

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - NORTH RIDING

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

Mass times: Saturday 5.00pm;

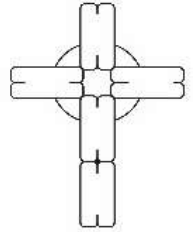
Sunday 7.30am and 9.30am and 5.00pm.

Mondays and Thursdays 6.15am;

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9.00am.

Weekday Public Holidays: 8.00am

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



15 SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

CYCLE A

15/16 JULY 2023

FIRST READING

: Isaiah 55:10-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

: Psalm 65

R: The seed that fell into good soil yielded a hundredfold.

You visit the earth, give it water;
you fill it with riches.
God's ever-flowing river brims over
to prepare the grain.

And thus you provide for the earth:
you drench its furrows;

you level it, soften it with showers;
you bless its growth.

You crown the year with your bounty.
Abundance flows in your pathways;
in pastures of the desert it flows.

The hills are girded with joy.
The meadows clothed with flocks.
The valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy; yes, they sing!



SECOND READING

: Romans 8:9. 18-23

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, and the sower is Christ;
all who find him will abide forever.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

: Matthew 13:1-23

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.

***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 may all parishioners take a moment to Register or 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."

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 after the 5pm Mass on **8 August** 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 or use the [link](#) to book, vote 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

HOLIDAY CLUB: A massive thank you to all our holiday club parents for bringing your children to Holiday Club 2026. Thank you for your support, encouragement, and for ensuring your children were able to join us each day. Thank you also to all parents who made donations, this financial contribution ensures a successful program.

Mass Intentions for the week.

Saturday	11 July	5.00pm	Birthday blessings for Diane Poonen Special Intentions Theresa Birthday Blessings Nokwethemba Mbatha For the Souls in Purgatory and for the Da Silva Family Deceased members of the Matsoejane Family For the Holy Souls & for the Pereira Family
Sunday	12 July	7.30am	Birthday Blessings Denise Perrins Gayle Feldman R.I.P Alex, Alexandra and Albertina De Gouveia R.I.P
		9.30am	Intention and protection of the Da Silva Family Special Intentions Tivona Pillay Special Intentions Keah Ramsein Special Intentions Tavian Pillay Special Intentions Jadeen Pillay Elvis Maduray R.I.P
		5.00pm	For the Deceased members of the Fanner and Vermeulen Famililies
Monday	13 July	6.15am	For the Souls in Purgatory and for the Da Silva Family
Tuesday	14 July	9.00am	Intentions and protection of the Da Silva Family
Wednesday	15 July	9.00am	Duarte Goncalves R.I.P Nelson Gomes R.I.P Shyam Sookayee R.I.P For the Souls in Purgatory and for the Da Silva Family
Thursday	16 July	6.15am	Intentions and protection of the Da Silva Family Myrna Ferreira R.I.P
Friday	17 July	9.00am	For the Souls in Purgatory and for the Da Silva Family Manuel Pestana De Abreu R.I.P



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

POPE LEO – INTENTIONS FOR JULY: For respect for human life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

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