



# WELCOME TO SACRED HEART PARISH HINDMARSH-FINDON



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Parish Office  
252 Port Rd, 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 2025**

Year A

*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

Psalm 88: 2-5, 27, 29

Rom 16:25-27

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

Psalm 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

- ◇ **Wednesday 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)
- ◇ **Thursday 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 26 Dec 9:15 am** Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
- ◇ **Saturday 27 Dec 6:00 pm** Feast of the Holy Family Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
- ◇ **Sunday 28 Dec 9:00 am** Feast of the Holy Family Mass at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh
- 11:00 am Feast of the Holy Family Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
- ◇ Tuesday 30 Dec 12:15 pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh
- ◇ **Thursday 01 Jan 10:00 am** Mass at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh
- ◇ Friday 02 Jan 9:15 am Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon

## God's Ongoing Presence

*The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him. John 1:9-11*

Sadly, many in the world do not know the Son of God, as John the Evangelist testifies in the above passage. This truth, that "the world did not know him," does not refer only to the people of Jesus' time, it refers to every place and time.

Christmas is a beautiful time of year. Many families and friends gather together. Presents often are given and received. Good food adds to many celebrations. Yet the central meaning of this day often remains unknown and unloved. Regardless of whether your gathering is large or small, celebratory or difficult, don't lose sight of the reason we celebrate Christmas.

When we have an inadequate understanding of Christmas, we are those to whom the evangelist was referring: "He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him." Christmas must be a time when we "know Him" and "accept Him." Christmas points us to the true meaning of life. It illuminates the reason for life and teaches us how to live.

Today's Gospel continues from the above passage, "And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth." Do you see the glory of the Word Who became flesh, the glory of the Father's only Son, Who is full of grace and truth? Christmas is a time to see more clearly the reality of the Incarnation of the Son of God.

Seeing God in the flesh requires new spiritual eyes under the direction of the Holy Spirit. It will never suffice simply to go through the motions of attending Church, listening to the story of the Nativity, and then joining in a family party. We need the Gifts of the Holy Spirit to see, understand, believe, and live this life-changing mystery. Have you allowed the Holy Spirit to so transform your life that you now see and understand these divine mysteries?

Just as the Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph saw the Son of God in the flesh that first Christmas, so we must see Him in our lives. His Incarnation is such that His presence continues to dwell among us in the Church, in the lives of others, through prayer, and especially in the Sacraments. Jesus' True Presence must become our central focus, just as it was for Mary and Joseph when Christ was born.

Reflect today on the ongoing mystery of the Incarnate Word of God. Pray to the Holy Spirit to give you the gifts you need to perceive Him, love Him, and adore Him. Doing so will enable you to continuously celebrate the central meaning of this solemn day.

*My Incarnate Lord, You came to Earth long ago in the form of a Child. Even after You ascended into Heaven, You remained alive in the hearts of Your faithful, within the sacraments You instituted, and within Your Church. Please give me gifts of the Holy Spirit so that I am always aware of Your divine presence and so that I am drawn into a continual worship of You. Jesus, I trust in You.* Copyright © 2024 My Catholic Life! Inc. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

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Parish Priest: Father Santhosh Nazareth CSC

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## DECEMBER 2025

- 24 Dec Christmas Eve**  
6pm at OLM (Children's Liturgy)  
7pm at SHC (Children's Liturgy)  
11.30pm Carols at SHC followed by Midnight Mass
- 25 DEC CHRISTMAS DAY**  
9am Mass at SHC  
10.30am Mass at OLM (note the change in time)
- 27 Dec** Feast of the Holy Family 6pm Mass at OLM
- 28 Dec** 9am Mass at SHC  
11am Mass at OLM
- 30 Dec** 6th Day in the Octave of Christmas



## January 2026

- 01 JAN NEW YEARS DAY**  
10am Mass at SHC
- 04 Jan** The Epiphany of the Lord
- 06 Jan PARISH OFFICE RE-OPENS**
- 10 Jan** Feast of the Epiphany 6pm Mass at OLM
- 11 Jan** The Baptism of the Lord  
9am Mass at SHC  
11am Mass at OLM
- 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 : 	
Sat 27	4:20pm	(Mens) Adelaide United v Western Sydney Wanderers
	7:05pm	(Womens) Adelaide United v Western Sydney Wanderers
<b>January 2026</b>		
Sun 4	4:20pm	(Mens) Adelaide United v Central Coast Mariners
	7:05pm	(Womens) Adelaide United v Central Coast Mariners
Sat 17	4:20pm	(Mens) Adelaide United v Melbourne Victory
	7:05pm	(Womens) Adelaide United v Melbourne Victory

## Parish Office Closure

The Parish Office is now closed and will reopen on 6th January.

**\*\*please note there will be no bulletin until 10th January\*\***



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.



## 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*

# Sacred Heart Parish

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



## Christmas Celebrations 2025

### 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

Thursday 1 January	10:00 am	Sacred Heart Church
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### 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.



## Closing of the Jubilee Year

December 31, 2025

Midnight Mass

Prayers start at 11pm

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

St Francis Xavier's Cathedral

## SPECIAL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION Catholic Charities Christmas Appeal

A Collection will be taken up at the **6pm, 7pm, and Midnight Christmas Eve Masses**, as well as at the **9am and 10.30am Masses on Christmas Day**. The collection is in aid of Catholic Charities, which provides much needed funds.

Your donations, regardless of their size, will make a profound difference in the lives of those who rely on the support of Catholic Charities.

## Holidays

Father Santhosh will be on holidays from the parish

**13th January 2026 - 12th February 2026**

We wish Father a safe trip and look forward to his return with stories of his adventures!