

*To be near God  
is my happiness,  
to place my hope  
In God the Lord.*



**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  
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year C  
16th November 2025*

**OUR LITURGY**

**FIRST READING** Malachi 3:19-20

We hear today from the Book of Malachi. Malachi is a word which means 'my messenger'. Four hundred years before Christ himself, the prophet anticipates a day of hope for all who fear the Lord's name.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 97:5-9

*R* The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

**SECOND READING** 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Paul encourages the community of Thessalonica to maintain an orderly life by imitating the best they have seen in fellow Christians.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Luke 21:5-19

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** Luke 21:5-19

The world will come to an end. However, our place is not to get caught up in speculation as to when this time might be but, rather, to witness to the promises of Christ in our daily lives.

**COMMUNION PRAYERS**

**PRAYER BEFORE RECEIVING COMMUNION**

May the communion of Thy Holy Mysteries be  
neither to my judgment,  
nor to my condemnation, O Lord,  
but to the healing of soul and body. Amen

**PRAYERS AFTER RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION**

Send your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth  
received the holy Sacrament,  
I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy your  
divine grace,  
the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ,  
and everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

**PRAYER BEFORE A CRUCIFIX**

Good and gentle Jesus, I kneel before you.  
I see and ponder your five wounds.  
My eyes behold what David prophesied about you:  
"They have pierced my hands and feet;  
they have counted all my bones."  
Engrave on me this image of yourself.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR



### Recently Deceased:

David Muteesasra Kavuma, Ignatius Henry Jayasuriya, Jose Esteban, Gemma Rodella, Carmel Ferne, Josie Russo, Joseph Migallen, Maria Dulcesima Louzaga, Lorraine O'Connell.

*May they rest in peace!*

*Please note that during November all Mass offerings for anniversaries will be put on the November list.*

### The Sick:

Christopher Harman, Michael Harman, Mark Kelly, Edson Carlos De Lira, Geraldine Hynes, Gabriella Persefoni Nicola, Grace Muller, Margarita McMahon, Edward Siau, Brenda Pearl, Sam, Andrew Chivel, Minda Robles, Radek, Maciek, Anzie Candasse, Biebie Mouri, Maxime Djoko, Djoko Eugene, Cendrine Aybo, Julie Anguande, Aissatou Martha, Mpfour Carine, Tim Woods, Katie Lenon, John Culkin, Oliver Power, Lisa Clarke, Francesca Mignone, Peter Comas, 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

During the time Fr Denis Ssemuju is away, there will not be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 28th November 2025.

### PARISH ROSTERS: 22nd—23rd November 2025

#### Saturday 6.00pm

**Readers:** Roy Razon, Darryl Smitheram & Josie Baker.

**Eucharist Ministers:** Estela & Rya Salonga.

#### Sunday 8.30am

**Readers:** Valerie Webb, Michelle Costner & TBA.

**Eucharist Minister:** Julia Gregory.

#### Sunday 10.00am

**Readers:** Orla Wright, Peter Clark & Virginia Cossid.

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Gemma Whetters & Anne Marie Mouri.

### VOCATIONS PRAYER VIGIL—FROM HEART TO HEART: JOURNEYING TOGETHER IN HOPE

Please join us as pilgrims in prayer journeying together in Hope to celebrate the **Vocations Prayer Vigil** in the **Cathedral on Friday November 21 from 5.15pm** beginning with Evening Prayer of the Church, Mass at 5.45pm followed by Exposition and Benediction to finish by 8.30pm followed by supper in the Cathedral Hall. The theme of the Vigil this year is

**'Pilgrims: Journeying Together in Hope.'**

### PRAYER GROUP



Come and deepen your faith.

All are welcome to join a Monday morning Prayer group at Carlien's home at 39 Osborn Tce, Plympton. The Group meets at 10.30am and for the date of the **next meeting** and for further information contact Carlien on 0488 006 927.

### WEEKDAY MASSES - Next Week

The church will be open for quiet prayer until 12 noon on Monday 17th November. There will be a Liturgy Service with Communion on Wednesday 19th November, Thursday 20th November and Friday 21st November. There will be no confessions on Saturday (11.30am).

### NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS

November is the month when we remember our relatives and friends who have passed to eternal life. Envelopes are available in the church porch if you wish to have the names of deceased relatives or friends included on the November Holy Souls List. You may place the envelopes on the collection plates or hand in to the parish office.

### RE-INTRODUCTION OF THE CHALICE DURING HOLY COMMUNION

With the re-introduction of the Chalice during Holy Communion, training sessions has been set up for all Eucharist Ministers to attend. Training sessions will held on:

**Wednesday 3rd December  
2.00pm or 6.30pm in the church.**

We will also be needing more Eucharistic Minister to join this ministry. If you would like to volunteer as Eucharistic Minister please contact the Parish Office on 8293 6600.

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME FOR 2026



The Parish is now accepting enrolments for 2026.

If you have a child aged 8 years or older wishing to receive the **Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation or First Communion in 2026** please fill out the enrolment form available in the church porch and return to the parish office together with a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate.

**The registration forms are due back by 2nd February.**

**Interviews will be conducted throughout February 2026**

### ADVENT REFLECTIONS 2025 'THE COMING OF JESUS IN 2025'

Hallett Cove Catholic Church at 7pm, Wednesday December 3, 10, 17 and Monday 22 December 22  
Mercy Centre, 4 Victoria St. Mile End at 10am Monday 1, 8, 15, 22 December Presenter: Kevin Liston.  
SA Catholics for an Evolving Church (SACEC)  
For more information and to register for pre-reading: E: [Kevin.liston1@gmail.com](mailto:Kevin.liston1@gmail.com) or Ph: 0411 197 829.

### "I AM THE HANDMAID OF THE LORD"

Saturday 6th December 9:15am - 3:30pm

At Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church  
420 Seaview Road Henley Beach.

Speaker: Fr Josy Sebastian msfs

Please bring your own lunch tea/coffee provided. Enquiries and bookings phone Pauline 0403002240 by 3rd December  
Cost by Cash Donation - All Welcome.

## FIRST COLLECTION RENEWAL CAMPAIGN THIS WEEKEND 15TH & 16TH NOVEMBER

The First Collection at weekend Masses is the main means of financially supporting our Clergy, including Deacons and Retired Priests, through the Diocesan Presbytery Fund.

The Fund covers the ever-increasing cost of stipends, medical benefits, motor vehicles, and ongoing formation.

Currently, income from the Fund is covering about 70% of costs. Addressing this shortfall is crucial to ensuring we can continue to care for the evolving needs of our Archdiocesan Clergy.

When you leave Mass this weekend, please take home a fridge magnet that outlines how you can contribute - either through the First Collection at Mass or via the 'Good Giving' app and website.

## VINNIES NEWS

Cards and Calendars will be sold from next week at each Mass, until sold out. **The cards will be \$8 for a pack of 10 and the Columban Calendars will be \$10 each.** We can only accept cash as we don't have credit card facilities.

And a huge thank you for your wonderful donations over the last year. They have brought a lot of relief and joy to our companions. Many of them ask us to pass on their thanks for your generosity!

We will take a break over January and resume our visits after Australian Day.

## PARISH MEN'S SHED RELOCATION

As a result of our Men's Shed moving to another location, there are many tools, cupboards etc which are no longer required. Parishioners are warmly invited to visit our Shed and select any items they feel would be of use to them. Contact Peter Clark 0434618567 or Paul Hay 0407716870 for more details."

## NEW SAFEGUARDING TRAINING FOR PARISH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Please note new Safeguarding Training modules will be required of all Parish Staff and Volunteers. These modules are designed to deepen our understanding, strengthen our practices and ensure that safeguarding is embedded in every aspect of our ministry and service. The modules, have been sent to your personal emails. If you have not received an email, please contact the parish office.



## PLYMPTON PARISH DIRECT GIVING APP

You can now make your donations to the **First** and **Second Collections** online. Direct Giving via the Archdiocesan App is cashless, fast and secure. Download the Adelaide Archdiocese Find a Mass on your mobile phone and set up Direct Giving to the First and Second collections, as well as Special Appeals. Or contact the Parish Office to set up a Direct Debit or a Direct Credit. The Website provides a direct link to your parish from a pc / laptop / tablet.

<https://adelaide.goodgiving.com.au/qr/parish/plympton>

## PARISH INFORMATION

**PARISH ADMINISTRATOR** - *Fr Denis Ssemuju*  
8293 6600

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Open Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri 9.00am - 3.00pm  
Thursday Closed

**Parish Secretary** - *Helen Konieczny*

342 Anzac Highway, Plympton SA 5038  
Phone 8293 6600

Email: [plymptonparish@stjohnpl.catholic.edu.au](mailto:plymptonparish@stjohnpl.catholic.edu.au)

Postal Address: PO Box 90 Plympton SA 5038

**Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson**  
David Leydon

**Safeguarding Contact Person**  
Helen Konieczny - 8293 6600

**ST JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOOL** - 8218 3300

**Principal** - *Todd LaForgia*  
**Deputy Principal** - *Matthew Min*  
**APRIM** - *Amanda Rego*

*Hearing assistance available.*  
*Please ask for a receiver.*



### 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](http://www.plymptonparish.com.au)

## Next Week's Readings

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

First Reading: **2 Samuel 5:1-3**  
Second Reading: **Colossians 1:12-20**  
Gospel: **Luke 23:35-43**

## FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Mon 17th November - St Elizabeth of Hungary  
Tues 18th November - Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter & Paul, Apostles  
Frid 21st November - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Sat 22nd November - St Cecilia

## CHURCH CAR PARK

All cars in the Church Car Park must travel in and out of the Car Park in a Westerly Direction for the safety of Parishioners attending Mass.





## GOSPEL REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

This week marks the final week of Ordinary Time in the Church's liturgical calendar and draws us almost to the end of our journey through the gospel of Luke. Next week's reading of the crucifixion concludes the Year of Luke. It is in this context that we need to read today's gospel passage. Jesus and his disciples are gathered around the Temple in Jerusalem in the final days before he is to be put to death. The end is imminent and Jesus takes the opportunity to reassure the disciples that, although they are about to experience a period of distress, betrayal and persecution that will stretch well into the future, ultimately, God's love and mercy will triumph – not only in their own lives but also in the world.

The language of passages like today's gospel can be off-putting at times and can also be seized upon by those who would interpret scripture literally. The graphic descriptions certainly lend themselves to predictions of gloom and doom. However, we must also remember that the gospel was written some 50 or more years after the death of Jesus. At the time of writing, many of these things had already come to pass. The message for the community who were suffering through these very experiences is that they should not despair because all of this was anticipated by Jesus and that ultimately the reign of God will come about and the effort and distress that they have endured will be vindicated.

Unfortunately, the lectionary has the passage concluding at verse 19; the complete passage continues on for another 17 verses and so we don't get the full effect of Jesus' speech. In the latter portion, Jesus assures the disciples that the kingdom will surely come to pass. It is a promise that we affirm every time we say the Creed.

### Living the Gospel – Comfort

We must remember that the gospel of Luke was written 50-plus years after the death of Jesus. Whilst Jesus may have said something like what is ascribed to him in this passage, we have to accept that the words are influenced to a great extent by the gospel writer. The gospel is not written as a biography but as a means of conveying a message about Jesus. To this end, the writer seeks to give comfort to his audience by having Jesus 'predict' all the things that have indeed come to pass in their community. The message to a struggling community is to 'keep going.'

### Historical Context – Expectation

When the gospel of Mark was written around the year 75 of the 1st Century, the people of that community firmly believed that the world was about to end and that Jesus' return to earth was going to happen any day. Another 10 or so years later, the communities of the gospels of Matthew and Luke were enduring persecution and great hardship. They felt that surviving through this time of struggle would be rewarded with the return of Jesus. However, by the time of the gospel of John, another 10 years later, we see an acceptance that the end is still to come some time in the future.

