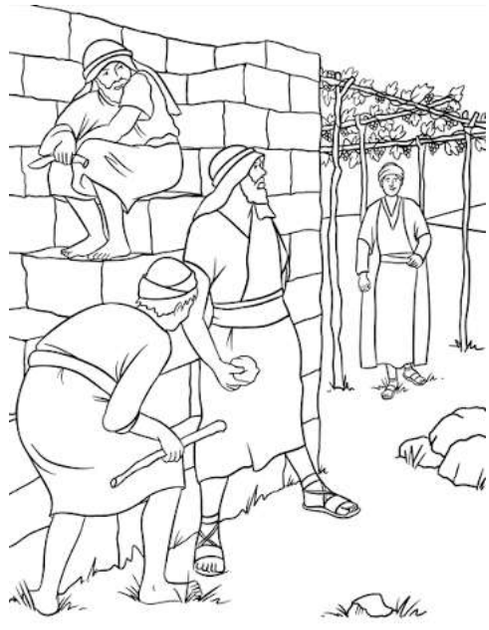
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Mass times: Saturday 5.00pm;
Sunday 7.30am and 9.30am and 5.00pm.
Mondays and Thursdays 6.15am;
Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9.00am.
Weekday Public Holidays: 8.00am
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TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY Cycle A — 3/4 October 2026

FIRST READING : Isaiah 5: 1- 7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 80

R: The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel.



You brought a vine out of Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.
It stretched out its branches to the sea;
to the River it stretched out its shoots.

Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by the way.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore;
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted,
the son of man you have claimed for yourself.

And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name.
O LORD God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING : Philippians 4: 6-9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia, Alleluia!
I Chose you from the world that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL : Matthew 21:33-43

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.
***In Person REGISTRATION FOR 2027 WILL OPEN 10 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 **8.00am from next month and not 9am.**

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

SECOND COLLECTION:
During October the Holy Father asks us to help contribute to the missionary project of the church by having second collections for the duration of the month.
This weekend is the first of four collections.
Envelopes are available in the Benches and entrance of the church



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

SENIOR CITIZENS GROUP
The Senior Citizens Group will meet in the Parish Hall on Monday, 5 October 2026, at 9.00 for 9.30 a.m. Senior Citizens of the Parish, who wish to meet with other Senior Citizens and enjoy a cup of coffee and refreshments, will be most welcome to attend.

CATECHISM REGISTRATION FOR will open next week for both Junior and Senior catechism classes. We invite parents to register their children for the upcoming year of faith formation. Registration will take place throughout October and November on the church lawns immediately following these weekend Masses:
*** Saturdays: After the 5:00 PM Mass* Sundays: After the 7:30 AM and 9:30 AM Masses**
***Details to Note*:**
* Start Date: Registration begins Saturday, 10 October. * Fee: R100 cash per child.
* Location: Look for the registration table on the lawns outside.
See you there

ALL SOULS MASS: The Masses for All Souls will be celebrated on Monday 2 November, at 6.15am and 5pm.

PARISH REGISTRATION AND RE-REGISTRATION:
The Church Administration is currently updating our parish Register. Please may **all** parishioners take a moment to Register or re-register or update your family's details via our website or this QR Code

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

ON FRIDAY: WALKING THE FAITH –Living the Catholic Faith **YOUTH** 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

With Gratitude

Thank you to the Sacred Heart Sodality for cleaning the church this weekend.

Mass Intentions for the week.

Saturday	3 October	5.00pm	Bruno and Marta Zanette RIP Pat, Annie and Mike Connelly R.I.P Vincent Slade R.I.P Nelson de Gouveia R.I.P George Da Camara R.I.P Special Intentions Teresa and George De Abreu special Intentions for Audrey Naidoo
Sunday	4 October	7.30am	Special Intention Fr Daniel Sehlapelo Special Intention Matshidiso Teleki Birthday Blessings Gillian Watkins Birthday Blessings Pauline Gutu Isaac and Rosemary Matlare RIP Dolores O'Connor RIP
		9.30am	Intention and Protection for the Da Silva Family Thanksgiving from Brandon Monteiro For Holy Souls and the Pereira family Nelson de Gouveia RIP Lindiwe Agnes Mnguni R.I.P Rosaline Searrao RIP
		5.00pm	Special Intentions for the Kannigan family Quinton Hoy R.I.P Mark Knezovich R.I.P Theresa V Chetty - RIP Donovan Maistry - RIP Nelson de Gouveia R.I.P
Monday	5 October	6.15am	For the Souls in Purgatory for the Da Silva Family Ronica Peta R.I.P
Tuesday	6 October	9.00am	Intention and Protection for the Da Silva Family Fr Patrick Maselwane OMI R.I.P
Wednesday	7 October	9.00am	For the Souls in Purgatory for the Da Silva Family Fr Christopher Gwacela R.I.P
Thursday	8 October	6.15am	Intention and Protection for the Da Silva Family Gayle Feldman R.I.P
Friday	9 October	9.00am	Special Intentions for Damian Joseph Eleuterio Goncalves R.I.P Manuel Ferreira R.I.P For the Souls in Purgatory for the Da Silva Family



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"