

The Grapevine

LOCKLEYS CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

26th/27th September 2026 ~ 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Priest's Message

Dear Parishioners,

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that true discipleship is shown not simply by what we say, but by what we do. The son who eventually carried out his father's will teaches us that faithful action speaks louder than words. Our faith comes alive when it is expressed through service, compassion, forgiveness, and care for others.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who helped make our recent Sacramental celebrations such beautiful and prayerful occasions. Thank you to the children and their families, our catechists, teachers, parish staff, musicians, liturgical ministers, and all who worked behind the scenes. Your generosity and dedication have helped our young people encounter Christ in a special way. Let us continue to pray that the graces received through these sacraments will strengthen them and their families in faith.

A special word of thanks to the students, teachers, and staff of St Francis School for your enthusiasm, participation, and ongoing support of parish life. Together, we continue to nurture a vibrant community of faith, learning, and service.

"Go to the poor: you will find God." – St Vincent de Paul. As we celebrate the Feast of **St Vincent de Paul**, we remember his example of humble service and love for those in need. We give thanks for the members of the St Vincent de Paul Society and for all who quietly care for others through acts of kindness and generosity. May St Vincent inspire us to see Christ in every person we meet and to reach out with compassion and hope.

I am also deeply grateful to the many volunteers who generously share their time and talents in our parish. Whether through liturgical ministries, pastoral care, maintaining our church and grounds, assisting at parish events, or serving quietly behind the scenes, your contribution is invaluable. You are a living example of the Gospel in action, and our parish is enriched by your faithful service.

Today, we also observe the **World Day of Migrants and Refugees**. We remember in prayer all those who have been forced to leave their homeland in search of safety, peace, and dignity. Pope Francis reminds us that migrants and refugees are not merely people in need, but brothers and sisters who enrich our communities with their gifts, culture, and faith. May our parish always be a welcoming home where every person is received with respect, compassion, and love.

This weekend, we are also delighted to welcome Zahlia and her family as she receives the Sacrament of Baptism at our Sunday Mass. As a parish family, we rejoice with them and pray that she may grow in faith, hope, and love, always walking in the light of Christ and supported by the prayers of our community.

May God bless you and your families for your faithful commitment to our parish community. Let us continue to build a Church that reflects Christ's mercy, welcome, and care for all.

God bless, Fr Dev



OUR VISION

An inclusive and welcoming Catholic community, focused on Jesus and his mission to the world.

OUR MISSION

We accomplish our vision by renewing the faith formation of parishioners, vibrant liturgical celebrations centred on the Sunday Eucharist, pastoral witness and missionary outreach.

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES:

Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 9:00am

SUNDAY MASS in Maltese:2nd Sunday of the month 2:30pm**SCRIPTURE READINGS 4 October 2026**

First reading – Isaiah 5:1-7

Second reading – Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel reading – Matthew 21:33-43

WEEKDAY MASS:8:30am Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
(followed by Adoration)**LITURGY OF THE WORD AND EUCHARIST:**

8:30am Monday, Tuesday, Saturday

RECONCILIATION: 5pm - Saturday**ROSARY:** 7:55am Monday–Saturday (church)**DECEASED** ~ Fernand Jorissen, Martin, Jurriaan, Helma, Bertha, Elsa, Achiel, Monique, Daniel, Laurie Chitti, Ted Goodfellow**PARISHIONERS / FAMILY / FRIENDS WHO ARE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS**

Pauline Monsigneur, Jordan Tomkinson, John Touhy, Diana & Glen Lobo, Rita Filippin, Lovett family, Tom Mestrov, Graham and family, Martin Whyte, Mary McPherson, Peter Meadow, Vic & Jen Hamra, Lyn R, Linda Evers, Carmela Martino, Luisa Pasculli, James, Eileen Goodfellow, Diane O'Brien, Walter Ferrao, Wally Sramek, Silvana.

Please advise if you need to add or remove a name from our sick list.**Privacy Laws:** All parishioners are encouraged to pray for the sick. Due to privacy laws, names will not be published on the sick list in the bulletin without prior permission of the person involved.**Are you, or anyone you know, unwell or in need of a visit? Please contact the parish office, and a member of our Pastoral Care Team will be in touch.****5 MINS WITH THE GOSPEL BY FR MICHAEL TRAINOR**Michael has prepared a brief synopsis of the Gospel reading for this weekend which can be found on our website <https://www.lockleysparish.com/the-bible-repository> or click the link on our home page.**POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER**

For the care of water. Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it. Amen

A VERY GRATEFUL THANK YOU

I would like to extend my sincere and heartfelt thanks to the 10 parishioners who generously gave their time on Saturday, 19 September, to care for and restore the Convent grounds.

Bringing their own gardening tools, our wonderful volunteers worked tirelessly for five hours, attending to the grass, weeds, roses, fountain and Our Lady's Grotto. Your generosity, time and dedication are a beautiful reflection of the spirit of service within our Catholic community.

This was also a wonderful beginning to a closer collaboration between the Parish and the Sisters, who have generously offered accommodation for Fr Dev for the next 12–18 months, and potentially longer. This will allow Fr Dev to live close to our Parish community without having to travel back and forth to the Bishop's House.

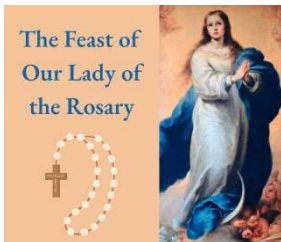
We give thanks to God for this opportunity and for the generosity of everyone who has helped make it possible. Thank you most sincerely for your time, effort and generosity. May God bless you all, and may Our Lady continue to watch over and bless our Parish community.

With heartfelt gratitude, Vicki Stokes (*Chair, Parish Pastoral Council*)**PLANNED GIVING**

The new sets of planned giving envelopes are now available in the church. Please collect yours to save our parish the postage costs.

PARISH DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Wednesday 30th September, face-to-face Safeguarding Essentials training session, Adelaide Cathedral Hall Parish, 39 Wakefield Street, Adelaide, 10am-12pm**
- **Each Sunday during October, Holy Rosary, 8:30am before Mass**
- **Saturday 3rd October, Transitus of St Francis, after 6pm Vigil Mass (TBC)**
- **Saturday 3rd October, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Novena, following Mass**
- **Sunday 4th October, Blessing of Pets/Animals/Plants, after 9:00am Mass**
- **Saturday 10th October - Public Rosary – 10:30am – on the grass near Harold and Cynthia Anderson Reserve, West Beach**
- **Sunday 18th October - St Vincent de Paul High Tea Fundraiser, 11.30am in Hall**



THE ROSARY IN OCTOBER

During October, the month of the Holy Rosary, we invite parishioners to join us in praying the Rosary each Sunday at 8.30am before Mass. Let us pray to our dear Mother for all the intentions that are in our hearts during the month of October. All are warmly welcome to come and pray with us. We ask that we maintain a spirit of quiet and reflective silence in the Church before Mass.



OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR NOVENA

All are warmly welcome to join in praying the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour that will resume in our parish after vigil Mass on 1st Saturdays. We plan to begin in the month of October on Saturday 3rd October, following Mass and the Transitus of St Francis.

BLESSING OF PETS, ANIMALS AND PLANTS – FEAST OF ST FRANCIS



In celebration of the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, we invite parishioners to bring their beloved pets, animals and even plants to receive a special blessing on Sunday, 4 October. St Francis had a deep love and respect for all of God's creation, and this blessing is a wonderful opportunity to give thanks for the joy, companionship and beauty that creation brings into our lives. All pets, animals and plants are welcome!

Please ensure that pets and animals are safely supervised and on a lead or appropriately secured where necessary. We kindly ask that pets are kept outside the church grounds on the lawn area adjacent the church. Please clean up after your pets and help us keep the church grounds clean and welcoming for everyone. We look forward to celebrating this special occasion together and giving thanks for all of God's wonderful creation!

FEAST OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL – 27 September

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of **St Vincent de Paul**, known as the *Apostle of Charity*. He dedicated his life to serving the poor and reminding us to see Christ in those in need. May his example inspire us to live with compassion, generosity, and a heart for those on the margins.



BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND

We welcome Zahlia Harvey and her family into our parish community and ask for you to pray for her parents and Godparents.



YOUR GENEROSITY MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Parish donations can be made directly to the parish bank account:

BSB: 066-782 **Account:** 100003632 **Name:** Lockleys Parish

Reference: Your Name

Alternatively, if convenient, you can make a donation using the **QR code** provided. **Tap and Go** facilities are also available in the front entrance of the church. Every contribution, large or small, is sincerely appreciated and greatly needed. Thank you for your continued generosity, kindness and support.

MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY – September 27

Each year the Holy Father offers a special message to celebrate the World Day of Migrants and Refugees. This year's celebration, the 112th, takes place on Sunday September 27 and the theme is "*Even Just One of These Children*" (cf. Mt 18:10). Pope Leo reminds us that every migrant and refugee child matters, and we are called by faith and humanity to welcome, protect and care for them. You can find the Pope's letter here: ([click here](#)) or visit <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/migration/documents/20260811-world-migrants-day-2026.html>

2026 MARKS 160 YEARS OF JOSEPHITE EDUCATION

Josephite Companions have organized a pilgrimage to Fleurieu Peninsula to sites of early Josephite schools, including Morphett Vale, Yankalilla, Willunga and Normanville on Saturday 19th September. Bus leaves 8:30am from 4 High St Kensington and returns by 5:30pm. BYO lunch; morning and afternoon tea provided. Cost \$60. RSVP or further info: sa.companions@sosj.org.au or 0417 871 904.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES MONTH-SEPTEMBER APPEAL

Help make a difference to the lives of South Australians.

In 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. Donations can be made via reply paid slip on the leaflet, online <https://adelaide.goodgiving.com.au/qc/cc> or the QR code.



YOU'RE INVITED TO WORLD YOUTH DAY SEOUL 2027!

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 2027 (14 days) and estimated cost to be raised is \$7500 per pilgrim (excluding spending money). Expression of Interest available via QR code or <https://shorturl.at/rMEu3>

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We would love you to purchase a **\$30.00** ticket to enjoy

High Tea

on

Sunday 18th October 2026 @ 11:30 a.m.

at Lockleys Christ the King Parish Hall

All proceeds will go to the

Lockleys Conference of St Vincent de Paul

to assist with the Winter Appeal.

Please call Annette for booking on 0415 098 963



St Vincent de Paul Society

good works

NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:

We in Lockleys Christ the King Parish acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

