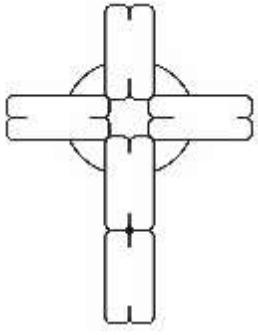


ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - NORTH RIDING



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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>



JOHN THE BAPTIST

Cycle A

27/28 JUNE 2026

FIRST READING

: Isaiah 49:1-6

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

: Psalm 139

R: I thank you who wonderfully made me.

O Lord, you search me and you know me,
You yourself know my resting and my rising,
you discern my thoughts from afar.
You mark when I walk or lie down,
You know all my ways through and through.

For it was you who formed my inmost being,
knit me together in my mother's womb.
I thank you who wonderfully made me,
how wonderful are your works,
which my soul knows well!

My frame was not hidden from you
when I was being fashioned in secret
and moulded in the depths of the earth.



SECOND READING

:Acts 13:22-26

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

You, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
For you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

: Luke 1:57-66. 80

'I will give you as a light to the nations'

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.

ST JOHN'S DAY 2026: This will take place This Sunday after Morning Masses. Please note there will be NO SUNDAY EVENING MASS this weekend.

Join us from 11am to 3pm on the church lawns for our annual celebration of St John's day! Bring your camp chairs, blankets, food and cooler boxes - or enjoy the food, drinks, and snacks on sale.

There'll be games, music, and fun for the whole family as we celebrate together.

ADULT CONVERT & FAITH ENRICHMENT:

If you are interested in deepening your faith or becoming a Catholic, **RCIA** classes have begun, we are still accepting late registration. Please scan the QR code or click the [registration link](#).

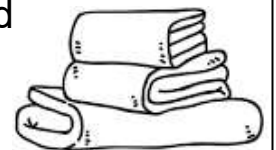


VISITING PRIESTS: Any visiting priests from outside the diocese have to present a valid document (called a Cerebret and pronounced Cheh-LEH-breht) from their diocese at least a week before the visit. They will NOT be allowed to concelebrate at Mass nor celebrate any Sacraments prior consent.

BEANIE DONATIONS: The Care Group are appealing for parishioners to bring in donations of adult beanies for a Nelson Mandela day charity project.

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.

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.



HOLIDAY CLUB: The children's registrations are now open!

29 June to 3 July 2026

All primary school children join us for a week of games, crafts, dance, song, and above all, time with Jesus!

Scan the QR codes for our online registration forms
([or click the link from digital platforms](#))



- We are asking for donations of ice cream tubs and lids, toilet roll and paper towel inners for Holiday Club crafts.

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POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JULY 2026

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.

Mass Intentions for the week.

Saturday	27 June	5.00pm	Estanislau Sumares Santana R.I.P Jose Santana R.I.P Abilio De Oliveira R.I.P Viola Westrup R.I.P Gabriella Mackay R.I.P Intentions and protection of the Da Silva Family
Sunday	28 June	7.30am	Blaise Rutherford R.I.P Alex, Alexandra and Albertina De Gouveia R.I.P Gabriella Mackay R.I.P Birthday Blessings for Zoe Joseph Birthday Blessings for
Sunday	28 June	9.30am	For the Souls in Purgatory and for the Da Silva Family Bradly Ally RIP Thanksgiving and protection for Gareth Peters and family
*** NO SUNDAY EVENING MASS ***			
Monday	29 June	6.15am	Roy Lailvaux Snr RIP Birthday Blessings for Zoe Joseph Intentions and protection of the Da Silva Family
Tuesday	30 June	9.00am	Evrad Joseph R.I.P For the Souls in Purgatory and for the Da Silva Family
Wednesday	1 July	9.00am	Georgette Rodrigues R.I.P Wynand Phieffer R.I.P George Lallewey R.I.P Ernest Gopper R.I.P Intentions and protection of the Da Silva Family
Thursday	2 July	6.15am	For the Souls in Purgatory and for the Da Silva Family
1 st Friday	3 July	9.00am	Deceased Members of the Goncalves & Quintal Family Vincent Slade R.I.P Intentions and protection of the Da Silva Family Lorraine Jordan R.I.P Birthday Blessings and thanksgiving Nancy Barrett Intentions of Martin & Candice Africa and family
1 st Friday	3 July	6.00pm	For Peace Sacred Heart Sodality



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.