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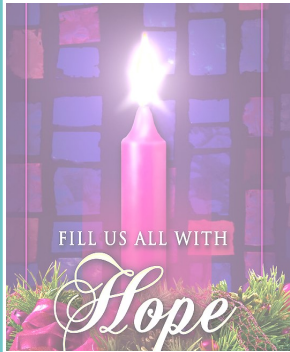


Parish Office
29 Grange Rd, West Hindmarsh

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

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

08 December 2024



Year C

*2nd Sunday
of
Advent*

Responsorial Psalm

*The Lord has done
great things for us;
we are filled with joy.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Today's Readings

Baruch 56:1-9

Ps 125

Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Lk 3:1-6

Mass Intentions

6.00pm Saturday Vigil OLM

Parish

9.00am SHC

Franco Zardo

11.00am OLM

Franco Zardo

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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 10 Dec 12:15 pm** Mass at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh
- ◇ **Wednesday 11 Dec 6:00 pm** Reconciliation and Liturgy at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
- ◇ **Friday 13 Dec 9:15 am** Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
- ◇ **Saturday 14 Dec 6:00 pm** Vigil Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
- ◇ **Sunday 15 Dec 9:00 am** Mass at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh
- ◇ **Sunday 15 Dec** **SHC Community Christmas Party after 9am Mass (SHC) Hindmarsh**
- ◇ **Sunday 15 Dec 11:00 am** Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon

Removing the Obstacles to Grace

"Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

[Luke 3:5-6](#)

These, the words of the prophet Isaiah, were spoken about the mission of Saint John the Baptist. John was to "Prepare the way of the Lord" and to "make straight his paths." In prophesying this, Isaiah goes on to give this very descriptive image of John's ministry. It would be one that levels mountains and valleys, straightens every winding road, and smooths out the rough terrain. In other words, John came to remove every obstacle to God, making it easy to encounter the Messiah.

How does John complete this mission? By calling the people of that time to the dry and empty desert where all the false allurements cease to exist. This is done by detachment from the many sins and temptations they faced. Their repentance was an act by which the people humbled themselves before God, admitted their sins and acknowledged their need for a Savior. This humble admission, coupled with the commitment to change their ways, prepared heart after heart for the grace and mercy that came through Christ the Lord.

Today, there are countless obstacles to grace that so many people encounter. Some have been drawn into the satisfactions of earthly riches and material comforts and find little need for God. Others have very little that this world can offer but are consumed with a desire for money and the passing comforts it promises. And still others are drawn into many other forms of sins and false satisfactions. But there are some who are like a dry and deserted desert, just waiting to soak up the gentle rain of God's grace. These are those who have sought to detach themselves from the false promises of this world and remain "empty" and "dry" so as to be prepared for the abundance of grace when it comes. These holy souls have heeded the call to repentance and have humbly acknowledged their need for the Savior.

Reflect, today, upon whether or not your soul is like that dry and barren desert, detached from all the false and passing satisfactions of this world, and prepared to soak up the mercy and grace of God alone. Repentance brings forth detachment, and detachment prepares the soul for God. When one is truly detached and free from the many obstacles to God, then the road from God to your soul will be straight and easily traveled. Reflect upon your soul today and where you see unhealthy attachments. Repent with all your heart so that you are among those most fully ready for an abundance of the grace and mercy of God.

Lord, I turn to You in my need and repent of the many lies and false promises of satisfaction in this world. Please free me from all that is not of You so that my soul will be more fully prepared to soak You and Your mercy up like a gentle rain upon a dry and barren desert. I open myself to You, my Lord. Come fill and satiate my soul. 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

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December 2024

07 Dec Blessing of the Crib (OLM) @ 6pm
08 Dec Blessing of the Crib (SHC) @ 9am
Blessing of the Crib (OLM) @ 11am

08 Dec **PARISH CAROL'S NIGHT (SHC)**

09 Dec Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10 Dec Our Lady of Loreto

11 Dec Reconciliation (Confession) OLM at 6pm

13 Dec Saint Lucy, virgin and martyr

15 Dec **PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY (SHC)**

15 Dec 3rd Sunday of Advent

20 Dec **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
(RE-OPENS 7TH JANUARY)**

24 Dec **Christmas Eve**

6pm at OLM (Children's Liturgy)

7pm at SHC (Children's Liturgy)

11.30pm at SHC Carols followed by Mass

25 DEC **CHRISTMAS DAY**

9am Mass at SHC

10.30am Mass at OLM (note change in time)

28 Dec Feast of the Holy Family 6pm Mass at OLM

29 Dec 9am Mass at SHC

11am Mass at OLM



LAST COFFEE GATHERING FOR 2024

At Our Lady of the Manger Church Findon
Saturday, 14th December
after 6pm Mass
Please bring a plate to share

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



The feast day of the Immaculate Conception is December 8. The feast celebrates Mary having no original sin from the very moment she was conceived in St. Anne's womb. God chose her from all of time to be the Mother of God.

The Immaculate Conception is the belief that the Virgin Mary was free of original sin from the moment of her conception.

This is a day to celebrate! Today, we honor the glorious and miraculous Immaculate Conception of our Blessed Mother, an act of God's most profound mercy.

It is fitting that we see the Immaculate Conception as an act of profound mercy. Why is that so? What is it about this solemnity that is so closely linked to mercy?

Mercy is a gratuitous gift of God. By "gratuitous" we mean that it is not merited or earned. Mercy is not owed to us by God. If it were, it would not be mercy, it would be our right. But we have no right to mercy. It is freely given by God and it is given in abundance.

As for this glorious Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, it's important to look at it as a gratuitous gift from two perspectives. First, the "Immaculate Conception" means that when God created the Blessed Virgin Mary, He created her without sin. This was done through what we call a prevenient grace. This grace given her is an act of God's perfect and gratuitous mercy. She did not earn it or merit it; rather, God in His goodness chose to create her without original sin so as to have a suitable instrument by which the Son could come into the world. Mary, for her part, embraced this gift and chose to remain sinless throughout her life by a continual act of her free will.

Second, in creating our Blessed Mother immaculately, God did not keep her to Himself. He was not selfish with her. Instead, He chose to make this perfection of His creation our own mother. The Immaculate Mother Mary is now our spiritual mother in the order of God's grace and mercy. This, also, is an act of perfect gratuitous mercy on the part of our loving God. We do not deserve such a spiritual mother and protectress, but we have her and she is always there interceding for us and bestowing many graces from God upon us as a perfect mother would.

Reflect, today, upon this twofold gratuitous gift of God's mercy: 1) He created Mary Immaculate out of mercy, and 2) He gave her to us as our own mother and queen. Seek her motherly care today and throughout the year!

Dearest Mother my Queen, I gaze upon the beauty and holiness of you who, though a mere creature, are perfect in every way. You have been granted this singular and gratuitous grace from God with which you perfectly cooperated. May I always rely upon your motherly love and care and may I always allow you to bestow the grace of God upon me in accord with the Father's plan. You, dearest mother, are a gratuitous gift of Mercy to us all! Mother Mary, I love you. Pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.

A Celebration of Christmas - Christmas Concert

The Metropolitan Male Choir of South Australia presents a Celebration of Christmas Concert at the Eleder Hall, University of Adelaide, North Terrace 5000, on the evening of **Saturday December 14 at 7.30pm.**

Carols on Christmas Eve

All children are invited to sing with the Cathedral children's choir at the **Christmas Eve 6pm** Family Mass.

There will be a rehearsal before Mass. Children are welcome to dress up.

For more information: music@adelaide.catholic.org.au

Christmas Concert

A free concert of beautiful Christmas choral motets sung by the Cathedral Choir with members of Choir of the Holy Cross and Flinders University Chamber Ensemble, featuring contemporary and traditional works.

Friday December 13, 7pm, at the Cathedral of St Francis Xavier.

Sunday December 15, 1pm, at Church of Holy Cross, Goodwood.

For more details: <https://www.adelcathparish.org/music-in-the-cathedral/christmas-concert>

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BAPTISM

We welcome into our faith Community

Rosie Warne

Nicholas Moffa

Matthew Cummings



*who celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend
within our Sacred Heart Hindmarsh—Findon Parish
Please keep the families in your prayers.*

Healing Mass

Thursday 12th December

Rosary 7pm Mass 7:30pm

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church 420 Seaview Road
Henley Beach.

Tea/Coffee and light supper available.

All Welcome Enquiries phone Pauline 0403 002 240



Lord Jesus,
Master of both the light and the darkness,
send your Holy Spirit
upon our preparations for Christmas.

We who have so much to do
and seek quiet spaces
to hear your voice each day,
We who are anxious over many things
look forward to your coming among us.



Parish Advent Reconciliation

Wednesday, 11th December
6pm at Our Lady of the Manger



Sacred Heart Parish
(Hindmarsh – Findon)
presents
CAROLS
in the
COURTYARD

Sunday, 8th December 2024 at 6pm
Sacred Heart Church, Hindmarsh
ALL WELCOME

Soft Drinks available to purchase
BYO food
BYO picnic rugs & chairs

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
Mary Cusack, Michelle Dench, PA Merchant and L Parker.
If you would like prayers or to add a name to our sick list,
please contact the parish office. Thank you.




Carpark Fundraising at Sacred Heart Church
Soccer Matches at Cooper's Stadium is starting 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
Fri 20	7.05pm	Adelaide United vs Sydney FC
Fri 27	7.05pm	Adelaide United vs Western Sydney Wanderers


ZUMBA with Jo

When: Tuesday, 10th December at 7.30pm
Where: Kidman Park Primary
Please bring coins for a great raffle on the night arranged by the wonderful Jo!
All proceeds going towards parish fundraising
Please come and have fun - lets get moving!



Vinnies Winter Appeal

Thank you and Congratulations to the
Adelaide Vasaiker Community
Special thank you to Stephen and Flora for
arranging this special collection.



Quote of the Week

Sometimes God takes you on a journey you didn't know
you needed,
to bring you everything you ever wanted.

Trust the plan
Unknown Author

Sacred Heart Parish
Hindmarsh - Findon


**Parish Christmas
Party**

**Sunday
15th December**

Sacred Heart Church, Hindmarsh
after 9am Mass

Vinnies Christmas Cards

Please see Sandra if interested in purchasing
Vinnies Christmas Cards - \$8 per pack



Christmas Celebrations 2024



Blessing of Cribs

Saturday, 7th December

6pm at OLM

Sunday, 8th December

9am at SHC and 11am at OLM

Parish Christmas Carols in the Courtyard

Sunday, 8th December

6pm - 9pm at SHC Courtyard

All Parishioners & Visitors are welcome.

Kindly bring your own chair/rug and food

Parish Advent Reconciliation

Wednesday, 11th December

6pm at OLM

Parish Christmas Party

Sunday, 15th December

SHC Community Christmas Party
after 9am Mass

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, 24th December

6pm at OLM (Children's Liturgy)

7pm at SHC (Children's Liturgy)

Midnight at SHC

(Carols at 11.30pm followed by Mass)

Children encouraged to dress in costumes appropriate to the season

e.g Angels, Shepherds, Wise Men/Women

Christmas Day

Wednesday, 25th December

9am at SHC

10.30am at OLM (note the change in time)

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, 28th December

6pm at OLM

Sunday, 29th December

9am at SHC

11am at OLM

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Wednesday, 1st January

10am at SHC

Feast of the Epiphany

Saturday, 4th January

6pm at OLM (Vigil Mass)

Sunday, 5th January

9am at SHC

11am at OLM

Please Note – The Parish Office will close on Friday, 20th December 2024
and re-open on Tuesday, 7th January 2025.

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

