



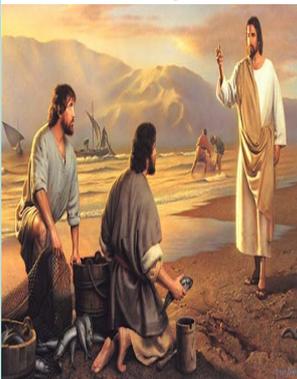
# WELCOME TO SACRED HEART PARISH HINDMARSH-FINDON

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

**25 January 2026**



**Year A**

*3rd Sunday  
in Ordinary  
Time*

**Responsorial Psalm**

*The Lord is my light  
and my salvation.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Jesus preached the  
Good News of the  
kingdom and healed  
all who were sick.*

*Alleluia!*

**Today's Readings**

**Is 8:23 - 9:3**

**Ps 26:1, 4, 13-14**

**1 Cor 1:10 - 13, 17**

**Mt 4:12 - 23**

**Mass Intentions**

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

**9:00am SHC**  
Nicola Pica  
Rito Pica  
Santo Lagana

**11:00am OLM**  
Leticia Gaviola

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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 27 Jan 12:15 pm** Mass at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh
- ◇ **Wednesday 28 Jan 6:00 pm** Candlelight Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon  
**7:30 pm** St Eufemia Tridium of Masses at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh
- ◇ **Thursday 29 Jan 7:30 pm** St Eufemia Tridium of Masses at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh
- ◇ **Friday 30 Jan 9:15 am** Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon  
**7:00 pm** St Eufemia Tridium of Masses at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh
- ◇ **Saturday 31 Jan 6:00 pm** Vigil Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
- ◇ **Sunday 01 Feb 9:00 am** Mass at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh
- ◇ **Sunday 01 Feb 11:00 am** Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon

**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

*God's Permissive Will*

*When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee... From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." [Matthew 4:12, 17](#)*

When John the Baptist was arrested, his followers were likely overcome with fear and grief. The man they revered as a prophet, who fearlessly proclaimed the coming of the Messiah and called for repentance through baptism, had been imprisoned. John was arrested by Herod Antipas, the son of Herod the Great, infamous for ordering the massacre of infants in Bethlehem. Like his father, Herod Antipas was ambitious and morally corrupt. As tetrarch of Galilee and Perea under Roman authority, Herod's political survival depended on maintaining Roman favor. He often used religion to secure legitimacy among the Jewish people, though his actions routinely violated Jewish law.

Though nominally Jewish, the Herodian dynasty was of Idumean descent, tracing its lineage to Esau rather than Jacob. The Idumeans were forcibly converted to Judaism between 135-104 BC. While this history granted the Herods a claim to Jewish identity, their foreign lineage and collaboration with Rome made them unpopular with many Jews. Herod Antipas, like his father, prioritized political cunning and personal ambition over genuine adherence to Jewish law.

When John the Baptist emerged on the scene, he proclaimed his message with fearless conviction. His central call was one of repentance and baptism for the forgiveness of sins, urging the people to prepare for the coming of the Messiah. Yet John did not shy away from addressing the moral and spiritual corruption of his time. He famously denounced the Pharisees and Sadducees as a "brood of vipers," rebuking their hypocrisy and lack of genuine repentance. John also boldly condemned Herod Antipas for violating Jewish law by divorcing his wife and marrying Herodias, the wife of his half-brother, Philip. This marriage not only violated Mosaic Law but also reflected Herod's ambitions to consolidate power and status. John's fearless denunciation of sin, even among the powerful, ultimately led to his arrest and eventual martyrdom.

This historical context surrounding John's arrest is crucial because it helps us understand God's providence—how He permits certain evils to occur in order to bring about a greater good. Jesus Himself later affirmed John's greatness, saying, "Among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist". If the Son of God declared John's greatness shortly after John's arrest, why didn't God miraculously free him from persecution? The answer lies in John's mission. He had fulfilled his primary role: preparing the way for the Lord, the "Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world". Once John's mission was complete, God permitted him to seal his testimony with his own blood, offering his life as a martyr for the Lord and for the Truth that sets all people free.

Reflect today on John's arrest and consider how you might have reacted if you had been one of his disciples. From an earthly perspective, martyrdom is difficult to comprehend or accept, especially in our own lives or in the lives of those we love. Though John's arrest and subsequent martyrdom likely brought fear and grief to his disciples, shaking their sense of security, from an eternal perspective, John's martyrdom was his greatest act of witness. It fulfilled his mission by pointing his disciples—and all of us—toward the true Prophet and Messiah, Jesus Christ. John is forever glorified in Heaven, and in the end, that is all that truly matters. As we honor John's unwavering faith, seek to embrace God's permissive will in your own life. Even in the face of suffering or evil, trust that God, in His providence, can bring about a greater good if we surrender ourselves fully to Him.

*My provident and loving God, You permit evil to touch the lives of Your faithful followers, knowing that in Your perfect Wisdom, You can bring forth a greater good. Grant me the heart of a martyr, filled with courage and trust, whenever I face injustice in my life. Help me to unite my every trial to Yours, in imitation of Saint John the Baptist and Your own Passion and Death. Jesus, I trust in You.*

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# PARISH CALENDAR

## January

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**  
06 Feb **Praise, Worship & Adoration Night @ 6.30pm at SHC**  
08 Feb 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
*Day of the Unborn Child Appeal*  
11 Feb **Our Lady of Lourdes**  
15 Feb 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
18 Feb **Ash Wednesday**  
22 Feb 1st Sunday of Lent

## St Eufemia Society

The St Eufemia Tridium of Masses will begin on Wednesday, 28th January at Sacred Heart Church, Hindmarsh. Masses will run each evening:

**Wednesday, 28th and Thursday, 29th January at 7.30pm and Friday, 30th January at 7:00pm.**

All are welcome!

## **Saint Eufemia Festival**

Enjoy Calabrian food, culture, entertainment, kid's rides and the spectacular St Eufemia fireworks

Entertainment by Terra Calabria, Sebastiano Votino, Tarantella Fever and Legends Rock & Roll Club

**FREE ENTRY**

Sunday,  
1st February, 2026  
11am—10pm



Flinders Park Football Club Oval,  
Hartley Rd, Flinders Park

# PARISH MEETINGS



## Community Connect (Fundraising) Meeting

Thursday, 5th February @ 6.00pm at OLM

## 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

## APRIM Meeting

TBA

# ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

## **Australia Day Mass**

Monday January 26 at 9am in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral

For more than 60 years a special celebration of the Eucharist has been held in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral to celebrate Australia Day. We come together to celebrate and give thanks for this wonderful country and to recognise the richness and diversity of the people who call Australia home. All are welcome to join us on this special occasion. For more information please contact Archdiocesan Events on (08) 8210 8220 or [events@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:events@adelaide.catholic.org.au)

**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 and Rosalinda Alonzo**  
**If you would like prayers or to add a name to our sick list, please contact the parish office. Thank you.**



# SYNOD

prayer

God of the Journey,

Our companion and our guide.

You call us to be a pilgrim people,

Who listen, discern, and walk together on the way,  
Sharing in the life and mission of your Son, Jesus.

Bless our local Church, the Archdiocese of Adelaide,

As we prepare for our Synod.

Make us ready for the work at hand.

**Come, Holy Spirit, prepare our hearts,**

that we may be filled with compassion, courage and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit, prepare our minds,**

that we may receive your wisdom, dream new dreams,  
and be open to new ideas.

**Come, Holy Spirit, prepare our eyes,**

that we may see you in one another, perceive the need of  
our neighbour, and envision new horizons.

**Come, Holy Spirit, prepare our ears,**

that we may hear your voice, listen deeply to the other,  
and attend to the voice within.

**Come, Holy Spirit, prepare our mouths,**

that we may speak on behalf of the voiceless, cry out for  
justice, and bear witness to your love.

**Come, Holy Spirit, prepare our feet,**

that we may walk in the footsteps of Jesus, go to the  
peripheries, and accompany one another on the way.

**Come, Holy Spirit, prepare our hands,**

that we may embrace our sisters and brothers,  
heal wounds, and build bridges of peace.

**Come, Holy Spirit, prepare our community,**

that we may be your one body, eliminate borders of  
exclusion, and welcome all into your love.

Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

# PARISH NEWS



Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide  
Archbishop of Adelaide

## Synod Dialogue Week February 22-28

In preparation for the 2026 Archdiocesan Synod, February 22-28 is designated as Dialogue Week. During this week people in parishes, schools and communities will have the opportunity to gather, reflect on the themes and recommendations of the Synod, and provide feedback to the Archbishop and Synod members.

We are committed to supporting the implementation in every parish, school and community through resources and dialogue processes, training, and strategies.

### [2026 Archdiocesan Synod Video Message](#)

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.



Lent begins  
**Ash Wednesday**  
**18th February 2026**



World Day of Prayer 2026  
Focus on **Nigeria**



**2026 World Day of Prayer**  
**Friday, 6th March**

All welcome to come along and celebrate. An Ecumenical Liturgy of Prayer, prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee in Nigeria.

**Friday, 6th March @ 1.30pm (wear bright colours)**  
**Westernlink Uniting Church - 93 Crittenden Road, Findon**



**Australia Day** is the official national day of Australia. Observed annually on 26 January, it marks the 1788 landing of the First Fleet and raising of the Union Flag of Great Britain by Arthur Phillip at Sydney Cove, a small bay on the southern shore of Sydney Harbour

SACRED HEART CHURCH, HINDMARSH

## Australia Day Celebrations

Celebrate Aussie day with us!  
Please bring a plate to share as we gather after Mass

**Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> January**  
**after 9am Mass**  
**Sacred Heart Church, Hindmarsh**

DONATIONS TO THE PARISH WELCOME

# 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!

<b>February</b>	Events are at : <b>Coopers STADIUM</b>	
Sun 8	4:30pm	Adelaide United v Newcastle Jets
Fri 20	7:05pm	Adelaide United v Perth Glory
<b>March</b>		
Fri 6	7:05pm	Adelaide United v Wellington Phoenix
Fri 13	6:30pm	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



## Holidays



Father Santhosh is now on holidays from the parish  
 We wish Father a safe trip and look forward to his return with stories of his adventures!

## 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 Enter from Pennington Tce  
**Free Tickets** [trybooking.com/DGGPU](http://trybooking.com/DGGPU)  
[loveadelaide.org.au](http://loveadelaide.org.au)

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.

Free Tickets [trybooking.com/DGGPU](http://trybooking.com/DGGPU)

Please follow the event guidelines.



## PARISH OFFICE

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**Assistant Priest:** Father Rajashekhar Gundiga CSC

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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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## Prayer

Dear God,  
 Thank You for all the blessings You have given me.  
 Help me turn away  
 from my sins and heal the wounds of my past.

You are my light  
 my salvation, my everything.  
 Without You, I am nothing.

Today, I surrender  
 my heart, my worries, and my life to You.

Please bless me and everyone I love with  
 Your peace, protection and endless grace.

Amen

## Afternoon Mass Every Tuesday at 12:15pm at SHC

Please come along and pray with us every Tuesday at 12:15pm at Sacred Heart Church for a lunch time Mass All welcome!



Sacred Heart Catholic Parish  
 invites you to a



## Praise, Worship and Adoration Night

Friday  
 6th February

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month  
 at 6.30pm  
 Sacred Heart Church, Hindmarsh