

"Not all of us can
do great things.
But we can do
small things
with great love."

Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Living Catholic



PLYMPTON MASS TIMES:
Weekday Masses 9.30am
Mon, Wed, Thurs & Friday
Saturday Vigil 6.00pm
Sunday 8.30am & 10.00am
Confession *Saturday 11.30am*
Baptisms *Sunday 11.30am*
(by appointment)

*St John the Baptist Catholic Church
Plympton Parish
342 Anzac Highway, Plympton SA 5038
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A
6th September 2026*

OUR LITURGY

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 33: 7-9

We hear a brief segment from Ezekiel which is chosen to link up with the Gospel emphasis on fraternal correction.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 94

R O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING

Romans 13: 8-10

St Paul points out the fundamental teaching of Christ - what we owe to our neighbour is love. He shows that the commandments in themselves are phrased in a negative way, but they have their origin and perfection in the positive dimension of love.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 18: 15-20

St Matthew gives us an insight into the life of the early Christian community when confronted with the problem of sin. He shows us an attitude inspired by mercy tempered with firmness.

Happy Father's Day

A Prayer For Fathers

Heavenly Father,
you entrusted your Son Jesus,
the child of Mary,
to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.

Bless all fathers
as they care for their families.
Give them strength and wisdom,
tenderness and patience;
support them in the work they have to do,
protecting those who look to them,
as we look to you for love and salvation,
through Jesus Christ
our rock and defender.

Amen.



St. Joseph

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased:

Leslie John Flavel, Valentin Dones, Robert Molyneaux, Mary Pope, Carmel Reid, Anthony John McGee, Enriquer Sigua, Mary Sheridan.

May they rest in peace!

Anniversaries:

Gaudencia San Pedro, Lorenza Salaveria, Hannah Teresa Myren, Sr Iris Hudson, Frances Garvie.

The Sick:

Jimmy, Jill Jolly, Keith Reinbolts, Vanessa, Judy Bice, Irene Hann, Marilyn Jolly, Richelle Pelagio, Anna Maria Marin, Bert Anstey, Michael Harman, Mark Kelly, Edson Carlos De Lira, Gabriella Persefoni Nicola, Margarita McMahon, Edward Siau, Brenda Pearl, Sam, Andrew Chivel, Minda Robles, Radek, Maciek, Anzie Candasse, Biebie Mouri, Maxime Djoko, Djoko Eugene, Cendrine Aybo, Tim Woods, John Culkin, Oliver Power, Dulce Juco and all sick children.

**We also pray for the sick in our parish,
in nursing homes, hospitals and the housebound.**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

We are having Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday and this is a wonderful opportunity for us to be with the Lord in silent adoration. It will be after Friday mass from 10.00am till 11.00am. Benediction is at 11.00am—11.15am.

PARISH ROSTERS: 12th & 13th September 2026

Saturday 6.00pm

Readers: David Leydon, Maurice O'Rielley & Savio Pinto.

Eucharist Ministers: Peter & Di Southam, Ann-Maree Tippins, Basil Tucker.

Sunday 8.30am

Readers: Valerie Webb, Nicole Laube & Isabel Cruz.

Eucharist Minister: Pat Powell, Valerie Webb & Julia Gregory.

Sunday 10.00am

Readers: Joshy Peter, Peter Clark & Claire Wilson.

Eucharistic Ministers: Anne Marie Mouri, Anne Murphy, Gemma Whetters & Orla Wright.

**PLAY 2 GROW ST JOHN'S PLAYGROUP**
Now on Fridays 9-11.00am in the School Hall
Entrance on Mornington Street 0-5 Year Old's
Gold Coin Donation Everyone Welcome



THE SOUTHERN CROSS

The **September** edition of the Southern Cross is now available in the church porch.

Thank you for supporting your local Catholic Newspaper.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES MONTH

September is Catholic Charities Month. Help make a difference to the lives of South Australians. In the month of September, we are promoting the Catholic Charities Appeal which supports the following agencies in South Australia: Hutt St Centre, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Centacare Catholic Family Services, Our Lady of La Vang and St Patrick's Special Schools. **Information brochures (including a tear-off envelope) are available throughout the church, for those who would like to make a donation. The envelopes can be placed on the collection plate at any weekend Mass during September.**

Also online at <https://adelaide.goodgiving.com.au/qc/cc> or click the QR code.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Add some sparkle to your marriage - Your marriage relationship is a most precious jewel but after a few years it can need a polish to regain its sparkle. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend has the power to revitalise your relationship and reconnect you with your spouse and with God. Learn new communication skills and simple ways to keep your relationship a priority.

Our next live-out weekend (where you sleep at home) is at Antonio Catholic School on 7-8 November 2026. Call Jo & Jon on 049 3747 478 or email: sabookings@wwme.org.au. Alternatively, visit wwme.org.au and apply online today.

HEALING PRAYER

If you have a need for healing, physical or emotional, please join us by the Baptismal Font from 9.30am until 9.50am on Sundays.

A small group would be available to support you in prayer. You are not alone.

BAPTISM - THIS WEEKEND

Congratulations and welcome to:

Tricialyn Amelia Dela Calzada and her parents Mathew & Jerejoy.

May God's blessing be with Tricialyn as she will receive the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.



OUR LADY OF GOOD HEALTHY (VELANKANNI) FEAST DAY MASS – SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER, 2026 AT 2.15PM

The **Adelaide Tamil Community** warmly invites everyone to celebrate the **feast of Our lady of Velankanni** (our Lady of Good Health) on **Sunday 13 September at 2.15pm** celebrated by **Fr James McEvoy**, at the **Annunciation church, 20 Montacute Road, Hectorville SA 5073**. Flag Hoisting of Our Lady of Velankanni on 4 September at 7pm followed by Mass (in Tamil) celebrated by Fr Michael Berchmans.

All are welcome to join this joyful celebration of faith and devotion to Our Lady of Good Health.

MORNING TEA

Please join us for morning tea this **SUNDAY 6th September** after the 8.30am Mass, in the church foyer.

All welcome to have a cuppa and a chat.



Each year, since 1989, from September 1st (World Day of Prayer for Creation) to October 4th, (Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology) the ecumenical, Christian family unites for this worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home, the Earth. We celebrate God as Creator, and acknowledge Creation as the divine, continuing act that summons us as collaborators to love and care for the gift of all that is created. We acknowledge that our well-being is interwoven with the well-being of the Earth. This year, the theme is 'Living Water' (Ezekiel 47:9,12) with the focus on Earth's oceans & waterways. In 2015, Pope Francis published his encyclical 'Laudato Si – Care for our Common Home'.

SEASON OF CREATION EVENT THE ADELAIDE PLANETARIUM

The Council for Integral Ecology invites you for a 60 minute experience at the Adelaide Planetarium, to celebrate the Season of Creation. The [event](#) is on 25 September (Friday) from 7pm-8pm at the Adelaide University (Mawson Lakes campus). Places are limited so register early at <https://www.trybooking.com/DNKQW>



Catholic Theological College Engaging Your Faith online presentations in October 2026

From \$25 per session.

For more information:

ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith

'WE ARE BUT TRAVELLERS HERE'

HISTORY BOOK

We are but travellers here - a record of SA Catholic Schools in the Josephite Tradition 1866 - 2025 (2nd edition)

Parishioner, Paul Murphy has published a book to celebrate the 120 Catholic schools undertaken by the Sisters of St Joseph. The book was featured in the July edition of The Southern Cross. "Travellers" was launched as part of the 160 years of Catholic education last week. The book comes packaged in two volumes, in black/white print. Keswick, Kurralta Park and Plympton schools are included in the record. Several copies are available for sale through the Parish Office for the special price of \$45 (usually \$50).

PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR - *Fr Denis Ssemuju*
8293 6600

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Hearing assistance available Please ask for a receiver.



Automated External Defibrillator (AED) - Sacristy

COMMUNION FOR COELIACS

Please see Priest before Mass to arrange a
Gluten Free Host.

TOILETS ARE LOCATED IN THE FRONT FOYER
Baby change table available for use in toilet area.



Plympton Parish



www.plymptonparish.com.au

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which our parish gathers and we pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging. We recognise and honour the enduring spiritual, cultural and historical connections of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this land and commit ourselves to walking together in respect, reconciliation, and justice.

Next Week's Readings

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Sirach 27:30—28:7
Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9
Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Tues 8th September - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgi Mary
Wednesday 9th September - St Peter Claver
Saturday 12th September - The Most Holy Name of Mary

Our Parish is a Safeguarding Organisation

We are committed to a safe, welcoming, and respectful community. We uphold zero tolerance for abuse and are dedicated to protecting children, young people, and adults at risk.

A Safe Environment for all.

The Truth About Honesty

Each of our readings for this Sunday shares a common thread: they speak of honesty. Now, for many of us, this is a difficult thing to do. When faced with a difficult situation, it often seems much easier to complain about it. Alternatively, what if speaking the truth may cause upset, compromise your position, or affect your reputation? In each of these situations, the thought of being honest can be simply awkward. On the other side of the spectrum, being so honest as to express your opinion without a care for how it comes across does not seem particularly charitable either.

Today, Jesus challenges us to have an honest conversation with others in good faith and in love. Rather than saying things simply to vent or feel better, we are encouraged to think about what is best for that person and tell them the truth, rather than choosing lesser options such as complaining or doing nothing about it. To speak words of truth that help another person grow and be better, is to keep their best interest at heart, and it provides both them and us with the opportunity to grow in holiness. This also requires us to consider their dignity and worth.

Think of it this way: if you were walking around town with your shirt inside out, would you prefer people to laugh at you from a distance or point and shout for everyone to notice? Neither of these options would be preferred. Rather, if someone took the time to tell you graciously and honestly, you would likely appreciate it. This action allows you to correct yourself and be more aware of what you have done wrong. Again, this act shows that the other person has acted with your best interest at heart and has recognised your dignity.

Essentially, this is how Jesus wants us to be towards those around us, particularly those with whom we share a relationship. We are called to look out for them out of love and to will their good by not avoiding those difficult conversations that help preserve their dignity and growth in holiness. We will find that the fruits of this are twofold. If we look out for our brother or sister and correct them in love, then we also grow in holiness and virtue ourselves.

Amanda Rego
APRIM