00am	Prayers & Blessings for Caleb Storey
Thursday	15 January	6.15am	Mate Visic R.I.P Birthday Blessings for Avril Desaraj Special Intentions for the Desaraj Family
Friday	16 January	9.00am	Parishioners of St Johns

VARIOUS INTENTIONS TO PRAY FOR:

Our Sick - Dear Lord, in your great compassion and love, we ask you to lay your healing hands on the sick and aged of our parish and all our loved ones.

The Unemployed - Dear Lord, we pray for those struggling to find employment, that through their hardship they will put their faith and trust in you.

End to Violence – Dear Lord, we pray that your Holy Spirit may touch the hearts of those who continue to use crime and violence as a way of life.

The Dead - Dear Lord, we pray you grant eternal rest to all members of our families who have died. May your perpetual light shine upon them.