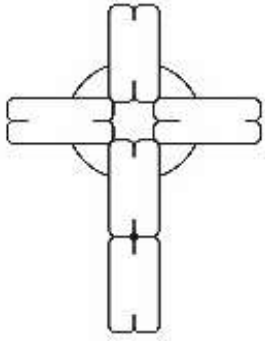


ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - NORTH RIDING



Parish Priest: Fr Bafana Ndlovu OMI

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The parish office hours - Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 3pm

Website: www.st-johns.org.za **E-mail:** ppc@st-johns.org.za

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY
2026

Cycle A

23/24 May

FIRST READING: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 104

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

Bless the Lord, O my soul!
O Lord my God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your creatures.

You take away their breath, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, and they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord last forever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I rejoice in the Lord.



SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7. 12-13

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 20:19-23

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 **FIRST** 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

Congratulations to our 2026 Confirmandi



"Lord, we give you thanks for the love you have poured out on those who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Send Your Holy Spirit into their souls to take full possession of them forever. May His divine wisdom guide their steps, and may His fortitude give them the courage to bear witness to Your love in the world.



Community Notices

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

ADULT 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



ST ANNES CHARITY DRIVE: St Anne Sodality will have its charity drive and distribute sanitary towels at an underprivileged school in Muldersdrift on Tuesday 26 May 2026. Parishioners are kindly requested to donate sanitary towels to make this great initiative a success.

You can leave them in the box at the main entrance of the church.

VISITING PRIESTS: Any visiting priests from outside the diocese have to present a valid document (called a Celebret and pronounced cheh-LEH-breht) 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.

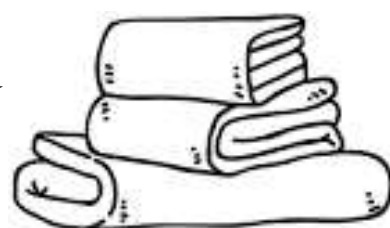
WYD FUNDRAISER: Join the World Youth Day Pilgrims on 23 May, after the 5.00pm Mass, for our Parish Movie Night Fundraiser — a surprise movie where everyone gets to vote! R20 entry. Bring picnic blankets or camp chairs, food and drinks. Pre-order meals are available. Scan the QR code to book and pay – don't miss out!



HOLIDAY CLUB (29 June-3 July): Holiday club leader sign ups are open to all high school and young adults. Scan the QR code to join the leaders team.



BLANKET DRIVE: Please support the SSVP with their annual winter blanket drive. Blankets will be distributed to families and to the needy and homeless people on the streets to help them keep warm through this very cold winter. Your support will be highly appreciated.



Mass Intentions for the week.

Saturday	23 May	5.00pm	Ethelbert Ibekwe Azih R.I.P Joseph Walter Klingler R.I.P Kalil Zackey R.I.P Alan Gordon Birch R.I.P Special Intentions of WYD Pilgrims For all parishioners of St Johns
Sunday	24 May	7.30am	Cecilia Mphulo r.I.P Gene Julian Michael Duiker R.I.P Alex, Alexandra and Albertina De Gouveia R.I.P Birthday blessings - Nokuthula Ngcobo Alan Gordon Birch R.I.P
		9.30am	Ethelbert Ibekwe Azih R.I.P Healing for Natalie De Canha For all parishioners of St John's
		5.00pm	For all parishioners of St John's
Monday	25 May	6.15am	Special Intentions Khethelo Mpako Maria Isabel Nunes Ethelbert Ibekwe Azih R.I.P Marian Barenbrug Birthday blessings
Tuesday	26 May	9.00am	Ethelbert Ibekwe Azih R.I.P Special Intention Pam and Clem Goemans
Wednesday	27 May	9.00am	Estanislau Sumares Santana R.I.P Jose Santana RIP Ethelbert Ibekwe Azih R.I.P Maria Emelia Santana George Ziady R.I.P Birthday blessings - Nokuthula Ngcobo
Thursday	28 May	6.15am	Ethelbert Ibekwe A
Friday	29 May	9.00am	Ethelbert Ibekwe Azih R.I.P



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

CHURCH ETIQUETTE- DRESS CODE: Please dress modestly and appropriately.
Your outfit should reflect reverence for the house of God. Dress neatly and