



Parish Office  
252 Port Road, Hindmarsh

# WELCOME TO SACRED HEART PARISH HINDMARSH-FINDON

IN THE CHARISM OF THE HEART OF CHRIST  
**'May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere**



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

**11 January 2026**



Year A

*The  
Baptism of  
the Lord*

### Responsorial Psalm

*The Lord will bless his  
people with peace.*

### Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*The heavens were  
opened and the  
Father's voice was  
heard; this is my  
beloved Son, hear  
him.*

*Alleluia!*

### Today's Readings

**Is 42:1-4, 6-7**

**Ps 28:1-4, 9-10**

**Acts 10:34-38**

**Mt 3:13-17**

### Mass Intentions

**6:00pm Saturday Vigil OLM**

Parish

**9:00am SHC**

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**11:00am OLM**

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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 13 Jan 12:15 pm** Mass at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh
- ◇ **Wednesday 14 Jan 6:00 pm** Candlelight Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
- ◇ **Friday 16 Jan 9:15 am** Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
- ◇ **Saturday 17 Jan 6:00 pm** Vigil Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
- ◇ **Sunday 18 Jan 9:00 am** Mass at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh
- ◇ **Sunday 18 Jan 11:00 am** Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

### *An Indelible Spiritual Mark*

**Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed him. [Matthew 3:13-15](#)**

John the Baptist was the last of the Old Testament prophets, entrusted with the mission to immediately prepare the way for the Messiah. Today's feast marks a pivotal transition from the Old Law to the New. Prior to Jesus' baptism, John's mission was in full motion. With Jesus' baptism, the mission of the Old Testament prophets is fulfilled, and the New Law of grace begins.

Why did Jesus enter the waters of baptism? He was sinless and had no need of repentance. Yet, in His divine wisdom, Jesus chose to be baptized to sanctify the waters, opening the gateway of grace for all who would follow. By entering the waters of baptism, Jesus set a precedent. Every Christian who enters the waters of baptism meets our Lord there, sharing in His life of grace.

As we reflect on Christ's baptism today, we are invited to consider our own. Most of us were baptized as infants and have no memory of the event. Others came to baptism later in life, fully aware of the grace they were receiving. Regardless of when it occurred, baptism's effects are profound and enduring. That singular moment of sanctification forever changed us, and its transformative power remains active within us.

Through baptism, Jesus meets us under the waters. When baptism is performed by full immersion, it powerfully symbolizes the reality of this encounter. We enter the waters of repentance, as John offered, but we emerge united with Christ. Just as the Father's voice declared at Jesus' baptism, "You are my beloved Son..." so too does the Father continually speak to us after our baptism, affirming our identity as His beloved children. The Holy Spirit descends upon us, and we are offered every gift of the Spirit, provided our hearts remain open.

Baptism occurs only once in our lives and imprints on our souls an "indelible spiritual mark (character)" (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1272 and 1274). This mark configures us to Christ and signifies our permanent belonging to Him and His Church. It cannot be lost or removed, even by mortal sin.

However, while this character endures forever, the state of sanctifying grace within our souls can be lost through mortal sin. In such cases, the grace of baptism is restored through the Sacrament of Reconciliation in which our souls are once again cleansed and brought back into full communion with God. Marked as members of Christ's Body, we are continually disposed to receive sanctifying grace through the other sacraments, as long as we remain in a state of grace. Baptism accomplishes this disposition, enabling us to participate fully in the life of grace that flows from Christ.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, reflect today on your own baptism. You are forever marked as a child of God. You encountered our Lord under the waters of baptism, were cleansed of all sin, and were filled with sanctifying grace. Though sin diminishes or even extinguishes that grace when it is mortal, the Sacrament of Reconciliation restores it, and the Eucharist and other sacraments increase it. Always return to your baptismal grace, seeking to live out your identity as God's son or daughter, as this sacred mark intends.

*My sanctifying Lord, through the waters of baptism, I encountered You and received the abundant grace You bestowed upon me. Please help me to keep my soul free from sin and to live with the true dignity of a child of God. Thank You for meeting me under those waters. May I remain with You, growing ever closer to You by the ongoing gift of all the Sacraments. Jesus, I trust in You.*

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# PARISH CALENDAR

## January 2026

- 10 Jan Baptism of the Lord  
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
- 21 Jan Saint Agnes
- 23 Jan Saint Timothy and Saint Titus
- 25 Jan 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 26 Jan Australia Day
- 28 Jan Saint Thomas Aquinas
- 31 Jan Saint John Bosco



## February

- 01 Feb 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 02 Feb The Presentation of the Lord

# PARISH MEETINGS



### Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday, 3rd March @ 6.30pm at Parish Office

### Parish Finance Council Meeting

Wednesday, 22nd April @ 7:00pm at OLM

### Liturgy Meeting

TBA

### Community Connect (Fundraising) Meeting

TBA

### APRIM Meeting

TBA

# ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

## Theology at the Bar

Faith, ideas and conversation. Come along, all welcome!

**Guest speaker:** Fr Olek Stirrat

**Date:** Wednesday January 21

**Location:** Ern Malley Bar, Magill Road, Stepney SA.

**Time:** 6.30pm start, for 7pm talk.

Snacks and drinks available at the bar.

## Cathedral Light Show – Adelaide Fringe

**St Francis Xavier's Cathedral** is set to be illuminated like never before as part of an immersive light experience to be staged during the 2026 Fringe. Titled 'Cathedral Chiaroscuro', entry to the event will be from **8.30-9.30pm nightly (except Mondays)**, with architecturally mapped projections accompanied by a classical and choral music soundtrack. Audience members can move around the Cathedral to view the projections from different angles and expected 'dwell time' is about 15 minutes.

Tickets range from \$10 for preview nights to \$15 (February 20-March 22). To book, visit [adelaidefringe.com.au](http://adelaidefringe.com.au).

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends 2026

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a worldwide Synodal Movement dedicated to the renewal of our Catholic Church through empowering couples and priests to live fully intimate and responsible relationships. Our Church today has the belief that Marriage and Holy Orders are Sacraments of relationship and that we are called as couples and priests to be a living sign of God's love to the world, and to love one another as Jesus loves us all. This takes hard work, and a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend gives married couples and priests the tools and support they need to live this sign in today's busy life.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter has three weekends planned for 2026 – **February 20-22, Lyndoch Motel; July 3-5 Royal Coach Motel; and a live-out weekend at Antonio School, November 7-8.** More details are available on the website at <https://www.wwme.org.au/>. Please consider booking into a weekend to nurture and grow your relationship with your spouse.

## May God grant them peace, comfort and strength in their time of suffering

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

**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.**



## Epiphany



Feast of the Epiphany celebrated on January 6th, marking the end of the 12 Days of Christmas.

The revelation of Jesus Christ's divinity to the world, traditionally commemorated by the visit of the Magi (Wise Men) to the infant Jesus, as well as his baptism and miracle at Cana.

Known as Theophany in the East, it concludes the Christmas season and involves unique traditions like Three Kings Day, blessing of waters, and house blessings with chalk, symbolizing the manifestation of God to Gentiles.

## Baptism of the Lord



Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. This feast brings to an end the season of Christmas.

Ordinary Time lasts from the day after this feast to the Tuesday before Lent.

The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan.

Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God.

The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

At the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John.

Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world".

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism.

At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God.

At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

# PARISH NEWS



Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide  
Archbishop of Adelaide

## 2026 Archdiocesan Synod Video Message

Preparations for the 2026 Archdiocesan Synod continue at a significant pace and volume. It is my hope that every parishioner will have an awareness and understanding of the Synod, its purpose and themes.

View Video Message on YouTube:

<https://youtu.be/fsbDWXzi3VY>

+Patrick O'Regan

Archbishop of Adelaide



## Video Message by Archbishop Patrick O'Regan regarding the 2026 Archdiocesan Synod

### Video Transcript

My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ, Our Archdiocese of Adelaide is preparing for a Synod next year in 2026. A Synod is a gathering of the faithful from our Parishes, Schools, and communities. It will be both a moment to listen deeply – to the Word of God, to one another, and to the cries of the earth and of the poor. It will be a time to ask how might we become a Church that reflects more clearly the face of Christ in our time. The Synod is our next step in our journey continuing on from our Diocesan and Regional Assemblies, the 5th Australian Plenary Council and the Global Synod on Synodality.

I invite you to join me on this journey toward the 2026 Archdiocesan Synod.

The most important thing we can all do is to pray for the Synod and its members.

The next thing we can do is to prepare our hearts and minds by engaging with the Key Synod Themes:

- *Becoming Missionary Disciples*
- *Communion in Grace – Sacrament to the World*
- *Formation for Mission and Leadership*
- *The Mission of Catholic Education and Being Church Together*
- *Structures and Planning for Communion, Mission and Participation*

Each theme will be explored in a short-written paper which will draw on our years of consultations and dialogue and present recommendations for proposals for action in the Archdiocese.

In the coming months, these papers will be shared with you for your feedback - this will assist those called to the Synod as members to prayerfully discern the future of our Diocese together.

As we look forward to the 2026 Synod, we stand at a threshold as Pilgrims of Hope. We are invited to dream not just of a better Church, but a more faithful one: faithful to Christ, to the Gospel, and to the Holy Spirit who renews all things.

So, dear sisters and brothers, let us walk this path together – not as individuals or isolated parishes, but as a pilgrim people, united in Christ and led by the Spirit.

Thank you.

## Holidays



Father Santhosh will be on holidays from the parish

**13th January - 12th February**

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

## Congratulations



Congratulations to Nicolai from Hindmarsh who won the Vinnies Christmas Stocking.

Thank you to Michelle Palazzo who put it this amazing prize together and to our Removalist who kindly transported the stocking from Hindmarsh to Findon and back again.

## 50th Anniversary of Ordination

Congratulations, Fr Bill, on 50 years of faithfilled service in sharing Jesus' mission through MSC.

From 2010 to 2019 Fr Bill Brady MSC was our Parish Priest, our last Missionary of the Sacred Heart.



## LOVE ADELAIDE WALK FOR LIFE



Human from Conception

7 February 2026

## LOVE ADELAIDE - WALK FOR LIFE

Join us as we walk for life to bring an end to abortion

Human from Conception

Saturday 7th of February 2026

10am - 12noon

Pennington Gardens

Opposite St Peters Cathedral, North Adelaide

**\$5 Donation Parking**

Adelaide Oval parking  
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**Free Tickets**

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Gates Open 9am

Don't forget to bring a drink bottle;  
and remember to slip, slop and slap!

**PLEASE WEAR A WHITE SHIRT**

NO megaphones or personal signs,  
Love Adelaide will provide official signs.  
Please follow the direction of the marshals  
& police and walk peacefully with love.

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**Please follow the event guidelines.**



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# PARISH INFORMATION

**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!

January		
Events are at: <b>Coopers STADIUM</b>		
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

## Parish & Stole Fees for 2026

**Hall Hire** - \$550 (including \$200 bond)  
**Baptism** - Church \$150, Stipend \$150  
**Wedding** - Church \$650, Stipend \$500  
**Funeral** - Church \$200, Stipend \$300  
**Mass Intentions (during mass)** - Donation



## 2026 Sacramental Dates

### PRESENTATIONS

#### Reconciliation

31st May  
 8th & 9th November

#### Communion/Confirmation

16th & 17th May  
 21st June

### CELEBRATIONS

#### Reconciliation

September

#### Communion/Confirmation

1st August @ 3pm & 6pm at Our Lady of the Manger, Findon  
 22nd August @ 6pm at Our Lady of the Manger, Findon  
 23rd August @ 9am at Sacred Heart Church, Hindmarsh  
 30th August @ 9am at Sacred Heart Church, Hindmarsh



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## Parish Fundraising the year in review!

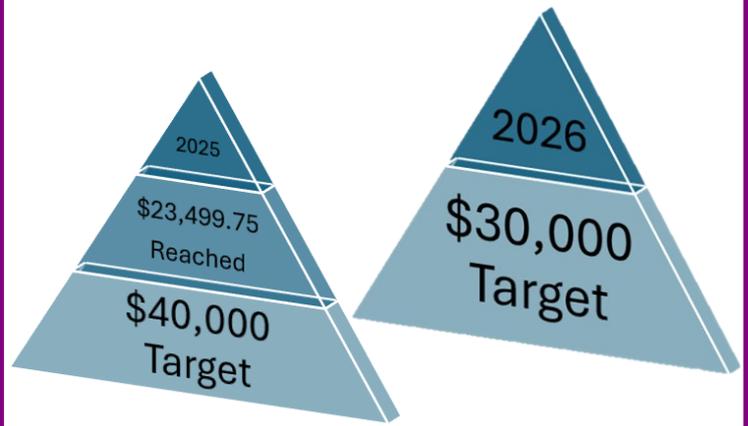
We raised \$24,107.60 with expenses of \$602.85  
 A total of **\$23,499.75** was raised in 2025.

This amount has come via funds raised from a variety of different events, donations and gatherings .

Our aim was to reach \$40,000!

This year in 2026, we aim to raise a total of **\$30,000**

Together...we can do this!



As the dawn breaks on a new year, let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our health, our family and our friends.

Let us release our grudges, our anger and our pains, for these are nothing but binding chains.

Let us live each day in the most loving ways, the God-conscious way.

### Quote of the Week

May the next few months be a period of magnificent transformation

*Unknown Author*