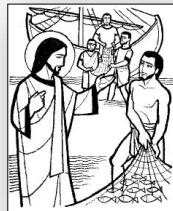


*Be united in the
same
mind and in the
same
purpose.*
1 Corinthians 1:10



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
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A
25th January 2026*



OUR LITURGY

FIRST READING

Isaiah 8:23-9:3

We hear a significant passage from the prophet Isaiah that operates in the life of the prophet, but is projected towards the coming of the future Messiah which is fulfilled in Jesus' earthly mission.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 26

R The Lord is my light and my salvation.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17

We hear a very challenging text of St Paul in which he blasts the community at Corinth for the way they had become cliquey in following special groups and factions. The challenge is very real for our Church today.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 4: 12-23

In Matthew's Gospel the call of his first disciples before beginning his public ministry to proclaim the kingdom of heaven is amongst us.

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:

Theresa Trost, Sheila Raven, Sr Deirdre Jordan RSM, Nita Halligan, Maxine Leahy, Ely Sioson, Bernard Holland, Brian McGee, Jennette Abraham, Rae Broad, Rose McDonald.



May they rest in peace!

Anniversaries:

Juanito Sioson, Tony Vassallo, Margaret Vaughan.

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, Mpoun Carine, Tim Woods, Katie Lennon, 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: 31st January - 1st February 2026

Saturday 6.00pm

Readers: Nel & Joel Tuazon, Maurice O'Rielley

Eucharist Ministers: Bodyet & Ebbie Reyes, Darry Smitheram, & Margaret Turner.

Sunday 8.30am

Readers: Kathryn Whittlesea, Teresa Hartley & Valerie Webb.

Eucharist Minister: Alma Daehn & Pat Powell.

Sunday 10.00am

Readers: Mary-Anne Quinn, Virginia Cossid & Peter Clark.

Eucharistic Ministers: Orla Wright, Gemma Whetters, Val Zanini & Kath Melbourne.

Morning Tea

Next Weekend—8.30am & 10.00am Masses

Please join us for morning tea next **SUNDAY 1st February** after the 8.30am & 10.00am Masses, in the church foyer.

We invite you to join your fellow parishioners for a cuppa and a chat.



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.



RE-INTRODUCTION OF THE CHALICE DURING HOLY COMMUNION



Archbishop Patrick O'Regan has recently announced that the Archdiocese of Adelaide will move toward **restoring Communion from the Chalice**. After required formation and training for all Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, our Parish plans to reintroduce Communion from the Chalice (partaking of the Precious Blood) from the weekend of 31 January - 1st February.

Parish Quiz Night

Friday 13th February 2026 at 6.30pm

St John the Baptist Centre



Please join us for a Quiz Night on the above date. This is a free community-building event and all are welcome. Either form a table of up to ten people or we can assign you to a table.

BYO drinks and basket supper.

Please see flyers in the church foyer for booking details

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.

BAPTISM - THIS WEEKEND

Congratulations and welcome to:



Brooks and his parents Zac & Maddie.

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



BIRTHLINE PARISH VISIT

Sunday 8th February 2026

After 8.30am & 10.00am Masses

Parish foyer & outside area

To meet parishioners who have supported Birthline so generously and share more about the free, confidential services they provide.

There will be small stalls in the foyer and a BBQ sausage sizzle outside.

The Birthline team will be available to chat and answer questions and to share a little more about how your support helps women and families in need.

(Please see flyer in the church foyer for further information)

**Please note the parish office will be closed
Monday 25th January 2026.**



Happy AUSTRALIA DAY

MOTHERS WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN

WEEKLY MEETING - Starting Monday 2nd of February at 10.00am after Mass



We have a Mother's group in our parish who pray for their children. All mothers, grandmothers & spiritual mothers are welcome to join us!

St John the Baptist Catholic Church

For further information, please contact Leila on 0424 386 394

LOVE ADELAIDE - WALK FOR LIFE

HUMAN FROM CONCEPTION

The Vicar General Fr Dean Marin is encouraging everyone to attend the upcoming 'Walk for Life' which will be held on **Saturday February 7 from 10am till 12 noon** at Pennington Gardens, opposite St Peter's Cathedral.

Gates open 9.00am. Don't forget to bring a drink bottle; and remember to slip, slop & slap.

PLEASE WEAR A WHITE SHIRT

(Please see flyers in the church foyer for further information)

FACE-TO-FACE MANDATORY SAFEGUARDING ESSENTIAL TRAINING

For parish volunteers that have not completed the Safeguarding Essential Training, another Face-to-Face session has been scheduled:

St Ann's Parish (Holy Spirit)
24A Ramsay Avenue, Seacombe Gardens SA 5043
Thursday 5th February 2026
10.00am—12.00pm

As this training is mandatory, if you have not already done the online training you will need to attend this session to ensure compliance.

WESTERN BEACHES CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Western Beaches Catholic Women's League, born out of the history and tradition of the Glenelg CWL, continues to generate a spirit of enthusiasm, with a focus on fellowship, friendship and faith. We meet monthly at the Glenelg Football Club and collaboratively meet our goals through fundraising events, guest speakers, excursions. etc.

We cordially invite any person interested to join us in celebrating Mass at Our Lady of Grace Church, 336 Beadnell Tce, Glengowrie, on Friday February 6 at 7 pm. A light supper, with beverages, will follow to which you are also invited to attend.



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

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Email: 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

Next Week's Readings

Fourth Sunday in OT

First Reading: *Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13*

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 1:26-31*

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Tuesday 27th January - Sts Timothy & Titus, St Angela Merici

Wednesday 28th January - St Thomas Aquinas

Saturday 31st January - St John Bosco

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.

WHERE IS GOD ASKING ME TO TRUST HIS TIMING?

Fr Denis Ssemuju

Jesus goes through Galilee quietly and faithfully—teaching, healing, and proclaiming the Kingdom of God.

He does not rush.

He does not hide.

He does not stop.

When danger appears, Jesus withdraws—not out of fear, but out of wisdom. He prays. He listens. Then He continues. This is true courage: trusting God's timing without needing to prove anything.

Let us pause and ask ourselves:

Where is God asking me to trust His timing?

In today's Gospel, Jesus says, "The Kingdom of heaven is at hand." The Kingdom is not far away. It is present now. Faith is lived in ordinary life—through kindness, honesty, forgiveness, and fidelity.

Let us pause again:

How am I living the Gospel in the small moments of my life this week?

As we gather on the eve of Australia Day, we are reminded that the Gospel is lived in the land where God has placed us. In a Church of many cultures and stories, prayer guides us to live with courage, peace, and care for one another.

Mary stood beneath the Cross, trusting God without understanding. May she teach us to wait without fear, to act without pride, and to live the Gospel with courage, guided by prayer and wisdom.

