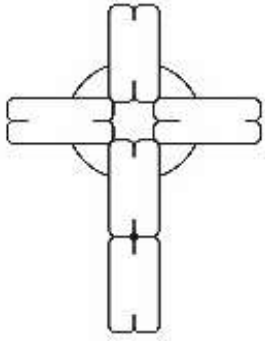


ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - NORTH RIDING



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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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18/19 APRIL 2026

FIRST READING:

Acts of the Apostles 2:14.22 - 33

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Psalm 16

R: Lord, you will show me the path of life.

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the Lord: "You are my Lord".

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
you yourself who secure my lot.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart..

I keep the Lord before me always:
with him at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

And so, my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my flesh shall rest in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to hell,
nor let your holy one see corruption..

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand, bliss forever.



Alleluia

SECOND READING:

1 Peter 1:17-21

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Lord Jesus, open the scriptures to us.

make our hearts burn with love when you speak to us.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

Luke 24:13-35

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 CONVERT CLASSES / FAITH ENRICHMENT 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

DAY OFF: Fr Bafana OMI takes his one day off a week on a Monday, please respect this important day of rest for our parish priest.

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.

RCIA and FAITH ENRICHMENT/ADULT CONVERT CLASSES:

If you are interested in deepening your faith or becoming a Catholic, RCIA classes will commence on Wednesday 27 May at 7.00pm.
Please scan the QR code:
or follow the registration link on the parish website.



CONFESSIONS: For those who did not have the opportunity to go to Confession at the Penitential service, Fr Bafana will give you the opportunity to go on Saturdays during April. During this time confessions will begin at **3.15pm**.

CARE GROUP: The Care Group will be having a table on 3 May. Please support them.

SENIORS MONTHLY MASS: The monthly Seniors Mass will take place on Wednesday, 22 April, at 10.00am. All Senior Citizens of the parish are welcome. Refreshments will be served in the hall after Mass.

A REFLECTION

Lord, as we look at this walk to Emmaus, help us to get up and follow. Help us to be willing to walk on those places that are familiar and have him come and lift the ordinary into that which is holy. If we invite him into our homes, he will break bread with us; if we invite him into our hearts, he will conquer our fears, our misgivings, our sins, and even death. For this, Almighty God, we give you thanks as we remember the walk to Emmaus.

Every journey of life can be an Emmaus journey where we meet the Lord. Every altar can be the altar of Emmaus, and indeed every meal can be a time of friendship, care and nourishment for body and for soul.



"Lord Jesus Christ, open the eyes of my heart to recognize your presence with me and to understand the truth of your saving word.
Nourish me with your life-giving word and with the bread of life."
(Don Schwager)

- *Please do not leave Mass early.
Wait for the closing prayer, announcements and blessing.*

Mass Intentions for the week.

Saturday	18 April	5.00pm	Birthday Blessings Lorraine Jordan Holy Souls Special Intentions Natalia Pereira Veronica Carroll R.I.P Jorge Rodrigues R.I.P Birthday Blessings for Ohemaa Sarpong
Sunday	19 April	7.30am	Intentions and Protection for the Kara and Morgan Family Birthday Blessings Letta Mokone Tebello Mokone R.I.P Aubrey Letard R.I.P Birthday Blessings Ricardo Reddy
		9.30am	Ines Esmeraldo R.I.P Danny, Jean and Ravi Pillay R.I.P Joseph, Rosa and Patrick Sarkhot R.I.P Dolly Naidoo R.I.P Sandy Maduray R.I.P
		5.00pm	Janina Borejszo R.I.P Gregorio Ponte Nunes R.I.P Bryan Kayne R.I.P Deceased members of the Da Silva Family and all souls
Monday	20 April	6.15am	Intentions and Protection for the Da Silva Family
Tuesday	21 April	9.00am	Rene Brun R.I.P Deceased members of the Da Silva Family and all souls
Wednesday	22 April	9.00am	Salgado Family R.I.P Intentions and Protection for the Da Silva Family
Thursday	23 April	6.15am	Intentions - Eva Jadrijevic Deceased members of the Da Silva Family and all souls
Friday	24 April	9.00am	Cecilia Mphulo R.I.P Birthday Blessings Ricardo Reddy Intentions and Protection for the Da Silva Family



Let us pray together for all the ill and infirm in our parish,