The Grapevine

LOCKLEYS CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

28th/29th November ~ First Sunday of Advent

Parish Priest's Message

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

As we begin the beautiful season of Advent, we thank God for the many blessings He pours upon our parish family. Last weekend's Feast Day celebrations were a wonderful expression of faith, friendship, and community, and I am deeply grateful to everyone who helped make them such a joyful occasion.

A Heartfelt Thank You

Our parish is blessed by the generosity, dedication, and kindness of so many people. I would like to express my sincere thanks to:

- **Erica's team and Andrew** for their wonderful work in coordinating and organising the morning tea and Feast Day celebrations.
- **Petranel, Rob, and their team** for the beautiful music and singing that lifted our hearts in worship during the Solemn Mass.
- **Nick, Rose, and Audrey** and the Vigil Mass Choir for leading us prayerfully through song.
- **Our commentators, readers, and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion** for their faithful service at our liturgies.
- **Our sacristans, volunteers, and all those who worked quietly behind the scenes**, preparing, welcoming, serving, cleaning, and caring for the many details that helped make the celebrations so special.

Whether your contribution was seen or unseen, please know that it was deeply appreciated. Your generosity helped create a welcoming and joyful experience for everyone who joined us. May the Lord bless you and your families abundantly for your service and commitment to our parish community.

Thank You, Grace

After many years of dedicated service, Grace has stepped down from her role in the parish office due to personal reasons.
We are deeply grateful for her kindness, commitment, and faithful service to our parish community. Grace has been a welcoming presence to so many and has generously shared her gifts in support of the life and mission of our parish.
On behalf of the parish community, I thank Grace for all she has done and assure her of our prayers and best wishes. May God bless her abundantly in this next chapter of her life.

Advent: Making Room for Jesus

Today we begin Advent, a season filled with hope, expectation, and joy. It is a time when we prepare not only our homes for Christmas but, more importantly, our hearts for the coming of Christ.

In the busyness of shopping, gatherings, and end-of-year activities, Advent gently invites us to slow down and remember what Christmas is truly about. Jesus desires to enter our lives, our homes, and our families with His peace and love.
Over these coming weeks, perhaps we can spend a little more time in prayer together, reach out to someone who may be lonely, offer forgiveness where it is needed, and make room in our daily lives for



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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God. Small acts of kindness and faith can help us experience the deeper meaning of this holy season.

As families, let us journey through Advent with Mary, who trusted God's plan with an open heart. Let us listen like John the Baptist, who called people to prepare the way of the Lord. And let us welcome Jesus with the joy of the shepherds, whose lives were changed by the good news of His coming.

May this Advent be a time of grace, peace, and renewal for every home in our parish.

"Stay awake and be ready, for the Son of Man is coming."(Matthew 24:44)

May the Lord bless you and your loved ones with a holy, peaceful, and grace-filled Advent season.

Fr Dev
Parish Priest

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

ADVENT 2026 REFLECTION: AVAILABLE NOW

Inhale: Prepare the way of the Lord. Exhale: make straight the path
Advent is a time of waiting, hope and preparation. This year's advent resource offers an opportunity to pause in the joy of the gospel. Copies are now available at both entrances. Please take one home for personal, family, or small group reflection. A digital version is available on the Archdiocesan website.
For more information, please contact formation@adelaide.catholic.org.au

PARISH CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA



Our last Parish Morning Tea for this year will be after the 9am mass on Sunday 13th December. We look forward to seeing you on the 13th as this is a wonderful opportunity to mix with your fellow parishioners and to celebrate this special time in our liturgical calendar. It would be appreciated if you are able to bring a plate to share. The Hall will be open from 8.30am. Annette, Erica and Meredith

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.

PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS IN OUR GRAPEVINE NEWSLETTER

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

SUNDAY MASS TIMES:
Saturday 6:00pm
Sunday 9:00am

SUNDAY MASS in Maltese:
2nd Sunday of the month 2:30pm

SCRIPTURE READINGS 6 December 2026

First reading – Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

Second reading – 2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel reading – Mark 13:33-37

WEEKDAY MASS:
9:15am Wednesday-**School,** Year 2 & 4
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, Eileen Beinke, Carmelo Costanzo

DECEASED ~ Rose Princi, Silvan Monticelli, Ted Goodfellow, Laurie Chitti, 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.

POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

For single-parent families. Let us pray for families experiencing the absence of a mother or father, that they may find support and accompaniment in the Church, and help and strength in the Faith during difficult times. Amen.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The Vinnies group would again welcome the support of our generous parishioners.
The Christmas Appeal begins this weekend, with hampers and gifts being prepared for approximately 30 local households, including around 15–20 children.
Donations of festive Christmas food and other suitable Christmas products for the hampers, as well as gifts for children and adults, are warmly welcomed. Suggested gifts include toiletries for both men and women; generic clothing items such as scarves, T-shirts, and men's and women's socks; linen or towels; and decorative household items such as vases, serving trays, scented candles, clocks, and Christmas decorations. $20 gift cards are also gratefully accepted. Please note that second-hand items and gifts containing alcohol cannot be accepted. The Jesse Tree and donation envelopes will also be available. Christmas Cards and 2027 Columban Calendars will also be on sale from the weekend of 28th and 29th November. Items can be purchased at the conclusion of each weekend Mass.
Hampers and gifts will be assembled on Friday, 18th December, for distribution the following day.

PARISH DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Sunday 29th November - Volunteer's Meet and Greet and Cuppa after 9am Mass in the Hall**
- **Sunday 29th November - Children's Liturgy of the Word, during 9am Mass**
- **Wednesday 2 December - SAFEGUARDING ESSENTIAL COURSES 10:00am-12:00pm Cathedral, 39 Wakefield St, Adelaide**
- **Saturday 5 December – Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Novena – after 6pm Mass**
- **Friday 11 December – Reconciliation – 9am to 9:30am or by appointment**
- **Sunday 13th December - Blessing of the Christmas Crib, during 9am Mass**
- **Sunday 13th December – Morning Tea, after 9am Mass**
- **Friday 18 December – Reconciliation – 9am to 9:30am or by appointment**
- **From 28th December 2026 to 11th January 2027 inclusive - Parish Office closure**

CHRISTMAS MASSES

24th December @ 6pm:	**Christmas Vigil Mass**
25th December @ 12 midnight:	**Midnight Mass**
25th December @ 10 am:	**Christmas Day Mass**



VOLUNTEER'S MEET AND GREET AND CUPPA



All current parish volunteers, as well as those who have expressed an interest in the various ministries through our recent Stewardship Renewal Program, are warmly invited to a meeting and a cuppa in the Hall following 9am Mass this Sunday, 29 November.

This will be a great opportunity to meet and connect with others in our parish, as well as share ideas and plans for our parish ministries and events in 2027. We look forward to seeing you there!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD



Children's Liturgy of the Word will be offered during 9am Mass this Sunday, 29 November, for primary school children. There will be two groups: Reception–Year 2 and Years 3–6, with age-appropriate Gospel reflection, activities and prayers. Children will receive a Blessing before processing to the Parish Hall and will return to the Church for the Offertory procession. Parents are welcome and encouraged to accompany younger children. All children and parents attending are asked to sign in at the Hall entrance for Safeguarding purposes.

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:
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.



OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR NOVENA

All are warmly welcome to join in praying the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, which has resumed in our parish after the Vigil Mass on the first Saturday of each month. Our next Novena will be held on Saturday, 5 December, following the Vigil Mass.

CHRISTMAS CRIB BLESSING

Families are invited to take part in the Christmas Crib Blessing during Mass **Saturday 12th December** at 6pm or **Sunday 13th December** at 9am. Bring a homemade crib or the baby Jesus figure for a special Advent tradition.

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.