

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;

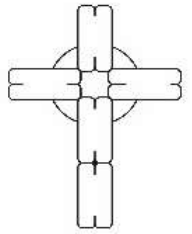
Sunday 7.30am and 9.30am and 5.00pm.

Mondays and Thursdays 6.15am;

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9.00am.

Weekday Public Holidays: 8.00am

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



17 SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

CYCLE A

25/26 JULY 2026

FIRST READING : 1 Kings 3:5,7-12

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 119

R: O Lord, how I love your law.

I have said, "O Lord, my portion
is to obey your words."

The law from your mouth means more to me
than large quantities of silver and gold.

Let your merciful love console me
by your promise to your servant.
Show me compassion, that I may live,
for your law is my delight.

That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold,
why I rule my life by your precepts,
and hate false ways.

Your decrees are wonderful indeed;
therefore my soul obeys them.
The unfolding of your word gives light,
and understanding to the simple.



SECOND READING : Romans 8:28-30

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 13:44-52

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 without 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!



YOUTH ON FRIDAY: WALKING THE FAITH – LIVING THE CATHOLIC FAITH IN REAL LIFE. For High Schoolers and Young Adults Every 1st and 3rd Friday 6pm – 9m in the Parish Hall For More information or to join contact Jason – 060 684 0449

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE MEETING: We will be holding a meeting on 1 August 2026 at 9am in Classroom 7, for all those wanting to join the entertainment Ministry and all those willing to assist with our 2026 Heritage day Celebration in September.



Safeguarding Prayer.

Lord Jesus, Hear our voices as we pray for your care and protection. Strengthen and guide us as we strive to make our Catholic communities a safe place for all. We especially ask that the children and vulnerable adults you entrust to our care are protected. Give us the wisdom and courage to listen with open hearts, see with open eyes, and speak out to ensure children and vulnerable adults are safe, loved, respected, and cared for. May we also pray for those who have been harmed. Give them the courage to seek the truth and to heal. Lord, you call us to walk with integrity in the service of others. May we all strive to understand our collective responsibility to work together to safeguard our Catholic communities. Guide us as we build a community that fosters everyone to flourish and be safe. We ask this through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Mass Intentions for the week.

Saturday	25 July	5.00pm	Nelson & Natalia De Gouveia RIP Birthday blessings Guida de Gouveia For the Souls in Purgatory and for the Da Silva Family Frans Van Neerijnen R.I.P for the Holy Souls & for the Pereira Family Anniversary Blessings Mokhina and Puleng Maitin
Sunday	26 July	7.30am	For Grandparents and the Elderly Birthday Blessings Yvonne Fowler Safe delivery of Baby Josslyn McCarter Deceased members of the Symm Family Alex, Alexandra and Albertina De Gouveia R.I.P Chile Ramsingh R.I.P
		9.30am	For Grandparents and the Elderly Special Intentions for Michael Olver Intentions and Protection of the Da Silva Family Intentions of the Barbeito Family N. K Naidoo R.I.P Jessica Anne Rangasamy RIP
		5.00pm	for Grandparents and the Elderly Special Intention Ezelda Rodrigues Tebello Mokone R.I.P
Monday	27 July	6.15am	Jose Santana RIP Special Intentions Fernanda de Sequeira Special Intentions Yvonne Fowler Ann Verheul R.I.P For the Souls in Purgatory and for the Da Silva Family For Grandparents and the Elderly
Tuesday	28 July	9.00am	Special Intentions Hajira and Haadin Jones Intentions and protection of the Da Silva Family Birthday Blessings Zane Matuku JR Lopes R.I.P Noel Rault R.I.P
Wednesday	29 July	9.00am	Birthday Blessings Ezelda Rodrigues Special Intentions of John and Jennifer Rensburg For the Souls in Purgatory and for the Da Silva Family Mark and Michael Van Rensburg R.I.P Carol Westrup R.I.P
Thursday	30 July	6.15am	Intentions and protection of the Da Silva Family
Friday	31 July	9.00am	Estanislau Sumares Santana R.I.P Jose Sumares Santana R.I.P Manuel Augustino and Maria Emelia Santana R.I.P Fhatuwani Ramutsindela R.I.P Thanksgiving and protection Caldonia Montsi R.I.P For the Souls in Purgatory and for the Da Silva Family



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.