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

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY **Cycle A** **19/20 September 2026**

FIRST READING: **Isaiah 55; 6-9**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: **Psalm 145**

R: **The Lord is close to all who call him.**
I will bless you day after day,
and praise your name forever and ever.
The Lord is great and highly to be praised;
his greatness cannot be measured.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

The Lord is just in all his ways,
and holy in all his deeds.
The Lord is close to all who call him,
who call on him in truth.



SECOND READING: **Philippians 1:20-24.27**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Open our hearts, O Lord,
that we may listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: **Matthew 20:1-16**

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

***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*****

REMINDER: The gate will be closed at the start of Mass.
Please arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass begins.

SENIOR CITIZENS ACTIVITY
The Senior Citizens Group will have its monthly Activity, BINGO, in the Parish Hall on Monday, 21 September 2026, at 9.00 for 9.30 a.m. Senior Citizens of the Parish, who wish to meet with other Senior Citizens, enjoy a cup of coffee and refreshments and have fun, will be most welcome to join in.

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.

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

NB* POSTPONED TILL FURTHER NOTICE

WITH GRATITUDE

A heartfelt thank you to our CWL members for their assistance with cleaning the Church last weekend.

Mass Intentions for the week.

Saturday	19 September	5.00pm	Birthday Blessings Jean Seebregts Birthday blessing for Niel Padayachee Birthday Blessings Angela Bravi Attilio and Roberto Bravi R.I.P John Declan O'Callghan R.I.P Joao, Tony and Manuel De Abreu R.I.P
Sunday	20 September	7.30am	Alex, Alexandra and Albertina De Gouveia R.I.P Valerie Intaka R.I.P Manuel Pereira and Fortunata Sousa Pequenino R.I.P Aubrey Letard R.I.P Birthday Blessings for Bruce Meyer Intention and Protection for the Da Silva Family
		9.30am	Bruce W Jansen RIP Lindiwe Agnes Mnguni R.I.P Birthday Blessings Steven and Agonia Kamba Intentions of Kamba, Chopamba and Phiri Families for Holy Souls and the Pereira Family Birthday Blessings Kian Bhagwandass
		5.00pm	Tyson Mark Pillay - RIP Theresa V Chetty - RIP Reginald Williams - RIP Special Intentions for the Kannigan family Birthday Blessings Mosa Mokone Birthday Blessings Marco Soares
Monday	21 September	6.15am	For the Souls in Purgatory for the Da Silva Family Tyson Mark Pillay - RIP
Tuesday	22 September	9.00am	Intention and Protection for the Da Silva Family For the Souls in Purgatory for the Da Silva Family
Wednesday	23 September	9.00am	Birthday Blessings Jenny Higgins For the Souls in Purgatory for the Da Silva Family Birthday Blessings Pinky Nkomo
Thursday	24 September	6.15am	Margaret O'Neill R.I.P Cecilia Mphulo R.I.P Theresa Achada Birthday Blessings Intention and Protection for the Da Silva Family Prayers and healing for Shan Roberts
Friday	25 September	9.00am	For the Souls in Purgatory for the Da Silva Family James McCrindle R.I.P John Westrup R.I.P Special Intentions for Jenny Higgins



Let us pray together for all the ill and infirm in our parish,
especially Girle Pillay who is in hospital.

WE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED PARISHIONERS

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