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 NINTH SUNDAY Cycle A 17/18 October 2026

FIRST READING : Isaiah 45: 1.4-6

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 96
R: Give the Lord glory and power.
O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth
Tell among the nations his glory,
and his wonders among all the peoples.



For the Lord is great and highly to be praised,
to be feared above all gods.
For the gods of the nations are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens.

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts.

Worship the Lord in holy splendor.
O tremble before him, all the earth,
Say to the nations, "The Lord is king."
He will judge the peoples in fairness..

SECOND READING : 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia, Alleluia!
You will shine as lights in the world,
holding fast the word of life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL : Matthew 22:15-21

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 is now open after Mass ***

*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 third 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.

CARE GROUP RETREAT: 6 November 2026, 10am, R50 per person and a bring and share lunch. Please RSVP to Felicity 0733981344.

CARE GROUP HERITAGE DAY RAFFLE WINNERS:
Laetitia Green Bella Laurels Barbara Rickard Judy Joseph

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:
AFTER SATURDAY EVENING MASSES AND BOTH SUNDAY MORNING 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

YOUTH ON FRIDAY: WALKING THE FAITH –Living the Catholic Faith in Real Life. For High Schoolers and Young Adults
The last session will be on Friday, 23 October 6pm – 9pm in the Parish Hall For More information or to join contact Jason – 060 684 0449

PPC: Tshegofatso Ralephenya has been appointed as the new representative of the youth in the PPC.

Please pray for Fr Andrew Knott OMI, Parish Priest of Blessed Sacrament in Malvern who is not doing well and also pray for Fr Alan Moss OMI in Durban, a retired oblate who is not doing well.

Mass Intentions for the week.

Saturday	17 October	5.00pm	Intentions of the Sardinha family For Holy Souls and the Pereira family Birthday Blessings for Shavona Joseph Birthday Blessings for Teresa Gonsalves Birthday Blessings for Frankie Sardinha Dominic Kelly R.I.P
Sunday	18 October	7.30am	Thanksgiving for Christine Azel Birthday Blessings Maria Rose Mokoena Special intentions of the de la Rey family Mark Kriel (RIP) Ines & Joao Garrido RIP, Francisco Garrido RIP Goretti Viera R.I.P
		9.30am	Special intentions of the members of the CCSJ For peace in Cameroon Special Intentions for Khajal & Mohamed Intention and Protection for the Da Silva Family Ines & Joao Garrido RIP, Francisco Garrido RIP Lindiwe Agnes Mnguni R.I.P
		5.00pm	Special Intentions for the Kannigan family Anniversary Blessings Gabriel and Emee Mbaya Healing for Kabuya Masangu Thanksgiving for a newborn Theresa V Chetty - RIP Donovan Maistry - RIP
Monday	19 October	6.15am	For the Souls in Purgatory for the Da Silva Family Intentions and protection for the Da Silva Family Healing for Olivia Denny
Tuesday	20 October	9.00am	Intention and Protection for the Da Silva Family Prayers and Healing for the Storey Family
Wednesday	21 October	9.00am	Special Intention Nokupiwa Ncobela Special Intention BHS FHC Thanksgiving for graces received Birthday Blessings for Dante Pillay In thanksgiving for the 2026 Catechism Teachers With gratitude for the 2026 first communion candidates
Thursday	22 October	6.15am	Birthday blessings for Kyle Govender
Friday	23 October	9.00am	Birthday Blessings Jeanette Varkevisser Special Intentions of Elizabeth Kaye-Petersen Manuel Lopes R.I.P Kevin Patrick Doyle R.I.P Sandy and Elvis Maduray RIP Llianne Bratherton R.I.P

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"