

Be a courageous
tenant in the
vineyard of God.

Matthew 21: 33-43



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
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A
4th October 2026

OUR LITURGY

FIRST READING

Isaiah 5: 1-7

We hear how the prophet Isaiah uses the image of a vineyard to describe Israel, God's own land. The owner looked for good fruit but found only sour grapes. This is an image developed by Jesus himself in the Gospel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 79:9, 12-16, 19-20

R The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

SECOND READING

Philippians 4: 6-9

St Paul wants his converts to share in the peace of God that is greater than their own understanding. They must pray for it and their lives must reflect it.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 21: 33-43

We hear in Matthew's Gospel how the parable of the vineyard and its tenants is used by Jesus to speak of the kingdom which will be given to those who will produce fruit.



PLYMPTON PARISH & SCHOOL
COMMUNITY DINNER

We are having a Community Shared Dinner
from 6.30pm

on **Friday 23rd October**

in the John the Baptist Centre.

Everyone is invited as we bring together families from the many diverse cultures that make up our parish & school community.

It will be a BYO shared dinner, and we ask you to bring a plate of food from your own cultural background or a family favourite.

Tea, coffee, soft drinks, plates, serviettes and cutlery will be provided.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased:

Elaine, Bennett, Josie van Pelt, Clayton Schneider, Charles Cox, Modest Filipowski.

May they rest in peace!

Anniversaries:

Natividad Migallen, Antero & Gaudencia San Pedro, Von Murphy, Sophie Mary McGee.

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

During the time Fr Denis Ssemuju is away, there will not be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until Friday 13th November 2026.

PARISH ROSTERS: 10th & 11th October 2026

Saturday 6.00pm

Readers: Nel & Joel Tuazon, Maurice O'Rielley.

Eucharist Ministers: Peter & Di Southam, Joel & Nel Tuazon.

Sunday 8.30am

Readers: Valerie Webb, TBA & Nicole Laube.

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

Sunday 10.00am

Readers: Mary-Anne Quinn, Claire Wilson & Peter Clark.

Eucharistic Ministers: Val Zanini, Danica & Isabel Balandó, Sr Margaret Connelly.

INVITATION - OWLS GOSPEL DISCUSSION GROUP THURSDAY 10AM—11.30 AM

You are warmly invited to join us on Thursday mornings after the 9.30am Mass in the Children's Liturgy Room for a cuppa and a chance to read and discuss the coming Sunday's Gospel.

THE SOUTHERN CROSS

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

Thank you for supporting your local Catholic Newspaper.



WEEKDAY LITURGY SERVICE

There will be a Liturgy Service with Communion on the following days:

- Monday 5th October
- Wednesday 7th October
- Thursday 8th October
- Friday 9th October

While Fr Denis is away on leave - there will be no confessions on Saturday (11.30am).

Feast of St Daniel Comboni Mass

All Welcome!

You are invited to join the African Catholic Community for the Feast Day Mass of St Daniel Comboni on Sunday October 11, at 2.30pm in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral. St Daniel Comboni is the patron of missionaries and aid workers, and we celebrate his courageous witness to the Gospel and his commitment to the people of Africa.

PROJECT COMPASSION 2026

On behalf of Caritas Australia, a very big Thank You. I was recently informed that St John the Baptist Parish donated \$17,000 to Caritas this year.

That is a 50% increase on an already generous \$11,000 in the previous year, and that in the face of rising costs of living.

We are indeed a compassionate community in Christ.
Mike O'Donoghue, Caritas Ambassador

RETREAT AT THE MONASTERY: LAUDATO SI: ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

16 – 18 October 2026

Come and discover the beauty of creation as a pathway to prayer and reflection.

Inspired by Pope Francis' Laudato Si', this retreat will explore *visio divina* through contemplative photography in the beautiful gardens of the Monastery. Led by Ms Val de Brenni and Fr Pastor Mumburi CP.

This retreat, together with a 1,500-word reflection paper, has CESA approval as a SAM day for teachers.

All welcome, please RSVP before the 5th of October, 2026.

Call 8338 8700 or email conference@themonastery.net.au

BAPTISM - THIS WEEKEND

Congratulations and welcome to:

Benedict Sawyer Wiseman and his parents Dominic & Victoria Wiseman.

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



*Please note the parish office will be closed
Monday 5th October 2026.*

MORNING TEA

Please join us for morning tea this **SUNDAY 4th October** after the 8.30am & 10.00am Masses in the church foyer.

All welcome to have a cuppa and a chat.



PEOPLE FIRST COMMUNITY LOTTERY 2026



There are **three weeks** left in this year's People First Community Lottery. It's your last chance to sell tickets to raise funds for St Vincent De Paul Society Inc - Edwardstown/ Plympton Conference. Remember 100% of all \$2 tickets sold goes directly to your community group. Purchase tickets by going to: People First Community Lottery, click "Buy Tickets", on "Find a Community Group" type in Church, then click on "Search", scroll to St Vincent de Paul Society Inc- Edwardstown/Plympton Conference and click on it. Ticket sales close at 11:59pm (ACST) Thursday 8 October 2026.

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.

PAPER COLLECTION KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

There is now a donation bin in the church foyer for newspapers.

We would like to thank you for your continual support. Money raised goes to donations to various charities and local schools.

Please remember to remove any glossy brochures.



YOU'RE INVITED TO WORLD YOUTH DAY SEOUL 2027!

Created by St John Paul II in 1985, World Youth Day is the Catholic Church's largest international gathering for young people to celebrate faith, encounter new cultures, and experience the universal Church like never before. Next year, World Youth Day will be held in Seoul, South Korea. The Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults (COYYA) invites all young people aged 16-35 who are interested in attending, or simply curious to learn more, to complete an Expression of Interest for the Adelaide pilgrimage.

The pilgrimage is planned to take place from 29 July to 11 August 2027 (14 days) and estimated cost to be raised is \$7500 per pilgrim (excluding spending money).

Complete the Expression of Interest via the URL or QR code and join us on the journey to Seoul!

<https://shorturl.at/rMEu3>



PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR - Fr Denis Ssemuju
8293 6600

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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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-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel: Matthew 22:1

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Monday 5th Oct - St Faustina Kowalska

Tuesday 6th Oct - St Bruno

Wednesday 7th Oct - Our Lady of the Rosary

Friday 9th Oct - St Denis & Companions

St John Leonardi

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.

Recognizing the Gift of God's Beloved Son

Fr Denis Ssemuju

In today's Gospel parable, we encounter a poignant and thought-provoking story—the parable of the vineyard owner who sent his son. This narrative draws us into a deeper reflection on the incredible gift of God's beloved Son, Jesus Christ, and our response to His presence in our lives.

The parable speaks of a vineyard owner who, after sending servants to collect his share of the harvest, decides to send his own beloved son, thinking, "They will respect my son." The vineyard represents God's covenant with humanity, and the owner's actions symbolize God's enduring patience, mercy, and desire for a loving relationship with His people.

However, the vineyard tenants respond with the unthinkable. They see the son as a threat to their control over the vineyard, and in a tragic turn of events, they plot to kill him. This shocking response mirrors the rejection and crucifixion of Jesus Christ, God's ultimate gift to humanity. Through this parable, Jesus prophetically foreshadows His own sacrifice, highlighting the depth of God's love for us and the lengths to which He is willing to go to redeem us.

The parable prompts us to consider our own response to the gift of God's Son. Do we recognize Jesus as the cornerstone of our lives, or do we dismiss Him, as the vineyard tenants did, out of our own desires for control and independence? Are we open to receiving His message of love, forgiveness, and salvation?

We are reminded that God's greatest gift—the gift of His Son—is one that we can never earn or deserve. It is offered freely out of His boundless love for us. Just as the vineyard owner's hope was for his son to be respected, God desires that we not only respect but also embrace and accept Jesus as the center of our lives.

As we approach the Eucharist, we are invited to reflect on the sacrifice of Christ on the cross—a sacrifice made out of love for us. Jesus, the Son of God, came into the world to reconcile us to the Father and to show us the way to eternal life. Through His death and resurrection, He offers us forgiveness and the promise of salvation.

Let us respond to God's gift of His Son with gratitude, humility, and a willingness to follow His teachings. May we be vigilant against the allure of worldly desires that could lead us away from Him. Let us also recognize the presence of Christ in one another and treat each person with the respect and love that reflects our gratitude for the sacrifice made on our behalf.

May the Lord help us to cherish the gift of His beloved Son, embracing His message of love and living as faithful stewards of the vineyard He has entrusted to us. Amen.