

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;

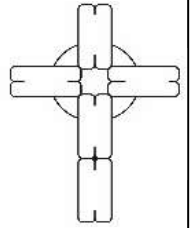
Sunday 7.30am and 9.30am and 5.00pm.

Mondays and Thursdays 6.15am;

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9.00am.

Weekday Public Holidays: 8.00am

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



Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle A 22/23 AUGUST 2026

FIRST READING : Isaiah 22:19-23

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 138

**O Lord, Your merciful love is eternal
discard not the work of your hands.**

I thank you Lord, with all my heart;
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I praise you.
I bow down towards your holy temple.

I give thanks to your name
for your merciful love and your faithfulness.
You have exalted your name and your promise over all.
On the day I called, you answered me;
you increased the strength of my soul.

The Lord is high, yet he looks on the lowly,
and the haughty he knows from afar.
O Lord, your merciful love is eternal;
discard not the work of your hands.



"I will give you the keys
of the kingdom of heaven;"
Matthew 16:19

SECOND READING : Romans 11:33-36

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church,
and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL : Matthew 16: 13-20

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.

SAVE THE DATE: St John's Heritage Day, Sunday, 27 September 2026 After 9.30am Mass.
PLEASE REMEMBER - NO EVENING MASS ON THIS DATE.

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: 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.

GRIEFSHARE: A 13 week program to assist you in dealing with the loss of a loved one commenced on Saturday 15 August at 10 am in classroom no 7. The cost of the workbook is R300. For more information, please leave a message for Arianna on 071 138 8401.

ARCHDIOCESE APPEAL: The Department of pastoral care for migrants and refugees are appealing for donations of essential items such as: Non perishable food, blankets, Clothing and shoes for adults and children, Toiletries and hygiene products; Baby food, nappies and infant supplies or other essential necessities. Every donation regardless of its size, contributes directly to restoring dignity and helping vulnerable families regain stability and hope for the future in their countries of origin.



YOUTH ON FRIDAY

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 – 9pm in the Parish Hall
For More information or to join contact Jason – 060 684 0449



ST ANNE'S SODALITY INVITES THE COMMUNITY TO JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISING ACTIVITY: FUN WALK AND PICNIC

Golden Harvest Park Saturday, 10 October 2026, 9am Start

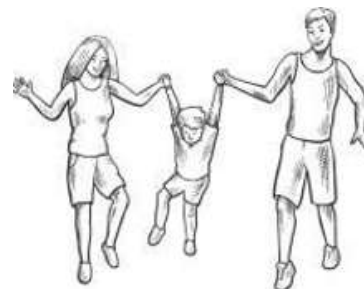
Theme: Walking together as pilgrims of hope.

Participation fee: • Adults - R220 with T-shirt + Cap

R100 for those who will wear last years shirt + Cap.

Children under 12 - R180 with a T-shirt + Cap

Contact: Maki on 073 038 3612 or Phati 079 010 4245



WITH GRATITUDE

A heartfelt thank you to our generous donor for the wonderful improvements made to our Grotto. We truly appreciate your generosity.

Mass Intentions for the week.

Saturday	22 August	5.00pm	Connie and Peter Rensburg R.I.P George Rodrigues R.I.P For the Holy Souls & for the Pereira Family Birthday Blessings and Thanksgiving CM de Gouveia Healing for Goretti Vieira Special Intentions Ezelda Rodrigues Intentions and Protection of the Padayachee Family
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Sunday	23 August	7.30am	Ronnie & Rashida Morgan R.I.P Alex, Alexandra and Albertina De Gouveia R.I.P Fortunata Sousa R.I.P Roberto Sequeira R.I.P Jacob and Joyce Duiker R.I.P Healing for Christine Azel
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	9.30am	Lindiwe Agnes Mnguni R.I.P Birthday blessing Carla Chadinha For the Souls in Purgatory for the Da Silva Family
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	5.00pm	Attilio and Roberto Bravi R.I.P Special Intentions of Angela Bravi Special Intentions Rita Padayachee Birthday blessings Kaboentle Kebautlwile
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Monday	24 August	8.00am	Cecilia Mphulo R.I.P Maria Isabel Lopes R.I.P Intention and Protection for the Da Silva Family
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Tuesday	25 August	9.00am	Manuel Da Camara R.I.P For the Souls in Purgatory for the Da Silva Family
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Wednesday	26 August	9.00am	Intention and Protection for the Da Silva Family
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Thursday	27 August	6.15am	Estanislau Sumares Santana R.I.P Cesar Ferreira R.I.P Thanksgiving to St Monica For the Souls in Purgatory for the Da Silva Family
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Friday	28 August	9.00am	Manuel Santana RIP Hans De Groot R.I.P Brian Simms R.I.P Intention and Protection for the Da Silva Family Thanksgiving and protection for the Peters Family
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Let us pray together for all the ill and infirm in our parish,

WE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED PARISHIONERS

“Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.”

