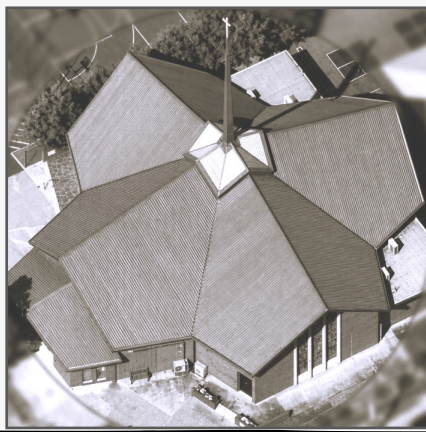


"To live as true children of God means to love our neighbour and be close to those who are lonely and in difficulty."

Pope Francis



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
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A
25th October 2026

OUR LITURGY

FIRST READING

Exodus 22: 20-26

We hear how God takes the side of the person in need and how his anger will flare if we do not treat the needy well.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 17

R I love you, Lord, my strength.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1: 5-10

We hear how praise is given to those who live according to the Gospel and so become examples for others in turning away from evil to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 22: 34-40

We hear how Jesus sums up the whole law in the two-old command of love of God and love of others as ourselves.



Thank you for your generous support of the Church in Malawi and the communities it serves.

Because of your kindness, children like Yamikani will have greater access to education, nourishment, and the opportunity to build a hopeful future.

And if you chose to become a Mission Partner with a monthly gift - thank you so much for your ongoing commitment.

To learn more about the work of Catholic Mission in Malawi and around the world, please visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work.

Thank you again for your compassion, and please keep this impactful work in your prayers.

Envelopes are available throughout the church and can also be placed on the collection plates at any weekend Masses during October.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased:

Conception Gabriel Rodrigues, Oliver Power, Peter McGinity, Paul Angus, Elaine Bennett, Josie van Pelt, Clayton Schneider.

May they rest in peace!

Anniversaries:

Fr Vim Antonyadimal, David Muteesasa, Carmel Ferme, Felipe Cossid, Antero San Pedro, Florence Myren, Dulcie Myren, Henry Jayasuriya, Pauline Napoli, Dorthy O'Malley.

The Sick:

Jimmy, Jill Jolly, Keith Reinbolts, Judy Bice, Irene Hann, Marilyn Jolly, Richelle Pelagio, Anna Maria Marin, Bert & Rhonda 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, 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: 31st October & 1st November 2026

Saturday 6.00pm

Readers: Nel & Joel Tuazon, Ann-Maree Tippins.

Eucharist Ministers: Basil Tucker, Margaret Turner, Darryl Smitheram & Josie Baker.

Sunday 8.30am

Readers: Kathryn Whittlesea, Julia Gregory & Teresa Hartley.

Eucharist Minister: Alma Daehn, Selina Nolan & Joyce Pettersen.

Sunday 10.00am

Readers: Joshy Peter, TBA & Mary-Anne Quinn.

Eucharistic Ministers: Kath Melbourne, Helen Konieczny, Anne Marie Mouri & Val Zanini.



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

Thank you for supporting your local Catholic Newspaper.

MORNING TEA



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

All welcome to have a cuppa and a chat.

Collections for Weeks of 5th - 18th October 2026

1st Collection for Clergy \$2,260.60

2nd Collection for Parish \$3,898.00

(Incl loose plate - \$1,384.00)

Thank you

Scan the QR Code for direct giving to our Parish from your phone. Or follow the prompts on the Archdiocesan website www.adelaide.catholic.org.au or <https://adelaide.goodgiving.com.au/qu/parish/web>



TEMPORARY CHANGES TO WEEKDAY MASSES

While Fr Denis is on leave there will be a Liturgy Service with Communion on the following days:

- 9.30am Monday 26th October
- 9.30am Wednesday 28th October
- 9.30am Thursday 29th October
- 9.30am Friday 30th October

No confessions on Saturday (11.30am) during this time.

ALL SOULS' MASS - CENTENNIAL PARK

Centennial Park extends a warm invitation to All Souls' Mass on Monday, November 2, at 6pm in their Jubilee Complex Foyer. Come together to commemorate and remember those who have passed, but who live on in our hearts. All Souls' Mass will be led by Father John Shanahan of Emmaus Catholic Parish. Hymns will be performed by soprano singer Teresa La Rocca. You are welcome to bring a photo of your loved one to place at the altar for blessing. To register attendance go to: <https://centennialpark.org/visit-our-park/toursevents/all-souls-mass/>

Please note there will be no mass service here at the Plympton Parish for All Souls' Day.

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.

CHURCH CARPARK

NO PARKING YELLOW LINE

Please be aware of the new yellow line parallel to the school fence in the carpark. We kindly ask parishioners to keep this area clear and refrain from parking along it.



SAFEGUARDING

Volunteers Please Note

If you have not as yet completed **MANDATORY TRAINING**, please attend the session to be held

Tuesday, 27th October

from 10:00am to 12 noon at SFX Cathedral Hall

39 Wakefield St, Adelaide

** No parking available on premises.*

Any questions please speak with Helen in the parish office.

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.

THEOLOGY AT THE BAR

Speaker: Fr Trevor Tibbertsma

Date: Wed 18th November.

Location: Ern Malley Bar, Magill Rd
Stepney SA.

Time: -6:30pm start, for 7pm talk.

Topic: Ignorance is not Bliss: Why Catholics should read more Scripture?

Snacks, toasties and drinks available at the bar.



JOURNEY MASS - A CELEBRATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIAN'S ITALIAN MIGRANTS

Saturday, 14 November at 3.30pm

in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral

The event will be held during the Adelaide Italian Festival week and will honour Italian immigrants and their contributions to the life and vitality in South Australia.

Refreshments will be available after Mass, and all are welcome! For more information contact, Archdiocesan

Events on 8210 8220 or via email

events@adelaide.catholic.org.au.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 Seoul, South Korea 29/07/27 to 11/08/27 INFORMATION NIGHT



An informal evening to learn more about World Youth Day, and the Adelaide Diocesan pilgrimage. Where: Wakefield Hotel 76 Wakefield St, Adelaide When: Tuesday 20 October 2026 at 7:30pm If you are attending this meeting please register at: [https:// forms.gle/ ifTr1kyoTouenbl19](https://forms.gle/ifTr1kyoTouenbl19)

WH&S

In the event of an emergency please leave the church in an orderly fashion via any of the exits and move to the Carpark Assembly area.

Parish Leaders please assist anyone with special needs.

Thank you. Fr. Denis Ssemuju

PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR - Fr Denis Ssemuju
8293 6600

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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Deputy Principal - Matthew Min

APRIM - Amanda Rego



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

All Saints

First Reading: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Wednesday 28th Oct - Sts Simon & Jude, Apostles

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.

“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart...

You shall love your neighbour as yourself.”

Matthew 22:34–40

Fr Denis Ssemuju

In today's Gospel, Jesus is asked which is the greatest commandment. His answer is clear: love God with all our heart, soul and mind, and love our neighbour as ourselves. Jesus tells us that the whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.

These two loves cannot be separated. Our love for God is not simply expressed in prayer and worship; it must also be seen in the way we treat the people God places in our lives. Likewise, genuine love of neighbour finds its deepest source in our love for God.

Jesus gives us more than a rule to follow. He gives us a way of life. To love means to forgive when we have been hurt, to be patient when others test us, to notice those who are lonely, to help those in need, and to treat every person with dignity and respect.

Sometimes we may find it difficult to love a particular person. This is where our faith becomes real. We do not love only those who are easy to love or those who agree with us. We are called to love as Christ loves us—with mercy, patience and generosity.

Perhaps the question for us this Sunday is simple: Can the people around me see my love for God in the way I treat them?

To love God is to learn to love what God loves: our neighbour.

