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

IN THE CHARISM OF THE HEART OF CHRIST

'May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved'

10 December 2023



Year B

*The Second
Sunday of Advent*

Responsorial Psalm

Lore, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Today's Readings

Is 40:1-5, 9-11

Ps 84: 9-14

2 Pet 3:8-14

Mark 1: 1-8

Mass Intentions

6.00 pm Saturday Vigil
Parish

9.00 am SHC
Holy Souls in Purgatory

11:00 am OLM
Deceased Relatives and
Friends of Arturo Alma

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 12 Dec 12:15 pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh
- ◇ Wednesday 13 Dec 6:00 pm Adoration and Candelight Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM)
- ◇ Friday 15 Dec 9:15 am Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
- ◇ Saturday 16 Dec 6:00 pm Vigil Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
- ◇ Sunday 17 Dec 9:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh
- ◇ Sunday 17 Dec 11:00 am Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon

Called to the Desert

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." Mark 1:1-3

These, the opening lines from the Gospel of Saint Mark, present us with Saint John the Baptist. John was the one that Isaiah prophesied would come before the Messiah. John was given the responsibility and privilege of being the one who would be the most immediate preparer for the Savior of the World. Perhaps if most people were given the task of instructing John on how best to prepare the way for the Lord, they would tell him he must go to the leaders of the people, the civil authorities, the influential and those of status in society to win them over first. Many would conclude that the Messiah needed to have the full support of the leaders at that time. But that's obviously not what John did.

John the Baptist, at the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, was driven not into the homes of the most prestigious and wealthy, not into the halls of the civil governors, and not into the synagogues or Temple. Instead, John was driven into the desert. And in the desert, that dry and deserted place, he drew many people to himself and to his message of repentance.

God continues to call many today to follow in the footsteps of John the Baptist. Though John was a real person sent on a real mission at one particular moment in time, the mission he fulfilled is one that still needs fulfilling in various ways today. The "way of the Lord" still needs to be prepared. The Lord still desires to come to many, and He needs prophets to prepare the way for His continual coming by grace. Are you one of those people?

Truth be told, every one of us, rich or poor, learned or unlearned, young or old, etc., is called by God to prepare the way for His coming by grace every day. We are called to prepare the way by calling others to sincere repentance and conversion of life. This is done by the witness of our actions, by our words and by numerous other ways that God calls. How is God calling you to do His work? He is certainly calling you. You simply need to be open to that calling and generously respond.

Reflect, today, upon that "desert" to which you have been called, so as to prepare yourself and others for the coming of Christ. That desert is any place where there is need and every place where our Lord is not. It might be your family, work environment, community, among friends, or any place that lacks the superabundance of God's grace. Seek to enter those deserts and to be open to be a channel of our Lord's grace to those in need.

Lord, You desire to come to me and to all of Your children every day. Please use me to not only prepare my own heart and soul for Your divine coming but to also prepare others to meet You. Give me wisdom and compassion, insight and strength, so that I can imitate Saint John the Baptist and prepare the way for Your most glorious coming by grace. Jesus, I trust in You.

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December 2023

10 Dec	2nd Sunday of Advent
12 Dec	Our Lady of Guadalupe
13 Dec	St Lucy, virgin and martyr. FATHER LANCY's BIRTHDAY!!
14 Dec	St John of the Cross, priest and doctor of the Church
17 Dec	3rd Sunday of Advent
24 Dec	4th Sunday of Advent
25 Dec	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)
26 Dec	St Stephen, first martyr
27 Dec	St John, Apostle and Evangelist
28 Dec	Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs
31 Dec	Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



January 2024

01 Jan	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God : New Year's Day
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From the Archdiocese

Adoration at St Laurence's Church

On **Fridays from 7-8pm**, there is a silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament exposed, with opportunity for Confession. This began with Pope Francis' call for a day of prayer, fasting and penance on October 27, to obtain peace, especially in Ukraine and the Holy Land. Come when you can, even if only for a few minutes. Confession will be available from 7.30pm.

Advent Reflections

A series of Advent reflections looking at the significance of Christmas in the context of 'The Big Story of the Universe' - how do we connect the Big Bang to the stable in Bethlehem and Adelaide in 2023? Each session will include prayer, reading, reflection, sharing and discussion. When: **Wednesdays of Advent, November 29, December 6, 13, 20.** Time and place: 10am at the Mercy Centre, 4 Victoria St, Mile End and 7pm, Hallett Cove Catholic Church foyer. All sessions 90 minutes. Presenter: Kevin Liston. Sponsored by SA Catholics for an Evolving Church (SACEC) For more information and to register for the first handout: E: Kevin.liston1@gmail.com or Ph: 0411 197 829.

Advent Retreat

An Advent Retreat will be held on **Saturday 16th December** 9:15am - 3:30pm At Our Lady of the Sacred Church 420 Seaview Road Henley Beach. The Topic: "Don't be Afraid, Mary; Speaker: Fr Manu Kumbidiyamackal MSFS The day will include Talks given by Fr Manu, Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Silent Reflection, Reconciliation, Benediction, Prayer Ministry. Please bring your own lunch tea/coffee provided. Enquiries and bookings phone Pauline 0403002240 by 14th December. Cost by donation. All welcome

Young Adult Summer Eco Camp - February 7-12 2024

This four-day event is for students and any young adults (18-35) who have a concern for the care of Earth. Participants will engage with the local natural environment, hear inspiring speakers and have time to reflect and share. Through attentiveness to Earth and each other, it is envisaged that participants will feel empowered to act for the care of our planet with hope. For more details see <https://jisa.org.au/2024-young-adult-summer-eco-camp/>

Healing Mass Thursday 14th December Rosary 7pm Mass 7:30pm including the Sacrament of Anointing, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Reconciliation, Prayer Ministry with Candlelit music in the Spirit of Taize, individual blessings with the Blessed Sacrament in the Monstrance, and Benediction. Tea/coffee and light supper available. At Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church 420 Seaview Road Henley Beach. All welcome. Enquiries phone Pauline 0403002240

SHC CHRISTMAS PARTY

Please join us on **Sunday 24th December after the 9am Mass** in the SHC Hall for our Sacred Heart Parish Hindmarsh—Findon Christmas get together. We look forward to seeing you there!



We pray for all the sick in our community that God will grant them courage, healing and strength.

We especially pray for healing for our parishioners **Franco Antonio Zardo, Michelle Dench and Carmen Balales.**

If you would like prayers or to add a name to our sick list, please contact the parish office. Thank you.



Giving Trees

Thank you to everyone who has so generously supported our Vinnies Giving Trees. Thank you for helping those who are less fortunate this Christmas. "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me". Matthew 25:40



I want YOU! I am looking for volunteers! At this stage we have 16 families to deliver food to on the **16th December** in our local area. I need 5 drivers and a passenger in each car to deliver Christmas Hampers to families in need. We meet at the Sacred



Heart Church Hall at **8:30am**—where Father will be present to bless the hampers before they are delivered. I would really appreciate your help - please contact me, Sandra Bahlij, on 0402894613. Thank you.



Please take home a copy of the **Adelaide Catholic Archdiocese Advent Booklet** produced by the Office for Worship. It is a lovely resource which can be used individually or as groups as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus.



Reconciliation

Sunday 17th December—SHC, Hindmarsh

After the 9am Mass

Wednesday 20th December—OLM, Findon

After the 6pm Mass



Calling all Angels and Shepherds! If you would like to be involved in the Children's Christmas Eve Liturgies at OLM or SHC, please contact your school APRIMs or the Parish Office. *All welcome!*



Christmas Day Our Lady of the Manger Findon: Please Note Mass time change. Parishioners are reminded that Mass on Christmas Day at Our Lady of the Manger Findon will be at the earlier time of **10.00am** (not at the regular time of 11am).

This week we continue to learn more about the Congregation of Holy Cross to which Fathers Lancy and Santhosh belong. We will be continuing these articles until the Feast of the Sacred Heart on 7th June 2024, to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the entry of its founder, Blessed Basile Moreau, into eternal life.



The Congregation of Holy Cross was delighted to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Brothers of St. Joseph by Jacques-François Dujarié. He saw the urgent need for education and catechesis for the youth of post-Revolutionary France. Having already founded the Sisters of Providence, with the encouragement of his bishop, he began to invite young men for the same purpose. On July 20, 1820, he accepted his first postulant in Ruille. Others soon followed, and the community of brothers dedicated to St. Joseph quickly grew.

In 1835, due to poor health and advanced age, Fr. Dujarié entrusted the leadership of the Brothers of St. Joseph to Fr. Basile Moreau. At the time, Fr. Moreau had gathered a group of auxiliary priests. He believed that the church would be best served if the brothers and priests were united into one community. On March 1, 1837, 54 Brothers of Saint Joseph and seven clerics signed the "Fundamental Pact," forming what we now know as the Congregation of Holy Cross.

For 17 years prior to Holy Cross's establishment, the Brothers of St. Joseph developed a spirituality, a style of education, and a way of life that they brought with them to their new community. This legacy, combined with the earlier vision and charism of Fr. Dujarié, is foundational to who we are today as Holy Cross religious.

Christmas Rosters

This weekend we have A3 Rosters for all our Christmas Mass Times at both Mass Centres. Please indicate your availability for all ministries on these sheets. Thank you for your support!

Baptism

We welcome into our faith Community

Luca Ragnar Sincock and
James Natalino Periera

who celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism this
weekend within our
Sacred Heart Hindmarsh—Findon Parish

Please keep Luca, James
and their families in your prayers.



Adoration & Mass of the Blessed Sacrament

There will be **NO** First Friday Adoration and Mass during the month of January at Sacred Heart Church Hindmarsh.

The **December** edition of the Southern Cross will be inserted in *The Advertiser* on December 16 with free copies provided to parishioners.



Carpark Fundraising at Sacred Heart Church
Soccer Matches at Cooper's Stadium have begun again— if you would like to volunteer and be added to the **Carpark WhatsApp Group** please let Sandra know on 0402 894 613. If you can help **please arrive about an hour before games begin.** Thank you!

December	Events are at:	<i>Coopers</i> STADIUM
Sun 10	2:30pm	Adelaide United vs Brisbane Roar FC
Fri 22	7:15pm	Adelaide United vs Newcastle Jets
January 2024		
Thu 04	7:15pm	Adelaide United vs Wellington Phoenix
Mon 08	7:15pm	Adelaide United vs Macarthur FC
February 2024		
Sat 03	7:15pm	Adelaide United vs Central Coast Mariners

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023 AT 6PM
SACRED HEART CHURCH

ALL WELCOME

Food & drinks available for purchase
BYO food (if you prefer)
BYO picnic rugs/mats/chairs/tables

Pizza, Sausage Sizzle and Coffee available for purchase!



Christmas Celebrations 2023

18th / 19th November

Vinnies Giving Tree - placed in Mass Centres

Blessing of Cribs ~ 2nd Sunday of Advent

Saturday	9 December	6pm OLM
Sunday	10 December	9am SHC and 11am OLM

Hearts United Christmas Dance

Saturday	9 December	Mary MacKillop Hall - Nazareth Primary School
Sunday	10 December	SHC Community Christmas Party after 9am Mass

Parish Christmas Carols in the Courtyard

Sunday	17 December	6:00pm - 9:00pm Sacred Heart Church Courtyard
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**All Parishioners and visitors are Welcome. Kindly bring your own chairs/rugs.

Reconciliation (Confessions)

Sunday	17 December	SHC Hindmarsh - (After 9:00am Mass)
Wednesday	20 December	OLM Findon - (After 6:00pm Mass)

Christmas Eve

Sunday	24 December	9.00am	SHC Hindmarsh (Regular Mass - 4 th Sunday of Advent)
		11.00am	OLM Findon (Regular Mass - 4 th Sunday of Advent)
		6.00pm	OLM Findon (Children's Liturgy)**
		7.00pm	SHC Hindmarsh (Children's Liturgy)**
		Midnight	SHC Hindmarsh (Carols at 11.30pm followed by Mass)

**Children are encouraged to dress in costumes appropriate to the season e.g. Angels, shepherds, wise men/women

Christmas Day

Monday	25 December	9.00am	SHC Hindmarsh
		10.00am	OLM Findon - Note time change

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday	30 December	6.00pm	OLM - Findon
Sunday	31 December	9.00am	SHC - Hindmarsh
		11.00am	OLM - Findon

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Monday	1 January	10.00am	SHC - Hindmarsh
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Feast of the Epiphany

Saturday	6 January	6:00pm	OLM - Findon (Vigil Mass)
Sunday	7 January	9:00am	SHC - Hindmarsh 11:00am OLM - Findon

**The Parish Office will close on Friday 22 December 2023 and re-open on Thursday 4 January 2024

**The Parish Office Team wish you and your loved ones a
Happy and Holy Christmas and Blessings for the New Year.**

Quote of the Week

"Who except God can give you Peace? Has the world ever been able to satisfy the heart?"

Saint Gerard Majella