

The Grapevine

LOCKLEYS CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

18th/19th July 2026 ~ Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We celebrate Living Water flowing from God bringing us New Life

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Since I began my role in the parish, it has been a special privilege to share with many families in their preparation for their children's Baptism, and also to walk with some young people in the Sacramental Program, and adults along their RCIA journey. This weekend we warmly welcome Jess, Kim and Trish into our Lockleys Parish family, as they receive Sacraments of Initiation in our Catholic Church. They have each been preparing over recent months for this special day. It will be also be special for Fr Michael as celebrant, and all of us in the parish too.

Baptism is the first Sacrament and each time it is celebrated during Mass, we together have an opportunity to renew our own Baptism promises, a special way of remembering when we were first welcomed into a parish community as part of God's family, through Jesus, receiving new Life in Christ. The blessed water that is poured and flows over each of us at Baptism, has great significance and also links us to God's creation.

The Season of Creation, each year from 1st September to 4th October (feast of St Francis), unites the Christian family worldwide through prayer and action for our common home (<https://seasonofcreation.org>). This year's theme of "Living Water", explores Ezekiel 47:9,12, a powerful biblical vision of hope. The image is of living water flowing from God's sanctuary revealing divine healing.



IMMERSION IN LIVING WATER
Ezekiel 47:9, 12

'Through living water comes healing; but in order to receive new life, we too must step into the water and also become part of God's river of life, taking part in the healing of creation.'

Next Friday, we again have a wonderful opportunity to gather with St Richard's at our parish, for a shared liturgy on the theme of Creation, and to offer our welcome and hospitality as we 'break bread' together.

The Sacraments, weave through our lives, enabling God's grace to flow in ways often beyond our awareness. Thank you once again to all who have generously offered gifts of stewardship during our recent renewal. In our unique giving and sharing, we receive, as we become together the Body of Christ - God's hands, God's eyes, God's heart, God's love for each other, and for all of God's creation in our world.

Shalom my friends, may God's peace be with us all. *Petranel*



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 26 July 2026**

First reading – 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Second reading – Romans 8:28-30

Gospel reading – Matthew 13:44-52

WEEKDAY MASS:

8:30am Wednesday, Thursday

8:30am Friday, followed by Adoration

LITURGY OF THE WORD AND EUCHARIST:

8:30am Monday, Tuesday and Saturday

RECONCILIATION: 5pm - Saturday**ROSARY:** 7:55am Monday–Saturday (church)**RECENTLY DECEASED ~** May Fernanda Ribeiro, Fr John Pawlikowski, Bay Thi Van**DECEASED ~** Joseph Galea, Gino Bonifazi, Ted Goodfellow, Laurie Chitti**PARISHIONERS / FAMILY / FRIENDS WHO ARE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS**

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

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.

+ AN IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR OUR PARISH +

Fr Arul Dev SdM has been nominated as our new parish priest. We welcome this nomination with gratitude and look forward to the next steps in the appointment process. At this time, we also ask for your prayers for both Fr Michael and Fr Arul Dev SdM during this time of transition in the life of our parish.

5 MINS WITH THE GOSPEL

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.

ORDER OF THE ELDERS' PRAYER

We pray for our diocese as it completes its Synodal Gathering. We pray for our parish as we prepare for a transition in priestly leadership. Guide us, O God, with a spirit of hope and confidence in the future. We ask this especially as we pray for peace in our world. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**SACRAMENTS THIS WEEKEND**

We welcome Jess, Kim and Trish into our parish community and ask for you to pray for them.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY?**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**

Do you know anyone who might have expressed an interest in becoming Catholic? Are you an adult Catholic who has not yet received Reconciliation or First Eucharist or been Confirmed? If you are interested in finding out more information, please contact our Pastoral Associate Petranel ph: 0439 530 135 or email:

petranel@lockleysparish.com

PARISH DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Wednesday 22nd July (Adelaide Cathedral Hall Parish, 10am-12pm) - face to face Safeguarding Essentials training**
- **Friday 24th July, 12pm - Ecumenical Gathering with St Richard's Anglican Parish at Christ the King, Lockleys**
- **Thursday 23rd July (amended date) - Men's Fellowship Group, 9:00am, Shed 2**
- **Sunday 2nd August - Farewell Gathering for Fr Michael after 9am Mass - Parish Hall**

UPCOMING FACE TO FACE SAFEGUARDING ESSENTIALS TRAINING

A face-to-face Safeguarding Essentials training session will be held at Adelaide Cathedral Hall Parish, (Diocesan Centre, 39 Wakefield Street) on Wednesday 22 July 2026, 10am - 12pm for volunteers who have not completed the course.

ECUMENICAL GATHERING WITH ST RICHARD'S ANGLICAN PARISH AT CHRIST THE KING, LOCKLEYS

Our next joint ecumenical liturgy, led by Fr Michael and Rev Sally will be hosted by our parish this coming Friday 24 July on the theme of Creation. The liturgy will begin at 12pm in the church, followed by lunch in the Hall. All are warmly invited to attend.

If you are able to help with setting-up the Hall and bringing food to share for lunch, please email Petranel at petranel@lockleysparish.com by Tuesday 21st for planning. It would be great to reciprocate the warm welcome and generosity of the wonderful food St Richard's parishioners provided for us when they hosted our previous gathering for the Stations of the cross during Lent.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Come along and join our relaxed parish men's group, "Shed 2." We meet monthly on a Thursday morning to share a cuppa, enjoy good conversation, and lend a hand with a few odd jobs around the parish. There's no pressure, just a friendly space to connect, contribute, and get to know one another. Its aim is to unite men who would like to have some company with like-minded people. **Our next Thursday meeting will be held on 23th July** starting at about 9.00am, following 8:30am Mass in Shed 2. New faces are always welcome!

FAREWELL GATHERING FOR FATHER MICHAEL

After Sunday Mass on Sunday the 2nd of August please join us in the Church Hall to farewell Father Michael who will be leaving the Parish to commence the next journey in his life which is retirement. We would like to celebrate and thank Father Michael for the leadership and service he has provided Christ the King Parish for the last seven years he has been with us. At this stage if you plan to attend could you please let Mari or Grace in the office know so we can have an estimate of numbers. Also, if you can either bring a savoury or sweet plate to share on the day that would be greatly appreciated- and if you do plan to bring something, please also let the office know for catering coordination. We look forward to seeing many of you there at Mass and after in the hall. **If you are available to volunteer on the day as well as the day before to help with setting up the hall, could you please let the office know or let Andrew know directly** (0488255253 or andrew.guidi@gmail.com).

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Advertising space is available in our Grapevine newsletter which is also accessed on our website www.lockleysparish.com offering even greater exposure for your advertisement. Please contact our office for more information.

The Fees are:

Small ad (business-card size):	\$20 per week or \$800 per year
Medium ad (double width):	\$30 per week or \$1,100 per year
Sponsorship option	\$50 per week or \$1,500 per year

FINANCIAL HALF YEAR RESULTS

As we reach the halfway point of 2026, we'd like to share a brief update on the Parish's financial position and some key developments.

Financial overview (as at June 30)

Planned Giving	\$5,501 below budget
Unpledged collections	\$626 above budget

Overall, the Parish is \$3,368 below the same period last year (2025).

Our Parish Finance and Administration teams continue to work diligently to manage expenses, minimising their overall impact. However, due to ongoing construction work next door, the income from hall hire has declined significantly. At the same time, essential maintenance and upkeep of Parish facilities will be required in the coming months.

While expenditure remains carefully monitored, we anticipate that a number of maintenance projects need to be undertaken to maintain the Church and Hall, these include fixing leaks in the church and hall, repairs to air conditioning, and other preventative maintenance work.

If contributions remain at current levels, the Parish will have fewer available funds than in 2025. This may limit our capacity to support programs and initiatives that benefit our community.

To support the long-term sustainability of the Parish, the Finance Committee has undertaken a renewal of the Planned Giving Program, which is already showing encouraging results. However, in the current economic climate, it is still too early to determine the extent to which parishioners are able to contribute.

We are deeply grateful for the generosity of our parishioners and invite all members of our community to reflect on how they can continue to support the Parish's mission. Every contribution helps us build a strong, vibrant, and faith-filled community

The Finance Committee

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY – Sunday, 26th July 2026



This year, on the sixth celebration of 'World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly' on Sunday, 26th July 2026, The Holy Father Pope Leo XIV has chosen the theme "*I will never forget you*" taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah (Is 49:15), to express God's unconditional fidelity towards his people and reveal how the Lord's love for each of us never fails, even in the fragility of old age. The theme chosen by

the Holy Father is intended to be a message of consolation and hope for all grandparents and the elderly, especially those who live in solitude or feel forgotten. At the same time, it is a call to families and Ecclesial Communities not to forget their elderly, recognising in them a precious presence and a blessing.

ABOUT YOUR WILL

Have you ever thought of placing a bequest in your WILL for the parish, or even adding a codicil now to your current WILL that would benefit the parish?

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.

