



# WELCOME TO SACRED HEART PARISH HINDMARSH-FINDON

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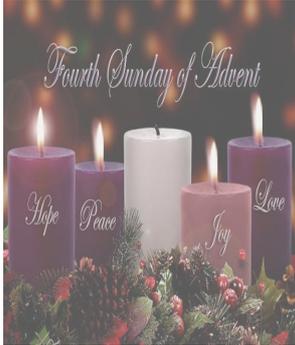


Parish Office  
252 Port Road, Hindmarsh

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

**21 December 2025**



**Year A**

*Fourth  
Sunday of  
Advent*

## Responsorial Psalm

*Let the Lord enter;  
he is king of glory*

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*A virgin will give birth  
to a son;  
his name will be  
Emmanuel; God is  
with us.*

*Alleluia!*

## Today's Readings

**Is 7:10-14**

**Ps 23:1-6**

**Rom 1:1-7**

**Mt 1:18-24**

## Mass Intentions

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

**9:00am SHC**

Josef Kielnerowski  
Frances Kielnerowski

**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

- ◇ Tuesday 23 Dec 12:15 pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh
- ◇ 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)**
- Midnight **Christmas Eve Mass at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) (Carols at 11.30pm)**
- ◇ 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 Vigil 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



## *Saint Joseph, Our Patron & Protector*

*Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her." [Matthew 1:20](#)*

Joseph knew that the penalty for adultery was death by stoning. His heart must have been deeply conflicted. On one hand, the virtues of his betrothed wife, Mary, were abundantly clear. Mary radiated holiness. Impurity was foreign to her Immaculate Heart. Yet she was pregnant, and Joseph was not the father. What should he do?

To protect Mary from public shame, Joseph decided to do what he believed was the most merciful thing—he "decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention..." Though little is known about Joseph, this Gospel passage identifies him as "a righteous man." Many saints, popes, and Church documents highlight his unquestionable sanctity. He was not immaculate and free from sin as was his wife, but God the Father would have chosen a righteous and holy man to be the foster father of the Son of God.

Joseph's actions reveal his deep faith. As he slept, "the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her.'" The angel explained to him that Isaiah prophesied that the Messiah would be born of a virgin (see [Isaiah 7:14](#)) and that Joseph was to take Mary and her unborn Son into his home and care for them. When he awoke, he did as the angel commanded.

Joseph's dream was no ordinary dream. The Holy Spirit accompanied the angel and instilled the certitude of faith in Joseph's mind, empowering his will to obey God's will. Joseph became the father and guardian of the Savior of the World. On December 8, 1847, Pope Pius IX declared Saint Joseph to be the Universal Patron and Protector of the Catholic Church. Just as he protected the Son of God, so he intercedes for us who are members of Christ's body, the Church.

As our Advent season enters its final week, we are reminded of the role that Jesus' foster father played not only in the life of the Holy Family, but also about the role Saint Joseph continues to play in the life of the Church and in each one of our lives. His intercessory power from Heaven is great, and we should not hesitate to call upon his prayers, especially when we need protection, struggle with fear, or face some grave challenge.

Reflect today on your personal devotion to Saint Joseph. Ponder, especially, his deep faith and obedience to the will of God as was communicated to him in a dream. Strive to imitate that obedience in your own life, never hesitating to undertake the mission God has given you. Turn to Saint Joseph in prayer and know that his powerful intercession will help protect you and win God's grace in the areas you need it the most.

*Saint Joseph, you were a holy and righteous man, entrusted with the guardianship of the Mother of God and the Son of God. You fulfilled your role faithfully and continue that role from Heaven, protecting all of God's children through your intercession. Please pray for me, that I will imitate your obedience and will be protected from all sin so as to fulfill the unique role God has given me. Saint Joseph, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.*

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**Parish Priest:** Father Santhosh Nazareth CSC

**Assistant Priest:** Father Rajashekhar Gundiga CSC

## DECEMBER 2025

- 19 Dec** [PARISH OFFICE CLOSE - 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

## 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** 9am Mass at SHC  
11am Mass at OLM  
**19 Jan** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Christmas Carols at The Monastery

Celebrate the joy and wonder of Christmas with us at **St Paul of the Cross Church/The Monastery!**  
**Sunday December 21 2025**

- Mass at 5pm
- Sausage sizzle and Christmas gift stall from 6pm
- Live Carols from 6:30-8pm

All welcome! Bring your family, friends and festive spirit as we come together to share the Christmas message.

Please BYO chairs or picnic rug. Location: 15 Cross Road, Urrbrae.



## 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

## 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 is now closed and will reopen on 6th January.**



**\*\*please not there will be no bulletins during this 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

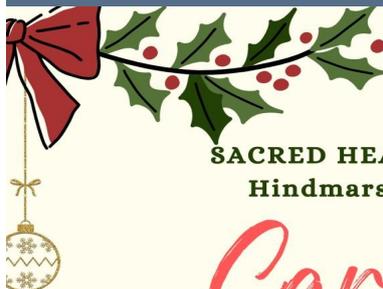


**24 Dec 2025 @ 7pm**  
**ALL WELCOME!**



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

**Please see Reena or Ilee :-)**



**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

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



## Christmas Celebrations 2025

### *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*

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, 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025 & re-opens Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> 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.*



### **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!



## Fourth Sunday of Advent - Love

"I will do what asks of me"



"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Luke 1:26-38

Church of Saint Leo the Great [www.stleohthegreat.com/childrens-corner](http://www.stleohthegreat.com/childrens-corner)



The Fourth Sunday of Advent represents **Love**, marking the final week of waiting with the lighting of the "Angel's Candle," which symbolizes God's immense love for humanity and the angelic message of "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men," heralding the imminent arrival of Jesus, the ultimate expression of that love. It's a time to reflect on God's promises and the profound love demonstrated by sending His Son, preparing hearts for the joy of Christmas.

### Key Symbols & Themes:

- **Love:** The central theme, representing God's selfless gift of Jesus.
- **The Angel's Candle:** The name for this final purple candle, signifying the angelic announcement of Christ's birth.
- **Peace & Joy:** The anticipation of Christ brings peace and joy, fulfilling the angel's promise.
- **Final Preparation:** It's the last week to ready oneself for Christmas, focusing on God's enduring love.

### Scriptural Focus:

- Gospel readings often center on the angel Gabriel's message to Mary, as seen in Luke 1:39-45 and Matthew 1:18-25, emphasizing God's faithfulness and the fulfillment of prophecy (Immanuel, "God with us").

In essence, the Fourth Sunday of Advent brings the Advent journey to its climax, culminating in the joyful realization of God's loving plan for salvation through Jesus.

### 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
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
March		
Fri 6	7:05pm	Adelaide United v Wellington Phoenix
Fri 13	6:30pm	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!



### 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.

### Quote of the Week

From home to home,  
 and heart to heart,  
 from one place to another.  
 The warmth and joy of Christmas brings us  
 closer to each other

*Emily Matthews*