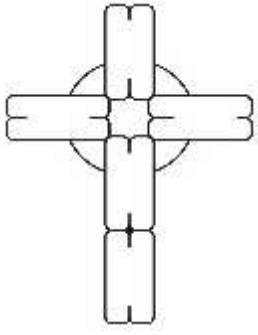


ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - NORTH RIDING



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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

Website: <http://www.st-johns.org.za>



14 SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

CYCLE A

4/5 JULY 2026

FIRST READING

: Zechariah 9:9-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

: Psalm 144

R: I will bless your name forever, my King and my God.

I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.

I will bless you day after day
and praise your name forever and ever.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.

How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

All your works shall thank you, O Lord,
and all your faithful ones bless you.

They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your mighty deeds.

The Lord is faithful in all his words
and holy in all his deeds.

The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down.



Come to me,

all who labor and are heavy laden, and

I will give you rest.

SECOND READING

: Romans 8:9. 11-13

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have
revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom . **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

: Matthew 11:25-30

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.

***REGISTRATION FOR 2027 WILL
OPEN IN OCTOBER ***

*Catechism Classes to be attended
from Grade 1 to Grade 7
in order to receive continued formation
and to ensure all Sacraments are
received in good time.

*Confirmation classes must be 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.

ADULT RCIA/CONVERT CLASSES / FAITH ENRICHMENT CLASSES:

If you are over 18 and 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. Please note we don't hold funerals on a Saturday or Sunday.

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 us on 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 at least 15 minutes before Mass begins.

PARISH REGISTRATION AND RE-REGISTRATION: "Is your parish registration up to date? The Church Administration is currently updating our database so we can better understand and serve our community. A precise registry helps us build a more welcoming, inclusive parish where everyone feels a true sense of belonging. Please take a moment to re-register or update your family's details via this [QR Code](#) or on our website.



Privacy Note: Your information is held in the strictest confidence. It is used solely for parish administration and will never be shared externally without your prior permission."

SENIOR CITIZENS GROUP: The Senior Citizens Group will meet in the Parish Hall on Monday, 6 July 2026, at 9.00 for 9.30 a.m. 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.

SENIORS MONTHLY MASS: The Monthly Seniors Mass will take place on Wednesday, 8 July 2026, at 10 a.m. All Senior Citizens of the Parish are welcome and are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall after Mass.

VISITING PRIESTS: Any visiting priests from outside the diocese have to present a valid document (called a Celebret and pronounced Cheh-LEH-breht) from their diocese at least a week before the visit. They will NOT be allowed to concelebrate at Mass nor celebrate any Sacraments prior consent.

HEALTH AND SAFETY: We are updating our Health and Safety protocols, if there are any parishioners who are more knowledgeable in this, please consult the parish office to offer your assistance.

PARISH MOVIE NIGHT: Join the **World Youth Day** Pilgrims on 8 August 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 pay — don't miss out!



WYD Seoul 2027: We will be holding a meeting on 18 July after the evening Mass for anyone interested in becoming a pilgrim for World Youth Day Seoul 2027. This will be the final opportunity to join the pilgrimage group.

WITH GRATITUDE

BEANIE DONATIONS: A Huge thank you from the care group for all the beanies.

BLANKET DRIVE: The SSVP wishes to thank the parish for the support for the Blanket drive your assistance has helped us help others keep warm this winter

ST JOHN'S DAY CELEBRATION: A heartfelt thank you to everyone for your support and participation in our Annual St John's Day Celebration. Your presence and involvement helped make the day truly special.

HOLIDAY CLUB: A heartfelt thank you to the youth of St John's for your hard work, dedication, and commitment to our children during this year's Holiday Club. Your love and service made a meaningful difference. We truly appreciate each one of you!

Mass Intentions for the week.

Saturday	4 July	5.00pm	João & Encarnacao Filipe RIP Tom and Bea Brennan R.I.P Manuel Camacho R.I.P Vincent Slade R.I.P For the Souls in Purgatory and for the Da Silva Family Birthday Blessings Mark Royappen
Sunday	5 July	7.30am	Dolores O'Connor RIP Birthday Blessings Thabiso and Thabani Birthday Blessings Thabang Mokoena Lorraine Newton Birthday Blessings Intentions and protection of the Da Silva Family
		9.30am	Margaret O'Neill R.I.P Dolly Naidoo R.I.P Deceased members of the Maitin Family For the people of God Thanksgiving for the Congolese Community
		5.00pm	For the Souls in Purgatory and for the Da Silva Family Maria P Gouveia RIP Gilberto Filipe RIP For the Destitute People of Venezuela Special intentions Borejszo family Intentions of the Mugauri Family
Monday	6 July	6.15am	Intentions and protection of the Da Silva Family
Tuesday	7 July	9.00am	Holy souls For the Souls in Purgatory and for the Da Silva Family Intentions of M. Lopes Intentions and protection of the Storey Family
Wednesday	8 July	9.00am	Manuel & Maria Luisa Garrido RIP Intentions and protection of the Da Silva Family Healing for Victoria Phieffer Birthday Blessings Bella Laureles
Thursday	9 July	6.15am	For the Souls in Purgatory and for the Da Silva Family Birthday Blessings for Michelle Pillay
Friday	10 July	9.00am	Gordon Padayachee RIP Eleuterio Goncalves R.I.P Manuel Ferreira R.I.P Special Intentions for Rita Padayachee



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 respectfully.