

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;

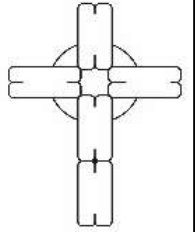
Sunday 7.30am and 9.30am and 5.00pm.

Mondays and Thursdays 6.15am;

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9.00am.

Weekday Public Holidays: 8.00am

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



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15/16 AUGUST 2026

FIRST READING

: Rev 11: 19, 12:1-6.10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

: Psalm 45

R: On your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

The daughters of kings are those whom you favour.
On your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

Listen, O daughter; pay heed and give ear;
forget your own people and your father's house;

So will the king desire your beauty.
He is your lord, pay homage to him;

They are escorted amid gladness and joy;
They pass within the palace of the king.

SECOND READING

: 1 Corinthians 15:20-23

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Mary has been taken up into heaven;
the host of angels rejoices.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

: Luke 1: 39-56

*All generations will call me blessed,
For he who is mighty has done great things for me.
He has exalted those of low degree.*



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 commences 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

R100 for those who will wear last years shirt.

Children under 12 - R180 with a T-shirt



WITH GRATITUDE

The World Youth Day Pilgrims would like to thank the parishioners of St John's for the support for the Parish Movie Night.

Mass Intentions for the week.

Saturday 15 August 5.00pm David and Sabina Sehlapelo R.I.P
 Ursula Kinsey R.I.P
 Anthony and Caiti Kelly R.I.P
 Special Intention Lisa Booie
 Thanksgiving for Beverley Padayachee & Family
 For the Holy Souls & for the Pereira Family

Sunday 16 August 7.30am Maria da Serra RIP
 Joe Santana R.I.P
 Birthday Blessings Dennis & Emmanuel Kaminsa
 Healing for Christine Azel
 Birthday Blessings Imelda Sibonyoni
 Birthday Blessings Nelson Reddy

9.30am Manuel de Gouveia R.I.P
 Lindiwe Agnes Mnguni R.I.P
 Intentions of Valela John Yende
 Birthday blessing for Maman Emerance Fumbi

5.00pm Jorge Rodrigues R.I.P
 Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Grace
 Fortunata Sousa R.I.P
 Roberto Sequira R.I.P

Monday 17 August 8.00am Anniversary Blessings Venessa Reddy

Tuesday 18 August 9.00am Joe Santana R.I.P
 Louis and Maria Salgado R.I.P
 Birthday Blessings - Emelda Sibanyoni
 Prayers and thanksgiving for the Storey Family
 Benjamin Barend Van Der Walt R.I.P

Wednesday 19 August 9.00am Intentions of Davor Jadrijevic
 Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thursday 20 August 6.15am Dennis Kaminsa Birthday Blessings

Friday 21 August 9.00am Birthday Blessings Jane Achada



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

WE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED PARISHIONERS

- Brian De Klerk

“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.”

