



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

15 March 2026



Year A

4th Sunday  
of Lent

## Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want

## Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you,  
Word of God,  
Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

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Word of God,  
Lord Jesus Christ!

## Today's Readings

1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

Ps 22

Eph 5:8-14

Jn 9:1-41

## MASS INTENTIONS

6:00pm Saturday Vigil OLM

Anne Findlay and Sons  
James & Anthony

9:00am SHC

Kaz Farinola  
Renata Gallina

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 17 Mar 12:15 pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh
- ◇ Wednesday 18 Mar 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross followed by Candlelight Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church
- ◇ Friday 20 Mar 9:15 am Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon  
6:30 pm Stations of the Cross followed by Intro to Lenten Retreat at Sacred Heart Church (SHC)
- ◇ Saturday 21 Mar 2:30 pm Lenten Retreat at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon  
5:00 pm Adoration and Reconciliation at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon  
6:00 pm Vigil Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
- ◇ Sunday 22 Mar 9:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh
- ◇ Sunday 22 Mar 11:00 am Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

### Spiritual Sight Restored

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him."

Imagine being blind throughout your life and then suddenly being healed. All of the sounds you had heard from childhood, all that you had touched, tasted, or smelled suddenly took on new form within your imagination as these images registered with sight for the first time. Colors suddenly made sense. Large items, such as trees that you had only heard in the wind and touched with your hands, could be seen from a distance, glimmering in the sunlight. Your mind suddenly perceived in a new way the utensils, clothing, and other items you used daily. Just as the blind man was filled with awe at receiving his sight, so too is the soul overwhelmed when freed from the blindness of sin and brought into the light of God's grace.

The healed blind man was given a gift that those who can see from birth are not. Perceiving and understanding the physical world only through four of his senses, and then adding the powerful fifth sense of sight later in life, provided immediate wonder and awe, filling him with profound gratitude for something most of us take for granted. Think of a person who lives a sinful life for many years and understands life only through the distortions of sin and selfishness. Once set free from sin, the person's spiritual eyes are opened. Those who experience such a conversion are given a blessing that those who have been faithful throughout their lives do not receive in the same way. They understand the contrast between spiritual blindness and sight, and the newfound freedom they receive after conversion provides a greater understanding of the gift of God's grace and its transforming effects. They will never forget the weight of bondage once caused by their sin.

One reason God permitted this man to be born blind and live that way into adulthood was to illustrate the contrast between spiritual darkness and light. This is part of what Jesus means when He says this man was born blind "so that the works of God might be made visible through him." The miracle not only illustrated Jesus' divine power but also symbolized the much deeper spiritual healing He offers to all. Just as the blind man received physical sight, we are offered the gift of spiritual sight through grace.

We are born with poor spiritual sight. Our fallen human nature, which suffers from concupiscence, tends toward selfishness and sin. Although capable of love and affection, a child is prone to selfishness, anger, emotional outbursts, and other "childish" behavior. Over time, with the guidance of good mentors, children begin to understand the value of greater patience and selfless acts of love, kindness, and generosity. Those who are not well-formed as adolescents or who choose to rebel selfishly in their later years never gain a clearer spiritual sight. The world around them remains blurry, and divine wisdom never penetrates their eyes of faith.

The story of the man born blind is an opportunity for each of us to examine how clearly we perceive our lives and the world around us. Just as the man was healed, we need healing from the blindness caused by our fallen nature. God's grace restores our spiritual sight, allowing His light to illuminate all we encounter in life.

Reflect today on your own need to see more clearly. We need our spiritual sight restored and sharpened if we are to perceive ourselves and our world with divine Wisdom. It takes humility to admit we have poor spiritual sight, and profound humility to admit if we are spiritually blinded by sin. Learn from the wonder and awe that this healed blind man experienced, and know that our Lord wants us to have clearer spiritual vision.

My healing Lord, because of my fallen human nature and my sin, I often fail to see the light of truth with clarity. Please heal me, as You healed this blind man, so that I will understand my life and Your will more clearly and be filled with wonder and awe at the reception of that gift. Jesus, I trust in You.

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# PARISH CALENDAR

## March

- 15 Mar 4th Sunday of Lent
- 17 Mar St Patrick
- 19 Mar St Joseph
- 20 Mar Intro to Lenten Retreat  
6:30pm @ at SHC
- 21 Mar Lenten Retreat  
2:30pm at OLM  
Adoration & Reconciliation  
5:00pm at OLM
- 22 Mar 5th Sunday of Lent  
Feast of the Chair of St Peter
- 25 Mar The Annunciation of the Lord
- 29 Mar Palm Sunday  
9:00am Mass at SHC  
11:00am Mass at OLM
- 30 Mar Chrism Mass (Consecration of Holy Oils)  
6:00pm at St Francis Xaviour Cathedral



# PARISH MEETINGS



### Altar Servers Meeting

Sunday, 15th March @ 12:15pm at OLM

### Liturgy Meeting

Tuesday, 17th March @ 6:30pm at OLM

### Parish Finance Council Meeting

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

### Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday, 5th May @ 6.30pm at St Joseph School, Hindmarsh

### Community Connect (Fundraising) Meeting

TBA @ 6:00pm at OLM

### APRIM Meeting

TBA @ 6:30pm

## Altar Servers Meeting

Sunday, 15th March

12.15pm at Our Lady of the Manger, Findon

Please rsvp to Father Raja and bring a plate to share as we gather together



## Sacramental Presentation Mass

We welcome all children who will celebrate the Sacraments of

### *Confirmation & First Holy Communion*

The Sacraments will be celebrated beginning August 1st  
Nazareth Students will be presented at  
Our Lady of the Manger Church Findon

Saturday, 21st March at 6pm and  
Sunday, 22nd March at 11am



**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.**



## St Joseph - 19th March



We know Joseph was a compassionate, caring man. When he discovered Mary was pregnant after they had been betrothed, he knew the child was not his but was as yet unaware that she was carrying the Son of God. He knew women accused of adultery could be stoned to death, so he resolved to send her away quietly to not expose her to shame or cruelty.

However, when an angel came to Joseph in a dream and told him, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins," he did as the angel told him and took Mary as his wife.

When the angel came again to tell him that his family was in danger, he immediately left everything he owned, all his family and friends, and fled to a strange country with his young wife and the baby. He waited in Egypt without question until the angel told him it was safe to go back.

We know Joseph loved Jesus. His one concern was for the safety of this child entrusted to him. Not only did he leave his home to protect Jesus, but upon his return settled in the obscure town of Nazareth out of fear for his life. When Jesus stayed in the Temple we are told Joseph (along with Mary) searched with great anxiety for three days for him. We also know that Joseph treated Jesus as his own son for over and over the people of Nazareth say of Jesus, "Is this not the son of Joseph?"

We know Joseph respected God. He followed God's commands in handling the situation with Mary and going to Jerusalem to have Jesus circumcised and Mary purified after Jesus' birth. We are told that he took his family to Jerusalem every year for Passover, something that could not have been easy for a working man.

Joseph is the patron saint of the dying because, assuming he died before Jesus' public life, he died with Jesus and Mary close to him, the way we all would like to leave this earth.

Joseph is also patron saint of the Universal Church, families, fathers, expectant mothers (pregnant women), travelers, immigrants, house sellers and buyers, craftsmen, engineers, and working people in general



### Italy's Devotion to St. Joseph: La Festa di San Giuseppe

March 19 remains very sacred to Italians. While all Italians celebrate Fathers' Day on the 19th in his honor, southern Italians are more apt to include St. Joseph in their celebrations.

According to legends, during the Middle Ages, Sicily was suffering such a horrific drought that the people were eating fava beans to survive. The beans, which were food cattle feed, kept many from starvation. They prayed to St. Joseph for rain, and their prayers worked. The spring rains saved the crops from destruction and the Sicilians from famine.

In appreciation, Sicilians prepared huge tables of food and invited everyone to eat as much as they wanted. What many have forgotten is that the people served food and hospitality to the poorest among them first.

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# PARISH NEWS

*Sacred Heart Parish welcomes you to...*



## LENTEN RETREAT

**6:30pm Fri 20 Mar**

Stations of the Cross  
Intro to the retreat  
Sacred Heart Church,  
252 Port Road, Hindmarsh



Booking form:

**2:30pm Sat 21 Mar**

Retreat led by a Preca Member,  
**5pm** Adoration and Sacrament of  
Reconciliation  
**6pm** Vigil mass  
Our Lady of the Manger Church  
176 Crittenden Road, Findon



### Marriage & Relationship Education

A 40-minute talk by local experts:  
Clare Bowyer and Adriana Loro  
to deepen your connection and  
understanding of the sacrament of  
marriage.

Booking form:

**7:45pm Fri 20 Mar**

Nazareth Catholic College,  
1 Hartley Road, Flinders Pa



### St Patrick - 17th March

St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints. He was born in Roman Britain and when he was fourteen or so, he was captured by Irish pirates during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. At the time, Ireland was a land of Druids and pagans but Patrick turned to God and wrote his memoir:

*"The love of God and his fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was roused, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night, nearly the same. I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or ice or rain."*

The popular Saint Patrick's celebration on March 17 consists of traditional details which are faithfully kept in Ireland and have found their way to the New World as well: attendance at Mass in the morning, a solemn parade with subsequent meeting and speeches, festive meals in the home, and an evening of entertainment (dancing, concerts, plays). The custom of wearing green on Saint Patrick's Day did not start until over a thousand years after the saint's death.

It was the custom in Ireland for men to wear the shamrock on their hat. Girls wore crosses made of ribbons. A shamrock on every hat, low and tall, and a cross on every girl's dress. The merry drink taken on this day was called "Saint Patrick's poteen."

Patrick converted many people -eventually thousands - and he began building churches across the country.

He often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity and entire kingdoms were eventually converted to Christianity after hearing Patrick's message.

Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in Confessions. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461.

He died at Saul, where he had built the first Irish church. He is believed to be buried in Down Cathedral, Downpatrick. His grave was marked in 1990 with a granite stone.

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End of Financial Year receipts for **Planned Giving - Envelopes and Direct Debits** are available for collection at both mass centres this weekend. Thank you for your generous support of our parish.

The **Vinnies Easter Raffle** is on again!

Tickets are 3 for \$5



from each Mass Centre leading up to Easter

Monies raised will help us to continue working with our community to provide fresh vegetables and meat which will supplement the donations of non perishable items donated at Christmas time from under the Christmas tree and from our schools



We thank you for supporting Vinnies.

**We would like to acknowledge sponsors of our gold-plated chalice and ciborium at both mass centres.**

**May God bless their families and their generosity.**



### Don't Forget!

Daylight Saving ends

Sunday, 5th April.

Wind your Clocks **back** 1 hour



# PARISH INFORMATION

## Lent, Holy Week & Easter 2026

**Stations of the Cross & Mass**      **Wednesdays**      6.00pm OLM, Findon  
**Stations of the Cross & Mass**      **Fridays**      6.30pm SACRED HEART Hindmarsh

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**      Stations of the Cross followed by  
**Introduction to Lenten Retreat – Day 1**  
 6:30pm      Hindmarsh

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March**      **Lenten Retreat – Day 2**  
 2:30pm      Findon  
**Adoration & Reconciliation**  
 5:00pm      Findon  
**6:00pm Vigil Mass**



**Palm Sunday**      *Masses begin with Blessing of the Palms*

**Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup>**      6:00 pm      Findon (Vigil Mass)

**Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup>**      **Palm Sunday**  
 9:00 am      Hindmarsh  
 11:00 am      Findon



**Monday March 30<sup>th</sup>**      **Chrism Mass ~ Consecration of Holy Oils**  
 6:00 pm      St Francis Xavier Cathedral ~ All welcome

**Holy Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup>**      **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 3<sup>rd</sup>**      **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 4<sup>th</sup>**      **Easter Vigil**  
 7.00 pm      OLM Findon



**Easter Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup>**      **Easter Sunday**  
 9.00 am      Hindmarsh  
 11.00 am      Findon

*Individual Reconciliation by appointment with Fr Santhosh or Fr Rajashekhar  
 (Ph: 08 8346 3901 or 0428 813 682)*



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**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!

March	Events are at:	<i>Cooper</i> STADIUM
Fri 13	6:30pm	Adelaide United v Perth Glory
<b>April</b>		
Fri 3	4:20pm	(Mens) Adelaide United v Auckland
	7:05pm	(Womens) Adelaide United v Wellington Phoenix
Sun 19	3:00pm	Adelaide United v Macarthur
<b>November</b>		
Tue 17	7:00pm	Foo Fighters Concert