

Total Freedom From Sin
Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year A)

“Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, “Untie him and let him go.” John 11:43-44
The death of Lazarus can be seen as a symbolic representation of the soul that has died from mortal sin. This is similar to the fact that leprosy, physical ailments and the like are also symbols of sin. For that reason, Jesus’ initial reactions reveal how we should respond to serious sin in our lives. When Jesus faced the death of Lazarus, “he became perturbed and deeply troubled,” “Jesus wept,” He became “perturbed again” and He “cried out in a loud voice.” Though Jesus was God, He freely chose to assume human nature and to experience human emotions and passions to teach us how we should react. In this case, He chose to become perturbed, deeply troubled, to weep and to cry out to show us how we should react to grave sin. Grave sin kills the spirit. As a result, we must be deeply affected if we commit or witness a grave sin.

One lesson we can take from this passage is that when you or a loved one falls into grave sin, it must not be ignored. Final impenitence is a sin by which a person fails to have appropriate remorse for sin and reacts to it in a dismissive and casual manner. This cannot be our reaction. Begin by considering the great value of taking sin seriously, reacting to it with passion and emotion, and crying out to God for forgiveness.

When Jesus cried out, commanding Lazarus to come out of the tomb, the details were added that Lazarus did come forth but was still bound “hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth.” Saint Augustine teaches that, in part, this symbolizes the entire process of confession and the forgiveness of sins. First, no person is capable of confessing their sins by their own effort. It must be that they are moved by grace and the command of our Lord to come forth to show themselves in their bound state to God. Lazarus’ obedience to Jesus’ command symbolizes the Christian’s response to God when called to repentance. When our Lord says, “Untie him and let him go,” this symbolizes the unmerited effect of the Sacrament of Confession and the power it has to release a person not only from their sins but also from the ongoing effects of those sins. Our Church teaches that sin has a double consequence. First, it keeps us from eternal salvation. This effect is remedied through Confession and forgiveness. However, there is a second effect called “temporal punishment” (see the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1471-1473). This “punishment” is not from God, but from sin. It means that when we sin, even in a less serious way, we become attached to that sin and that the ongoing temptation to return to it is strengthened. Thus, ongoing conversion also means we hear our Lord say, “Untie him and let him go.” This is especially accomplished by ongoing conversion and growth in virtue.

Reflect, today, upon the rich symbolism found in the story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead. As you do, listen for the compassionate voice of Jesus who calls to you, “Come out!” What sin is Jesus calling you to be free from? Identify that sin and repent of it with the same passion that our Lord exhibits. From there, consider any ongoing temptation you struggle with and any attachment you still have toward a particular sin.

Jesus desires that you be completely unbound and set free. Be open to that grace and do all you can to accept it.

Quote of the Week


“Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again: for forgiveness has risen from the grave!”


St John Chrysostom



Prayer

*My merciful and compassionate Lord,
You command me, in love,
to come forth from all sin.
And when I respond, You command
that the effects of my past sins be removed.
Please free me, dear Lord,
from all that binds me
so that I will be set firmly
on the glorious road of virtue
that leads to eternal joy.*

 **HOLY CROSS FAMILY MINISTRIES** where our souls are opened wider to God’s grace, & the spiritual soil of our inner selves is tilled, & made fertile to receive God’s Word, so to bear fruit in all areas of our lives. Do you ever wonder, where can my family find a place to grow in peace, faith, hope, and love? The answer is in a shared life of family prayer. If you can’t believe the kinds of things you’re seeing happening to families, couples, young people & wonder—What can we do? Isn’t there anything more? The answer is Yes. Jesus told us in the clearest terms: “...where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them” (Matthew 18:20). When you pray together, you invite God’s grace into your lives—grace to grow, to trust, to understand, to persevere, and above all, to actively decide, day after day, to love one another. If you’ve been waiting to start growing in a life of prayer individually, as a couple, as a family, don’t wait. Let’s pray together now! <https://www.familyrosary.org>

 Catholic Mom

Rosary Prayer Group

Come along and pray the Rosary with us, each Friday morning after the 9:15 am Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church. Weather permitting, we pray outside in the gardens, however during times of inclement weather, the Rosary is prayed inside the Church. All are welcome.



**WELCOME TO SACRED HEART PARISH
HINDMARSH-FINDON**

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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 28 Mar 12:15 pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh
- ◇ **Wednesday 29 Mar 6:00 pm Reconciliation Mass & Confessions at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM)**
- ◇ Friday 31 Mar 9:15 am Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
- ◇ **Friday 31 Mar 6:30 pm Reconciliation Mass & Confessions Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh**
- ◇ Saturday 01 Apr 6:00 pm Palm Sunday Vigil Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
- ◇ Sunday 02 Apr 9:00 am Palm Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh
- ◇ Sunday 02 Apr 11:00 am Palm Sunday Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
- ◇ Sunday 02 Apr 11:00 am Palm Sunday Mass (Italian) at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh
- ◇ Sunday 02 Apr 5:00 pm Palm Sunday Mass (Latin) at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh

“Let us Also go to Die with Him”

Thomas said this after Jesus told His Apostles that He was going up to Jerusalem because Lazarus, His friend, was ill and close to death. In fact, as the story unfolds, Lazarus actually did die before Jesus arrived at his house. Of course, we know the end of the story that Lazarus was raised up by Jesus. But the Apostles tried to keep Jesus from going to Jerusalem because they knew there were many who had been quite hostile toward Him and wanted to kill Him. But Jesus decided to go anyway. It was in this context that St. Thomas said to the others, “Let us also go and die with him.” What a great line! It’s a great line because Thomas appeared to say this with a certain resolve to accept whatever was waiting for them in Jerusalem. He appeared to know that Jesus was going to be met with resistance and persecution. And he also appeared to be ready to face that persecution and death with Jesus.



Of course Thomas is well known to be the doubter. After Jesus’ death and Resurrection he refused to accept that the other Apostles actually saw Jesus. But even though he is well known for his act of doubting, we should not miss the courage and resolve he had in that moment. At that moment, he was willing to go with Jesus to face His persecution and death. And he was even willing to face death himself. Even though he ultimately fled when Jesus was arrested, it’s believed that he eventually went as a missionary to India where he did ultimately suffer martyrdom.

How ready are we, to go forth with Jesus and face any persecution that may await us? Being a Christian requires courage. We will be different than others, we won’t fit in with the culture around us and we will most likely suffer some form of persecution as a result.

Are you ready for that? Are you willing to endure this?

St. Thomas also teaches us that, even when we do fail, we can start again. Thomas was willing, but then he fled at the sight of persecution. He ended up doubting, but in the end he courageously lived out his conviction to go and die with Jesus. It’s not so much how many times we fail; rather, it’s how we finish the race.

Reflect today, upon the resolve in the heart of St. Thomas. Make the choice to follow his example and you too, will be counted among the saints in Heaven.

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*There will be No Stations of the Cross this Week
due to the Reconciliation Masses and Individual Confessions*



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Please Note: If the office is unattended, please leave a message and we will return your call ASAP
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26 March 2023



*Fifth Sunday
of Lent*

Year A

Responsorial Psalm

*With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.*

Gospel Acclamation

*Glory and Praise to You,
Lord Jesus Christ!*

*I am the resurrection
and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me
will not die for ever.*

*Glory and Praise to You,
Lord Jesus Christ!*

Today’s Readings:

Ezekial 37: 12-14

Psalm 129

Romans 8: 8-11

John 11: 1-45

Mass Intentions

6.00pm Vigil

Parish

9.00am SHC

Carmine Damico

Guillermina Mujica Morales

11:00am OLM

Parish

Our Churches

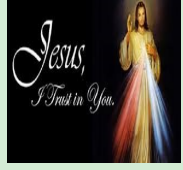
Sacred Heart Church (SHC)

252 Port Road, Hindmarsh

Our Lady of the Manger (OLM)

176 Crittenden Road, Findon

March 2023	
25 Mar	Solemnity of The Annunciation of the Lord
28 Mar	Training for Lectors, SHC 6:30pm Liturgy Meeting, SHC 5:45pm
26 Mar	5th Sunday of Lent
29 Mar	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, OLM 6:30pm Reconciliation Liturgy, OLM 6:00pm Reconciliation Liturgy, SHC 6:30pm
April 2023	
02 Apr	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Daylight Savings Ends 11am Italian Mass
03 Apr	Chrism Mass, St Francis Xavier Cathedral 6:00pm
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	DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 2nd Sunday of Easter
19 Apr	Liturgy Meeting after 6pm Mass, OLM
23 Apr	3rd Sunday of Easter
25 Apr	ANZAC Day
26 Apr	Feast of St Mark, Evangelist
28 Apr	St Peter Chanel, priest and Martyr
29 Apr	St Catherine of Siena, virgin & doctor of the Church
30 Apr	4th Sunday of Easter
01 May	St Joseph the Worker
03 May	Feast of St Philip and St James, Apostles



Save the date! The 2023 Marian Procession will be held on **Sunday May 21st**. May is the month of Our Lady & as part of fundraising for our Community Centre, it would be great if we could get together at different venues to recite the Rosary together, and donate some money for a cup of tea & cake! Please let Sandra know if you're interested 0402894613. All Welcome!



Another fundraising project we have running is **Collecting Bottles & Cans** to raise money for our Community Centre. Tuong has volunteered to collect for Findon, & we are looking for volunteers to do the same for Hindmarsh, see Sandra if you can help. Thank you!

Start Time	Teams	Coopers
April		
Fri 7th 4:30pm	Adelaide United vs Sydney FC	
Sun 16th 4:30pm	Adelaide United vs Western United FC	
Fri 28th 7:15pm	Adelaide United vs Central Coast Mariners	
July		
Mon 24th 8:30pm	FIFA Women's World Cup 2023 Brazil vs Panama	
Fri 28th 8:30pm	FIFA Women's World Cup 2023 China PR vs Haiti	
Sun 30th 2:00pm	FIFA Women's World Cup 2023 Morocco vs Korea Republic	

There will be **no coffee gathering on 1st April**, due to the length of the Palm Sunday Vigil Mass. Watch this space for details on our next gathering!



"Do not be afraid to be saints. Follow Jesus Christ who is the source of freedom and light." *Saint Pope John Paul II*

Liturgy Meetings
Tuesday 28th March @ Sacred Heart Church Hall; 5:45pm
Wednesday 19th April @ Our Lady of the Manger after 6pm Mass
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Wednesday 29th March @ Our Lady of the Manger; 6:30pm

Holy Land Commissariat The collection for the support of the Church in the Holy Land will take place on **Good Friday, April 7th**. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing, Parishes, & orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches & shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday. Thank you.

Sacred Heart Parish Hindmarsh ~ Findon

Sacred Heart Church 252 Port Road, Hindmarsh
 Our Lady of the Manger Church 176 Crittenden Road, Findon

Holy Week & Easter 2023

- Wednesday March 29th** Reconciliation Mass followed by Individual Confessions At 6.00pm at OLM Church, Findon
- Friday March 31st** Reconciliation Mass followed by Individual Confessions At 6.30pm at Sacred Heart Church, Hindmarsh
- Palm Sunday**
- Saturday April 01st** 6:00 pm Findon (Vigil Mass)
- Sunday April 02nd** Palm Sunday ~ Masses begin with Blessing of the Palms
 - 9:00 am Hindmarsh
 - 11:00 am Findon
 - 11:00 am Hindmarsh (Italian)
- Monday April 03rd** Chrism Mass ~ Consecration of Holy Oils 6:00 pm St Francis Xavier Cathedral ~ All welcome
- Holy Thursday April 06th** Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm Hindmarsh

Please note: Collection of non-perishable food items for St Vincent de Paul
- Good Friday April 07th** Stations of the Cross
 - 10:00 am Hindmarsh (English)
 - 11:00 am Findon (to be led by the youth)
- Good Friday - The Passion of The Lord** 3:00 pm Findon
 7:00 pm Compassion with Mary (Reflections) At Nazareth Secondary School, Flinders Park
- Holy Saturday April 08th** Easter Vigil 7:30 pm Hindmarsh
- Easter Sunday April 09th** Easter Sunday 9:00 am Hindmarsh 11:00 am Findon
- Individual Reconciliation by appointment with Fr Lancy & Fr Santhosh (Ph. 08 8346 3901)*

Children's Church
 Fifth Sunday of Lent
"Lazarus comes back to life"



"Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?"

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S	I	T	E	E	F	A	L	B	A	BETHANY
R	S	E	Y	A	H	A	E	L	B	SISTERS
E	Y	U	A	T	Z	T	N	M	Y	MARTHA
T	R	O	R	A	H	E	O	S	T	MARY
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Church of Saint Leo the Great www.stleothegreat.com/childrens-corner

The Family That Prays Together Stays Together
 The Try Prayer! It Works! Contest...

Children of grades R-12 enrolled in a Catholic school, religious education program, parish, or other organization, including homeschool, are eligible to enter. Entries will be judged on content, ability to capture and interpret the theme, artistic and technical proficiency, and adherence to rules. The Contest is a simple way for teachers, catechists, and parents to encourage young people & their families to pray together. We provide an engaging prompt and reflection questions for families to discuss during dinner. Then, students use their creative skills to express their reflections in prose, poetry, artwork or video.

- 1. PROSE** - Submit an essay of 50 to 250 words on A4 paper.
- 2. POETRY** - On A4 paper, submit a poem of a minimum of 10 lines and a maximum of 30 lines. Poetry may rhyme or be written in free verse.
- 3. ARTWORK** - (painting, drawing, scrapbooking, or collage) Any of these mediums can be submitted on no larger than A4 paper. Also, include a brief description of the work.
- 4. VIDEO** - Videos may be no longer than two minutes. Ensure the file is saved and uploaded as an .MP4, .MOV, or .MPEG format and in Standard Definition. Each entry must be accompanied by an official entry form. Entry Forms are now available at the back of the Church / in the foyer for collection. **Prizes will be awarded to the best entries!**

Please submit your entries to the Parish by **no later than APRIL 30th 2023**. <https://www.familyrosary.org/tryprayer>
 Email: shparish@shphf.com.au or hand your entry to Father Lancy or Father Santhosh.

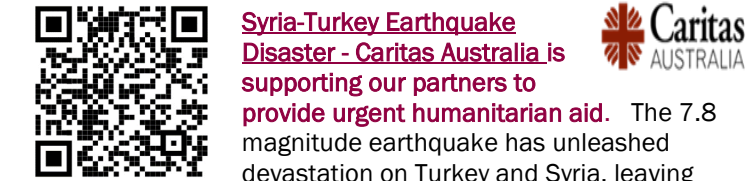


From the Archdiocese

Chrism Mass
 We welcome all to celebrate Mass of the Oils on **Monday April 3 at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral at 6pm**. Please note **NO** onsite car parking will be available. For more information please contact the Events Office on P: 8210 8220.

ACRATH: Be A Good Egg This Easter
 The bitter truth behind Australia's sweet Easter chocolate is that much of it reaches our shelves at the cost of a child's health, education, and freedom. A 2020 Macquarie University report titled 'Not So Sweet: Chocolate, Slavery and Complicit Corporations' found that more than 2 million children under the age of 15 years old - some as young as 5 - work in the cocoa industry in Ivory Coast and Ghana. Many are the children of farm labourers, but others are also sold to farms as bonded labourers from neighbouring countries. According to the NORC Research Institute, these two West African countries supply about 70% of the world's cocoa beans. This would indicate that child labour is the backbone of much of the cocoa industry. Many of these children live in extreme poverty, making them vulnerable to exploitation and the gruelling, hazardous conditions of forced labour. This unjust reality has only been heightened by COVID. There is a way to change this by purchasing Fairtrade and Rainforest Alliance branded chocolate this Easter. More information: <https://acrath.org.au/take-action/chocolate/>

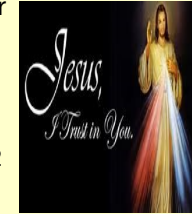
Syria-Turkey Earthquake Disaster - Caritas Australia is supporting our partners to provide urgent humanitarian aid. The 7.8 magnitude earthquake has unleashed devastation on Turkey and Syria, leaving thousands of people dead. After 12 years of war, Syria is at breaking point and desperately needs help. Your support to help those affected by this catastrophe is invaluable. Your generous donation means our partners in Turkey and Syria can respond swiftly to support the survivors of this unimaginable tragedy. Visit: www.caritas.org.au/syria-turkey/ / call 1800 024413 toll free to donate now.



Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide
Nomination Forms for Parishes, Aged Care Facilities, Schools and Colleges
 A meeting for **Lectors** will be held on:
March 28th at 6:30pm - 8pm in SHP Church

Don't Forget!
 Daylight Saving ends next weekend.
Wind your Clocks back by 1 hour at 3am on April 2nd.

Divine Mercy Sunday—Our Lady of The Rosary Church
 You, your family, and friends are invited to join us to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, **April 16** (the Sunday after Easter) at **Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 14 Barker Road, Prospect, 2.30pm - 6.30pm**. Don't forget to bring your rosary beads, prayer cards, books, etc, to be blessed by Father. Car parking available. Enquiries: Mario Forte M: 0412 700 300; Lothar Bukojemski M: 0422 982 860.



The **St Vinnies Easter Raffle** is on again! Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. There are 3 Prizes of beautiful baskets of Easter Eggs. We thank you for supporting Vinnies.



LOST! A small 18ct gold engraved cross was lost last weekend at Sacred Heart Church / Hall. The cross is very sentimental as it was a gift. Please contact **Peter Oswald on 0402 841 270** if you find it. Thank you.

Short Notice! St Joseph's School
Come and Play Day
 Saturday 25th March 11am-2pm
Everyone is welcome!

