The Grapevine

LOCKLEYS CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

7th/8th November ~ 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."
Matthew 25:13

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, we warmly welcome **Aija** and her family as she is baptised into our parish community. Through the waters of Baptism, she begins a new life in Christ and becomes a member of God's family, the Church. We pray that the Lord will bless her abundantly and guide her throughout her life. Please keep Aija and her family in your prayers.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the ten bridesmaids. Five were wise and prepared with enough oil for their lamps, while five were foolish and unprepared. The difference between them was not that some expected the bridegroom and others did not. All were waiting. The difference was that the wise bridesmaids remained ready.

The oil in their lamps can symbolise many things: faith, prayer, love, kindness, and our daily relationship with God. These are not qualities that can be borrowed or acquired at the last moment. Rather, they are nurtured day by day through prayer, participation in the sacraments, and faithful living.

This Gospel is not intended to make us fearful but faithful. Jesus reminds us that every day is a precious gift and an opportunity to grow closer to Him. Being ready for the Lord means living each day with purpose, loving God and our neighbour, and recognising His presence in the ordinary moments of life.

The First Reading speaks beautifully of wisdom, which is found by those who seek her. In a world often filled with distractions and endless demands, we are invited to seek the wisdom that comes from God. Such wisdom helps us recognise what truly matters and keeps the flame of faith burning brightly within us.

As we continue through the month of November, we remember in a special way our deceased loved ones. We commend them to God's loving mercy and pray for the repose of their souls. Their lives remind us of the Christian hope we share in Christ's victory over death. While we do not know the day or hour when the Lord will call us, we place our trust in His promise of eternal life.

May we be counted among the wise disciples who remain watchful, faithful, and filled with hope, ready to welcome the Lord whenever He comes.

May God bless you and your families.

Fr Arul Dev Ambrose SDM
Parish Priest



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
November Mass – CANCELLED

SCRIPTURE READINGS 15 November 2026
First reading – Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

Second reading – 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel reading – Matthew 25:14-30

WEEKDAY MASS:
9:15am Wednesday – School, Year 1 & 5
8:30am 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)

RECENTLY DECEASED ~ Sahitya, Enzo Floreani
DECEASED ~ Ted Goodfellow, Aaron Morris, Francesca Surace, Laurie Chitti, Jan Bartosik, Joe Valencic, Arvina Saluja, B.K Saluja, Paul Borko, Olga Borko, Julie Valencic, Antonio Pepe, Pepe's family, Mascitelli's family, Betty Quick, Don Quick, Rita Ellul, Vittoria Cirillo, Agostina Cirillo, Don Vozzo, Emilia Roccisano, Marlene Nicholas, Martino Tripodi, Maria Rosa and Vincenzo Dimasi.

PARISHIONERS / FAMILY / FRIENDS WHO ARE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

Jann Kelly, Maheswari, Paramasivam, Aswanth, Martin Bentley, 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 Eyers, Carmela Martino, Luisa Pasculli, James, Eileen Goodfellow, Diane O'Brien, Walter Ferrao, Wally Sramek, Silvana, Connie.

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 NOVEMBER

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less. Amen.

A MESSAGE FROM AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church. During this Red November, we invite you to pray, support and act in solidarity with 388+ million Christians persecuted for their faith. Around the world, churches and public buildings will light up in red as a symbol of the sacrifice and suffering of our modern-day martyrs. In Australia and New Zealand, over 20 Cathedrals will be lit in red, with some holding Masses and prayer vigils for persecuted Christians. Visit **www.rednovember.org** to learn more.

PARISH CHOIR

Those who are interested in joining the parish choir, and those who are already part of the choir, are kindly asked to send an email indicating which weekends you are available to sing. This will help us organise the roster with greater clarity and ensure our liturgies are supported with orderly, grace-filled music. Please send your availability to: info@lockleysparish.com

PARISH DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Saturday 7th November – Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Novena following Mass**
- **Sunday 8th November – The Chosen Series, Parish Hall, around 6.30pm**
- **Monday 9 November - SAFEGUARDING ESSENTIAL COURSES 10:00am-12:00pm Brighton Parish, 24 Strathmore Terrace, Brighton**
- **Thursday 12th November – Men's Fellowship Group, 9am Shed 2**
- **Sunday 22nd November - Christ the King Feast – Morning Tea after 9am Mass**
- **Friday 27th November - Fire Warden and Extinguisher Training - 9:30am – 11:30am Catholic Diocesan Centre, 39 Wakefield Street, Adelaide**
- **Wednesday 2 December - SAFEGUARDING ESSENTIAL COURSES 10:00am-12:00pm Cathedral, 39 Wakefield St, Adelaide**

🙏 SUPPORTING OUR PRIESTS AND DEACONS 🙏

This weekend throughout the Archdiocese is Supporting our Priests and Deacons Sunday. There will be a speaker at each of our Masses encouraging our ongoing prayerful support for all the priests and deacons of the Archdiocese. In particular, we will be asked to renew our commitment to their financial support through the Second Collection.



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. This month the Novena will be on Saturday 7th November, following Mass.

THE CHOSEN SERIES



The Chosen is a Christian series portraying the life and ministry of Jesus through the eyes of those who encountered Him. Our parish is pleased to host a free advance screening of Season 6, Episode 1, focusing on Jesus' arrest in the garden.
Join us on Sunday, 8 November, from 6:30pm in the Hall for nibbles, the screening, followed by a short Gospel reflection and discussion. All are welcome! Please bring a plate to share if possible.
For more information or to register, contact Petranel 0439 530 135 or Natasha 0414 809 757.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The Men's Fellowship Group gathers on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 9am in Shed 2. For November, the gatherings will be held on Thursday 12 November and Thursday 26 November. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a chat over tea and coffee, and get involved in activities such as maintenance around the church and the parish hall. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

CHRIST THE KING FEAST

Immediately after the 9am mass on Sunday 22nd November, we will be celebrating the Feast of Christ the King with a special morning tea to be held in the Church Hall after we have a short reflection on the significance of this day to our Parish. For planning purposes, could you please notify the office if you intend to come along and we kindly ask if you could bring along a savory or sweet plate to share (let the office know if possible). If savory, could you ensure its something that does not need to be heated up on the day. Please note that for November this morning tea is replacing the regular monthly morning tea which is usually on the second Sunday each month. We hope to see you there!

FACE TO FACE SAFEGUARDING ESSENTIAL COURSES

Volunteers in a parish environment who provide service more than 7 times in the calendar year must undertake the Safeguarding Essentials Course. The following sessions are being offered:
Monday 9 November 10:00am-12:00pm Brighton Parish, 24 Strathmore Terrace, Brighton;
Wednesday 2 December 10:00am-12:00pm Cathedral, 39 Wakefield St, Adelaide
Please note that parking is unable to be provided for sessions at the Adelaide Cathedral.

FIRE WARDEN AND EXTINGUISHER TRAINING AT THE CATHOLIC DIOCESAN CENTRE

The Catholic Diocesan Centre is offering Fire Warden Training, including practical extinguisher training, for staff on Friday, 27 November 2026 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am at the Catholic Diocesan Centre 39 Wakefield St, Adelaide. The training is free of charge. Participants will receive a Certificate of Training. If you would like to attend, please contact the Parish Office. This is a valuable opportunity to strengthen workplace safety and emergency preparedness.

SUPPORTING THE COST OF CANDLES AND LAMP OIL

Candles are a beautiful and meaningful part of our prayer and worship, symbolising our faith, hope, and prayers offered to God. The sanctuary lamps and candles throughout our church remind us of Christ's presence and create a peaceful atmosphere for prayer and reflection.
To help cover the ongoing costs of candles and lamp oil, we warmly invite parishioners to consider making an offering. Our current expenses include:

- **Votive tealight candles:** $244.65 for 2,500 candles (25 packs of 100).
- **Altar candles** $300 for 400 candles (20 packs of 20).

These candles burn relatively quickly and need to be replenished regularly.

- **Sanctuary lamp oil:** $15.95 per bottle, each month.

Your generosity, no matter the amount, helps us meet these ongoing costs and maintain these important elements of our liturgical life.
Thank you for your continued generosity and for helping us care for our church and its sacred traditions. Every contribution is greatly appreciated.

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.

WORLD YOUTH DAY SEOUL 2027 – APPLICATIONS OPEN!

Young adults aged 18–35 are invited to join the Archdiocese of Adelaide's Diocesan Pilgrimage to Seoul, South Korea, for World Youth Day 2027.
Join hundreds and thousands of young people from around the globe as we come together in faith, prayer, and celebration. Encounter the many different cultures, build lasting friendships, and experience the vibrancy of the universal Church while deepening your relationship with Christ.

💍💐💗 RECOGNISE YOUR SPECIAL MILESTONES WITH US! 💗💐💍

Would you like your birthday or a milestone wedding anniversary to be recognised in our Grapevine? If you would like your birthday or wedding anniversary published, please contact the Parish Office in person or by ph.: 8356 8887 or Email: info@lockleysparish.com and provide the relevant details. Birthdays and milestone wedding anniversaries will be recognised and published on the first Sunday of each month. Let us share in your joy and give thanks for these wonderful blessings!



BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND

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

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..

