



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

14 December 2025



Year A

*Third
Sunday of
Advent*

Responsorial Psalm

*Lord, come and save
us*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The Spirit of the Lord
is upon me; he sent
me to bring Good
News to the poor.*

Alleluia!

Today's Readings

Is 35:1-6, 10

Ps 145:6-10

James 5:7-10

Mt 11:2-11

Mass Intentions

6:00pm Saturday Vigil OLM
Parish

9:00am SHC
Parish

11:00am OLM
Aldo & Maria Gazzola
Giuseppa Sciaraffa

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 16 Dec 12:15 pm** Mass at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh
- ◇ **Wednesday 17 Dec 6:00 pm** **Advent Reconciliation & Liturgy** at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
- ◇ **Friday 19 Dec 9:15 am** Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
- ◇ **Saturday 20 Dec 6:00 pm** Vigil Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
- ◇ **Sunday 21 Dec 9:00 am** Mass at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh
- ◇ **Sunday 21 Dec 11:00 am** Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
- ◇ **6:00 pm** **Carols in the Courtyard at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh**

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS - re-opens 6th January 2026



Rejoicing in the Cross

"Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me." [Matthew 11:4-6](#)

Suppose a priest came to your church to put on a parish mission, and during that mission he miraculously healed the blind, crippled, terminally ill, and deaf. What if he even raised the dead to life? How would you respond? Most likely with amazement! You'd contact everyone close to you and tell them about those miracles, encouraging them to attend the next session.

Though Jesus' ministry was filled with miracles, they were far from the most important part of His mission. His miracles healed bodies that would eventually die, but His preaching healed souls that would live forever because His preaching ultimately pointed to His greatest work—to suffer and die for the salvation of souls.

If you were alive as Jesus walked the earth, performed miracles, preached the Good News, suffered death and rose again, which of His actions would have the greatest effect on you? When we consider our Lord's mission, we must consider it all as one unified whole, not missing the most important aspects. From a faith perspective, Jesus' suffering, death, and Resurrection are clearly His greatest acts. By freely embracing suffering and death, He transformed the worst into the best: the consequence of sin—which is death—into the instrument of eternal life. When Jesus said, "And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me," He was identifying those as blessed who discovered the great value of His Cross.

If we were to ask Jesus' first followers whether they would prefer to see Jesus perform miracles or suffer and die, most likely they would prefer the miracles. Such a question might have even left them confused. Why would anyone want to see a great prophet suffer and die? Yet, today, from a theological perspective, it is clear that Jesus' suffering, death, and Resurrection are the greatest acts in human history.

Imagine being our Blessed Mother who witnessed it all, stood by her Son as He endured His Cross, and rejoiced with Him when He rose. Unquestionably, if we asked our Blessed Mother whether she preferred to see a few miracles from her Son or to witness His perfect sacrifice that brought salvation to the world, her holy and sorrowful heart would choose the latter.

Reflect today on these questions within the context of your own life. When you pray, do you primarily ask for favors, blessings, or miracles? Or do you primarily pray for the Cross? Do you see greater value in having God remove some suffering from your life or in transforming your suffering by the power of His Cross? Ask for the grace to die with our Lord, to become a living sacrifice of love, and to have the strength to lay down your life for others. By choosing that which has eternal value, you choose the better part and will rejoice in that better part forever.

My sacrificial Lord, You invite me to take no offense at Your suffering and death; to see beyond the pain, blood, and physical death; and to discover the unfathomable riches of Your Sacrifice. Please give me the eyes of faith to see the value of not only accepting Your Cross, but also to see the value of living Your Passion in my own life by laying down my life with You. Jesus, I trust in You. Copyright © 2024 My Catholic Life! Inc. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

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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

Assistant Priest: Father Rajashekhar Gundiga CSC

DECEMBER 2025

- 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 - reopens 6th January**
21 Dec 4th Sunday of Advent
Christmas Carols in the Courtyard at SHC
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
31 Dec Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Midnight mass at SHC



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 Mass 6pm at OLM
11 Jan 9am Mass at SHC
11am Mass at OLM
19 Jan 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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.



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 :-)

Vinnies Christmas Stocking Raffle

Raffles Tickets are now available at each Mass Centre. Please see Sandra or Kath at Findon, and Cathy at Hindmarsh. This amazing prize is valued at approximately \$200

Tickets are 3 for \$5



Parish Office Closure

The Parish Office will be closed from Friday 19th December to 6th January.



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



BAPTISM

We welcome into our faith Community

Cooper Robert Behar
Oliver James Behar
Oliver Cody Wright

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

Please keep these families in your prayers.



SACRED HEART PARISH
Hindmarsh-Findon

Carols

in the
COURTYARD

DECEMBER

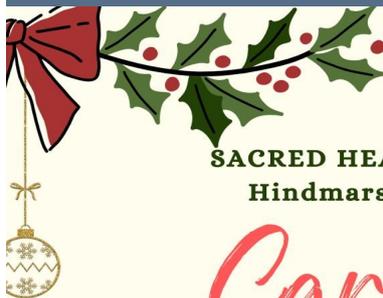
SUNDAY **21** 6 pm - 9 pm

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



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 Ilee** to collect the costumes.

Sacred Heart Parish

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Our Lady of the Manger Church, 176 Crittenden Road, Findon



Christmas Celebrations 2025

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.



Parish Advent Reconciliation (Confession)

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



Christmas Eve Masses with Children's Focus

6:00pm at OLM
7:00pm at SHC

Children are encouraged to dress in costumes appropriate to the season
e.g. Angels, Shepherds, Wise Men/Women



Christmas Day
Our Lady of the Manger Findon
Please Note Mass time change



Parishioners are reminded that Mass on Christmas Day at Our Lady of the Manger Findon will be at **10.30am** (not at the regular time of 11am).

Holidays



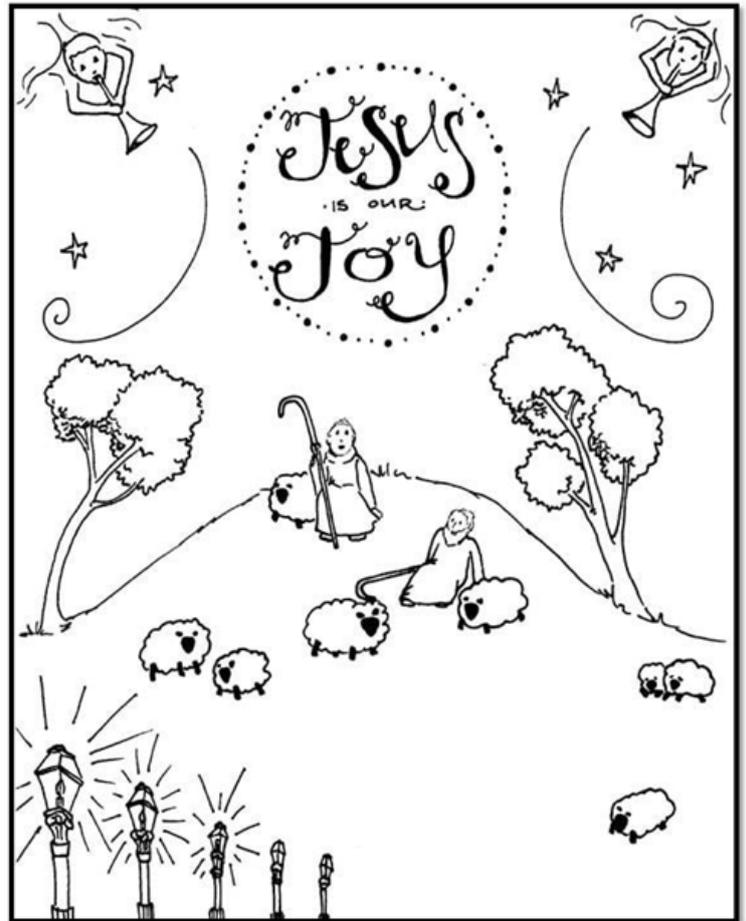
Father Santhosh will be on holidays from the parish
13th January 2026 - 12th February 2026

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



Third Sunday of Advent - Joy

"Prepare a way to God" – Gaudete Sunday



"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make
 straight the way of the Lord" – John 1:19-28

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



The Third Sunday of Advent, known as **Gaudete Sunday**, represents **Joy**, marking a shift from penitence to glad anticipation as Christmas nears. It's characterized by lighting the pink or rose candle on the Advent wreath, symbolizing the joyful hope that Jesus' coming brings, with themes of rejoicing, peace, and God's presence, drawing inspiration from John the Baptist as a herald of the light.

Key Meanings:

- **"Gaudete" (Rejoice):** The name comes from the Latin word for "rejoice," signaling a pause in the solemnity of Advent to celebrate the nearness of the Lord's arrival.
- **The Pink Candle:** This candle, often pink or rose, replaces one of the purple ones, symbolizing this specific joy amidst the preparation.
- **Joyful Expectation:** It's a call to find deep, abiding joy in knowing God is with us, rooted in the promise of salvation and the fulfillment of His promises.
- **John the Baptist's Role:** The Gospel often features John the Baptist, who humbly points to Jesus as the true Light, encouraging people to prepare their hearts.

In essence, Gaudete Sunday reminds believers to rejoice in the midst of waiting, finding gladness in God's faithfulness and the imminent coming of Christ.

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: Coopers STADIUM
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
February		
Sun 8	4:30pm	Adelaide United v Newcastle Jets
Fri 20	7:05pm	Adelaide United v Perth Glory

Please remember we are always **Collecting Bottles & Cans** for our Parish fundraising .

Tuong has kindly volunteered to collect these from your home.

Please save your bottles and cans!

Your help is appreciated. Thank you!



All-powerful God,
 increase our strength of will
 for doing good that
 Christ may find an eager welcome
 at his coming and call us to his side
 in the kingdom of heaven,
 where he lives and reigns with you
 and the Holy Spirit one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

God of power and mercy open our hearts in welcome.