

## 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;

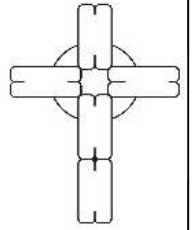
Sunday 7.30am and 9.30am and 5.00pm.

Mondays and Thursdays 6.15am;

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9.00am.

Weekday Public Holidays: 8.00am

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



**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A**

**12/13 September 2026**

**FIRST READING: Sirach 27:30-28:7**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 103**

**R: The Lord is compassionate and gracious,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all within me, his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and never forget all his benefits.

It is the Lord who forgives all your sins,  
Who heals every one of your ills,  
Who redeems your life from the grave,  
Who crowns you with mercy and compassion

He will not always find fault;  
nor persist in his anger forever.

He does not treat us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our faults

For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so strong his mercy for those who fear him.  
As far as the east is from the west,  
so far from us does he remove our transgressions.



The servant's master  
took pity on him, canceled the debt  
and let him go.

Matthew 18:27

**SECOND READING: Romans 14:7-9**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATIION**

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord,  
That you love one another, even as I have loved you.

**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35**

## 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](mailto:edevelyndeiner25@gmail.com)

**LECTIO DIVINA:** Join us on Thursday evenings at 8.00pm on Zoom. Contact Gordon at [gordon.brewer@liblink.co.za](mailto: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](mailto: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

**\*NB ~ ST JOHN'S HERITAGE DAY**, Sunday, 27 September 2026

After 9.30am Mass.

Join us for a fun-filled Heritage Day celebration! Bring the whole family and enjoy great food, lively music and the wonderful cultures that unite us.

**\*\*\*PLEASE REMEMBER - NO EVENING MASS ON 27 SEPTEMBER\*\*\***

**FINAL meeting for Stall vendors** is scheduled for Saturday, 19th September at 09h00. All vendors are kindly requested to attend.

**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:** 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.

**FRENCH LANGUAGE MASS:** Our next French Mass will take place on the 19<sup>th</sup> of September At 10am all are invited to attend.



YOUTH ON FRIDAY

**YOUTH ON FRIDAY: WALKING THE FAITH** –Living the Catholic Faith in Real Life.

For High Schoolers and Young Adults

Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

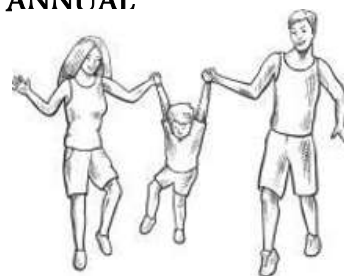
Theme: Walking together as pilgrims of hope.

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



The flowers for this weekend were donated in loving memory of Marie Therese Wicks.



### WE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED PARISHIONERS

Let us pray for the Repose of the Soul of **Alice Mendes**.

"Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her."

## Mass Intentions for the week.

|           |              |        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| Saturday  | 12 September | 5.00pm | Deceased Family of R&G De Gouveia family<br>Healing for Goretti Vieira<br>Valerie Thompson R.I.P<br>Manuel Achada R.I.P<br>Anna and Antonio Pereira R.I.P<br>Thanksgiving for Marcel Delon                              |
| Sunday    | 13 September | 7.30am | Fortunata Sousa R.I.P<br>Roberto Sequeira R.I.P<br>Birthday Blessings for Sarah Marian<br>Marie Therese Wicks R.I.P<br>Jabulisa Maphanga R.I.P<br>Aubrey Letard R.I.P                                                   |
|           |              | 9.30am | Joao and Antonia de Ladeira<br>Lindiwe Agnes Mnguni R.I.P<br>Val Thompson R.I.P<br>For Holy Souls and the Pereira Family<br>Marie Therese Wicks R.I.P<br>Juliet Padayachee R.I.P                                        |
|           |              | 5.00pm | Special intentions Borejszo family.<br>Deceased Members of the De Gouveia Family<br>Intention and Protection for the Da Silva Family<br>Jorge Rodrigues R.I.P<br>Raul Joao R.I.P<br>Marie Therese Wicks R.I.P           |
| Monday    | 14 September | 6.15am | For the Souls in Purgatory for the Da Silva Family<br>Tony and Grant Barbeito R.I.P<br>Thanksgiving and Healing for Khajal & Mohamed                                                                                    |
| Tuesday   | 15 September | 9.00am | Intentions of Alessia de Villiers<br>Duarte Goncalves R.I.P<br>Nelson Gomes R.I.P<br>Intention and Protection for the Da Silva Family<br>Healing for Nikki Monzeglio<br>Special intentions Maphanga and Mbhele Families |
| Wednesday | 16 September | 9.00am | Special Intention Nasiha Saddack<br>Birthday Blessings Bridie Kelly<br>Maria Isabel Lopes R.I.P<br>For the Souls in Purgatory for the Da Silva Family<br>For Baby Anenyasha Joromani                                    |
| Thursday  | 17 September | 6.15am | Special Intentions for Beverly Padayachee<br>Intention and Protection for the Da Silva Family                                                                                                                           |
| Friday    | 18 September | 9.00am | For the Souls in Purgatory for the Da Silva Family                                                                                                                                                                      |



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