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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



6 April 2025



Year C

*Fifth
Sunday of
Lent*

Responsorial Psalm

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

Gospel Acclamation

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus
Christ,
king of endless glory!*

*With all your heart turn
to me, for I am tender &
compassionate.*

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus
Christ,
king of endless glory!*

Today's Readings

Is 43:16-21

Ps 125

Phil 3:8-14

Jn 8:1-11

Mass Intentions

6.00pm Saturday Vigil OLM
Parish

9.00am SHC
Parish

11.00am OLM
Boris Vukejeric

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 08 Apr 12:15 pm** Mass at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh
- ◇ **Wednesday 09 Apr 6:00 pm** **RECONCILIATION** at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
- ◇ **Friday 11 Apr 9:15 am** Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
- 6:30 pm** **Stations of the Cross** at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh
- ◇ **Saturday 12 Apr 6:00 pm** Vigil Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
- ◇ **Sunday 13 Apr 9:00 am** **PALM SUNDAY** Mass at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh.
- ◇ **Sunday 13 Apr 11:00 am** **PALM SUNDAY** Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon

Scandalized by Mercy

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. But early in the morning he arrived again in the temple area, and all the people started coming to him, and he sat down and taught them. Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle. [John 8:1-3](#)

What a painful and humiliating experience this must have been for this woman! Fortunately, the Savior of the World was there to care for her and to help her navigate this situation through His abundant mercy. Though she was a sinner, God's mercy offered a remedy for her sin and its consequences.

Interestingly, this story is not included in some of the most ancient manuscripts of the Gospel of John. Saint Augustine believed that it was excluded by some of the early copyists of this Gospel because they were moral rigorists and were scandalized by the depths of Jesus' mercy. They feared that if this incredible act of mercy was conveyed to others, it would lead to a relaxation of moral rules.

The scribes and Pharisees who brought this woman to Jesus also appeared to be scandalized by Jesus' mercy. Thus, the depths of mercy offered to this woman was one of many occasions in which Jesus was merciful to a point that was hard for the people to comprehend.

How about you? How far are you willing to go when it comes to mercy? It is easy for us to resort to condemnation when we see the sins of others. We might feel justified in condemning them and even obliged to do so out of a desire to condemn sin itself. But Jesus' action shows that the sin must not be equated with the sinner. Sin must be condemned and was condemned by our Lord when He said to this woman, "Go, and from now on do not sin any more." Though He condemned her sin, he did not condemn *her*: "Neither do I condemn you."

The mercy of God is incomprehensible. For example, recall that Jesus cried out from the Cross, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." Imagine the surprise that the first hearers of those words would have had. How could this man ask that God forgive the people who were murdering Him? Perhaps the only person who truly understood this prayer of mercy from the Cross was Jesus' own mother as she stood there gazing at Him with love.

An important lesson for us to learn from Jesus' depth of mercy is that, at first, it will most likely scandalize us also. Mercy to this extent is supernatural. It challenges our natural reason and calls us to a new way of thinking and relating to others. The only way to overcome the "scandal" we might feel in the face of God's mercy is to live it ourselves. Doing so will require that we put on new eyes to see sin, mercy and forgiveness through the eyes of God. If doing so shakes you to the core of your being, that might be a good sign. Are you allowing the apparent scandal of God's abundant mercy to transform you so that it is no longer a shock or scandal to you, but is experienced as good and holy and from the Heart of our God?

Reflect, today, upon how deeply you understand God's mercy. Do you rejoice when mercy is offered to another? Or do you find yourself condemning? Our Lord said, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." None of us are without sin; therefore, none of us has the right to cast a stone at another. Allow the apparent scandal of God's mercy to challenge you so that you come to not only understand God's infinite mercy but also to act as an instrument of that mercy to everyone.

Most merciful Lord, You came to call the sinner to repentance and salvation. You offer mercy and forgiveness in superabundance. When faced with the sins of others, help me to imitate Your love for them and to show mercy and compassion to the greatest degree. I love You, Lord. Help me to love You and others with Your Heart of merciful love. Jesus, I trust in You.

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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 and The Passion of the Lord at OLM
- 19 Apr **Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil**
7pm Mass at SHC
- 20 Apr **Easter Sunday**
9am Mass at SHC
11am Mass at OLM



Vinnies Meeting

Tuesday, 8th April @ 7:00pm at OLM

Parish Community Connect Meeting

Tuesday, 8th April @ 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, 13th May @ 6:30pm at Parish Office

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.cathyouthadelaide.org.au/liftup2025>

Divine Mercy Sunday Feast

You, your family and your friends are invited to join us to celebrate the Divine Mercy Sunday feast:

On **Sunday April 27**, (the Sunday after Easter) at **Our Lady of the Rosary Church**, 14 Barker Road, Prospect.

Time: 1pm - 4pm; Divine Mercy goods table: 12.30pm-1pm.

* Don't forget to bring your rosary beads, prayer cards, books, etc, so Father can bless them.

* Free car parking available.

Enquiries: Mario Forte 0412 700 300; Lothar Bukojemski 0422 982 860; Julie Caridi 0422 982 851.

Chrism Mass - Consecration of Holy Oils

We welcome all to celebrate Mass of the Oils on **Monday, 14th April at 6:00pm** at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral.

Please note **NO** onsite car parking will be available. If you would like more information regarding this event, please contact Community, Life and Worship on 8210 8130.

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 **Vinnies Easter Raffle** is on again!

Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

We thank you for supporting Vinnies.



Vinnies

Lent Week Five

Fifth Sunday

LIGHT: 8 Tealights + Christ Candle

PRAY: Gracious God, have mercy on us when we follow paths that do not lead to life. Forgive us when we choose the way of bitterness, indifference, violence, or death. Have mercy on our troubled souls, and turn them around for the sake of Your creation Amen

EXTINGUISH: 6 Tealights

READ: John 8: 1-11

REFLECT: Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say, "God save me from this hour?" No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour!

BLESS: May God bless you and keep you! May the radiant face of God shine upon you as you seek out and find what God is calling you to in this hour. Amen



Practice

As we journey towards the Easter season, we are offered the opportunity to renew our baptism.



Place a little bowl of water by the front or back door this week, and every time you enter and exit, dip your finger in the water and sprinkle some on your face, or draw a little heart on your forehead. Remember that you are blessed: "You are God's beloved!"

Activity

From the east and from the west, from the north and from the south, food is at the center of community in many cultures - and therefore a great way to introduce your family to customs and traditions different from your own.

This week, try three new dishes from a variety of cultures, and open your family's hearts and palates to the beauty of God's diversity.



Conversation Starters

- What's your earliest memory of becoming aware of bullying?
- Talk about a time when you or someone else said or did something unkind or with judgement. Did you interrupt it? Did you speak up? Why or why not?
- How can you practice forgiveness in your life?



Palm Sunday

Sunday, 13th April

9:00am Sacred Heart Church, Hindmarsh
11:00am Our Lady of the Manger, Findon



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Marian Procession

The 76th Marian Procession will be held on **Sunday, 18th May** beginning at Victoria Park and processing up Wakefield Street into Victoria Square. The Procession will commence at 2pm and all are invited to attend.

Marian Procession Volunteering

The Archdiocesan Events Office is currently seeking volunteers to support at the Marian Procession in a range of roles. Please contact events@adelaide.catholic.org.au or 8210 8220. Volunteer roles are needed for Saturday May 17 (10am - 12pm) and Sunday May 18 (which is the date of the event and begins at 2pm).

BAPTISM

We welcome into our faith Community

Edith Lou Taylor

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

PRESENTATION

We also welcome

Ava Jade Penko

*who will celebrate Baptism in the coming weeks
Please keep these families in your prayers.*



Sacred Heart Parish Hindmarsh ~ Findon

Sacred Heart Church
Our Lady of the Manger Church

252 Port Road, Hindmarsh
176 Crittenden Road, Findon

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 9th Reconciliation Only (short liturgy)
At 6.00pm at OLM Church, Findon

Palm Sunday- 13th APRIL

Saturday April 12th 6:00 pm Findon (Vigil Mass)

Sunday April 13th Palm Sunday ~ *Masses begin with Blessing of the Palms*



9:00 am Hindmarsh
11:00 am Findon

Monday April 14th Chrism Mass ~ *Consecration of Holy Oils*
6:00 pm St Francis Xavier Cathedral ~ All welcome

Holy Thursday April 17th 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 18th 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 19th Easter Vigil
7.00 pm SHC-Hindmarsh

Easter Sunday April 20th Easter Sunday
9.00 am Hindmarsh
11.00 am Findon



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



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Wednesdays

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

Fridays

6:30pm at Sacred Heart Church, Hindmarsh

Reconciliation

Wednesday 9th April

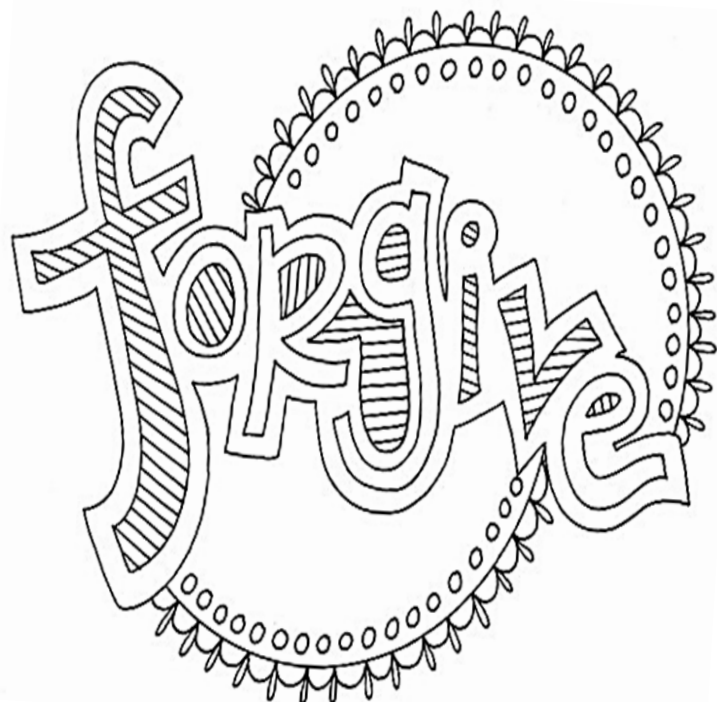
Short Liturgy followed by Individual Reconciliation
6:00pm Our Lady of the Manger, Findon

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 :	Cooper's STADIUM
Fri 18	7:05pm	Adelaide United vs Wellington Phoenix
October		
Sat 11	7.30pm	Nitro Circus



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My compassionate Lord,
Your mercy is endless and inexhaustible.

It is pure and perfect in every way.
Please lavish that mercy upon me
so that I will not fear facing my sin
and confessing it to You.

Untie me from these bonds
that hold me down and
call me forth to the newness of life.

Jesus, I trust in You.

Quote of the Week

Remember not the events of the past.
The things of long ago consider not.
See, I am doing something new!

Author Unknown

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