

*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)*

“Do not abandon  
Yourselves to despair.  
We are the Easter people  
and Alleluia is our song”  
*- Blessed Pope JP II*

*St John the Baptist Catholic Church  
Plympton Parish  
342 Anzac Highway, Plympton SA 5038  
3rd Sunday of Easter - Year A  
19th April 2026*

**OUR LITURGY**

**FIRST READING** Acts 2: 14. 22-33

In the Jewish tradition Pentecost was the day that commemorated the handing on of the Law as the constituent ingredient in the formation of God’s people. Peter extends that to the role of Jesus the Nazarene who fulfils the Law and sends the Spirit upon us.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 15: 1-2,5,7-11

**R** Lord, you will show us the path of life.

**SECOND READING** 1 Peter 1: 17-21

St Peter tells his readers that their faith is built on the ransom paid by Jesus, now to be acknowledged as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Luke: 24:32

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us; make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** Luke 24: 13-35

The narrative of the journey to Emmaus is a classic description of the sacramental encounter with the Risen Lord. We too learn to recognise him “..at the breaking of bread” which was the first name given to ‘Eucharist’.



**THANK YOU!**

Caritas Australia would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the parish community of **Plympton** for your generous support of Project Compassion 2026.

Your support is helping to bring hope, uphold dignity and create lasting change to communities facing poverty and injustice around the world.

Thank you for helping to bring clean water, education, nutritious food, healthcare and support for those living with disability - showing what’s possible when we come together as a Church to live out the Gospel message of love and justice.

Thank you for uniting with us this Lent to build a more just and compassionate world.



**Thank you** ❤️  
for **Uniting Against Poverty** this Lent

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## PLEASE PRAY FOR



### Recently Deceased:

Geraldine Hynes, Ingo Siefaff, Ann Christie, Robert Johnson, Emilio Victoria, Mary Connell.

*May they rest in peace!*

### Anniversaries:

Pope Francis, Wanda Knapik, Lily Allan, Jan Konieczny, John Batley, Frances Donnellan, Salvatore Capurso, Helen McCarl, Anne O'Reilly.

### The Sick:

Irene Hann, Mary Lawley, 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, Mpfoun Carine, Tim Woods, 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

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: 25th & 26th April 2026

### Saturday 6.00pm

**Readers:** Roy Razon, Darryl Smitheram & Maurice O'Reilley.

**Eucharist Ministers:** Estela & Rya Salonga, Basil Tucker & TBA.

### Sunday 8.30am

**Readers:** Kathryn Whittlesea, Nicole Laube & Valerie Webb.

**Eucharist Minister:** Alma Daehn & Pat Powell

### Sunday 10.00am

**Readers:** Kath Melbourne, Peter Clark & Claire Wilson.

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Danica & Isabel Balandi, Anne Marie Mouri, Paul Melbourne.

### THE SOUTHERN CROSS

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

Thank you for supporting your local Catholic Newspaper.

### BAPTISM - THIS WEEKEND

*Congratulations and welcome to:*

Kaiden Kyle Colocado Dacayan and his parents Ryan & Margielyn

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



## NEW READER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTER ROSTERS

The new roster for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers are available for collection in the church foyer.

We are always seeking new people, and especially for the 8.30am Sunday Mass. If you would like to volunteer as a Reader or Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion please speak to Fr Denis or contact the Parish Office on 8293 6600.



### PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY



In keeping with a tradition, if you have old palms / olive branches from a previous Palm Sunday, would you like to 'recycle' them for use on Ash Wednesday (next year).

Please place old palms in the marked basket in the church foyer next weekend.

## CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM (CLP) – starts 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026

*Couples for Christ Australia (CFCA)* cordially invites you to a series of inspiring talks about living your Christian faith!

For 7 Sundays starting **17<sup>th</sup> May to 28<sup>th</sup> June 2026, 2:00pm – 4:30pm** at St John the Baptist Church, 342 Anzac Highway, Plympton South Australia.

This is **FREE** for everyone seeking peace and a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ!

We invite couples, widows and widowers, separated, divorced, single matured men and women, and young adult singles.

For more info, call/text: Ben Sioson – 0421 136 934  
Bodyet Reyes – 0403 803 535

## MEN'S RETREAT – THE MONASTERY 15–17 MAY 2026

*Life as Prayer, Prayer as Life*

Take time away to deepen your relationship with God and discover how prayer can become part of everyday life.

Led by Valerie De Brenni and Fr Pastor Mumburi CP

For all details, head to our website: <https://themonastery.net.au/life-as-prayer-prayer-as-life-retreat-may-2026/> or check out our flyer.

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

The Monastery, 15 Cross Road Urrbrae SA 5064 - Bookings essential – RSVP by 1 May 2026

[conference@themonastery.net.au](mailto:conference@themonastery.net.au) | 8338 8700

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

### 'I AM CALLED' SHEETS



We invite parishioners to read the 'I Am Called' sheets displayed on the wall at the back of the church, and to write your names on the children's sheets to show that you will be praying for them as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion on **Sunday 16th August** this year.



### MARIAN PROCESSION

The 77<sup>th</sup> Marian Procession will be held on Sunday 17 May 2026 beginning at Victoria Park and processing up Wakefield Street into Victoria Square. The Procession will commence at 2pm and all are invited to attend.

For more information, please contact Archdiocesan Events on 8210 8220 or [events@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:events@adelaide.catholic.org.au)

### MARIAN PROCESSION VOLUNTEERING

The Archdiocesan Events Office is currently seeking volunteers to support at the Marian Procession in a range of roles. If you are available and willing to help, please contact [events@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:events@adelaide.catholic.org.au) or 8210 8220. Volunteer roles are needed for Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May (which is the date of the event and begins at 2pm).

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

26 APRIL 2026

On Sunday 26 April, the Church celebrates the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. This is a special opportunity for our parish and school communities to pray that many people will *listen to God's call and respond* with generosity and courage. Vocations grow within families, parishes and schools where faith is lived with joy. On this day, we especially pray for those discerning a call to the priesthood and consecrated life, for our two seminarians and for the young people of our Archdiocese who are asking how God is calling them to serve.

You are invited to:

- pray for vocations in your family and personal prayer.
- encourage young people to remain open to God's call.
- support those currently discerning their vocation.
- learn more about local vocations initiatives through the Adelaide Vocations Office.

Please keep vocations in your prayers this Good Shepherd Sunday. For more information or to connect with the Vocations Office: [vocations@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:vocations@adelaide.catholic.org.au)



### 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*

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### 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)

### 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

#### Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: **Acts 2:14, 36-41**

Second Reading: **1 Peter 2:20-25**

Gospel: **John 10:1-10**

### FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Tuesday 21st April - St Anselm

Thursday 23rd April - St George & St Adalbert

Friday 24th April - St Fidelis of Sigmaringen

### Our Parish is a Safeguarding Organisation

We are a Safeguarding Organisation which is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and adults at risk. We believe that all God's children, young people and adults at risk have the right to be healthy and safe, and to have their voice heard, respected and valued.

**A Safe Environment for all.**

## The Christian Way Is the Way of Sunrise

Fr Denis Ssemuju

In Gospel of Luke (24:13–35), the two disciples walk toward Emmaus at sunset—away from hope, burdened by sorrow and disappointment. Though Jesus walks beside them, they do not recognize him. Like them, we too can fail to see the Lord in moments of confusion and pain.

But the Christian life is not a journey into darkness. It is a journey towards sunrise. When the disciples listen to Jesus and invite him to stay—“Stay with us, for it is nearly evening”—their darkness turns to light. They finally recognize him in the breaking of the bread, in an ordinary moment made extraordinary by his presence.

Jesus never forces himself upon us. He waits to be invited. Do we ask him to stay with us in our difficult moments?

Once they recognize him, the disciples return at once to Jerusalem, back to the community. An encounter with Christ always leads us back to others and fills us with new hope.

And there they hear that Jesus has appeared to Peter—the one who denied him. This is the glory of Christ: he restores the sinner and gives back dignity and self-respect.

The same is true for us. Even when we fail, Christ walks with us, forgives us, and calls us forward.

So the question remains: are we walking toward sunset—or toward sunrise?

Let us choose Christ, invite him into our lives, and walk always in his light.

