



WELCOME TO SACRED HEART PARISH HINDMARSH-FINDON

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



15 February 2026



Year A

6th Sunday
in Ordinary
Time

Responsorial Psalm

Happy are they who
follow the law of the
Lord!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you,
Father, Lord of heaven
and earth; you have
revealed to little ones
the mysteries of the
kingdom.

Alleluia!

Today's Readings

Sir 15:15-20

Ps 118:1-2, 4-5,

17-18, 33-34

1 Cor 2:6-10

Mt 5:17-37

MASS INTENTIONS

6:00pm Saturday Vigil OLM

Parish

9:00am SHC

Pat Richardson

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 17 Feb 12:15 pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh
- ◇ Wednesday 18 Feb **ASH WEDNESDAY**
 - 9:30 am Ash Wednesday Mass at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh
 - 6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
- ◇ Friday 20 Feb 9:15 am Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
- ◇ Saturday 21 Feb 6:00 pm Vigil Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
- ◇ Sunday 22 Feb 9:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh
- ◇ Sunday 22 Feb 11:00 am Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Law and the Prophets

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place."

For many, the Old Testament can be confusing, filled with laws, rituals, and prophecies that seem difficult to connect with the New Testament. Yet, Jesus' words remind us that the Old Testament is not merely a relic of the past but an essential part of God's divine plan. Furthermore, every law, prophecy, and detail, down to "the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter," finds its deepest meaning and completion in Christ.

In a simplified way, the "Law and the Prophets" in the Old Testament can be summarized as moral laws, ceremonial laws, and prophetic teaching. The moral laws reflect God's eternal truths of right and wrong, the ceremonial laws govern Israel's worship and rituals, and the prophetic teaching calls the people to repentance, pointing to the coming Messiah. Together, these form the foundation of the Old Covenant, which is fulfilled in Christ, Who established the New and Eternal Covenant. Additionally, the Psalms and Wisdom literature enrich the Law and the Prophets, offering inspired prayers, meditations on God's faithfulness, and practical guidance for virtuous living.

Though it might be an arduous task to read through the entire Old Testament, those who do so with understanding discover the truth that everything finds its fulfillment in Christ. "Fulfillment" does not mean that Jesus altered or discarded the Old Testament; rather, He revealed its true and hidden meaning, bringing it to perfection. What the Old Testament could only foreshadow, Jesus accomplished, achieving the fullness of God's plan.

By analogy, consider an artist's sketch that depicts a beautiful mountain range and sunset. The Old Testament is like that sketch—it provides the framework, details, and foreshadowing of something greater. In Christ, the sketch is brought to life, becoming reality through God's creative act. While the sketch and the actual mountain range are the same scene, the reality is the perfect and complete expression of what the sketch anticipated. God, as the Divine Artist, first "sketched" what would come to be through the Law, Prophets, and Wisdom literature, and then brought it to fulfillment through Jesus' Incarnation, Life, Death, and Resurrection.

In today's Gospel, after declaring that He came to fulfill the Law and the Prophets, Jesus provided three examples of how He brings the Old Testament moral law to its fulfillment. The commandment "You shall not kill" is deepened to include the interior sin of anger; "You shall not commit adultery" is expanded to include lust in the heart; and "Do not take a false oath" is elevated to a call for sincerity, honesty, and integrity in all one says and does. The Messiah then pours forth His grace, enabling the faithful to live in accord with this high calling.

Though not included in today's Gospel, Jesus also brings the ceremonial laws to fulfillment by becoming the Lamb of God, offering Himself as the definitive High Priest on the new altar of the Cross. Furthermore, our Lord fulfills the prophets by establishing the New Covenant in His blood, as seen in Isaiah's vision of the Suffering Servant Who bears the sins of many (Isaiah 53), Jeremiah's promise of the new covenant written on hearts, and Micah's prophecy of a ruler born in Bethlehem.

Reflect today on God's Eternal Law, established before the foundation of the world and brought to fulfillment in Christ. The human life of the Son of God is the center of time and eternity. Everything converges on Him, and new life flows from Him. Just as our Lord fulfills the Old Testament, He also is the only source of true fulfillment in our lives. Ponder His mission and renew your choice to accept His New Covenant, written on your heart by grace. Doing so is an exercise in Divine Wisdom, giving you a share in the new life of grace, made possible by His blood.

Glorious Lawgiver and Messiah, Your Wisdom is perfect, eternal, and transforming. All things came to be through You and find their fulfillment in You. I thank You for the gift of Your Eternal Law and pray for the grace to live it to perfection, with the aid of Your saving grace. Jesus, I trust in You. Copyright © 2024 My Catholic Life! Inc. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

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PARISH CALENDAR

February

18 Feb Ash Wednesday
 9:30am Mass at SHC
 6:00pm Mass at OLM

22 Feb 1st Sunday of Lent

March

02 Mar 2nd Sunday of Lent

06 Mar World Day of Prayer

08 Mar 3rd Sunday of Lent

15 Mar 4th Sunday of Lent

17 Mar St Patrick

18 Mar Reconciliation Penitential Liturgy
 6:00pm at OLM

19 Mar St Joseph

20 Mar Reconciliation Penitential Liturgy
 6:30pm at SHC



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, Rosalinda Alonzo and Jane Saliba

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



Valentine's Day in the Catholic Church 14th February

In the Catholic Church, February 14 is the feast day of Saint Valentine, a 3rd-century Roman martyr recognized as a patron saint of love, young people, and happy marriages. While removed from the General Roman Calendar in 1969, he remains in the Roman Martyrology and is honored for Christian, self-giving love.

Key Aspects of St. Valentine and Catholics:

- **Historical Origins:** While details are sparse, Saint Valentine is believed to have been a Roman priest or bishop martyred around 269–270 AD on the Via Flaminia.
- **Patronage:** He is associated with romantic love, but more broadly with Christian love, marriage, and commitment, stemming from legends of his kindness.
- **Legendary Connection:** A popular legend claims he restored the sight of his jailer's blind daughter and signed a final message to her "From your Valentine" before his execution.
- **Liturgical Status:** In 1969, the Catholic Church removed the memorial from the general liturgical calendar due to the lack of historical details, but it remains on local or regional calendars (e.g., in Malta) and is observed by Traditionalist Catholics.
- **Focus on True Love:** The Church uses this day to encourage, in reflection on self-giving, altruistic love rather than just the secular, consumerist focus on romance.

Valentine's Day vs. Catholic Liturgy

While secular Valentine's Day is known for romantic gifts, Catholic tradition emphasizes the saint's sacrifice and encourages prayers for couples and families. Some Catholics view the timing, just before Lent, as a time to focus on love as preparation for the self-denial of the Lenten season.

PARISH MEETINGS

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday, 3rd March @ 6.30pm at Parish Office

Parish Finance Council Meeting

Wednesday, 4th March @ 7:00pm at OLM

Community Connect (Fundraising) Meeting

Thursday, 5th March @ 6:00pm at OLM

Liturgy Meeting

TBA

APRIM Meeting

TBA



ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

Lend a Hand with Project Compassion 2026

Caritas is looking for local parishioners to help promote Project Compassion in their church this Lent. This includes setting up displays, handing out boxes/envelopes and sharing stories. If you think you can help, check first with your parish secretary/priest and then get in touch with Caritas Kaz on 8210 8204

Dialogue Week – February 22-28 2026

The Synod needs to hear from you!

The 2026 Archdiocesan Synod is a big meeting to help the Archbishop and leaders of our parishes, schools and communities to make decisions for our future. Dialogue Week is a chance for you to have a voice in the 2026 Archdiocesan Synod. It's an invitation to have a conversation with someone else about the things that are important to you and to share them with the Archbishop and the Synod members. During Dialogue Week, you can send in your feedback and help shape the agenda of the Synod. Parishes, schools and communities will provide opportunities for *Dialogue Groups* during this week. You can also organise your own! Visit www.togetherontheway.au/dialogue-week for more information.

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Project Compassion will begin at the start of Lent on 18th February. Support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and *For All Future Generations.*

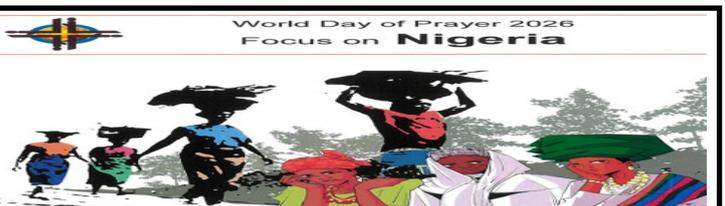
Please collect your boxes and envelopes

We thank you for your generosity and support.

Our Lady of Lourdes Saturday, 14th February at 10am St Francis Xavier's Cathedral

Each year, on World Day of the Sick a Mass is offered for those who are of ill health. This year Lourdes Day falls on a Tuesday therefore, it will be celebrated on the Saturday prior.

All are welcome to receive a blessing and anointing. For more information, please contact Archdiocesan Events on 8210 8220 or events@adelaide.catholic.org.au



2026

World Day of Prayer Friday, 6th March

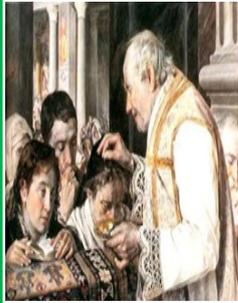
All welcome to come along and celebrate. An Ecumenical Liturgy of Prayer, prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee in Nigeria.

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

MARATHI MASS

There will be a Marathi Mass Sunday, 22nd February at Sacred Heart Church Hindmarsh at 5:00pm., followed by a get together in the hall afterwards. We encourage everyone to attend this community event.

PARISH NEWS



ASH WEDNESDAY 18th February

Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer.

Ash Wednesday takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday, and is chiefly observed by Catholics, although many other Christians observe it too.

It was a common practice within the early Church that those who were found guilty of grave public sin needed to do public penance before they were admitted back into communion with the Church and admitted to the Most Holy Eucharist. The public sinners came forward in sackcloth forty days before Easter and were sprinkled with ashes, in keeping with many Old Testament examples of public penance. They fasted and prayed for forty days and then, on Easter, were readmitted into full communion with the Church. Eventually, prior to the end of the first millennium, this practice was extended to the entire Church as a way of highlighting everyone's need for penance.

As a sign of our ongoing need to repent of our sins and do penance, the faithful are invited to come forward to be marked with ashes as a sign of their commitment to the penitential season of Lent, so as to celebrate with great joy the Solemnity of Easter. Lent is forty-six days long. Forty of those days are penitential days, and six of them are Sundays. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes with the Easter Vigil. The forty penitential days are an imitation of Jesus' forty days in the desert.

It is not required that a person wear the ashes for the rest of the day, and they may be washed off after Mass. However, many people keep the ashes as a reminder until the evening.

Why we receive the ashes?

Following the example of the Ninevites, who did penance in sackcloth and ashes, our foreheads are marked with ashes to humble our hearts and reminds us that life passes away on Earth. We remember this when we are told

"Remember, Man is dust, and unto dust you shall return."

Ashes are a symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, and they help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice.

The Ashes

The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. The ashes are christened with Holy Water and are scented by exposure to incense. While the ashes symbolize penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts. His Divine mercy is of utmost importance during the season of Lent, and the Church calls on us to seek that mercy during the entire Lenten season with reflection, prayer and penance.

As you come forward to receive the ashes, don't just go through the motions. Make this act a prayer and one of deep interior devotion. Call to mind your sins and the sins of your whole life, as best you can. Acknowledge the just punishment of eternal death that you deserve for your sins. But then call to mind the infinite and unmerited mercy of God. Remember that even though you are an undeserving sinner, God has reached down from Heaven to offer you the gift of eternal salvation. He has invited you to receive this gift through your repentance and humility. Humble yourself in "sackcloth and ashes," and as with those public sinners of old, God will use this Lent to more fully unite your soul with His through His glorious death and resurrection.

Ash Wednesday - Mass Times

18th February

9:30am Sacred Heart Church, Hindmarsh

6:00pm Our Lady of the Manger Church, Findon

Thank you Ronnie



Ronnie Victory has carried out the role of sacristan for the 6pm Mass at OLM for many years, and earlier at the Flinders Park church.

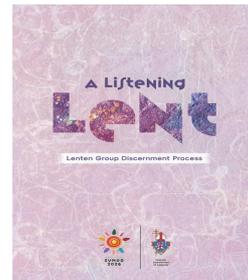
This weekend Ronnie will complete this service and the 6pm community will acknowledge Ronnie's commitment over coffee and cake. Many thanks, Ronnie!



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!

February		Events are at : <i>Coopers</i> STADIUM
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
Sat 28	2:30pm	Adelaide United v Newcastle Jets



**Lent begins
Ash Wednesday
18th February**



Holy Week

**Holy Week begins
29th March**

**Please collect your copy of
the Lenten
Discussion Guide**

**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!



**24th February
Cancelled**

PARISH INFORMATION

Lent, Holy Week & Easter 2026

Ash Wednesday Feb 18th

Mass 9:30am
Mass 6.00pm

SHC Hindmarsh
OLM Church Findon

LENT

Stations of the Cross & Mass

Wednesdays

6.00pm OLM, Findon

Stations of the Cross & Mass

Fridays

6.30pm SACRED HEART Hindmarsh

Reconciliation

Wednesday March 18th

Reconciliation Penitential liturgy (**No Mass**) - followed by **Individual Confessions** 6.00pm at OLM Church, Findon

Friday March 20th

Reconciliation Penitential liturgy (**No Stations**) - followed by **Individual Confessions** 6.30pm at SHC Church, Hindmarsh

Palm Sunday

Masses begin with Blessing of the Palms

Saturday March 28th

6:00 pm Findon (Vigil Mass)

Sunday March 29th

Palm Sunday



9:00 am Hindmarsh
11:00 am Findon

Monday March 30th

Chrism Mass ~ Consecration of Holy Oils

6:00 pm St Francis Xavier Cathedral ~ All welcome

Holy Thursday April 2nd

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00 pm at OLM - Findon

Please note:

Collection of non-perishable food items for St Vincent de Paul



Good Friday April 3rd

Stations of the Cross

10:00 am Hindmarsh

11:00 am Findon (to be led by the youth)



Good Friday – Veneration of the Cross & The Passion of The Lord

3.00 pm SHC-Hindmarsh



Holy Saturday April 4th

Easter Vigil
7.00 pm OLM Findon



Easter Sunday April 5th

Easter Sunday

9.00 am Hindmarsh

11.00 am Findon

Individual Reconciliation by appointment with Fr Santhosh or Fr Rajasheka
(Ph: 08 8346 3901)

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Parish Priest: Father Santhosh Nazareth CSC
Assistant Priest: Father Rajashekhar Gundiga CSC

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Stations of the cross

Wednesdays

6:00pm at Our Lady of the Manger Church, Findon

Fridays

6:30pm at Sacred Heart Church, Hindmarsh

