



Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.

A New Era of Hope — Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)
 From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” [Matthew 4:17](#)
 In Matthew’s Gospel, from which we read today, we hear the first words spoken by our Lord as He begins His public ministry: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”
 Up until this point, Matthew’s Gospel presented us with Jesus’ genealogy, His birth, the story of the Magi, the Holy Family’s flight into Egypt, the slaughter of the Holy Innocents, Jesus’ baptism, the preaching of Saint John the Baptist and Jesus’ forty days in the desert. Now, after these introductory stories of Jesus’ life, we enter into His public ministry.
 Recall that John had just been imprisoned, thus concluding his public ministry. Therefore, the time for the preaching and ministry of the Son of God had arrived. And though Jesus continues the theme of repentance started by John, Jesus takes John’s words further. Jesus adds something that John could not: “The kingdom of heaven is at hand.”
 Since we are still at the beginning of the season of Ordinary Time, it’s important to understand this transition from the Old Testament prophets, of which John was the last, to the New Testament preaching of our Lord. The difference is that all that had been prophesied and pointed to in the Old Testament had now arrived. Saint Jerome, in commenting upon this passage, says that as the Old Testament Law ceased, the Gospel commenced. And, of course, the fulfillment of this new era of the Gospel was only a few short years away when our Lord would offer up His life for the salvation of many.
 As Jesus begins His preaching, His words are challenging but also very hopeful. By saying that “the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand,” Jesus stirs interest and holy curiosity among His first listeners. His call to repentance was softened by His new proclamation about the Kingdom. One helpful insight we can take from these first words of Jesus’ public ministry is that this is the best way to share the Gospel with those who do not yet follow Christ. Oftentimes, when we see someone living in serious sin, we want to judge and condemn. But usually what they need the most is hope—hope that there is something much greater that comes from repentance. Certainly we need to speak against sin. But one of the most effective ways to do so is by initially offering the listener hope of something much better than the sin with which they struggle—specifically, the hope of the Kingdom of God.
 Reflect, today, upon the newness of the ministry of Jesus, the newness of the first proclamation of the Gospel. As you do, try to imagine the holy curiosity that many would have had as they first listened to Jesus preach. Soon He would follow up His preaching with many signs and wonders that would confirm His message. But at first, Jesus simply instilled a hope in His hearers. As you ponder this, think about those in your life who also need this initial sense of hope and holy curiosity about the Gospel and pray that God will inspire you and use you to be an instrument of this merciful message.



Prayer

*Lord, I repent of the sin in my life
 and pray that You will give me
 the grace to become free
 from all that keeps me from You.
 May I not only turn from sin
 but also turn to You
 as the source of all mercy
 and fulfillment in my life.
 Help me to keep my eyes
 on the Kingdom of Heaven
 and to do all I can to share
 in that Kingdom here and now.*

Jesus, I trust in You.

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In the Gospel reading today, John was in prison for speaking the truth to Herod regarding his marriage, and the end of his public ministry had begun. At the time that John lived, the gates of Heaven had not yet been opened to fallen humanity. Jesus had not yet died, risen and ascended into Heaven so as to then pour forth the Holy Spirit upon the Church, inviting us to share in His glorious Kingdom. But today, we are blessed to be invited not only to Heaven when we die in a state of grace, we are also invited to share in the glories of the Kingdom of Heaven here and now, as we journey through life. The central messages of his preaching were twofold. First, he called everyone to repentance for their sins. But his second primary message was to point us to Christ. Jesus was the exclusive purpose of St. John’s life, and his preaching concluded by pointing his followers to our Lord.
What is it that made John so great? First of all, John was great because he was the transition from the Old Testament Prophets to the New Testament. He was the bridge that prepared for the new life to come. His unique mission makes him truly great.
 But John was great not only because of his unique calling, he was also great because of the virtue he had in his life. And it is this gift that is worth pondering for our own inspiration more than any other. The particular virtue that John had was that of humility. He saw himself as nothing other than a “voice of one crying out in the desert.” And the Word he spoke was Jesus. John acknowledged that he was not even worthy to stoop down and untie the sandal straps of Jesus ([Mark 1:7](#)). He was praised by many and followed by many and yet he continuously said of Jesus that “He must increase and I must decrease” ([John 3:30](#)). John was not in it for praise and honor; rather, his mission was to point everyone to the Savior of the world. He could have sought the honor and praise of many and he would have certainly received it. They may have even made him king. But John was more than willing to fulfill his mission and then submit himself to the cruel sword of his executioner. His humility was such that he was focused only on Jesus and desired only to point to Him.

Quote of the week

Do not let the past disturb you, just leave everything in the Sacred Heart and begin again with Joy.
St Mother Teresa of Calcutta



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IN THE CHARISM OF THE HEART OF CHRIST
 ‘May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved’



PARISH VISION STATEMENT

As a people who believe and trust in the love of God for us, revealed in the heart of Jesus, we live out this love in a welcoming and inclusive community that provides life-giving support and service to all people.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR MASS

◇ Tuesday	24 Jan	12:15 pm	Mass at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh
◇ Wednesday	25 Jan	6:00 pm	Mass and Adoration at Our Lady of the Manger Church, (OLM) Findon
◇ Friday	27 Jan	9:15 am	Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church, (OLM) Findon
◇ Saturday	28 Jan	6:00 pm	Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church, (OLM) Findon
◇ Sunday	29 Jan	9:00 am	Mass at Sacred Heart Church, (SHC) Hindmarsh
◇ Sunday	29 Jan	11:00 am	Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church, (OLM) Findon
◇ Sunday	29 Jan	5:00 pm	Latin Mass at Sacred Heart Church, (SHC) Hindmarsh

22 January 2023



*Third Sunday in
 Ordinary Time*

Year A

Responsorial Psalm
The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus preached the good news of the Kingdom and healed all who were sick.
 Alleluia!

Today’s Readings:

Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3

Ps 26: 1, 4, 13-14

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Matthew 4:12-23

Mass Intentions

6.00pm Vigil

Antonio Iannotti

9.00am SHC

Vincenza Mosca (1 year)

Mario Vaselli (1 year)

Shahid Mehranj (1 month)

Romolo Cavaiuolo

11:00am OLM

Maria Gazzola (Anniversary)

Our Churches

Sacred Heart Church (SHC)

252 Port Road, Hindmarsh

Our Lady of the Manger (OLM)

176 Crittenden Road, Findon

*“Follow Me
 and I will Make you
 Fishers of Men.”*



Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at Hand.

Do you hear Jesus calling you? Do you hear Him speak to you, calling you to come after Him? Reflect, today, upon the fact that you, too, have been called to an extraordinary life of grace which requires total abandonment and commitment. You have been called to respond immediately and freely to Jesus’ invitation. As you begin this liturgical season of Ordinary Time, jump into the extraordinary life of grace and embrace it with your whole heart. In his spiritual classic, *The Spiritual Exercises*, Saint Ignatius of Loyola explains that the primary reason for our lives is to give to God the greatest glory we can. In other words, to bring forth the Kingdom of Heaven. But he also goes on to say that this can only be accomplished when we turn away from sin and all inordinate attachments in our lives so that the one and only focus of our lives is the Kingdom of Heaven. This is the goal of repentance. Repent with your whole heart. Examining your actions every day is essential to this mission. See the ways that your actions keep you from God and reject those actions. And look for the ways that God is active in your life and embrace those acts of mercy. Repent and turn toward the Lord. This is Jesus’ message to you this day.

Fr Lancy D’Silva CSC

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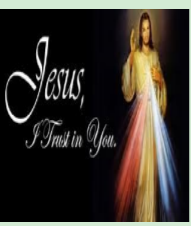
Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday | 10:00am—2:00pm
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Parish Priest - Father Lancy D’Silva CSC

Assistant Priest - Father Santhosh Nazareth CSC

January 2023	
21 Jan	St Agnes, virgin and martyr
22 Jan	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
23 Jan	St Timothy and St Titus, bishops
24 Jan	St Francis de Sales, bishop and doctor of the Church
25 Jan	Feast of The conversion of St Paul, Apostle
26 Jan	Australia Day Public Holiday
27 Jan	Saint Angela Merici, virgin
28 Jan	St Thomas Aquinas, priest and doctor of the Church
29 Jan	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
31 Jan	St John Bosco, priest
February 2023	
02 Feb	Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
02-04 Feb	St Eufemia Tridium of Masses at 7pm SHC Hindmarsh
05 Feb	St Eufemia Festa 10:30am Flinders Park Football Club
	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
06 Feb	Saint Paul Miki and companions, martyrs
10 Feb	Saint Scholastica, virgin
12 Feb	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
14 Feb	St Cyril, monk and Saint Methodius, bishop
19 Feb	7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
21 Feb	Shrove Tuesday
22 Feb	Ash Wednesday
26 Feb	1st Sunday of Lent
March 2023	
05 Mar	2nd Sunday of Lent
12 Mar	3rd Sunday of Lent
17 Mar	Feast of St Patrick, Bishop
19 Mar	4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare)
20 Mar	Solemnity of St Joseph, Husband of Mary
25 Mar	Solemnity of The Annunciation of the Lord
26 Mar	5th Sunday of Lent
April 2023	
02 Apr	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
06 Apr	Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper
07 Apr	Good Friday of the Lord's Passion
08 Apr	Holy Saturday
09 Apr	Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection
10 Apr	Monday in the Octave of Easter
16 Apr	2nd Sunday of Easter DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



From the Archdiocese

Considering A Vocation To The Priesthood?
 "Follow me" A time of prayer, reflection and discussion for young men discerning a call to the priesthood.

Saturday February 4 at 10am in the Sacristy of the Cathedral of St Francis Xavier, Wakefield St. For further enquiries contact Fr Dean Marin, Director of Vocations on 821.08122 or at vocations@adelaide.catholic.org.au

Word of God Sunday
 The Church in Australia marks Word of God Sunday on the first Sunday in February, which will be February 5 this year. Several resources have been prepared to assist with the promotion and commemoration of the day. For homily notes, liturgical notes and other resources, please visit [Word of God Sunday \(catholic.au\)](http://WordofGodSunday.catholic.au)

Synodality and Mission: Sr Nathalie Becquart in Adelaide
February 1, 2023, Grange Golf Course 5:30pm (dinner); 6:30-8:30pm
 Sr Nathalie Becquart is the Undersecretary for the General Synod in the Vatican which is responsible for the organisation of the 2023-24 Global Synod on Synodality. Sr Nathalie will be in Adelaide on Feb 1, 2023, as part of a visit to Australia. All are invited to the Sr Nathalie's presentation on synodality and mission: Grange Golf Course. RSVP & register www.trybooking.com/CEUOA by January 27, 2023.

Sacraments of Initiation Date claimer
 For a Workshop **Monday February 27, 2023 - 9.30am-2.30pm** at CEO Conference Centre, George St, Thebarton. All involved in Sacraments of Initiation of Children are encouraged to attend. This workshop will entail some practical offerings. For registration details and any enquiries, please contact Sr Jenny Seal, Family Faith Formation Advisor E: jenny.seal@cesa.catholic.edu.au.

Edwardstown Parish Surplus Items
 A Crucifix (190cm x 91.5cm) and a St Anthony Padua statue (176cm in height) - for more information, please contact Robyn Grave, parish secretary on E: edcathpar@adam.com.au or P: 0499 486 699. Click here for Edwardstown Surplus items.

Feast of St Josephine Bakhita
Wednesday February 8 2023 is the Feast of St Josephine Bakhita. The African Catholic Community will be celebrating her feast day at a Mass on Sunday February 12 in St Francis Xavier Cathedral at 2.30pm. All welcome to attend.

Parish Fundraising Committee
 It's the start of a brand new year and time to start something good! Are you interested in helping your community? Everyone is invited and welcome to join the Parish Fundraising Committee. If you can spare a couple of hours once a month to help plan and raise funds towards our much needed Community Centre, please contact Sandra Bahlij 0402894613 with your email address or sms. Thanks to those who have volunteered already. Please help us to support this worthy cause! We need you!

Are you able to help raise some much needed funds for our Community Centre? If you can spare a couple of hours of your time we would really appreciate your help in ushering cars into the SHC Carpark before Soccer Matches. **Please arrive 1½ hours before the game begins, no need to stay for the whole match!** Some exciting games coming up include the FIFA Women's World Cup! See the table below for times. To help, please contact Sandra Bahlij 0402894613. Thank you!

January	Start Time	Teams
Fri 20th	7:15pm	Adelaide United vs Macarthur FC
February		
Sat 4th	7:15pm	Adelaide United vs Brisbane Roar
Sun 19th	2:30pm	Adelaide United vs Western Sydney Wanderers
March		
Fri 3rd	7:15pm	Adelaide United vs Melbourne City
Fri 17th	4:40pm	Adelaide United vs Newcastle Jets
Double Header		Adelaide United vs Wellington Phoenix
April		
Fri 7th	4:30pm	Adelaide United vs Sydney FC
Sun 16th	4:30pm	Adelaide United vs Western United FC
Sat 29th	4:30pm	Adelaide United vs Central Coast Mariners
July		
Mon 24th	8:30pm	FIFA Women's World Cup 2023 Brazil vs Group C Winner
Fri 28th	8:30pm	FIFA Women's World Cup 2023 Group B Winner vs China PR
Sun 30th	2:00pm	FIFA Women's World Cup 2023 Morocco vs Korea Republic
August		
Tue 1st	8:30pm	FIFA Women's World Cup 2023 England vs China PR
Tue 8th	8:30pm	FIFA Women's World Cup 2023 Round of 16

Thank you to those who assisted with the Soccer carparking last weekend: Kath Coombes and her groovy visa machine, Cathy Strangio, Joseph and Ryan Rodrigues, Father Santhosh and Jane Agius.
A BIG thank you to you all!
 If there is a handy person who can assist with putting together two car ramps for the Hindmarsh Church—please contact Sandra Bahlij on 0402894613. The ramps will be used during soccer matches to assist cars getting into the front and back of the Church carpark. **Thank you!**

Lost & Found
 A key was found in Our Lady of the Manger church after the 6pm Mass on Christmas Eve 24th December. Keyring has a picture of the Sacred Heart on it. Please contact the Parish Office to collect on 8346 3901.

Festival of Hymns
 On **Sunday February 19 at 1pm**, James Lloyd, Cathedral Organist at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral will give a free concert featuring well-loved hymns played on the magnificent Cathedral Casavant Frères pipe organ to which you are warmly invited to both attend and join in singing. James is the regular organist at the Cathedral's 11am Sunday Solemn Mass and his vibrant and effusive style has pleased Mass-goers for many years. This promises to be an afternoon of high entertainment and great delight for those who love music played on the magnificent Casavant Frère organ. The concert is part of the 2023 Fringe Organ Recitals program at the Cathedral.

Columban Calendars Available
 There are two calendars available for sale. Have you got yours? If not, please contact Sandra Bahlij on 0402894613, cost is \$10. Thank you.

St Eufemia Society Festa
 The St Eufemia Tridium of Masses will begin on the 2nd of February 2023. Masses will run each evening, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Feb from 7pm at SHC Hindmarsh. The St Eufemia Festa will be held on February 5th 2023 at Flinders Park Football Club, Hartley Road, beginning with a Procession from 10:30am and concluding at 9pm. **All are welcome!**



"God understands us, He waits for us. He doesn't get tired of forgiving us. If we repent and go to him with a truly repentant heart."
Pope Francis

Sacramental Programme Enrolments
Invitation for Parents / Carers of Reconciliation / Confirmation / First Communion Children
 We invite all parents and children from our parish community, who are studying in any other state/private schools who wish to enquire about preparing your child/children for the sacraments of:
Reconciliation - Confirmation - First Holy Communion
 To please contact the Parish office during office hours on 8346 3901 or email: shparish@shphf.com.au
 The Sacraments will be celebrated in August 2023 at both Sacred Heart Church Hindmarsh, and Our Lady of the Manger Church Findon. Preparation for these important Sacraments will begin soon, and more information will be advertised as it becomes available.

Baptism
 We welcome into our faith Community **Hugo Christopher Vincent Gill and Zaria Czerwinski** who celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism at Sacred Heart Church this Sunday **22nd January 2023.**
 Please keep Hugo and Zaria and their families in your prayers.

World Day for Consecrated Life
 The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, February 2, is also the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation. May God call many more women and men to this vocation.

It is with great joy and thanks to Almighty God that, all being well, the Ordination to the Priesthood of Reverend Mr James Thomson will take place on Saturday 27th May, 2023 at 10.00am, at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Adelaide. Please keep James in your prayers.

Catholic Youth Podcast
 COYYA have just launched a new and exciting podcast for the youth of Adelaide. Learn all about youth ministry within the Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide.
 Stream it free today on Spotify.
<https://open.spotify.com/e/7nKS8uJ5ocsfjwKXDQLxW>

Children's Church
Third Sunday of Ordinary Time
 "Follow me!"
 As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him. He went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people.
 Matthew 4:12-23

WALK FOR LIFE
 JOIN US AS WE WALK FOR LIFE TO BRING AN END TO ABORTION, LET THEM LIVE!
SATURDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2023
 10:00AM -12:00PM
Pennington Gardens
 Opposite St Peter's Cathedral
\$5 Donation Parking
 Adelaide Oval carpark. Enter from Pennington Tce
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Gates
 Gates will be open from 9am. Bring your ticket!
Tickets
 FREE tickets available go to loveadelaide.org.au
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 No megaphones, no signs. Posters for this event will be provided. Please obey the marshals & police on the walk. This walk will be peaceful.
 Check out the guidelines at loveadelaide.org.au/guidelines
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Come and See Parish Youth Group, Meets at Nazareth Secondary Campus
1 Hartley Rd, Flinders Park
 7:30pm to 9pm
Friday nights
 Run and supervised by the Preca Community.
Everyone is welcome!
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 Intsagram: [cas.youth](https://www.instagram.com/cas.youth)