



Sunday 11th October 2026

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley, Diamond Valley

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Mass Timetable

Saturday Vigil: **St. Thomas** - 6:00pm, **St. Mary's** - 6:30pm, **St. Peters** - 7:15pm (1st Saturday Only)

Sunday: **St. Mary's** - 8:00am, 10:00am & 5:00pm **Sacred Heart** - 9:00am **St. Thomas** - 10:30am

Weekday: **St. Mary's** - 9:15am Tuesday to Friday, **Sacred Heart** - 9:15am Wednesday & Friday, **St Thomas** - 9:15am Tuesday & Thursday

1st Friday Devotions: 6:30pm Reconciliation, 7:00pm Healing Mass with Blessed Sacrament Adoration, Divine Mercy & Benediction at St. Thomas'

Reconciliation

Sacred Heart - Friday 9:45am-10:15am

St. Thomas - Saturday 9:30am - 10:00am

St. Mary's - Saturday 5:45pm - 6:15pm

Parish Office Hours

Sacred Heart: Wednesday (Any time by appointment or email diamondvalley@cam.org.au)

St. Mary's: Tuesday 10:00am - 3:00pm Wednesday 8:00am - 4:00pm Thursday 10:00am - 3:00pm Friday 10:00am - 3:00pm

St. Thomas: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00am - 4:00pm

Sandy Starbuck: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9:00am - 5:00pm

We Pray for all the those who are sick that they may be Healed & Comforted especially;

Bernie Murray, Max McMahon, Phillip Rovtar, Paul Leonard, Katie Pittle, Martin Leonard, Catherine Leonard, Arlindo de Freitas, David Goodison, Bridie Burke, Bernadette Farren, Tommy Burke, Thomas Keenan, Chris Padget, Jim Goodge, Charlie Goral, , Blair Williamson, Beth Scott, Morag Fraser, Tom Crothers, Sonny Reyes, Eileen Seller, Tyler Calleja , Anne Ridsdale

We pray for the recently deceased and those whose Anniversaries occur at this time that they may enter joyfully into God's Kingdom;

Felicia Ongarello, Fr Leo Pascoe, Colin Elliott, Emma Goodge, Patrick Finlayson, Maurie Roadley, Wade Robinson, Dianne Galea, Mario Molinaro. Guido Pariocco, Mary Moran, Helen Paul, Shirley Fraser, Katherine Biskup, Marianna Sacchetta, Reg Carr, Francis Bohan, Bill Watson, Pat Pelly, Frank Green, Grace Money, Betty Hannah, Rocco Di Pierro, Alfonso Ruggieri, Nediljka Paleka, Sofija Zilic, Mirjana Filipovic, Esther Tremayne, Antoinetta Nesci, Stewart McKenzie

Alec Menezes, Anna Gorski, Bernard Murphy, Margaret Lambert, Pius Gormley, Judy McInerney, Stanley Mathias, Maud Morgan, Russell Burton, Anthony. T, Olga Ruth Hudson, A.J.L D'Souza, Gerald Saldarle, Adrian Kitchell, Mollie Miller, Sarkis Emirzian Joan Bush, Adelina Bonfante, Jim Ryan, Bernard Dynes, Walter MacGibbon, Nikolaus Antons, Charles Hudson, Lena Campanaro, Frank Pignataro, Rosa Costa, Bernard Branagan Snr., Joseph Vassallo, Andrew John Ellul, Mary Dorey, John Krohn, Ann Kemezys, Irene Loughnane, Annie Conlon, Edith May Reeves, Carmen Melo, Stuart Hendrie, Kevin Kelly, Edith Considine, John (Jack) Davis, Frank Cooke, Phyllis Fleming-Dowling, Lorna Parker, Maureen Anderson, Jean Tucker, Percylal De Zilwa, Carlo Lazzaro, John Doherty, Fr John Rogan, Ted Atkins, Salvatore Tullio, Amelia Mash, Sonia Haarbarger, Stan Egan, Peter Folvig, Bernard Walsh, Bob Thomas, Michael O'Callaghan, Charles & Phyllis Baldrey, Kathleen Bowlen, Kelly Marsh, Serina Pillai, Pat Wright, Margaret Crow, Ida Cardamone

WORSHIP, PRAYER & FAITH FORMATION

FR LIBEESH KURIAKOSE HOMILIES: Fr Libeesh's homilies are now available on the parish websites along with Fr Steven's.

THE WAY PRAYER GROUP: A Charismatic Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, 15th October at St Thomas the Apostle Church, 251 Diamond Ck Rd, Nth Greensborough. The evening will commence at 7.30pm with Praise & Worship, followed by Mass including the Sacrament of Anointing. Supper provided. For further details, please contact the Parish Office. 9434 7373 9435 1543.

THE LEGION OF MARY, ST MARY'S: The Legion of Mary have started their weekly meetings on Tuesdays at 7pm– 9pm in St. Mary's Presbytery (Front room). All are welcome to attend and see what being a Legionary is about.

Please contact Philomena or Felicia via the Parish office for further information.

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE: Thursday 22nd October at 7.00pm, Synodality: Global and Local presented by Most Reverend Patrick O'Regan DD. Bookings enquiries: 9412 3333 or ctc.edu.au



PRAY WITH POPE LEO XIV: ONE MILLION CHILDREN PRAYING THE ROSARY

From 1-7 October, Aid to the Church in Need invites you to join with Pope Leo XIV and Catholics worldwide for the One Million Children Praying the Rosary prayer campaign, for peace and unity in the world.

Families, parishioners, prayer groups, and schools are all encouraged to register to take part!

For free Rosary resources and to register, please scan the QR code or visit:

www.acninternational.org/millionchildrenpraying

"When one million children pray the Rosary, the world will change." - Saint Padre Pio

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE would like to invite you to our online information session on Monday 26 October at 7pm (AEDT). In this session, you will meet our course advisors and learn about study options at CTC, including the wide range of courses and units that can be undertaken online and/or face-to-face. Interested participants may register via [Google Forms](#) Registration is essential.



Advent begins Year B and the Gospel of Mark, you are invited to
Zoom in to Meet Mark, His Gospel & His Jesus

7.00 to 9.00pm, 3 Wednesday evenings: 11, 18 & 25 November

Book at: <https://www.trybooking.com/DPJZO>

Or Click:



Donation only



For further information contact: sandraellenbishop@gmail.com

This course is offered by the Catholic School of Evangelisation.

WORSHIP, PRAYER & FAITH FORMATION



Since the journey **to Eucharist28 began**, there has been much anticipation about when in 2028 this event will take place.

The **Eucharist28** team has been working with the Australian and New South Wales Governments and the Pontifical Committee for Eucharistic Congresses to arrange and confirm the details of the Congress.

I am pleased to officially announce the dates of **Eucharist28. September 24, 2028**, we celebrated the Opening Mass of the International Eucharistic Congress in Sydney.

This marked the beginning of a week of celebration, prayer, and encounter, culminating in the **Statio Orbis (Final Mass) on Sunday, October 1, 2028.**

Preceding the International Eucharistic Congress, a **Theological Symposium will be held from 20 to 22 September 2028.**

More details to come regarding venues, the program, guest speakers, and the major events.

Save the date, spread the word, and let the journey of prayer and preparation continue.

Bishop Richard Umbers
Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney
Secretary General, International Eucharistic Congress

NEWS AND EVENTS

BR MICHAEL HERRY FMS
MARIST BROTHER/LITURGICAL MUSICIAN
presents

A Beautiful Evening of Fine Liturgical Music and Prayer



When: Wednesday November 11th, 7.00pm – 8.45 pm

Where: St Thomas the Apostle Church, 251 Diamond Creek Road, Greensborough North

Featuring:

The beautiful liturgical music of Br Michael Herry, his fine body of Responsorial Psalms, seasonal hymns, and liturgical chants, plus special music for young people. Don't miss this lovely night of prayer and song, one you will both enjoy and remember!

Entrance: Free

Contact: Lisa Leahy (Secretary)

Lisa.Leahy@cam.org.au

Office: 9434 7373

This will be a very special time of joyful prayer, music and song.

NEWS AND EVENTS

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

The Safeguarding Committee is once again pleased to be able to offer an opportunity for all in the Parish of Our Lady of the Valley to gain awareness of and confidence in the use of a defibrillator. Should an emergency incident occur within our communities. Basic First Aid questions can be asked. Ms. Dr. Mark Beeby will be facilitating each of

For

**EVENT
CANCELLED**

Friday 16th October at 10.00am at Our Lady of the Valley Heart, Diamond Creek (in the Church)
Please phone 94351543 or email diamondvalley@cam.org.au to notify your attendance.



UPCOMING WORKS ON M80 RING ROAD COMPLETION

October-December 2026

Over the coming months, the community will continue to see new structures, lanes and walking and cycling paths opening in stages as construction progresses.

Crews will continue upgrading lanes between Plenty Road and the M80 Ring Road Interchange, with intermittent overnight and weekend ramp and road closures.

With traffic now operating in the outer lanes of Greensborough Highway and the Greensborough Bypass, construction has progressed to the final stage of the Grimshaw Street Interchange and the new express lanes connecting to the North East Link tunnels.

Looking ahead, the new Elder Street landscaped bridge remains on track to open from late 2026, restoring pedestrian and vehicle access across the bridge and allowing the temporary U-turn arrangement to be removed.

Stay up to date with the latest disruption information Get SMS updates to your phone To sign up, text M80 COMPLETION to 0499 073 073 for the latest disruptions information.

Visit the website to subscribe ***M80 Ring Road Completion - Victoria's Big Build***

REMEMBER THIS DATE AN EVENING FOR CARERS, OCTOBER 23RD 2026

Why? An evening for anyone who is in a carer role.

It is an opportunity to move out of your role for a little while, to share a meal with others with similar experiences.

There is no set agenda, however if you chose to you might want to speak of the joys and challenges you experience as carer.

Where: Gathering space St. Mary's Church

When: Friday 23rd. October

Time: 6.30 p.m. to 9.00p.m. (at the latest)

Cost: NONE

RSVP: Monday 19th October - Ros Cairns 0448943543 or email roscairns@mscsisters.org.au

Please indicate any dietary restraints.



SAFEGUARDING

If you hear something or see something that feels, **just not right MAKE A REPORT** by phoning any of our Parish Offices or

Email: diamondcreekgreensboroughsafeguarding@cam.org.au



Concerns around immediate danger, call 000

KEEPING OUR PARISH COMMUNITIES SAFE

To notify a concern around a safety matter, call the Parish Office 9435 1543 or 9434 7373.



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OFFICE HOURS AT ST MARYS

Libby will be on leave from Friday 9th October until Tuesday 20th October.

If you need anything during this time, please email or phone the parish office before coming to St Mary's, to ensure someone is available to assist you.

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE

This year we celebrate the 40th anniversary of St Thomas the Apostle, now one of the faith communities of the Parish of Our Lady of the Valley. We wish to commemorate this special milestone and to honour the wonderful commitment of so many people over the years to build a strong and vibrant church and school community.

Please join with your fellow parishioners in a celebratory Mass on Sunday 18 October at 10.30am.

This will be followed by morning tea in the Gathering Space.



FRIENDSHIP GROUP ST MARY'S: Next meeting on Wednesday 14th of October from 12 - 2.30pm.

BYO Lunch, afternoon tea provided. Come have a chat and try your luck with Bingo. Book of 10 games \$5. Hope you can come and join us, have a chat, a good laugh, a hot drink, and cake as well.

Any queries call or text Geraldine.

ST MARY'S LADIES AUXILARY: Thank you to all those who supported our raffle. The winners are: Painting – Samuel, Quilt – Lillian, Book – Vivien, Tea Set – Pam.

SOUTHERN STARS SOCIAL CLUB OVER 28'S PARTY NIGHT FOR SINGLE CATHOLICS IN THE 28 TO 60 AGE GROUP

Saturday 24th October, 7:30pm, St Benedict's Parish Hall Central Ave, Burwood. Cost: Members \$7, Non-Members \$13

Includes Lucky Door Prizes and Supper Enquiries: Peter – 9885 2167

SENIOR MOMENTS SACRED HEART: **Wednesday 7th October** 12.00pm, Mr Rooster Chicken and Chips.

Wednesday 21st October at 12.00pm, Lunch and Scrabble in the Parish Centre.

Wednesday 4th November at 12.00pm, Bridges Restaurant.

Wednesday 18th November at 12.00pm, Lunch and Scrabble in the Parish Centre.

Wednesday 2nd December at 12.00pm, Christmas Lunch in the Parish Centre.

Be informed, inspired and entertained



Book of the Week: Love and Politics: The Revolutionary Frederic Ozanam by John Honner

Frederic Ozanam is best known for founding the St Vincent de Paul Society when he was a student at the University of Paris. This book explores his later life and in particular his involvement in the revolutionary politics of 1850, when Karl Marx released his Communist Manifesto particularly with reference to debates about religion and politics, and about welfare and charity.

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PARISH INFORMATION

Please send any bulletin contributions directly to diamondvalley@cam.or.au by 12 Noon on Wednesday's to ensure inclusion in the weekend combined bulletin. Thank you

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS: For Our Lady of the Valley PPC is OLVPPC@cam.org.au

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK: Please see Notice Boards in Gathering Spaces of our Churches.

SACRED HEART HALL HIRE: For all enquiries regarding cost and terms and conditions please contact the Parish Office.

NEWS AND EVENTS



THE YOUTH of the VALLEY MINISTRY GROUP

The next gathering of the Our Lady of the Valley Youth Group will be meeting on Sunday 6th October from 2.00pm – 4.30pm in the Gathering Space of St Mary's.

At this meeting the group will be working in collaboration with Helen Anderson and Jacinta Bright in drafting the group's Safe-guarding Code of Conduct to meet compliance requirements as a Ministry Group.

If you have been contemplating enquiring about the volunteer vacancy as Leader/Mentor of this enthusiastic group of young people – come along Sunday and 'hear' their story that may answer your own 'wondering' to where God may be calling you to serve.

Questions: Sandy Starbuck
Ph/txt 0402 984 525

SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER



**St MARTIN'S
PARISH
CAR BOOT
SALE**

STARTS FROM 9AM-1PM

Items may include clothes, toys, shoes,
accessories, furniture, jewellery, books, etc.

St Martin Of Tours
2 Silk Street, Rosanna, 3084

Per CAR \$20/-

**For bookings, please contact the
Parish Office on 9401 6338**

Twenty-Eighth Sunday Ordinary Time - Year A

FIRST READING. Isaiah 25.6-10a

The Lord will make a feast of rich food, and wipe away the tears from all faces.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

For the hand of the Lord will rest on this mountain.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 23.1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (R.6cd)

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

1. The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures; he

leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul . R.

2. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. R.

3. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. R.

4. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long. R.

SECOND READING. Philippians 4.10-14, 19-20

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed,

you were concerned for me, but had no opportunity to show it.

Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have.

I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need.

I can do all things through him who strengthens me. In any case, it was kind of you to share my distress.

My God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Ephesians 1.17-18

Alleluia Alleluia

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia Alleluia

GOSPEL Matthew 22.1-14

Invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.

Once more Jesus spoke to the chief priests and Pharisees in parables:

“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited:

“Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready;

come to the wedding banquet.”’

But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged.

He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city.

“Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’

Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. *“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him,

‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless.

Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”