



# WELCOME TO SACRED HEART PARISH HINDMARSH-FINDON

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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



**23 March 2025**



**Year C**

*Third  
Sunday of  
Lent*

## Responsorial Psalm

*The Lord is kind and  
merciful*

## Gospel Acclamation

*Glory to you, Word of  
God, Lord Jesus Christ!*

*Repent, says the Lord;  
the kingdom of heaven  
is at hand.*

*Glory to you, Word of  
God, Lord Jesus Christ!*

## Today's Readings

**Ex 3:1-8, 13-15**

**Ps 102:1-4, 6-8, 11**

**1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12**

**Lk 13:1-9**

## Mass Intentions

**6.00pm Saturday Vigil OLM**

Parish

**9.00am SHC**

Don Altamura

**11.00am OLM**

Richard Saliba

Rita Gatt

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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 25 Mar 12:15 pm** Mass at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh
- ◇ **Wednesday 26 Mar 6:00 pm** Stations of the Cross at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
- ◇ **Friday 28 Mar 9:15 am** Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon  
**6:30pm** Stations of the Cross at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh
- ◇ **Saturday 29 Mar 6:00 pm** Vigil Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
- ◇ **Sunday 30 Mar 9:00 am** Mass at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh.
- ◇ **Sunday 30 Mar 11:00 am** Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon

## *The Divine Gardener*

**"For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?" He said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down.'"**

Imagine for a moment that you were the owner of the orchard in which this fig tree was planted. After the gardener asked you to wait for one more year and promised to fertilize the unfruitful fig tree and cultivate the ground around it, you agreed. Then imagine coming to inspect that same fig tree the next year. Imagine three scenarios. First, what would you do if, once again, there were no figs present? Second, what if there were only a few figs? Third, what if the tree suddenly produced an abundance of good fruit?

It seems clear that in the first scenario, if for the fourth year in a row not a single fig was produced, it would be time to cut down the tree. This depicts the justice of God sent forth on those who obstinately resist His grace. In the second scenario, the decision might be more difficult. If the tree produced only a few figs for the first time, then perhaps that would provide enough hope for the future of that tree to ask the gardener to continue caring for it. This depicts those who are in a state of grace but are still lazy in their service of the will of God. In the third scenario, however, the reaction of the owner of the orchard would be clear. There would be much excitement and gratitude that the gardener's good work paid off.

Jesus is the Gardener, and we are the fig tree. This parable should lead us to look at our lives and examine whether or not we bear good fruit for the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus comes to you to cultivate the soil of your heart, fertilizing it with His holy Word, watering it with His Sacraments and doing all He can to give you the opportunity to produce the fruit of charity in your life. How successful are these actions of our Lord in your life?

Too often, when we see only a little good fruit being borne from our lives, we are satisfied. And though any good fruit is good, we are wasting our lives if we do not do all we can to become as abundantly fruitful as possible. Imagine the joy in the Hearts of our Lord and the Father in Heaven if they were to look upon you and see good fruit being produced beyond expectation. Why wouldn't this be your goal in life? Our Lord is patient, but He is also just. Do not try His patience, and do not succumb to His justice.

Reflect, today, upon the image of you being this fig tree and our Lord as the divine Gardener. Commit yourself to His actions of tilling and fertilizing. You do so by strengthening your commitment to reading and understanding the Word of God, by participating more fully in the Sacraments, by being more focused upon your daily prayer, by examining your conscience more fully, and by sincerely confessing your sins. Do all you can to cooperate with the action of our divine Gardener and you will be amazed at the good fruit that begins to pour forth from your life.

*My divine Gardener, You have committed Yourself to the humble work of tilling the soil of my heart and fertilizing it with Your abundant mercy. I choose, this day, to respond to Your grace and pray that my cooperation with You will produce an abundance of good fruit in my life for Your glory and the building up of Your Kingdom. Jesus, I trust in You.*

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## March 2025

23 Mar 3rd Sunday of Lent

25 Mar The Annunciation of the Lord

30 Mar 4th Sunday of Lent

## April 2025

06 Apr 5th Sunday of Lent

Daylight Savings Ends

09 Apr Reconciliation @ 6:00pm at OLM

13 Apr Palm Sunday

9am Mass at SHC

11am Mass at OLM

14 Apr Chrism Mass

6pm at St Francis Xavier Cathedral

17 Apr Holy Thursday - Lord's Supper

7pm Mass at SHC followed by Silent Adoration

18 Apr Good Friday

10am Stations of the Cross at SHC

11am Stations of the Cross at OLM (by the Youth)

3pm Veneration of the Cross at OLM

19 Apr Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil

7pm Mass at SHC

20 Apr Easter Sunday

9am Mass at SHC

11am Mass at OLM

25 Apr Anzac Day

27 Apr 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)



### Vinnies Meeting

Tuesday, 1st April @ 7:00pm at OLM

### Parish Community Connect Meeting

TBA @ 6:30pm at OLM

### Parish Finance Council Meeting

Wednesday, 30th April @ 7:00pm at OLM

### Liturgy Meeting

Tuesday, 6th May @ 6:30pm at Parish Office

### Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday, 1st April @ 6:30pm at TBA

### APRIM Meeting

## **Lift Up' Good Friday Night Walk - A Journey of Reflection & Hope**

This Good Friday, you are invited to walk together in the spirit of a pilgrimage, inspired by the 2025 Jubilee Year - *Pilgrims of Hope*. This journey is an opportunity to step away from the everyday and reflect. Our **Good Friday night walk** is a meaningful way to connect with the Easter story, each other, and the deeper themes of resilience, forgiveness and hope. This event is open to all ages, however it has been inspired and designed with young people in mind by COYYA (Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults). Our journey begins at **The Monastery in Urrbrae at 7.30pm. From there, we will walk towards the city.** Along the route, we will pause for reflection at St Raphael's in Parkside before continuing towards our final destination - St Francis Xavier's Cathedral. The walk is roughly 6.5km total. Please register at <https://www.trybooking.com/CZHVW> to secure your spot as well as nominating for transportation provided from the Cathedral back to The Monastery should you require it. Detailed information can be found at

<https://www.cathoyouthadelaide.org.au/liftup2025>

### **National Liturgy & Music Conference,**

### ***Pilgrims of Hope: Transformed through Sacrament and Song***

Registrations are now open for the APMN & NLC biennial conference to be held in Adelaide from **October 1-3 2025 at the Hilton Hotel**. This is a great opportunity for parish musicians, school APRIMS and RECs, parish priests and pastoral associates to hear international and national speakers in the field (Fr Ricky Manalo CSP, Rita Ferrone, Fr Richard Leonard SJ) together with other inspirational and prophetic Australian voices. Visit the Conference website for full information: <https://pilgrimsofhope.com.au/> Early Bird registrations close on **April 30, 2025**. Contact the Community Life & Worship team at [worship@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:worship@adelaide.catholic.org.au) or 8210 8130 if you have any questions.



The March issue of *The Southern Cross*, is now available for \$2. Please take home a copy today.

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, L Parker, Frank O'Flynn and Judy McKeough**

**If you would like prayers or to add a name to our sick list, please contact the parish office. Thank you.**



### **The Power of a Smile**

You can make an impact volunteering at Calvary Adelaide Hospital which has a number of volunteer 'patient support' positions available. These roles provide valuable support to patients, visitors and staff - enhancing the service provided by Calvary to the community.

The benefits of volunteering just a few hours a week are many. You'll feel a heightened sense of wellbeing, purpose and appreciation, while those you support will be forever grateful. If you like spending time in service for others and have a positive approach to life; if you're kind, sensitive, responsible, have a sense of humour, then we would love to hear from you!

For further information, please email [CHCA-volunteers@calvarycare.org.au](mailto:CHCA-volunteers@calvarycare.org.au) or contact Jessica on 0427 012 336



## **The Annunciation of the Lord 25th March**

It was at the hour of midnight, when the most holy Virgin was alone and absorbed in prayer, that the Archangel Gabriel appeared before her, and asked her, in the name of the blessed Trinity, to consent to become the Mother of God.

The Annunciation of the Lord, or the Annunciation, is the feast commemorating the angel Gabriel's announcement to the Virgin Mary that she would conceive and bear Jesus, the Son of God, through the power of the Holy Spirit. It is celebrated on March 25th and marks the beginning of the Incarnation.

Here's a more detailed breakdown:

### **The Event:**

According to the Gospel of Luke, the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and told her she would conceive and bear a son, Jesus, who would be the Messiah, the Son of God.

### **Mary's Response:**

Mary, upon hearing this, responded with faith and obedience, saying "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word".

### **Significance:**

The Annunciation is a pivotal event in Christian theology, as it marks the beginning of the Incarnation, the moment when God took on human form in the person of Jesus.

### **Feast Day:**

The Feast of the Annunciation is a major feast in the liturgical year, celebrated on March 25th. It is also a solemnity, a designation reserved for the most significant feast days.

### **Art and Culture:**

The Annunciation is a frequently depicted scene in art, with numerous depictions of the angel Gabriel and Mary throughout the ages.



# Sacred Heart Parish Hindmarsh ~ Findon

Sacred Heart Church  
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252 Port Road, Hindmarsh  
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## LENT, Holy Week & Easter 2025

Stations of the Cross & Mass on WEDNESDAYS At 6.00pm at OLM, FINDON

Stations of the Cross only on Fridays: at 6.30pm at Sacred Heart Church, Hindmarsh

Wednesday April 9<sup>th</sup>

Reconciliation Only (short liturgy)  
At 6.00pm at OLM Church, Findon

**Palm Sunday- 13<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup>

6:00 pm Findon (Vigil Mass)

Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup>

Palm Sunday ~ Masses begin with Blessing of the Palms



9:00 am Hindmarsh  
11:00 am Findon

Monday April 14<sup>th</sup>

Chrism Mass ~ Consecration of Holy Oils  
6:00 pm St Francis Xavier Cathedral ~ All welcome

Holy Thursday April 17<sup>th</sup>

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper  
7:00 pm at SHC - Hindmarsh

**Please note:**  
Collection of non-perishable food items for  
St Vincent de Paul



Good Friday April 18<sup>th</sup>

Stations of the Cross

10:00 am Hindmarsh  
11:00 am Findon (to be led by the youth)

Good Friday – Veneration of the Cross & The Passion of The Lord  
3.00 pm OLM-FINDON



Holy Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup>

Easter Vigil  
7.00 pm SHC-Hindmarsh

Easter Sunday April 20<sup>th</sup>

Easter Sunday  
9.00 am Hindmarsh  
11.00 am Findon



*Individual Reconciliation by appointment with Fr Santhosh (Ph. 08 8346 3901)*

### Reconciliation

**Wednesday 9th April**

Short Liturgy followed by Individual Reconciliation  
6:00pm Our Lady of the Manger, Findon



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Wednesdays**

6:00pm at Our Lady of the Manger Church, Findon

**Fridays**

6:30pm at Sacred Heart Church, Hindmarsh



**Don't Forget!**

Daylight Saving ends  
Sunday, 6th April.

Wind your Clocks **back** 1 hour



### BAPTISM

We welcome into our faith Community

**George Ryan**

who will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism this week  
within our Sacred Heart Hindmarsh—Findon Parish

Please keep the family in your prayers.



## 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!

April	Events are at :	<i>Coopers</i> STADIUM
Sat 5	7:05pm	Adelaide United vs Sydney FC
Fri 18	7:05pm	Adelaide United vs Wellington Phoenix

Here's what you need to plant in your garden:

### Three rows of Squash:

1. Squash gossip
2. Squash criticism
3. Squash indifference

### Seven rows of Peas:

1. Prayer
2. Penance
3. Perseverance
4. Politeness
5. Preparedness
6. Purity
7. Patience



### Seven Heads of Lettuce:

1. Let us be unselfish and loyal
2. Let us be charitable
3. Let us search the scriptures
4. Let us not be weary in well doing
5. Let us be obedient
6. Let us be truthful
7. Let us love one another

### No garden is complete without Turnips:

1. Turn up for daily Mass and weekly Eucharistic Adoration
2. Turn up for prayer and Bible study
3. Turn up with a smile, even when things are difficult
4. Turn up with determination to do your best in God's service

### Conclude with Thyme:

thyme with God. thyme for fun, thyme for rest,

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love.

There will be much fruit in the garden because you reap what you sow!

"God gives us another chance"



'Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future.'" Luke 13:6-9

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My virtuous Lord,  
I invite You into my soul to cultivate it and  
fertilize it with Your grace.

Please prune my sins and  
help me to sink my roots deeply  
into the nourishment of Your mercy.

I am sorry for the ways that I have failed  
to bear fruit in my life.

I now entrust myself to You so that  
Your care will remedy all my  
ills and weaknesses.

Jesus, I trust in You.

### Quote of the Week

"God is a spring of Living Water which flows  
unceasingly into the hearts of those who pray"

St Louis de Montfort

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