

*It is in the
agony of the
cross and the
power of the
resurrection
that we find
peace with God.*

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)



*St John the Baptist Catholic Church
Plympton Parish
342 Anzac Highway, Plympton SA 5038
Palm Sunday
29th March 2026*



OUR LITURGY

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50: 4-7

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 21: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24

R My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

SECOND READING

Philippians 2: 6-11

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Philippians 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name about all other names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

Matthew 26:14-27:66

The drama of Matthew's Gospel reads almost like an eyewitness account of the Passion of the Christ.



Caritas
AUSTRALIA

PROJECT
COMPASSION

Palm Sunday
28–29 March 2026

As Project Compassion 2026 comes to a close, we thank you for your generous support throughout Lent. This year, we shared the stories of four inspiring people whose lives are being uplifted through your compassion.

Your support is helping them overcome challenges and build stronger futures. There is still time to donate! Together, we can continue nurturing hope and empowering communities facing poverty and injustice.



UNITE 
AGAINST
POVERTY
this Lent

Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR



Recently Deceased:

Ann Christie, Robert Johnson, Emilio Victoria, Mary Connell, Sr Patricia Sexton, Sr Patricia Pak Poy, Oscar Rodriguez, Ernesto Anat.

May they rest in peace!

Anniversaries:

Corina Pereira, Linda Herrera Cruz, Erika Zimmermann, Giuseppe Ferraro, Rolland Boylen, Ron Howie, Alan Myren.

The Sick:

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: Holy Week

Holy Thursday - 2nd April

Readers: Peter South, Darryl Smitheram & Marisa Loren.

Eucharist Ministers: Paul Melbourne, Val Zanini, Valerie Webb & Darryl Smitheram.

Good Friday - 3rd April

Readers: Marisa Loren, Peter Clark, Paul Hay, Francis Faustorilla, Kath Melbourne.

Eucharist Minister: Danica & Isabel Balandó, Orla Wright, Gemma Whetters.

Easter Vigil - 4th April

Readers: Peter & Di Southam, Marisa Loren, Darryl Smitheram.

Eucharistic Ministers: Ann-Maree Tippins, Basil Tucker, Estela & Rya Salonga, Nel & Joel Tuazon.

Easter Sunday - 5th April

8.30am Mass

Readers: Kathryn Whittlesea, TBA & Nicole Laube.

Eucharistic Ministers: Valerie Webb & Julia Gregory.

10.00am Mass

Readers: Michael O'Donoghue, Mary-Anne Quinn & Claire Wilson.

Eucharistic Ministers: Richard & Helen Konieczny, Paul & Kath Melbourne.

Collections for Weeks of 9th - 22nd March 2026

1st Collection \$2,551.30

2nd Collection \$3,601.25

(Incl loose plate - \$1,209.25)

THE GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

HOLY PLACES APPEAL

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land takes place on **Good Friday 3rd April**.

This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to the local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land rely on assistance from the Good Friday collection. The collection is also used to maintain 74 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus.

In these challenging times in the Middle East, Christians are experiencing unique hardships, made all the worse due to the war in Gaza and now the war with Iran. We have an opportunity to help them through the Holy Land (Good Friday) Collection.

PASTORAL LETTER FOR LENT

A copy of the Pastoral Letter for Lent from Archbishop Patrick O'Regan is available in the Church Foyer. The Archbishop's Pastoral letter can also be seen at <https://adelaide.catholic.org.au/our-people/archbishop-patrick-o-regan-dd/messages>

A QR Code is also provided to view the Pastoral Letter.



SPECIAL COLLECTON FOR PROJECT COMPASSION NEXT WEEKEND 4TH & 5TH APRIL

A special collection will be taken up next weekend for Project Compassion. Your generosity this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need.

CHRISM MASS

Monday, 30 March 2026 at 6.00pm in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral

We welcome all to celebrate Mass of the Oils on Monday, 30th March at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral at 6.00pm. Please note **NO** onsite car parking will be available. If you would like more information regarding this event, please contact Community, Life and Worship on 8210 8130.

If anyone would like to attend the Chrism Mass and to collect the oils on behalf of our parish, please advise Fr Denis or the parish office.



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
Enquiries: St John's School— Ph: 8218 3300.



PAPER COLLECTION KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

The newspaper collection will be next weekend **4th & 5th April**. Thank you for your support. Money raised goes to donations to various charities and local schools.

MORNING TEA



Please join us for morning tea this **SUNDAY 5th April** after the 8.30am Mass (only) in the church foyer. We invite you to join your fellow parishioners for a cuppa and a chat.

GOOD FRIDAY NIGHT WALK



Young people and families are warmly invited to join an evening pilgrimage walk through the heart of the city. As we journey together into the stillness of the night, we will pause to reflect on the significance of this sacred day and create space for hope, even in moments of darkness.

Date: Friday 3 April 2026

Time: 7:30pm start until late (approx. 11:30pm)

Location: Beginning at Mary MacKillop Plaza (next to St Francis Xavier Cathedral) and concluding at St Francis Xavier Cathedral

Walking Distance: Approximately 6–6.5km

What to Expect: Three moments of contemporary prayer, reflection, and worship—at the beginning, midpoint, and end of the pilgrimage.

Free Registration using the QR Code or thru: <https://www.trybooking.com/DIYHL>



Hosted by the Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults (COYYA), this all-ages pilgrimage weaves together prayer, scripture, music and reflective moments inspired by the faith and leadership of young people across the Archdiocese. We invite everyone—young people, families, and the wider community—to step into this shared journey. Together, we will honour the solemn beauty of Good Friday, lift up the voices and presence of our young people, and deepen our reflection on the mystery and hope of Easter.

UNITED PUBLIC ROSARY – HOLY SATURDAY (FIRST SATURDAY)

8.40am Saturday April 4, 2026

For the only time this year, the **Legion of Mary Public Rosary** and the **Adelaide Men's Rosary Crusade** will unite in one powerful public witness of prayer.

On **Holy Saturday**, as the Church reflects on Christ's saving sacrifice, join us in honouring Our Lady and praying the Rosary together in solidarity for peace, conversion, and the salvation of souls. Mary MacKillop Plaza (adjacent St Francis Xavier's Cathedral) Rosary begins at 8.40am

All welcome – families, men, women, and children.

Let us come together in faith and reparation on this sacred day. **Enquiries:** Legion of Mary – Patrick Greenrod: 0414 769 635 Adelaide Men's Rosary Crusade – Instagram @adalaidemensrosary or text 0419 824 582.



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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David Leydon

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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

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

Sunday of the Resurrection

First Reading: **Act 10:34, 37-43**
Second Reading: **Colossians 3:1-4**
Gospel: **John 20:1-9**

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.

Wine and Dine, Or Dine then Wine?

The scene is set; the disciples and Jesus are sitting at the feast of the Passover. He is breaking the bread; they are singing psalms and reciting prayers as in the Jewish tradition. Now, the point of interest here is when Jesus said,

“Drink all of you from this, for this is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. From now on, I tell you, I shall not drink wine until the day I drink the new wine with you in the kingdom of my Father.” Matthew 26:28-29

At Seder, The Passover, traditionally four cups are drunk over the course of the evening. If we investigate the Jewish roots, the wine at this feast is symbolic of the freedom from exile and is a drink for royalty. Pausing on this detail, we can take a closer look at the reference to each cup of wine. For each one, it symbolizes their freedom from four exiles: The Egyptian, Babylonian, Greek and their current exile as they anticipate the coming of the Messiah.

As we refer to what Jesus said, we can assume that he and the disciples stopped drinking before the fourth cup. This now seems even more significant as we recall the rich connection between their present reality and the first Passover when they were in Egypt. Remember that God asked the Israelites to take the blood of the unblemished, sacrificial lamb and put it on the lintel of their doorposts. This was so that the angel of death would Passover their house and the firstborn son would not die.

Let's come back to discussing the four cups that are consumed at Passover. We have discussed that Jesus said he would not drink wine until the coming of the kingdom with the Father. Further on in the Gospel on Jesus' Passion, we are told, “and one of them quickly ran to get a sponge which he dipped in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink.” Matthew 27:48

Now, vinegar is essentially sour wine. Jesus drank this, then moments after, he gave up his spirit and the temple was torn into two. The temple, the dwelling place of God was ultimately broken open to allow entry for us; our gateway into the kingdom of heaven because Christ sacrificed his life for us.

So, let's come back to weave this thread through the pages of history. At the first Passover in Egypt, the Israelites marked blood of the unblemished lamb on the door posts of each home, so that the angel of death would not enter the house. This was so the first-born son would not die. Fast forward to today's gospel- Jesus, who is the unblemished lamb of sacrifice, moved outside. We note this detail in Matthew 26:30, “After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.” This small detail again is tied to Jesus' ultimate sacrifice as the firstborn son of Creation.

Now, we recall the fourth cup symbolizing the coming of the Messiah. We see in today's Gospel it is ultimately being fulfilled by Jesus, King over the universe. He sacrificed his own blood as the firstborn son of God; to save all of humanity; to unite all of Creation and make a place for us in the kingdom that he often made mention of. Jesus willingly moved out of the house where Passover was being celebrated. All of this was intentional and to fulfil God's Will for us to enter the eternal heavenly feast in God's kingdom.

Amanda Rego
APRIM

