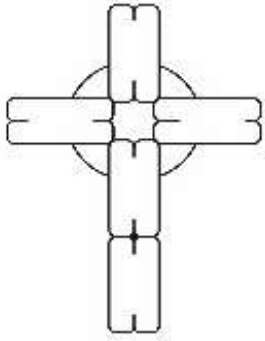


ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - NORTH RIDING



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

PALM SUNDAY

Cycle A

28/29 March 2026

GOSPEL AT PROCESSION: Matthew 21:1-12

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 21

R: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

All who see me deride me.

They curl their lips, they toss their heads.

'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him, for in him he delights.'

For dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked besets me.

They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones.

They divide my clothing among them,
they cast lots for my robe.

But you, O Lord, do not stay afar off;
my strength, make haste to help me!

I will tell of your name to my kin
and praise you in the midst of the assembly.

'You who fear the Lord, give him praise;
all descendants of Jacob, give him glory.

Revere him, all you descendants of Israel's.'



Hosanna to
Jesus,
our King!

SECOND READING: Philippians 2: 6-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

Christ became obedient for us unto death, even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him:

And bestowed on him the name which is above every name.

Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL: Matthew 26: 14-27:66

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

Community Notices

OFFICE CLOSURE: The office will be closed for holy week and will reopen on the 7th of April.

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

EASTER FLOWERS: All young people are invited to bring a flower from their garden for the Sunday Easter morning Masses. They will be brought up in a procession for the Risen Lord.

SECOND COLLECTION: *Bishops' Lenten Appeal:* The last of the six Lenten collections will be taken up this weekend. *Children, please put your Lenten offerings into the Mite Box on the Sanctuary during the second collection.*

LENTEN MASSES: The 6.00pm Masses **will not** take place during Holy Week.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE: Monday, 30 March at 5.00pm. There will be several priests hearing Confessions. Please take advantage of this Reconciliation service

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: Put a smile on an underprivileged child's face and donate a box of marshmallow Easter eggs.

Church Etiquette Attending mass is a social and public event that requires certain behaviour. *Cell phones should never be used in Mass for calls, texting or games. Please keep them on silent or preferably off.*

HOLY WEEK CALENDAR

MONDAY: Mass – 6.15 am.

TUESDAY: Mass - 9.00 am

WEDNESDAY: Mass – 9.00 am

Paschal supper - 7.00pm Those who have paid for places, are asked to be here and seated by 6.45pm. We will be starting punctually at 7.00pm.

HOLY THURSDAY: Chrism Mass – 9.00am (Cathedral)

Mass of the Last Supper & Vigil - 6.00pm – 10.00pm

GOOD FRIDAY: *Remember this is a day of fasting and abstinence. A collection will be taken up at both services.*

Stations of the Cross - 9.00am

Solemn Service - 3.00pm *(The Solemn Service is not called a Mass as there is no consecration.)*

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4.00pm & 7.00pm

EASTER SUNDAY MASS : 7.30am 9.30am

HOLY WEEK REQUEST: In the spirit of entering the pinnacle of our Catholic Faith, we ask that we wear the following colour codes for....

HOLY THURSDAY – White;

GOOD FRIDAY – Red;

EASTER SATURDAY & SUNDAY – Bright colours.

Mass Intentions for the week.

Saturday	28 March	5.00pm	Birthday Blessings Elizabeth Pearton Manuel Camacho R.I.P Armando Pestana R.I.P Joao Florença R.I.P Frans Van Neerijnen R.I.P Magdalene Naicker R.I.P
Sunday	29 March	7.30am	Thanksgiving - Evrad Joseph and family Blaise Rutherford R.I.P Magdalene Naicker R.I.P Thanksgiving Joseph Azel Intentions and Protection for the Da Silva Family Joe Santana R.I.P
		9.30am	Luis Laurencio R.I.P Shyam Sookayee For Holy Souls Special Intentions Natalia Pereira Thangamma, Pat and Theresa Chetty R.I.P Mary, Dhaya and Steven Naidoo R.I.P
		5.00pm	Manuel Sardinha & Maria De Jesus De Pontes Manuel and Maria De Pontes (Snr) Artur and Evelyn Lacueva Joe Santana R.I.P In Thanksgiving for Margaret Makoka In Thanksgiving for Linda Erhling
Monday	30 March	6.15am	Intentions of Fr Bafana Deceased members of the Da Silva Family and all souls Joe Santana R.I.P
Tuesday	31 March	9.00am	Intentions and Protection for the Da Silva Family Joe Santana R.I.P
Wednesday	1 April	9.00am	Mary Pillay R.I.P John Rickard R.I.P Deceased Members of the Goncalves & Quintal Family Deceased members of the Da Silva Family and all souls Spec Int Siwe Masilela Birthday blessings for Rita Padayachee
Holy Thursday	2 April	6.00am	St John's Parishioners
Good Friday	3 April	NO MASS Solemn Service - 3.00pm	

SEE YOUR KING IS COMING

Amid great rejoicing Jesus enters the holy city of Jerusalem,
riding on a donkey. Ahead of him is betrayal, torture and death;
but we still join our cheers with the crowds waving their palms,
because we know that the route to the cross
is the route to our redemption. Jesus is indeed our King.

