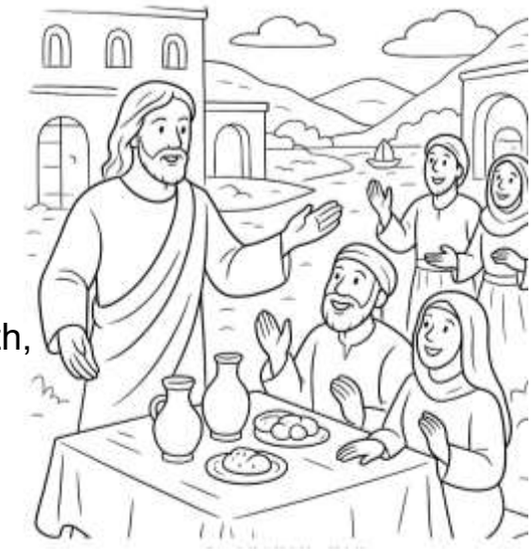
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Mass times: Saturday 5.00pm;
Sunday 7.30am and 9.30am and 5.00pm.
Mondays and Thursdays 6.15am;
Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9.00am.
Weekday Public Holidays: 8.00am
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TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY Cycle A 10/11 October 2026

FIRST READING : Isaiah 25: 6-10a

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 23

R: In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for length of days unending.



The LORD is my shepherd;
There is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
Where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me;
He revives my soul.

He guides me along the right path,
For the sake of his name,
Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death,
No evil would I fear, for you are with me.
Your crook and your staff will give me comfort.

You have prepared a table before me
In the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
My cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days of my life.
In the LORD's own house shall I dwell
For length of days unending.

SECOND READING : Philippians 4: 12-14.19-20

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we might know what is the hope to which he has called us.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL : Matthew 22:1-14

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 second 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.

SENIORS MONTHLY MASS: The Monthly Seniors Mass will take place on Wednesday, 14 October 2026, at 10 a.m. All Senior Citizens of the Parish are welcome and are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall after Mass.

FRENCH MASS: There will be a French Language Mass held at St John's on the 17th of October at 10am.

CATECHISM REGISTRATION FOR is open 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.

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

HERITAGE DAY: A heartfelt thank you to our parish family for making Heritage Day such a wonderful success! ❤️ It was a beautiful day of fellowship, good food and community spirit. Thank you to our parishioners, vendors, supporters and everyone who contributed.
We are truly grateful for your support! 🙏 ****

Mass Intentions for the week.

Saturday	10 October	5.00pm	Carlos & Natalia de Gouveia RIP Pat and Elizabeth Cavanagh R.I.P Neville Jackson R.I.P For Holy Souls and the Pereira family Cazlin Robert Hammond R.I.P Frans Van Neerijnen R.I.P
Sunday	11 October	7.30am	Special Intention Seth Phalatse Alex, Alexandra and Albertina De Gouveia R.I.P John B Sibanyoni Goretti Vieira R.I.P Zelma Cawood R.I.P Deceased relatives of the Madubanya and Mosimanegape
		9.30am	Lindiwe Agnes Mnguni R.I.P Shyam Sookayee R.I.P Special Intentions Thabiso Ndlovu and Simphiwe Mathebula Special Intentions Thabani and Rani Ndlovu Msizi and Lindiwe Ndlovu R.I.P Intention and Protection for the Da Silva Family
		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	12 October	6.15am	Thanksgiving Ricky Macedo For the souls in purgatory for the da silva family João Figueira R.I.P
Tuesday	13 October	9.00am	Intention and Protection for the Da Silva Family Matthew Stonier R.I.P
Wednesday	14 October	9.00am	Birthday blessings for Sue-Ann Padayachee Duarte Goncalves R.I.P Nelson Gomes R.I.P For the Souls in Purgatory for the Da Silva Family
Thursday	15 October	6.15am	Emilia Santana R.I.P Intention and Protection for the Da Silva Family George Tinarwo Mukosi & Lovemore Munei Mutizwa R.I.P
Friday	16 October	9.00am	Special Intention for Leyana Michael Ziady 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,