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

32nd Sunday Year A 2026 Cycle A 31 October/ 1 November 2026

FIRST READING : Wisdom 6:12-16

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 63
For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

O God, you are my God; at dawn I seek you,
for you my soul is thirsting;
for you my flesh is pining,
like a dry, weary land without water.

I have come before you in the sanctuary,
to behold your strength and your glory.
Your loving mercy is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise.



I will bless you all my life;
in your name I will lift up my hands
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet
with joyful lips, my mouth shall praise you.

When I remember you upon my bed,
I muse on you through the watches of the night;
For you have been my strength,
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

SECOND READING : 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia, alleluia!
Watch, therefore, and be ready;
The Son of man is coming at an hour you do not expect.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL : Matthew 5:1-12

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

*****NB *** 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."

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

REPOSITORY: Bible Diaries for 2027 are now available in the Repository.

SENIORS MONTHLY MASS
The Monthly Seniors Mass will take place on Wednesday, 11 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.

CATECHETICS: ONLINE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!!! Scan the QR Codes on posters around the church or follow the link on the parish website OR the codes below.
Catechism Classes: Primary School Wednesday 5pm or Saturday 3.45pm
Confirmation Classes: High School, Tuesday evenings 6.30pm

Tuesday - Confirmation

Saturday - Catechism

Wednesday - Catechism

FRENCH MASS: This month's French Language Mass will take place on the 21st of November, this will be the last one for the year, all are welcome to join.

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.

WYD FUNDRAISER: Sip, Paint and Relax: November 21, 2026 9.30am – 13.00pm.

R150 per Adult and R100 for Childern
- Step-by-step painting on ceramic plates.
- All Art supplies incuded
- Complimetary glass of beverage and light snacks
- Take home your very own masterpiece

Contact Neo 0671206159 or Mbali 0767519217



A Prayer for the Faithful Departed

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of Thy servants departed the remission of their sins, that, through pious supplications, they may obtain the pardon which they have always desired. Who livest and reignest with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

Mass Intentions for the week.

Saturday	7 November	5.00pm
Sunday	8 November	7.30am
		9.30am
		5.00pm
Monday	9 November	6.15am
Tuesday	10 November	9.00am
Wednesday	11 November	9.00am
Thursday	12 November	6.15am
Friday	13 November	9.00am

For our departed Family and friends on our Pious lists





Let us pray together for all the ill and infirm in our parish, especially Bala Pillay.



We pray for our recently Deceased Parishioners

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

Pope Leo XIV's list of prayer intentions for the year 2026.

November: For the proper use of wealth

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth,
that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness,
it may always be put at the service of the common
good and solidarity of those who have less.



🎄 Nativity Play 2026 - You're Invited! 🎄

Join us on Saturday, 19 December after the 5:00 PM Mass for our Nativity Play 2026, presented by the children and young leaders of our parish.

Come and experience the beautiful story of Jesus' birth brought to life through acting, singing, and dancing. It promises to be a faith-filled and heartwarming celebration for the whole family.

✨ All are welcome!

🎟️ Tickets: R20 per person

🕔 Immediately after 5:00 PM Mass

📍 Followed by Carols by Candlelight in Father's Garden, led by the Youth Band.