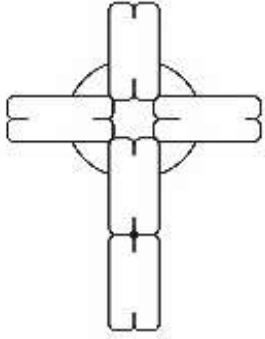


ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - NORTH RIDING



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; (& 6pm during Lent)

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9.00am.(& 6pm during Lent)

Weekday Public Holidays: 8.00am

SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL

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FIRST READING: GENESIS 1:1-2:2

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 104

Lord, send forth your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

SECOND READING: EXODUS 14:15-15:1

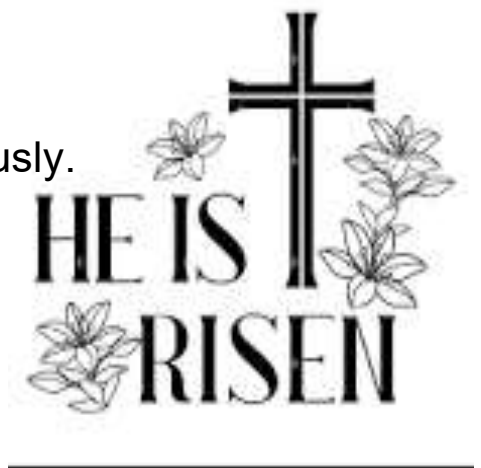
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Exodus 15

I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously.

THIRD READING: Ezekiel 36:16-17a. 18-28

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 42:3.5BCD, 43:3.4

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God.



EPISTLE: ROMANS 6:3-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PSALM 118

Alleluia Alleluia. Alleluia

GOSPEL: LUKE 24: 1 -12

Risen Christ, I praise and thank you for your continued presence in my life.

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

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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

Father Bafana OMI wishes you a Holy and Blessed Easter. May your hearts be filled with Joy as you celebrate the wonder of Christ's resurrection.



Community Notices

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

SECOND COLLECTION: *Bishops' Lenten Appeal:* Thank you to all those who contributed so generously to these collections during Lent.

NOVITIATE CHARITY DRIVE: We are collecting non-perishables and toiletries for the novices. Please assist us for this worthwhile drive to help the men and the novitiate

DONATIONS FOR CEDARA: The priest's house at St Joseph's Oblate Scholasticate in Cedara is in need of new couches. If anyone is able to assist, please speak to Fr Bafana.

EASTER EGGS: A very big thank you to the community of St John's for the wonderful response to our plea for marshmallow eggs for the underprivileged.

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WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday is a public holiday and Mass will be celebrated at 8.00am. All other Masses will revert to the usual times: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday At 9.00am and Thursday at 6.15am.

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH: Thank you to the sacred heart of Jesus sodality for cleaning the church this weekend.

FLOWER DONATIONS: The Easter flowers have been donated in
Thanksgiving by the Tuscano family.

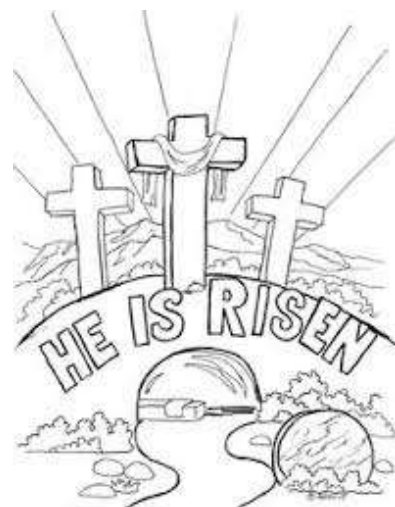


An Easter Prayer

Lord Jesus, the great feast of Easter reminds us that you came to bring new life to all creation and share with us your own eternal life.

Open our hearts to embrace all your gifts so we may be transformed in your image to become all that you want us to be. May this Easter strengthen our trust in your promise of eternal life and our resolve to seek your will in all things.

Amen.



Mass Intentions for the week.

Saturday	4 April	4.00pm	Intentions of St John's Parishioners
		7.00pm	Intentions of St John's Parishioners
Sunday	5 April	7.30am	Intentions of St John's Parishioners
		9.30am	Intentions of St John's Parishioners
Monday	6 April	8.00am	Birthday Blessings Jean Green Joe Santana R.I.P Intentions and Protection for the Da Silva Family
Tuesday	7 April	9.00am	Deceased members of the Da Silva Family and all souls
Wednesday	8 April	9.00am	Johnny da Silva RIP Joe Santana R.I.P Intentions and Protection for the Da Silva Family
Thursday	9 April	6.15am	Deceased members of the Da Silva Family and all souls
Friday	10 April	9.00am	Deceased Members of the Goncalves & Quintal Family Intentions and Protection for the Da Silva Family



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

Jesus Risen Saviour, we rejoice with You today
You have risen! Alleluia, Alleluia.

With You we celebrate new life, new beginnings, new hope, new joy.

May Your risen glory shine through us in all that we do and say.

We praise God for raising You up and for giving us the gift of
Your eternal presence. Amen

Alleluia