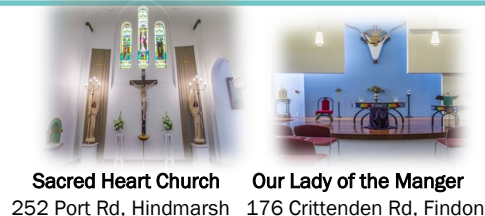


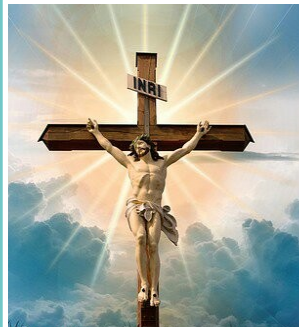
WELCOME TO SACRED HEART PARISH HINDMARSH-FINDON

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



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

13 September 2026



Year A

*24th
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time*

Responsorial Psalm

*The Lord is kind and
merciful; slow to anger
and rich in
compassion*

Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia alleluia!
I give you a new
commandment;
love one another as I
have loved you
Alleluia!*

Today's Readings

Sirach 27:30–28:7

Ps 102:1-4, 9-12

Rom 14:7-9

Mt 18:21-35

MASS INTENTIONS

6:00pm Saturday Vigil OLM

Parish

9:00am SHC

Angelo and Dom Zardo

Leo Dal Piai

Rosina Perri

Francesco Perri

Charlie Mallia

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	15 Sept	12:15 pm	Mass at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh
◇	Wednesday	16 Sept	6:00 pm	Adoration and Candlelight Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
◇	Friday	18 Sept	9:15 am	Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
◇	Saturday	19 Sept	6:00 pm	Vigil Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM) Findon
◇	Sunday	20 Sept	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

Exponential Mercy

"That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt."

Jesus tells this parable in response to Peter, who asked, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Peter likely thought he was being generous. But Jesus invited him to go far beyond what he imagined, responding, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times."

The context is helpful. Not long before this dialogue, Jesus had changed Simon's name to Peter—Petros—meaning "rock," the foundation upon which He would build His Church. He further promised Peter that the gates of hell would not prevail against it and said, "I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven".

Soon after that, Jesus took Peter, James, and John up a high mountain, where they were privileged to witness His Transfiguration—a glimpse of His divine glory. Peter had also witnessed many other miracles, some quite personal. For example, when asked by tax collectors whether Jesus paid the Temple tax, Jesus told Peter to go to the sea, cast a hook, and open the mouth of the first fish he caught. Inside, he found a coin worth twice the Temple tax—enough for both Jesus and Peter.

Perhaps these recent events in which Peter played a privileged role left him feeling quite favored. He may have begun to think well of himself, sensing a special place in Jesus' mission. Wanting to demonstrate his spiritual maturity, Peter made what he thought was a generous offer: to forgive his brother up to seven times.

In Jewish tradition, to forgive seven times was seen as more than sufficient. The rabbinic teaching often suggested forgiving up to three times, based loosely on interpretations of the Prophet Amos. So when Peter offered seven, he was doubling that and adding one for good measure—a symbolic act of exceeding piety.

But Jesus' response radically shifted the paradigm. Seventy-seven times—or, in some manuscripts, seventy times seven—is not a precise numerical limit. It's a symbolic expression that conveys the idea of limitless forgiveness, echoing God's own mercy toward sinners. Jesus was not simply raising the bar; He was inviting Peter—and all of us—into the boundless love of the Father.

The parable Jesus then taught illustrates this clearly: Because God has shown us immeasurable mercy, we must extend mercy to others. But it also begins with a shocking image. When the king began the accounting and the servant who owed a "huge amount" was brought before him—an amount so large he had no way of repaying—the master ordered that the servant, his wife, his children, and all his property be sold. This illustrates the incalculable debt we owe to God for our sins. Not only are we incapable of repaying it, but even everything we hold dear cannot cover the cost. At the heart of the parable is this truth: Unless we extend limitless mercy to others, we will be held accountable for our own unpayable debt before God. But if we imitate God's mercy and forgive from the heart, that enormous debt will be entirely wiped away.

Reflect today on the mercy you have received from God. Has He not been patient with you, gentle with your faults, and generous with His grace? Now consider someone in your life whom you have found difficult to forgive. Does that person's offense compare to the debt God has forgiven you? Let this parable challenge you to a deeper conversion of heart, one that forgives as it has been forgiven, not seven times, but seventy-seven times, and more. Only then will the kingdom of Heaven truly reign in you.

Most generous Lord, You forgive more than seventy-seven times—more than seventy times seven. Your mercy is unconditional in its origin and limitless in its reach, yet it bears one condition: that I, too, show mercy to others. Grant me, dear Lord, a heart that is merciful like Yours, one that participates in and reflects Your Divine Mercy. May I forgive as I have been forgiven, so that the full debt of my sin may be wiped away and that others may be drawn to You through the witness of mercy in my life. Jesus, I trust in You.

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CALENDAR

September

- 13 Sept **Safeguarding Sunday**
 14 Sept The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
 15 Sept **Our Lady of Sorrows**
 20 Sept **Blessing of Significant Weddings**
 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 21 Sept St Matthew—Apostles
 27 Sept **Parish Migrant Sunday**
 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 29 Sept St Michael, St Gabriel & St Raphael, Archangels

October

- 02 Oct The Holy Guardian Angels
 04 Oct **Daylight Savings Starts**
 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 07 Oct **Our Lady of the Rosary**
 10 Oct Daytrip to Murray Bridge



PARISH MEETINGS

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday, 22nd September @ 6:30pm at Parish Office

Liturgy Meeting

Tuesday, 13th October @ 6:30pm at OLM

APRIM Meeting

Tuesday, 20th October @ 1:00pm at Parish Office

Parish Finance Council Meeting

Wednesday, 4th November @ 7:00pm 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, Carmen Balales, Peter Leesue 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



Catholic Charities

September is Catholic Charities Month Help make a difference to the lives of South Australians. In the month of September, we are promoting the Catholic Charities Appeal which supports the following agencies in South Australia: Hutt St Centre, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Centacare Catholic Family Services, Our Lady of La Vang and St Patrick's Special Schools. Please take a leaflet with you to find out more about the September Appeal.

Donations can be made via the reply-paid slip on the leaflet or online at

<https://adelaide.goodgiving.com.au/qr/cc> or scan the QR code.



NOTICES

You're invited to World Youth Day Seoul 2021!



Created by St John Paul II in 1985, World Youth Day is the Catholic Church's largest international gathering for young people to celebrate faith, encounter new cultures, and experience the universal Church like never before. Next year, World Youth Day will be held in Seoul, South Korea.

The Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults (COYYA) invites all young people aged 16-35 who are interested in attending, or simply curious to learn more, to complete an Expression of Interest for the Adelaide pilgrimage.

The pilgrimage is planned to take place from 29 July to 11 August 2021 (14 days) and estimated cost to be raised is \$7500 (excluding spending money).

Complete the Expression of Interest below and join us on the journey to Seoul!

<https://shorturl.at/rMEu3>



MULTICULTURAL Migrant & Refugee Day Sunday, 27th September



All are invited to a gathering for Mass
 9:00am at SHC and
 11:00am at OLM

Followed by a Shared Morning Tea

Traditional Costumes can be worn and please bring a plate of Traditional Food to share.

Prayers and Hymns from different cultural groups to be shared



Living Water
 Season of Creation 2026

"Today we continue to celebrate the Season of Creation, celebrating God's great and wonderful work. Once again we reflect on the Living Water. **Our symbol today is the crucifix, which represents the one who promised living water.**

The crucifix highlights God's mercy and forgiveness, as seen in today's Gospel, and reminds us of the sacredness of creation, which Christ has redeemed.

We ask forgiveness for the damage done to creation, where our climate and our rainfall is now unpredictable, and disasters such as the recent glacier collapse in Nepal reflect the damage we do to creation and to each other that needs healing and repair.

Today is also the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, in which we celebrate the redemptive sacrifice of the Son of God on the Cross.

Today is also Safeguarding Sunday in which we recognise the need to ensure our church communities are always safe places for children and people at risk. Last Tuesday we celebrated the feast of the birth of Mary as a helpless baby. Today we celebrate the precious gift of children, who witness to God's work of creation and the presence of Christ among us."

PARISH NEWS

Blessing of Significant
Wedding Anniversaries

Sunday, 20th September



SAFEGUARDING OPERATIONS

**SAFEGUARDING
Sunday**



**Every Conversation Matters,
Shifting Conversation to Action**

Safeguarding Sunday is a time to reflect, pray, and renew our commitment to creating safe and welcoming environments for everyone. This year's theme, "Every Conversation Matters – Shifting Conversation to Action," encourages us to turn our commitment into meaningful action by listening, speaking up, and working together to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all people.

Join us in building a culture of safeguarding where every voice matters and every action counts.

13 SEPTEMBER 2026

Exaltation of the Holy Cross 14th September



But may I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, also known as the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross, commemorates three historical events: the discovery of the True Cross in 326, its initial exaltation for public veneration in 335, and the recovery of the Cross from the Persians in 628.

Nowadays, this feast also celebrates the boundless impact of Christ's Cross upon all of creation.

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, celebrated every year on 14 September, recalls three events:

1. The finding of the True Cross by Saint Helena.
2. The dedication of churches built by Emperor Constantine on the site of the Holy Sepulchre and Mount Calvary.
3. The restoration of the True Cross to Jerusalem in AD 629 by the Byzantine emperor Heraclius, after it had fallen into the hands of the Persian Emperor Chosroes II in the AD 614 Sasanian conquest of Jerusalem.

BAPTISM

We welcome into our faith Community

Harper Russo

Florence Taverna

Brylie Smith

who will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism this week at SHC
within our Sacred Heart Hindmarsh—Findon Parish

Please keep these families in your prayers.



FEAST DAY OF THE CONGREGATION OF HOLY CROSS

Our Lady of Seven Sorrows

15th September

Basile Moreau (founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross) consecrated the priests to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the brothers to St. Joseph, and the sisters to Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows. He also put the entire Holy Cross family under the patronage of Our Lady of Sorrows.

Our Lady of Sorrows, Our Lady of Dolours, the Sorrowful Mother or Mother of Sorrows, and Our Lady of Piety, Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows or Our Lady of the Seven Dolours are names by which Mary, mother of Jesus, is referred to in relation to sorrows in life.

As *Mater Dolorosa*, it is also a key subject for Marian art in the Catholic Church.

The Seven Sorrows of Mary are a popular religious theme and a Catholic devotion. In common imagery, the Virgin Mary is portrayed sorrowful and in tears, with one or seven swords piercing her heart, iconography based on the prophecy of Simeon in Luke 2:34–35. Pious practices in reference to this title include the Chaplet of the Seven Sorrows, the Seven Principal Dolours of the Blessed Virgin, the Novena in Honor of the Seven Sorrows of Mary, and the *Via Matris*.

These Seven Sorrows should not be confused with the five Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.

Traditionally, the Seven Sorrows are:

1. The Prophecy of Simeon in Luke 2;
2. The Flight into Egypt in Matthew 2;
3. The Loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple of Jerusalem, also in Luke 2;
4. Mary meeting Jesus on the Via Dolorosa, the Fourth station of the Cross which is not found in the Bible;
5. The Crucifixion of Jesus on Mount Calvary in Matthew 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, and especially John 19;
6. Jesus's Descent from the Cross in Matthew 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, and John 19;
7. The Burial of Jesus by Joseph of Arimathea also in Matthew 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, and John 19.



**Happy Feast to Frs. Lancy, Santhosh and
Rajashekhar**



CHILDREN'S CORNER

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Jesus is the Son of God"



Help Jesus carry His cross by completing the dot-to-dot. Read Mark 8:27-35 and discuss how each person in your family can take up their own cross for Jesus. What are some ways you can help others carry their cross?

Church of Saint Leo the Great www.stleothegreat.com/childrens-corner

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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

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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.

Children's Liturgy



A friendly reminder that Children's Liturgy is offered every Sunday to all primary school aged children at:

9.00am Mass @ Sacred Heart Church, Hindmarsh

11.00am Mass @ Our Lady of the Manger Church, Findon

Mass is led by the young people of our community. We extend a warm welcome to ALL families and young people from our community to join us to engage in the Gospel with other children.

All Welcome



5 FINGERS OF SUPPORT ACTIVITY

1. List your safety helpers. A safety helper is someone that you trust and feel safe around. You can talk to them if you ever feel worried, scared or unsafe, or if you have questions about staying safe. They will listen, believe and help you. They must be adults and should include someone who lives at home, males and females, as well as people who live outside your home.
2. Colour in and cut out your hand.
3. Show the adults on your list.

