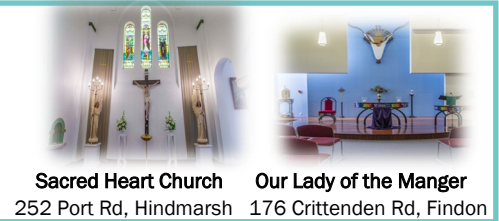


WELCOME TO SACRED HEART PARISH HINDMARSH-FINDON

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



26 July 2026



Year A

17th
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, I love your
commands.

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

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12

Ps 118:57, 72, 76-77,
127-130

Rom 8:28-30

Mt 13:44-52

MASS INTENTIONS

6:00pm Saturday Vigil OLM
Parish

9:00am SHC
Jarrod Bourke

11:00am OLM
Parish

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	28 Jul	12:15 pm	Mass at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh
◇ Wednesday	29 Jul	6:00 pm	Adoration and Candlelight Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
◇ Friday	31 Jul	9:15 am	Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
◇ Saturday	01 Aug	6:00 pm	Vigil Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
◇ Sunday	02 Aug	9:00 am	Mass at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh
		11:00 am	Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon

GOSPEL REFLECTION

A Priceless Discovery Awaits!

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it."

In the first parable above, a person unexpectedly discovers a treasure buried in a field. Imagine that you take a metal detector with you while on a hike, simply curious about what might lie beneath the soil. Suddenly, the detector gives a strong signal. Expecting perhaps a rusted can or an old nail, you begin to dig. But as your shovel strikes something solid, you uncover an old chest. With growing anticipation, you lift it from the earth and open it—only to find it brimming with ancient and priceless jewels, gold and silver coins, and other precious items of immense worth.

In the second parable, the merchant is actively searching for a valuable pearl. He knows what he seeks and finally discovers one of exceptional worth—one that eclipses all others. In both cases, however, the response is the same: the man and the merchant each go and sell all they possess to obtain the treasure they have found.

These parables pose two fundamental questions for each of us:

Have I discovered the priceless treasure of the Kingdom of Heaven?

If I have, am I willing to let go of everything else to attain it?

Like the man who stumbles upon the buried treasure, many people encounter God's grace in surprising ways—through a moment of prayer, a profound experience at Mass, an act of charity, or even during suffering. Maybe those people were not actively seeking divine treasure, yet in a moment of providence, the veil is lifted, and the beauty of God's Kingdom is revealed. Once they discover the treasure, their souls realize that nothing else compares. From that point on, they are moved to reorient their entire lives to possess that treasure fully.

The path of the merchant, by contrast, is that of the soul who longs for truth, beauty, and goodness, diligently seeking them out. The one who searches might spend years studying, praying, yearning, and pursuing what is of eternal value. And then—finally—the "pearl" is found. Christ is discovered. The Gospel becomes clear. The longing is fulfilled. Again, everything else is willingly surrendered for the sake of that one Pearl of great price—Jesus Christ.

In both parables, the decision to sell all to gain the treasure is an easy choice. The discovery is so great that everything else the person possesses pales in comparison. But how many people have truly made such a discovery? Many of us are like someone who learns of a buried treasure in a field and, out of curiosity, drives out to look—but spends little or no time searching. Or we are like a merchant who is informed of a rare and valuable pearl for sale far from home. Though interested, we note the length of the journey and abandon the thought.

Though we may have heard about the glory of God's Kingdom, unless we truly discover it, we will not see the value of attaining it at any cost. We will only be willing to sell all we have—to detach from every hindrance to grace, every sin, obsession, and distraction—if we make the initial discovery of the priceless nature of God's Kingdom already present on earth and the fullness of His Kingdom that awaits us in Heaven.

Reflect today on this invaluable treasure, waiting to be discovered. Consider where you are on that journey of discovery. Have you heard about the priceless treasure of coming to know, love, and serve God? Have you read about the radical response made by many saints? Have you discovered God for yourself, through prayer and moments of profound enlightenment? If you have not, keep searching—the Kingdom is near. If you have made this discovery, then consider all your attachments, and willingly surrender them to God, acknowledging that nothing is too much to offer to our loving God in exchange for the untold riches of the life of grace to which we are called.

My Lord and King, so often I seek the fleeting treasures of this world, including the illusion of treasures found in sin. Please open my eyes and help me to see You as You truly are—and to recognize the priceless value of Your Kingdom in my life. As I discover this Pearl of Great Price, grant me the courage and wisdom I need to surrender all that You ask of me, so that I may fully attain Your reign in my heart. Jesus, I trust in You..

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PARISH CALENDAR

July

25 Jul Saint James, Apostle
 26 Jul **Grandparents Day**
 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 29 Jul Saint Martha, Saint Mary & Saint Lazarus
 31 Jul Saint Ignatius

August

01 Aug OLM Sacraments at 3pm & 6pm
 06 Aug The Transfiguration of the Lord
 08 Aug Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop
 15 Aug **Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary**
 11am Mass at SHC
 22 Aug OLM Sacraments at 6pm
 23 Aug SHC Sacraments at 9am
 30 Aug SHC Sacraments at 9am



PARISH MEETINGS

Community Connect (Fundraising) Meeting

TBA @ 4:30pm at OLM

APRIM Meeting

Tuesday, 1st September @ 1:00pm at Parish Office

Parish Finance Council Meeting

Wednesday, 2nd September @ 7:00pm at OLM

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday, 22nd September @ 6.30pm at Parish Office

Liturgy Meeting

Tuesday, 13th October @ 6.30pm at OLM



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, Dennis Taylor, Charlie Mifsud, Jane Saliba, Mikaela Ferrao and Romana Reiter

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



ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

160 Years of Josephite Education

Past students and staff of St Joseph's Schools are invited to celebrate on **7 Aug at St Joseph's Convent Kensington at 2pm.**

Launch of book outlining 100+ Josephite schools in SA since 1866, roll call, afternoon tea. Bring memorabilia. RSVP by 31 July: 0417 871 904 or bbedson@stjk.catholic.edu.au



Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide
 Archbishop of Adelaide

Blessing of Significant Wedding Anniversaries Sunday, 20th September

We invite you to celebrate Significant Wedding Anniversaries within the Archdiocese by honoring the life-long commitment and love shared by married couples.

If you are celebrating a significant (5th 10th 15th 20th 25th 30th 35th 40th 45th 50th 55th 60th) anniversary this year, please contact Parish Office **before 28th August** to advise details. Unfortunately, certificates cannot be prepared for nominations received after this date

The married couple will be presented with a certificate from the Archdiocese and acknowledged within Mass on Sunday, 20th September.



Sacred Heart Catholic Parish Hindmarsh-Findon

THE SACRAMENTS OF CONFIRMATION and FIRST COMMUNION WILL TAKE PLACE:



1st August @ 3pm & 6pm at Our Lady of the Manger

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

We invite you to pray for these children and their families as they prepare for this significant moment in their faith journey.

Sixth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly - Sunday 26 July

As we prepare to celebrate the *World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly* on Sunday, 26 July, Archbishop Patrick O'Regan invites us to honour the grandparents and elderly members who enrich our parish and school communities. This day is a beautiful opportunity to recognise their wisdom, faith, and enduring presence among us. This year, the Holy Father Pope Leo XIV has chosen the theme "I will never forget you" (Isaiah 49:15). It is a powerful reminder of God's unwavering love and a call for us to reflect that same steadfast love, especially towards those in the later seasons of life.

We warmly encourage every school and parish to mark this occasion with local initiatives that foster connection, gratitude, and intergenerational encounter. Whether through prayer, outreach, or simple acts of kindness, your efforts help ensure that our grandparents and elderly parishioners feel seen, valued, and remembered.

Sacred Heart Parish Hindmarsh - Findon



Saturday, 15th August



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



11:00am Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Hindmarsh

Please bring a plate to share



Vinnies Vinnies Blue Bucket Appeal

Vinnies Blue Bucket Appeal will be held on the weekend of **8th & 9th August**. Please make sure you bring cash as the Eftpos Machines are only for the parish and not connected to Vinnies.

On behalf of Vinnies, thank you so much for your support and generosity.

PRESENTATION

We welcome into our faith Community

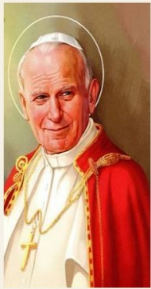
Rocco Perre

who will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism within our Sacred Heart Hindmarsh-Findon Parish

Please keep the family in your prayers.



PARISH NEWS



Global Rosary for Peace

WEDNESDAY, 5TH AUGUST
6PM AT OUR LADY OF THE MANGER CHURCH, FINDON



"To pray the Rosary is to hand over our burdens to the merciful hearts of Christ and his Mother."
St. John Paul II

Please note that this event will be professionally recorded for sharing with the wider community



Sacred Heart Parish



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please note that all volunteers MUST also complete a Current Safeguarding Course with the Archdiocese.

This is online or in person.

If you wish to take part in this course in person, the Archdiocese is holding face to face training sessions.

- The first session is at Henley Beach Parish (Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Henley Beach) on the 5th of August.
- The second session is at the Adelaide Cathedral Hall (39 Wakefield St, Adelaide) on the 20th of August

VOLUNTEERS MUST REGISTER THEIR NAME WITH MELISSA AT THE PARISH OFFICE

Volunteers will not be able to perform as a Minister until Nominations have been approved and mandated by the Archbishop.



SACRED HEART PARISH HINDMARSH - FINDON



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♥ Thank you for your support! ♥

♥ UNITED IN HEART, MAKING A DIFFERENCE ♥

PARISH INFORMATION



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National Census - Tuesday, 11th August

Every five years, the Australian Bureau of Statistics counts every person and household in Australia. The next Census is on Tuesday, 11th August 2026.

The Census form asks questions about your age, country of birth, cultural background, living situation, work and education.

The Census data is used by the Government and others to inform decisions about transport, schools, health care, infrastructure and business. It also helps plan local services for individuals, families and Communities.

From an Archdiocesan perspective it is important that you identify yourself as Catholic in the Census. This information contributes to the Parish Social Profiles and assists with Pastoral Planning for the future.

Your assistance is appreciated

Carpark Fundraising at Sacred Heart Church

Soccer Matches at Cooper's Stadium - 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!

August	Events are at :	Coopers STADIUM
Tue 11	7:00pm	Adelaide United v Cong an Ha Noi (AFC Champions)
October		
Sun 18	2:30pm	Adelaide United v Brisbane Roar
November		
Sun 8	4:30pm	Adelaide United v Melbourne Victory
Tue 17	7:00pm	Foo Fighters Concert

PARISH OFFICE

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Assistant Priest: Father Rajashekhar Gundiga CSC

Please Note: If the office is unattended, please leave a message and we will return your call ASAP

Mailing address: PO Box 34, Welland 5007

Website: www.sacredheartparishhindmarsh.com.au

Facebook: www.facebook.com/sacredhearthindmarshparish

PARISH SAFEGUARDING CONTACTS

Our Parish together with the Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide is committed to the care, wellbeing, and protection of children, young people, and vulnerable adults and to the nurturing of deep cultures of safety across the archdiocese

SACRED HEART CHURCH, HINDMARCH

Reena Aftab - renadeem@hotmail.com

OUR LADY OF THE MANGER, FINDON

Jessica Castolino - jessann2806@gmail.com

Andrea Noronha - andrea_noronha@hotmail.com

SAFEGUARDING

Our parish is committed to being a safe, welcoming, and respectful community for everyone.

Children, young people, and adults at risk have the right to be treated with dignity and respect, to feel safe from harm, abuse, neglect, or exploitation, and to have their voices heard.

Safeguarding is a shared responsibility, and we all play a role in protecting these rights by speaking up about concerns, supporting one another, and promoting environments where safety and wellbeing come first.

If you have concerns about the safety or wellbeing of a child or an adult at risk, please contact your Parish Safeguarding Contact Person or the Archdiocese's Integrity and Safeguarding Department.

SPEAK UP

FAMILIES KEEP CHILDREN SAFE

Families are often the first ones who notice when something is wrong so, if you're worried about the safety, wellbeing, or treatment of a child or young person, it's always okay to speak up. Families have a right to be heard.

When Should I Speak Up?

If you're worried about:

- Your child being hurt, bullied, neglected, or unsafe
- Inappropriate or harmful behaviour from an adult or another child
- Emotional, physical, sexual, or spiritual abuse
- Unfair treatment or a breach of boundaries or trust
- A child's sudden changes in behaviour, mood, or wellbeing

Just a concern is enough to take action.

Who Can I Talk To?

- Your child's school, teacher, or principal
- A safeguarding contact person/priest at a parish
- The Integrity and Safeguarding Department
- Child protection services or police (for urgent or serious concerns)
- A counsellor, support worker, or helpline
- You can also help your child make a report themselves if they want to

Speaking up is a strong and protective act. Your voice helps keep children safe.

What Can I Say?

You can explain:

- What you saw, heard, or were told
- Why you're concerned
- What you'd like to see happen next

It's okay to ask:

- What will happen now?
- Will I be kept informed?
- How will my child be supported?

Where to Get Support

- Child Abuse Report Line (SA)** - 15 14 78
- Police (SAPOL)** - 000 (emergency) or 131 444 (non-emergency)
- Kids Helpline** - 1800 55 1800
- Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide** - Integrity & Safeguarding Team

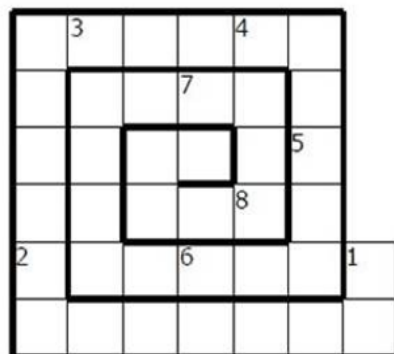
receptionprofstandseadelaide.catholic.org.au
(08) 8210 8150 (Option 5)

As a parent, carer, or family member, you play a vital role in protecting children and adults at risk. If something doesn't feel right - trust your instincts.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Hidden Treasure and the Pearl

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



- Something of great value; gold, silver, or jewels, for example
- A small, shiny, hard ball that forms inside some oysters
- A feeling of great happiness
- To put in a place where something cannot be seen or found (past tense)
- Gave something in exchange for money
- A territory or country ruled by a king or queen
- An adult male human
- The worth of something in money

VALUE	PEARL	HID	KINGDOM
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