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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

22 December 2024



Year C

*4th Sunday
of
Advent*

Responsorial Psalm

*Lord, make us turn to
you;
let us see your face
and we shall be saved.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Today's Readings

Micah 5:1-5

Ps 79:2-3, 15-16,

18-19

Heb 10:5-10

Lk 1:39-45

Mass Intentions

6.00pm Saturday Vigil OLM

Parish

9.00am SHC

Michael Dias

11.00am OLM

Giuseppe & Rosina Perri

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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 24 Dec 6:00 pm** Christmas Eve Mass - Children's Liturgy at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM)
- 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass - Children's Liturgy at Sacred Heart Church (SHC)
- 11:30 pm Carols at 11.30pm followed by Midnight Mass at Sacred Heart Church (SHC)
- ◇ **Wednesday 25 Dec 9:00 am** Christmas Day Mass at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh
- Note the change in time 10:30 am Christmas Day Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
- ◇ **Friday 27 Dec 9:15 am** Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
- ◇ **Saturday 28 Dec 6:00 pm** Feast of the Holy Family Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
- ◇ **Sunday 29 Dec 9:00 am** Feast of the Holy Family Mass at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh
- ◇ **Sunday 29 Dec 11:00 am** Feast of the Holy Family Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon

Wonder and Awe

"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" [Luke 1:42-43](#)

Elizabeth expressed a beautiful humility in this statement. The Blessed Virgin Mary had just made a long journey to be with Elizabeth in her final months of pregnancy. As soon as our Blessed Mother greeted Elizabeth, Elizabeth's child, Saint John the Baptist, leaped for joy in her womb. Elizabeth acknowledges this and then humbly expresses the fact that she is exceptionally blessed to have Mary, the mother of her Lord, come to visit her.

There are many things worth pondering in this visitation of our Blessed Mother. But try to focus upon the humble wonder and awe expressed by Elizabeth. "And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" Elizabeth was clearly grateful for Mary's visit. But it appears that her reaction went even beyond gratitude. She was given the gift of wonder and awe. She clearly knew she was incredibly blessed by the fact that both the Mother of God and her Lord Himself were now in her presence in her home.

This gift of wonder and awe that Elizabeth experienced is one of the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. It's a gift that enters a humble heart, enabling it to first see its unworthiness of a special grace given. But then this humble soul receives the special grace and responds with an overwhelming amazement. Thus, not only is gratitude present, but there is also this holy amazement that results in praise of God.

In our own lives, there are so many incredible graces we have received from God. But too often we fail to see them for what they are. We fail to see the incredible graces God has given us and, thus, fail to experience the amazement that should result from God's gifts.

As you look at your own life, what graces has God given to you? Do you see them? Are you grateful for them? And, if so, are you able to go even beyond gratitude so as to experience a holy wonder and awe of God's goodness and blessings in your life? Though it might be difficult to arrive at this level of amazement, it is a true gift that we must all strive to obtain and experience every day of our lives.

Reflect, today, upon this holy gift of the Holy Spirit that Elizabeth experienced. Place yourself at the scene. Try to see the experience within her heart. Try to feel how she felt. Try to sense the praise that resulted. And try to open yourself more fully to receive this same gift of the Holy Spirit in your life. The Lord comes to you constantly by grace, especially every time you receive Him in Holy Communion. For that reason, we must all strive to live a holy wonder and awe every day of our lives.

My most glorious Lord, You grace me beyond imagination. Too often, I fail to experience the gratitude and the wonder and awe that should result. Please help me to first see the countless blessings of Your grace and presence in my life. And as I see them, please fill me with the Holy Spirit so that I, too, may continually sing Your worthy praises. Jesus, I trust in You.

My dear Jesus, please help me to see my sins as You see them. Help me to be attentive to every sinful action I commit and even those smaller sins of omission. As I ponder my sin, please draw me to Your mercy and grace so that I can then open the eyes of my soul more deeply to see You and to adore You more completely this Advent. Jesus, I trust in You.

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December 2024

20 Dec **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

24 Dec **Christmas Eve**
 6pm at OLM (Children's Liturgy)
 7pm at SHC (Children's Liturgy)
 11.30pm Carols at SHC followed by Mass

25 DEC **CHRISTMAS DAY**
 9am Mass at SHC
 10.30am Mass at OLM
 (note the change in time)

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

29 Dec 9am Mass at SHC
 11am Mass at OLM

30 Dec 6th Day in the Octave of Christmas

January 2025

01 JAN **NEW YEARS DAY**
 10am Mass at SHC

04 Jan **Feast of the Epiphany** 6pm Mass at OLM



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 **10.30am** (not at the regular time of 11am).

Christmas Eve Masses with Children's Focus

6:00pm at OLM
7:00pm at SHC



Children encouraged to dress in costumes appropriate to the season
 e.g Angels, Shepherds, Wise Men/Women

Vinnies Fundraising

Thank you to local schools, parents, children and everyone who contributed and donated to our Vinnies Giving Tree to help support families who are less fortunate this Christmas. On behalf of Vinnies, thank you so much for your support and generosity.



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 27	7.05pm	Adelaide United vs Western Sydney Wanderers
January 2025		
Sat 18	7.05pm	Adelaide United vs Melbourne Victory
Wed 22	7.00pm	Adelaide United vs Auckland FC
February		
Fri 7	7:05pm	Adelaide United VS Melbourne City
Sat 15	7:05pm	Adelaide United vs Newcastle Jets
March		
Sat 8	4:30pm	Adelaide United vs Brisbane Roar

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next week a collection will be taken up for the Catholic Charities Appeal. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

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.



Quote of the Week

From home to home,
 and heart to heart,
 from one place to another.
 The warmth and joy of Christmas brings us closer to each other

Emily Matthews

Christmas Celebrations 2024

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)

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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

The Parish Office is now closed and will re-open on Tuesday, 7th January 2025.

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

