



WELCOME TO SACRED HEART PARISH HINDMARSH-FINDON



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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

24 December 2024
Year C

Christmas Eve

Responsorial Psalm

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Come, Radiant Dawn, splendour of eternal light, sun of justice: shine on those lost in the darkness of death!

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Today's Readings.

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

Psalms 88: 2-5, 27, 29

Luke 1: 67-79

25 December 2025

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

Psalms 97: 1-6

Heb 1: 1-6

John 1: 1-18

Mass Intentions

6.00pm Saturday Vigil OLM

Parish

9.00am SHC

Parish

11.00am OLM

Parish

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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

Pondering the Birth of Christ

So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. [Luke 2:16-19](#)

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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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

05 Jan 9am Mass at SHC
 11am Mass at OLM

05 Jan The Epiphany of the Lord


07 Jan [PARISH OFFICE RE-OPENS](#)

12 Jan The Baptism of the Lord

19 Jan 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

A Special Christmas Collection will be taken up this week 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

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

Author Unknown

25th Dec 2024 - 6th Jan 2026

The Jubilee Prayer



Father in heaven,
 may the faith you have given us
 in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
 and the flame of charity enkindled
 in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
 reawaken in us the blessed hope
 for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
 into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity
 and the whole cosmos
 in the sure expectation
 of a new heaven and a new earth,
 when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
 your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
 reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
 a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
 May that same grace spread
 the joy and peace of our Redeemer
 throughout the earth.
 To you our God, eternally blessed,
 be glory and praise for ever.
 Amen

Christmas Celebrations 2024

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.

