



# 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

## 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

◇	Saturday	23 Dec	6:00 pm	<u>4th Sunday of Advent</u> —Vigil Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
◇	Sunday	24 Dec	9:00 am	<u>4th Sunday of Advent</u> —Mass at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh
◇	Sunday	24 Dec	11:00 am	<u>4th Sunday of Advent</u> —Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
◇	Sunday	24 Dec	6:00 pm	<u>Children's Liturgy—Christmas Eve</u> at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
◇	Sunday	24 Dec	7:00 pm	<u>Children's Liturgy—Christmas Eve</u> at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh
◇	Sunday	24 Dec	12:00 pm	<u>Midnight Mass (Carols from 11:30pm)</u> at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh
◇	Monday	25 Dec	9:00 am	<u>Christmas Day Mass</u> at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh
◇	Monday	25 Dec	10:00 am	<u>Christmas Day Mass</u> at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
◇	Tuesday	26 Dec	12:15 pm	<u>CANCELLED : Mass at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh</u>
◇	Wednesday	27 Dec	6:00 pm	Adoration and Candelight Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM)
◇	Friday	29 Dec	9:15 am	Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
◇	Saturday	30 Dec	6:00 pm	<u>Feast of Holy Family</u> : Vigil Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
◇	Sunday	31 Dec	9:00 am	<u>Feast of Holy Family</u> : Mass at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh
◇	Sunday	31 Dec	11:00 am	<u>Feast of Holy Family</u> : Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
◇	Monday	01 Jan	10:00 am	<u>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God : Mass at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh</u>
◇	Tuesday	02 Jan	12:15 pm	<u>CANCELLED : Mass at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh</u>
◇	Wednesday	03 Jan	6:00 pm	Adoration and Candelight Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM)
◇	Friday	05 Jan	9:15 am	Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
◇	Saturday	06 Jan	6:00 pm	<u>Feast of the Epiphany : Vigil Mass</u> at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
◇	Sunday	07 Jan	9:00 am	<u>Feast of the Epiphany : Mass</u> at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh
◇	Sunday	07 Jan	11:00 am	<u>Feast of the Epiphany : Mass</u> at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon

## Gazing Upon the Mother of God

What an amazing experience this would have been. This humble servant of God, a young girl, was visited by the archangel Gabriel and greeted with the salutation, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." Try to imagine her experience. She was humble beyond comprehension, filled with every heavenly virtue, loved God with all her heart and suddenly came face-to-face with this glorious and most magnificent archangel. And this heavenly visitor showered the deepest of praises upon this lowly servant of the Lord.

At first, in her humility, Mary simply pondered this greeting. She pondered it in her heart through prayer and faith. Then the archangel spoke further: "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Though Mary inquired further about how this could be, she quickly gave her consent: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." And it was these words of this young woman that continuously echoed in her heart throughout her life.

Mother Mary was great for many reasons. She was the Immaculate Conception—the one singularly conceived without sin in the womb of her own mother. She was the one chosen by the Father to bring forth the Savior of the World as her only begotten Son. But her greatness is especially found in her ongoing submission to the will of God. "May it be done to me according to your word." This is what she said over and over throughout her life. This is her perfect "fiat" to her God. All she knew was surrender and submission to all that God asked of her.....**continued next page**

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## 24 December 2023

Year B

### The Fourth Sunday of Advent

#### Responsorial Psalm

*For ever I will sing the  
goodness of the Lord.*

#### Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*I am the servant of the  
Lord; may His will for me  
be done.*

*Alleluia, Alleluia!*

#### Today's Readings.

2 Sam 7: 1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

Psalm 88: 2-5, 27, 29

Romans 16: 25-27

Luke 1: 26-38

## 25 December 2023

Year B

### Christmas Day

#### Responsorial Psalm

*All the ends of the earth  
have seen the saving  
power of God.*

#### Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*A holy day has dawned  
upon us. Come you  
nations and adore the  
Lord.*

*Alleluia, Alleluia!*

#### Today's Readings.

Is 52: 7-10

Psalm 97: 1-6

Heb 1: 1-6

John 1: 1-18

#### Mass Intentions

6.00 pm Saturday Vigil

Parish

9.00 am SHC

Holy Souls in Purgatory  
Guillermina Mujica Morales

11:00 am OLM

Rosina Perri (24/12/2023)  
Erlinda Tabor (31/12/2023)

**December 2023**

- 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

**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).

**TUESDAY 26 DEC & 2 JAN—SACRED HEART CHURCH**

Please note that there will be **no 12:15pm Mass** on **Tuesday 26 Dec or 2 Jan** at Sacred Heart Church.

**SPECIAL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION**

**CATHOLIC CHARITES 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.

**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.

**PARISH NEWS**

**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 – 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!

The **December** edition of the Southern Cross is free this month. A reminder that there will be no edition during the month of January.



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.*



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And it is this, more than anything else, that made her the worthy Mother of God.

Though none of us were immaculately conceived within our mother's wombs and none of us have remained without sin throughout our lives, we must all strive to be inspired by this holy woman. We must all ponder her deep humility and her willing acceptance of God's will in her life. And we must all strive to imitate her fiat and her perfect virtue.

Imitation of our Blessed Mother is accomplished by first coming to know her, understand her and love who she is. Gazing upon her interior beauty and holiness presents us with the vision of the perfection to which we are all called. As we prayerfully gaze upon her heart and come to understand her virtues more clearly, we will be inspired to open our own hearts so as to imitate her by the grace of God. This prayerful exercise is one of the best and quickest ways to obtain the heights of holiness to which God has called us.

*Reflect, today, upon this holy daughter of the Most High. She is not one we can "figure out." Instead, she is one whom we can come to know through prayer and through God's inspiration. Ponder her prayerfully. Be open to her inspiration. And allow the Holy Spirit to also overshadow you so that you will more closely be able to imitate her in her holy virtues.*

*My dearest Mother, you lived a life of perfect virtue and holiness. You continuously pondered the mysteries of God in your heart and always surrendered to the will of God with perfection. Please inspire me so that I may not only learn from you but also be able to share in the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit given to you. Mother Mary, pray for us. Jesus, I trust in You.*

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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!

**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.



**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</b> STADIUM
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

# CHRISTMAS

## Christmas Eve

Sunday	24 December	9.00am	SHC Hindmarsh (Regular Mass - 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent)
		11.00am	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

**On behalf of the Parish Team, we would like to wish you and your families a Blessed Christmas and Blessings for the New Year.**



A **HUGE** thank you to everyone who so generously helped with donating food and goodies for our Christmas Hampers. Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who helped to transport food, sort and put together these beautiful hampers which went out last weekend for those in our community who are less fortunate. May God bless you all for your efforts. An enormous thank you to our amazing Sandra who coordinates these fundraising events for Vinnies and for her tireless and selfless work in the parish. You are a blessing to us all.



## MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Our Advent preparations have been completed, and we are now invited by our Lord to enter into the glorious celebration of His birth! How well do you understand the awe-inspiring mystery of Christmas? How fully do you comprehend the significance of God becoming a human, born of a virgin? Though many

are quite familiar with the beautiful and humble story of the birth of the Savior of the World, that familiarity can have the surprising negative effect of keeping our intellect from deeply probing the depths of the meaning of what we celebrate.

Notice the last line of the Gospel passage quoted above: "And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." What a beautiful line to ponder this Christmas day. Mother Mary was the one person who would have understood the mystery of the birth of her Son, the Son of God, the Savior of the World, far more deeply than anyone else. It was to her that the Archangel Gabriel appeared, announcing her pregnancy and His birth. It was her who carried her Son, the Son of God, in her Immaculate womb for nine months. It was to her that Elizabeth, her cousin, cried out, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb" (Luke 1:42). It was Mary who was the Immaculate Conception, the one who was preserved from all sin throughout her life. And it was her who gave birth to this Child, carried Him in her arms and nursed Him at her breast. Our Blessed Mother, more than any other, understood the incredible event that had taken place in her life.

But, again, the Gospel above says that "Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." One thing this tells us is that even Mary, the Mother of Jesus and the Mother of God, needed time to ponder, reflect and savor this most holy mystery. She never doubted, but her faith continually deepened, and her heart pondered the unfathomable and incomprehensible mystery of the Incarnation.

Another thing this tells us is that there is no end to the depth of the "pondering" to which we must commit ourselves if we want to enter more deeply into the mystery of the birth of the Son of God. Reading the story, setting up a nativity scene, sharing Christmas cards, attending Mass and the like are central to a holy celebration of Christmas. But "pondering" and "reflecting," especially during prayer and especially at the Christmas Mass, will have the effect of drawing us ever deeper into this Mystery of our Faith.

*Reflect, today, with our Blessed Mother. Ponder the Incarnation. Place yourself into the scene that first Christmas. Hear the sounds of the town. Smell the smells of the stable. Watch as the shepherds come forth in adoration. And enter the mystery more fully, acknowledging that the more you know about the mystery of Christmas, the more you know how little you actually know and understand. But that humble realization is the first step to a deeper understanding of what we celebrate this day.*

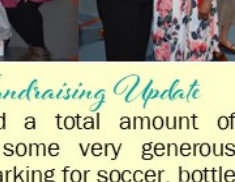
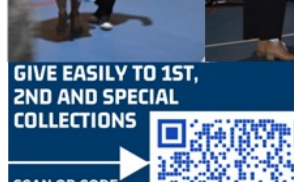
**Lord, I gaze at the wonder of Your birth. You Who are God, the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity, God from God and Light from Light, became one of us, a humble child, born of a virgin and laid in a manger. Help me to ponder this glorious event, to reflect upon the mystery with awe and to more fully grasp the meaning of what You have done for us. I thank You, dear Lord, for this glorious celebration of Your birth into the world. Jesus, I trust in You.**

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### Quote of the Week

*"Wise men came with the treasures of earth in their hands, and left with the treasure of Heaven in their hearts."*

*Author Unknown*



*Parish Fundraising Update*  
We have raised a total amount of **\$38,370** from some very generous donations, carparking for soccer, bottle refunds, Christmas Carols nights, May Coffee Circles, Hearts United Dinner, Bake Sale and Hearts United Dance. Our fundraising target was to raise **\$40,000** by the end of the year. **Wow!!!**