



WELCOME TO SACRED HEART PARISH HINDMARSH-FINDON

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Parish Office
252 Port Road, 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

30 November 2025



Year A

*First Sunday
of
Advent*

Responsorial Psalm

*Let us go rejoicing to
the house of the Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Lord, show us your
mercy and love, and
grant us your
salvation.*

Alleluia!

Today's Readings

Is 2:1-5

Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9

Rom 13:11-14

Mt 24:37-44

Mass Intentions

6:00pm Saturday Vigil OLM

John Jacob

9:00am SHC

Parish

11:00am OLM

Parish

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 02 Dec 12:15 pm** Mass at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh
- ◇ **Wednesday 03 Dec 6:00 pm** Adoration & Candlelight Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
- ◇ **Friday 05 Dec 9:15 am** Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
- 6:30 pm** Praise, Worship & Adoration at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh
- ◇ **Saturday 06 Dec 6:00 pm** Vigil Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
- Blessing of the Cribbs at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon**
- ◇ **Sunday 07 Dec 9:00 am** Mass at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh
- Blessing of the Cribbs at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh**
- ◇ **Sunday 07 Dec 11:00 am** Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
- Blessing of the Cribbs at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon**

Being Prepared

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." [Matthew 24:42-44](#)

How does one "stay awake" as our Lord commands us? We receive this holy exhortation as we enter into a new liturgical year. In Advent, we begin at the beginning. We ponder the Incarnate Son of God dwelling as a human Child in the precious womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We anticipate the celebration of His birth into the world at Christmas. As the liturgical year progresses, we will prayerfully walk through each moment of His life, from the events of His childhood, to His public ministry, and ultimately His death, resurrection, and ascension into Heaven.

Our Lord's exhortation to stay awake invites us to be attentive to the ways that the Son of God's human life speaks to us, calling us to become fully united to Him so as to share in the glorious gifts of holiness in this life and eternal salvation in the next. After exhorting us to stay awake, the Son of God said, "For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." Of course, we know He came into this world over 2,000 years ago in physical form. This exhortation is not only a call to ponder that event long ago; it's also an invitation and exhortation to become continuously more attentive to the effect that His historical coming has upon us today. Advent is a season that invites us to reflect on Christ's first coming in Bethlehem, His daily coming to us in grace, and His final coming at the end of time. These moments are intimately connected, as each prepares us more fully for the next.

From Heaven, the Son of God continues to descend to us, inviting each of us to conceive Him in our souls by grace, to be attentive to His divine presence within us, and to nurture His divine presence so that He will grow and live within us, making us true members of His Body, the Church. Staying awake means being aware of Christ's presence in every moment and cultivating a personal relationship with Him that is alive and growing. This Advent, ask yourself: How am I nurturing my relationship with Jesus so that I am ready to meet Him whenever He comes?

Jesus calls us to be prepared at every moment of every day, "for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." Though this is a promise that He will return one day to judge the living and the dead at the end of time, it is also a promise that He relentlessly pursues us here and now, communicating to us by grace and inviting us to be transformed more fully, so as to love Him and manifest His love to the world around us. As we mature in our faith, God often speaks in subtler ways, inviting us to listen with the ears of our hearts. These gentle whispers of grace require us to be even more attuned to His presence, ready to respond to His call in the quiet moments of our day.

Reflect today on Jesus' exhortation to be awake, vigilant, attentive, and ready to love Him in the smallest ways. To stay spiritually awake, cultivate habits that keep you attuned to God's presence: set aside time for daily prayer, receive the sacraments frequently, and be mindful of opportunities to serve others. These practices will help you remain vigilant and ready to encounter Christ at any moment. Search for Him this Advent, and never tire of loving Him in your prayer and in those around you. The Son of God continuously comes to you "at an hour you do not expect." By building a spiritual habit of being prepared, you will meet and love Him throughout your day.

My ever-present Lord, You surround me with Your grace and flood me with Your mercy day and night. Please give me a heart that is attentive and receptive to You so that I can receive all that You wish to bestow and love You and others with Your Sacred Heart. 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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Parish Priest: Father Santhosh Nazareth CSC

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NOVEMBER 2025

30 Nov 1st Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 2025

03 Dec Saint Francis Xavier

06 Dec Blessing of the Cribs

07 Dec 2nd Sunday of Advent

Blessing of the Cribs

08 Dec The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Mary

13 Dec Saint Lucy

14 Dec 3rd Sunday of Advent

Parish Christmas Party after Mass



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, Judy McKeough and Rosalinda Alonzo

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



BLESSING OF THE CRIBS

The "blessing of the crib" at Christmas is a religious ritual that involves a prayer and a blessing, often with holy water, for a Nativity scene or crib. It is a way for individuals and families to reflect on the humble birth of Jesus, remember the values of faith, hope, and love associated with it, and make the spiritual meaning of the crib more present in their homes and lives.

- **Reflect on the Incarnation:** The blessing is a reminder of the mystery of Jesus's Incarnation (God becoming human) and his humble birth.
- **Encourage faith and love:** It's an opportunity to embrace the values of humility, love, and simplicity that are central to the Christmas story.
- **Bring the sacred into the home:** The blessing aims to make the crib a spiritual centerpiece and a reminder of God's presence in the family's home.
- **Acknowledge the vulnerable:** It encourages people to think about the vulnerable and anxious in their own communities, just as the Holy Family was vulnerable in Bethlehem



Wishing our parishioner Alfred Bosworth a Happy 95th Birthday



**Youth Adoration
Our Lady of the Manger, Findon**



FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING PROCESSION



BAPTISM

We welcome into our faith Community

Sienna Armiento

Piper Francis

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

Please keep these families in your prayers.



Sacred Heart Parish

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



Christmas Celebrations 2025

Blessing of Cribs – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Saturday	6 December	6:00 pm	Our Lady of the Manger
Sunday	7 December	9:00 am	Sacred Heart
		11:00 am	Our Lady of the Manger

Parish Christmas Party

Sunday 14 December
Sacred Heart Church after 9am Mass
Our Lady of the Manger Church after 11am Mass
6:00pm Scola Concert at SHC

Reconciliation (Confessions)

Wednesday 17 December
6:00 pm Our Lady of the Manger Church
Reconciliation Only – Short Liturgy

Parish Christmas Carols in the Courtyard

Sunday 21 December 6:00pm – 9:00pm Sacred Heart Church Courtyard
***all parishioners and visitors are welcome. Kindly bring your own chair/rugs*

Christmas Eve

Wednesday 24 December
6:00 pm Our Lady of the Manger (Children's Liturgy)
7:00 pm Sacred Heart Church (Children's Liturgy)
Midnight Sacred Heart Church (Carols at 11.30 pm)
***Children are encouraged to dress in costumes appropriate to the season e.g. angels, shepherds*

Christmas Day

Thursday 25 December
9.00 am Sacred Heart Church
10.30 am Our Lady of the Manger Church

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday 27 December 6.00 pm Our Lady of the Manger Church
Sunday 28 December 9.00 am Sacred Heart Church
11.00 am Our Lady of the Manger Church

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Wednesday 31st December Midnight Sacred Heart Church (Adoration at 11.30 pm)
Thursday 1 January 10:00 am Sacred Heart Church

Feast of the Epiphany

Saturday 10 January 6:00 pm Sacred Heart Church
Sunday 11 January 9:00 am Sacred Heart Church
11:00 am Our Lady of the Manger Church



Please Note: The Parish Office will be closed from Friday, 19th December 2025 & re-opens Tuesday, 6th January 2026.
From all of us at the Parish Office, we take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a very Happy and Holy Christmas and Blessings for the New Year.

SACRED HEART PARISH
Hindmarsh-Findon

Carols in the COURTYARD

DECEMBER

SUNDAY **21** 6 pm - 9 pm

SACRED HEART CHURCH
252 Port Road, Hindmarsh

ALL WELCOME

Special Guests:
Adelaide Choral Ambassadors
Teresa LaRocca

Food and drinks are available for purchase
BYO food and drinks (if you prefer)
BYO picnic mats, chairs and tables



Sacred Heart Church
Hindmarsh

Children's
Nativity Play

24 Dec 2025 @ 7pm
ALL WELCOME!



Children are encouraged to dress in costumes - Angels, Shepherds, Wisemen, Mary, Joseph etc.

Please see
Reena or Ilee :-)

PARISH COMMUNITY CONNECT

Cake Stall

We invite you to donate
Cakes, Biscuits or Savouries
(for allergy purposes, please label ingredients where possible)

Saturday 29th November after the
6.00pm Mass at OLM Findon
and
Sunday 30th November after the
11.00am Mass at OLM Findon

Please support the parish by purchasing some home baked treats on the day



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
Sun 7	4:20pm	Adelaide United v Brisbane Roar
Tue 2	8:00pm	Commbank Matildas v New Zealand
Sat 27	4:20pm	(Mens) Adelaide United v Western Sydney Wanderers
	7:05pm	(Womens) Adelaide United v Western Sydney Wanderers
January 2026		
Sun 4	4:20pm	(Mens) Adelaide United v Central Coast Mariners
	7:05pm	(Womens) Adelaide United v Central Coast Mariners

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Next Sunday, our talented cooks are invited to cook some delicious goodies.

These may include items such as Christmas biscuits or slices, or other favorite delicacies that can be purchased by fellow parishioners.

This is a possibility to raise some funds for our parish needs... and an opportunity to share in the talents and skills of fellow parishioners!

Looking forward to some yummy foods for purchase!



First Sunday of Advent - Hope

"Be ready"



"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." Mark 13:33-37

Color the first candle of Hope on the Advent wreath purple.

Church of Saint Leo the Great www.stleothegreat.com/childrens-corner

Can you spare half an hour?

Afternoon Mass
Every Tuesday at 12:15pm at SHC

Please come along and pray with us every Tuesday at 12:15pm at Sacred Heart Church for a lunch time Mass All welcome!



Sacred Heart Catholic Parish invites you to a



Praise, Worship and Adoration Night

Friday
5th December

Every 1st Friday of the month
at 6.30pm
Sacred Heart Church, Hindmarsh

Quote of the Week

Let go of the doubts clouding your mind,
and let God illuminate your path

Unknown Author