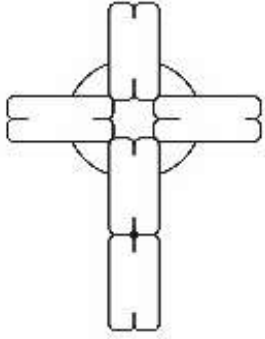


ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - NORTH RIDING



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 OF EASTER

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2/ 3 MAY 2026

FIRST READING:

Acts 6:1-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Psalm 32

**R: May your merciful love be upon us,
as we hope in you. O Lord,**

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for the upright.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.

For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and his merciful love fills the earth.

Yes, the Lord's eyes are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.



Alleluia

SECOND READING:

1 Peter 2, 4-9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord.
No one comes to the Father but by me.'

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

John 14:1-12

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 arrive on time.

CARE GROUP: The Care Group will be having a table this Sunday. Please support them.

CONVERT & FAITH ENRICHMENT:

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



VISITING PRIESTS: Any visiting priests from outside the diocese have to present a valid document of their identity and that they have faculties from their diocese at least a week before the visit. They will NOT be allowed to concelebrate at Mass nor celebrate any other Sacraments like marriages without prior consent.

SENIOR CITIZENS :

The Senior Citizens Group will meet in the Parish Hall on Monday, 4 May, at 9.00am for 9.30 am. Senior Citizens of the parish, who wish to meet with other Senior Citizens and enjoy a cup of coffee and refreshments, will be most welcome to attend.

WYD FUNDRAISER: Join the World Youth Day Pilgrims on 23 May after the 5pm Mass for our Parish Movie Night Fundraiser—a surprise movie where everyone gets to vote! R20 entry, Bring picnic blankets or camp chairs, Food, drinks, and pre-order meals available. Scan the QR code to book and



"Lord Jesus, you fill us with the joy of your saving presence and you give us the hope of everlasting life with the Father in Heaven. Show me the Father that I may know and glorify him more fully."

STRENGTH FOR THE JOURNEY

You are the Way – the one and only Way...
And I choose to walk with You
on the life-long journey to wholeness...
and holiness...
Lord, give me strength for the journey.

A MEDITATION

Jesus proclaims: ***I am the Way***. The Lord Jesus does not simply give counsel and direction. He personally is the way, and we cannot miss it if we follow him. He leads and guides us personally every day.

The Lord Jesus also is the ***Truth***. Many can say, "I have taught you the truth." Only Jesus can say, ***I am the Truth***. Moral truth cannot be conveyed in words alone; it must be conveyed in example. Jesus embodies the truth in his person. Jesus also is the ***Life***. He not only *shows us the path of life*; he gives the kind of life which only God can give – eternal and abundant life.

Is there any fear or trouble that keeps you from the perfect peace and happiness of a life surrendered to Jesus Christ?

CHURCH ETIQUETTE- DRESS CODE:

Dress modestly and appropriately. Your outfit should reflect reverence for the house of God. Dress neatly and respectfully.

Mass Intentions for the week.

Saturday	2 May	5.00pm	Thanksgiving - Christine Azel Special Intentions Tshego Ralephenya Ethelbert Ibekwe Azih R.I.P Ricardo De Gouveia R.I.P
Sunday	3 May	7.30am	Francis Joseph R.I.P Johanna Skosana Birthday Blessings Evelyn Stock RIP Dolores O'Connor RIP Alison Johnstone R.I.P Intentions of Leah Leemans
		9.30am	Donovan and Deon Maistry R.I.P Anthony Joseph R.I.P Ethelbert Ibekwe Azih R.I.P Joao Ladeiro R.I.P Sergio and Marlene Gomes R.I.P
		5.00pm	Yvonne Deiner R.I.P Jorge Rodrigues R.I.P Gerald Naylor R.I.P
Monday	4 May	6.15am	Special Intention Hendrina Matope Ethelbert Ibekwe Azih R.I.P Special Intentions & Thanksgiving for Zachary Padayachee
Tuesday	5 May	9.00am	Gregorio Ponte Nunes R.I.P Ethelbert Ibekwe Azih R.I.P Special Intentions & Thanksgiving for Zachary Padayachee Mark Koorbanally R.I.P
Wednesday	6 May	9.00am	Bibi Joseph R.I.P Lopes Family R.I.P Angelo and Roberto R.I.P Ethelbert Ibekwe Azih R.I.P Special Intentions & Thanksgiving for Zachary Padayachee
Thursday	7 May	6.15am	Ethelbert Ibekwe Azih R.I.P Vera Lavarone R.I.P Special Intentions & Thanksgiving for Zachary Padayachee
Friday	8 May	9.00am	Ethelbert Ibekwe Azih R.I.P Special Intentions & Thanksgiving for Zachary Padayachee Maud Morris R.I.P



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