



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

07 December 2025



Year A

*Second
Sunday of
Advent*

Responsorial Psalm

*Justice shall flourish in
his time, and fullness
of peace for ever.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Prepare the way of the
Lord, make straight
his paths: all people
shall see the salvation
of God*

Alleluia!

Today's Readings

Is 11:1-10

Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Rom 15:4-9

Mt 3:1-12

Mass Intentions

**6:00pm Saturday Vigil OLM
Parish**

9:00am SHC

Franco Zardo
Pasquale Crea
Domenica Fortuna
Rosaria Crea
Peter Michael Crea
Pasquale Fortuna

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 09 Dec 12:15 pm** **CANCELLED** Mass at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh
6:00 pm **St Josephs Year 6 Graduation Mass at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh**
- ◇ **Wednesday 10 Dec 6:00 pm** Adoration & Candlelight Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
- ◇ **Friday 12 Dec 9:15 am** Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
- ◇ **Saturday 13 Dec 6:00 pm** Vigil Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
- ◇ **Sunday 14 Dec 9:00 am** Mass at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh
SHC Parish Christmas Party after Mass
- ◇ **Sunday 14 Dec 11:00 am** Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
OLM Parish Christmas Party after Mass
Scola Concert Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh

Repentance—the Foundation of Holiness

"I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." [Matthew 3:11-12](#)

This passage comes just before Jesus is baptized and begins His public ministry. John the Baptist had been ministering in the desert of Judea, preaching, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" Many came to him to be baptized with a baptism of repentance. But when John saw many scribes and Pharisees coming to him, he said, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance." The passage above is John's warning to them—and to us—about what will happen if we fail to repent.

At that time, when wheat was harvested, it was left to dry. Then, a winnowing fan was used to blow the wheat and chaff into the air. The lighter chaff would blow away, while the grains of wheat would fall to the ground to be gathered, milled into flour, and used for baking. John uses this familiar image to depict what Jesus will do with the righteous and the wicked. The righteous are like the grains of wheat that will be gathered and brought to Heaven. The wicked are like the chaff that, once separated from the righteous, will burn in the unquenchable fire of hell.

Though it is comforting to speak of the glories of Heaven and to anticipate being brought there by our Lord, it is necessary to also consider the reality of the unquenchable fires of hell. Pondering the reality of those unquenchable fires is something we should not neglect.

In his spiritual classic, *The Spiritual Exercises*, Saint Ignatius of Loyola presents a format for a thirty-day directed silent retreat, considered by many to be the ideal retreat experience. During the first week of that retreat, the retreatant focuses primarily upon mortal sin and its consequences—the unquenchable fires of hell. Why would Saint Ignatius begin his retreat this way? Because he understood that the foundation of our growth in union with God is repentance, and repentance requires an honest and thorough examination of sin and its consequences.

Reflect today on the unquenchable fires of hell, and allow yourself to foster a burning desire to flee from every sin that leads to that end. As we enter the second week of the penitential season of Advent, ponder this warning from Saint John the Baptist. Hear him speak those words directly to you. We must fear sin and avoid it, as much as we want to avoid the unquenchable fires of hell. Start with this foundational truth, so that having fostered deep repentance, you are ready to turn your heart and mind toward the glorious promise of Heaven.

Jesus, our Just Judge, You hold the winnowing fan in Your sacred hand and separate the righteous from the sinner. Please grant me the grace to see my sin clearly, so that I may humbly acknowledge it and turn from it with all my might. May I build this foundation of repentance during Advent, so that Christmas becomes an even greater time of union with You. Jesus, I trust in You

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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

Assistant Priest: Father Rajashekhar Gundiga CSC

DECEMBER 2025

- 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
- 17 Dec Advent Reconciliation at 6pm @ OLM
- 19 Dec **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**
- 21 Dec 4th Sunday of Advent



Schola Concert
THE MAGIC OF A CAPPELLA
Sunday 14 December 2025
6pm
Sacred Heart Church
252 Port Rd, Hindmarsh
music@adelaide.catholic.org.au

- Free Entry
- Gold Coin Donation appreciated
- Advance Booking: You may reserve a pew for up to 10 people.
- Name Registration: Please provide names to Parish office or to Josfel Noronha after the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays until 7th December 2025. He will be available in the foyer.
- Copy of the program will be available in the church foyer next Sunday

Healing Mass

- Thursday 11th December
- Rosary 7pm Mass 7:30pm
- Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church 420 Seaview Road
Henley Beach.
- All Welcome Enquiries phone Pauline 0403 002 240

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



PRESENTATION

We welcome into our faith Community

Cooper Robert Behar
Oliver James Behar
Oliver Cody Wright

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

Please keep these families in your prayers.



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.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISH FINANCE OFFICER

Jayne has officially begun her role of parish finance officer for Sacred Heart Parish Hindmarsh-Findon.

We welcome her with our prayers and she is looking forward to meeting with you all.



The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8th December

The feast day of the Immaculate Conception is December 8. The feast celebrates Mary having no original sin from the very moment she was conceived in St. Anne's womb. God chose her from

all of time to be the Mother of God.

The Immaculate Conception is the belief that the Virgin Mary was free of original sin from the moment of her conception.

This is a day to celebrate! Today, we honor the glorious and miraculous Immaculate Conception of our Blessed Mother, an act of God's most profound mercy.

It is fitting that we see the Immaculate Conception as an act of profound mercy. Why is that so? What is it about this solemnity that is so closely linked to mercy?

Mercy is a gratuitous gift of God. By "gratuitous" we mean that it is not merited or earned. Mercy is not owed to us by God. If it were, it would not be mercy, it would be our right. But we have no right to mercy. It is freely given by God and it is given in abundance.

As for this glorious Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, it's important to look at it as a gratuitous gift from two perspectives. First, the "Immaculate Conception" means that when God created the Blessed Virgin Mary, He created her without sin. This was done through what we call a prevenient grace. This grace given her is an act of God's perfect and gratuitous mercy.

She did not earn it or merit it; rather, God in His goodness chose to create her without original sin so as to have a suitable instrument by which the Son could come into the world. Mary, for her part, embraced this gift and chose to remain sinless throughout her life by a continual act of her free will.

Second, in creating our Blessed Mother immaculately, God did not keep her to Himself. He was not selfish with her. Instead, He chose to make this perfection of His creation our own mother. The Immaculate Mother Mary is now our spiritual mother in the order of God's grace and mercy. This, also, is an act of perfect gratuitous mercy on the part of our loving God. We do not deserve such a spiritual mother and protectress, but we have her and she is always there interceding for us and bestowing many graces from God upon us as a perfect mother would.

Reflect, today, upon this twofold gratuitous gift of God's mercy:

- He created Mary Immaculate out of mercy, and
- He gave her to us as our own mother and queen. Seek her motherly care today and throughout the year!

Dearest Mother my Queen, I gaze upon the beauty and holiness of you who, though a mere creature, are perfect in every way. You have been granted this singular and gratuitous grace from God with which you perfectly cooperated. May I always rely upon your motherly love and care and may I always allow you to bestow the grace of God upon me in accord with the Father's plan. You, dearest mother, are a gratuitous gift of Mercy to us all! Mother Mary, I love you. Pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.

Sacred Heart Parish

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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
			<i>Reconciliation Only – Short Liturgy</i>

Parish Christmas Carols in the Courtyard

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

Christmas Eve

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

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	31 st 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.



Parish Advent Reconciliation

Wednesday, 17th December
6pm at Our Lady of the Manger



2026 Columban Calendars
are now available for \$11 from Sandra
at both Mass Centers

Vinnies Christmas Cards
Please see Sandra if interested in purchasing
\$8 per pack



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!

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 07	4:20pm	Adelaide United v Brisbane Roar
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
Sat 17	4:20pm	(Mens) Adelaide United v Melbourne Victory
	7:05pm	(Womens) Adelaide United v Melbourne Victory

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 Ijee :-)

PARISH COMMUNITY CONNECT Cake Stall

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

Sunday 7th December after the 9.00am Mass at SHC Hindmarsh

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



2nd Week of Advent
A time for peace...



I show peace when I...

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

Nativity Scene

Our Parish is planning to set up the Nativity scene on **Carols Night (21/12/25)**. Children from both Mass centres are invited to dress up as **Mary, Joseph, Angels, Shepherds, and Wise Men**. Please see **Reena and Ijee** to collect the costumes.




**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

