



# 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'**

**Sacred Heart Church Our Lady of the Manger**

252 Port Rd Hindmarsh 176 Crittenden Rd Findon

17 December 2023



**Year B**

*The Third  
Sunday of Advent*

**Responsorial Psalm**

*My soul rejoices in my  
God.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*The Spirit of the Lord is  
upon me; he sent me to  
bring Good News to the  
poor.*

*Alleluia, Alleluia!*

**Today's Readings.**

**Is 61: 1-2, 10-11**

**Lk 1: 46-50, 53-54**

**1 Thess 5: 16-24**

**Jn 1: 6-8, 19-28**

**Mass Intentions**

**6.00 pm Saturday Vigil  
Parish**

**9.00 am SHC**

Josef and Frances  
Kielnerowski

Rensha & Nikhil Pais  
(Wedding Anniversary)

**11:00 am OLM**  
Severino Marcon

### 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 19 Dec 12:15 pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh
- ◇ Wednesday 20 Dec 6:00 pm Adoration and Candelight Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM)
- ◇ Friday 22 Dec 9:15 am Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
- ◇ Saturday 23 Dec 6:00 pm Vigil Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
- ◇ **Sunday 24 Dec 9:00 am 4th Sunday of Advent**—Mass at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh
- ◇ **Sunday 24 Dec 11:00 am 4th Sunday of Advent**—Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
- ◇ **Sunday 24 Dec 6:00 pm Children's Liturgy—Christmas Eve** at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
- ◇ **Sunday 24 Dec 7:00 pm Children's Liturgy—Christmas Eve** at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh
- ◇ **Sunday 24 Dec 12:00 pm Midnight Mass (Carols from 11:30pm)** at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh
- ◇ **Monday 25 Dec 9:00 am Christmas Day Mass** at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh
- ◇ **Monday 25 Dec 10:00 am Christmas Day Mass** at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
- ◇ **Tuesday 26 Dec 12:15 pm CANCELLED : Mass at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh**
- ◇ Wednesday 27 Dec 6:00 pm Adoration and Candelight Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM)

### Meeting Christ in the Desert

Saint John the Baptist quotes Isaiah 40:3: "A voice proclaims: In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!" This was a prophecy of Isaiah who was speaking about the return of the Jewish exiles from Babylon back to Jerusalem. Normally, people would travel along the well-watered routes from Mesopotamia to Israel. Those routes were safer than the desert and provided the necessary food and water for the journey. But Isaiah prophesied that the Jewish exiles would travel the shortest route—straight across the desert—and that God would provide for their needs during that journey. Such a journey required much trust in the providence of God.

John the Baptist, in quoting Isaiah, applies this prophecy to himself. He was called to cry out in the desert and point people directly to the Messiah. It was in the desert that they would discover their Savior.

First of all, John cries out in the "desert." His message is for those who experience dryness, destitution, need and loss in life due to sin. His message of repentance is first for those who are without the spiritual nourishment God wants to bestow upon them through grace. The message of John is pointed to those who humbly see the difficult situation they are facing in life and acknowledge their need for the Living Water of the Savior of the World.

Second, this new "straight" way implies that many are not walking the direct path to Christ. Instead, they are taking unnecessary detours in life. John's message is one that calls everyone to the straight and direct way of repenting of their sins so that they can come to faith in Christ Jesus.

Third, walking through the desert to find Christ requires trust in God's providence. It takes courage to make such a journey. Trust in the ongoing providence of God, Who promises to meet all of our needs, is key. One would not walk straight through the desert if they did not trust their guide.

Advent is a time to reexamine the road you are on. Are you trying to find your own way to happiness? Are you trusting in your own abilities, your own intelligence and your own plan for the future? If so, then listen to the "voice of one crying out in the wilderness." Listen to Saint John speak to you, calling you to the simplicity of the desert, to a greater detachment from all things, to an abandonment of all that is not of God, and to a more willing trust in the providence of God to lead you.

*Reflect, today, upon this calling from the desert and listen to the message God is speaking to you, personally. Abandon all worldly concerns, repent of sin, trust in Him and go out to meet Him so that you can more quickly and more easily come to a deeper faith in our Lord during this Advent season.*

***My loving Lord, You are there, waiting for me in the darkness and dryness of my sin. You are waiting for me to lead me and guide me through the many challenges I face in life. Please give me the courage and wisdom I need to trust in You enough to follow You wherever You lead. Jesus, I trust in You.***

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**PARISH OFFICE | PHONE 08 8346 3901**

Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday | 10:00am—2:00pm

**Please Note:** If the office is unattended, please leave a message and we will return your call ASAP  
29 Grange Rd., West Hindmarsh | Mailing address: PO Box 34, Welland 5007

**E:** [shparish@shphf.com.au](mailto:shparish@shphf.com.au) **Parish Priest:** Father Lancy D'Silva CSC **Assistant Priest:** Father Santhosh Nazareth CSC

## December 2023

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
07 Jan	The Epiphany of the Lord
08 Jan	The Baptism of the Lord
14 Jan	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
21 Jan	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### From the Archdiocese

### Reconciliation

**Sunday 17th December—SHC, Hindmarsh**

After the 9am Mass

**Wednesday 20th December—OLM, Findon**

After the 6pm Mass

### 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

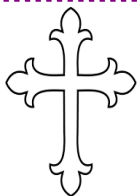
This four-day event is for students and any young adults (18-35) who have a concern for the care of Earth. Participants will engage with the local natural environment, hear inspiring speakers and have time to reflect and share. Through attentiveness to Earth and each other, it is envisaged that participants 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/>

### SPECIAL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

#### Catholic Charities Christmas Appeal

A Leaving Collection will be taken up at the **6pm, 7pm, and Midnight Christmas Eve Masses**, as well as at the **9am and 10am Masses on Christmas Day**. The collection is in aid of Catholic Charities, which provides much needed funds to Hutt St Centre, Centacare Catholic Family Services, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Our Lady of La Vang and St Patrick's special schools. These agencies play a significant role in bringing hope to people in need here in South Australia. Your donations, regardless of their size, will make a profound difference in the lives of those who rely on the support of Catholic Charities.

**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).



We pray for the soul of parishioner Tomaso Pignetti who passed away on the 9th December. His Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday 21st December at Sacred Heart Church Hindmarsh, at 10am followed by the committal at Payneham Mausoleum.

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.*



### PARISH NEWS

**Happy Birthday Fr Lancy (13th Dec) and Happy 21st Anniversary of Ordination (18th Dec). Congratulations Father Santhosh on your 11th Anniversary of Ordination (10th Dec)!!!**

Also, **Father Lancy D'Silva** CSC has been appointed as, from Friday 9th February, 2024 **Dean of the Cathedral and Administrator of the Adelaide Cathedral Parish.** Father Lancy's last weekend will be the 3rd/4th Feb here in the parish. **Fr Santhosh Nazareth** CSC will be appointed as **Parish Priest of the Sacred Heart Parish (Hindmarsh—Findon),** from Friday 9th February, 2024

*We will miss you Father Lancy, but wish you every blessing as you begin a new chapter in your Priestly Ministry, and we thank you for all you have done for us. We look forward to Father Santhosh leading us as our new Parish Priest. May God bless you both!*

Father Santhosh will be on holidays from the parish:

**December 31st 2023 to 3rd February 2024**

We wish Father a safe trip as he travels to visit family in India, and look forward to his return as our Parish Priest in 2024!

### PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

**The Parish Office will be closed over Christmas from Friday 22nd December to 8th January.**

Anne-Marie will be on leave until 22nd Jan. Please email the office during this time. Phone messages will also be checked periodically. We thank you for your patience and understanding.



### What A Night!!!

Thank you to Ritchie and the maintenance team for helping to set up for our Christmas Dance—they had to shuffle tables and chairs from many campuses. Thanks to all of our musicians, Ben and Co, our MC Jack Periera and all volunteers who contributed either by buying gifts or helping to set up. Thank you to those who printed tickets for the night, wrapped presents, put baubles on the Christmas tree and sold raffle tickets. Santa Claus I know you have been busy in your workshop—it makes it a little challenging sometimes when I have to find you, however thank you for being there and fitting us into your busy schedule! Thank you also to Pasta Mia and Svagos for generously donating vouchers. If you want great pasta (made locally and frozen) they are at 260 Tapleys Hill Road at Seaton, and if you need a great restaurant, Svagos is at 55 Unley Road Parkside. Finally, if you are interested in joining the Fundraising team, please let me know—your help would be great as well as your ideas to help raise money for our new Community Centre. Thank you to everyone — we couldn't have done it without your support and generosity. **Christmas Belssings, Sandra.**

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.

In many ways, the story of the Congregation of Holy Cross begins with Fr. Jacques-François Dujarié, a priest of the Diocese of Le Mans, France. Enrolled in seminary when the French Revolution began, Dujarié had to complete his seminary studies clandestinely. Ordained in secret, he carried out his first years of priestly ministry underground. After the French Revolution ended, in 1820, Fr. Dujarié founded the Brothers of St. Joseph to respond to the immense educational needs of the French countryside. Seventeen years later those same Brothers of St. Joseph united with the Auxiliary Priests brought together by Blessed Basile Moreau to establish what we now know as the Congregation of Holy Cross.

Rev. Jacques-François Dujarié was a key figure in the foundation of the Congregation of Holy Cross. His heroic determination to serve the material and spiritual needs of the poor in France helped to lay the groundwork for the mission of Holy Cross throughout the world. Dujarié was born in Rennes-en-Grenouilles, France, on December 9, 1767. He grew up wanting to be a priest and was a seminarian in Angers when the French Revolution broke out in 1789. Two years later, in 1791, when the Revolutionary government required all clergy to take an oath of fidelity to the state, the seminary disbanded and Dujarié returned home.

Although most of the people in and around Rennes supported the priests and religious who remained loyal to the Church, it still was not safe. Priests and religious who did not take the oath were forced into hiding to avoid imprisonment, deportation, or even execution.

For several years, Dujarié traveled from village to village, disguising himself as a shepherd or lemonade salesman, so he could assist the priests who were ministering "underground."

In July 1795, he resumed his studies for priesthood in secret under the tutelage of the pastor in Ruillé-sur-Loir. On December 26 of that same year, he was secretly ordained a priest in Paris.

To be continued next week.....



**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: <b>Coopers STADIUM</b>	
Fri 22	7:15pm	Adelaide United vs Newcastle Jets
<b>January 2024</b>		
Thu 04	7:15pm	Adelaide United vs Wellington Phoenix
Mon 08	7:15pm	Adelaide United vs Macarthur FC
<b>February 2024</b>		
Sat 03	7:15pm	Adelaide United vs Central Coast Mariners

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**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!

The Saint Mary of the cross MacKillop Pilgrimage of the Cross has now been placed in the care the Sisters of St Joseph and the Penola parish, following its extensive pilgrimage through the parishes in the Adelaide Archdiocese. If you are visiting Penola, please be sure to visit the MacKillop Museum, Sister Loreto RSJ and her team of volunteers have presented a wonderful display of the life and history of St Mary Mackillop. A huge thank you to Blackwell Funerals for their financial support in making this Pilgrimage such a success.

**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!

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Mass**  
 There will be **NO** First Friday Adoration and Mass during the months of **January or February** at Sacred Heart Church Hindmarsh.

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

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**CAROLS**  
 IN THE  
**COURTYARD**

**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

18<sup>th</sup> / 19<sup>th</sup> November

Vinnies Giving Tree - placed in Mass Centres

### Blessing of Cribs ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> 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	<b>9.00am</b>	SHC Hindmarsh (Regular Mass - 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent)
		<b>11.00am</b>	OLM Findon (Regular Mass - 4 <sup>th</sup> 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 Tuesday 9th 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*

*"He who trusts himself is lost. He who trusts in God can do all things."*

*Saint Alphonsus Liguori*