



Sunday 16th August 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, Michael Carcas, Richard Smithson, Bridie Burke, Bernadette Farren, Tommy Burke, Thomas Keenan, Chris Padget, Jim Goodge, Charlie Goral, Marie Lazatin, Arthur Henry, Blair Williamson, Beth Scott, Morag Fraser, Tom Crothers, Leoncio Nakpil, Sonny Reyes, Eileen Seller, Tyler Calleja

We pray for the recently deceased including Fran Gronow and those whose Anniversaries occur at this time that they may

enter joyfully into God's Kingdom:

Jim Beattie, Fr Gerard Loughnan, Kevin Nihill, Win Atkinson, Mary Burke, Wayne Robinson, John O'Connor, Kevin Callaghan, Colleen Gardner, Arthur Walker, Jane de Carlo, Rachael Casale, Frank McMahon, Frank Ventura, Tony Chirico, Marie Lewis, Michael De Popolo, Maris Sacchetta, Guido Micheluzzi, Orazio Palazzoto, Giovanna Formosa, Robert Capocchi, Denis McCarthy, James McCarthy, Bill Ahern, Marina Micai, Anne Honeywell, Giusepa Minutolo, Paul Silverwood, Jim Lysaght, Salvatore Scala, Margaret Hardwick, Ted Tremayne, Giselle Caliste, Nadia Mefflin, Alan Corcoran, Margaret Howse, Alan McCarthy, Salvador Catalogna, Rose Masabni, Dragan Zilic, Tina Butera, Jack Sutherland, Peter Kernjak, Autun Sich, Vincent Allsopp, Josie & Eugene Shanahan, Geoffrey Leahy, Bill Jefferd, Franciska Novak, Peter de Graaff, Rose Camilleri, Rita Hegarty, Les Wilson, Tony Sich, Giuseppina Insera, Molly Gallagher, Gabriel Silvapulle, Sylvia Pitts, Joan Hewitt, Raymond Clamp, Joyce Pemberton, Douglas Muir, Mila Juka, Robert Low, Lucille Smith, Paul Floate, Kathleen McCloskey, Aileen Mottram, Sajih Mokbel, Kath Blackburn, Rose Devers, Margaret Holian, Rudolf Breier, Winifred Ryan, Rose Devers, Anna Maria D'Amico, Stan Krohn, Isabelle Hanson, Janet Stewart, Bert Miller, Lena Elsie O'Reilly, Ossie Dyer, Eileen Forssman, Tony Sich, Iris Brear, George & Maude Watson, Vin O'Callaghan, Molly Kelly, Gordon Evans, John Mackie, Fr. Tom Kiniry, Magdalene Wong, Ailee Mottram, Mary Mathews, Myriam Barbe, Stan Hanlon, Alexander Tillack, Joan Jones, Marie Hoskins, Les & Simon Doupe, Patricia Callanan, Alice Hickey, Vera O'Sullivan, James Rodgers, Clem Hill, Margaret Neeson, Mary Mathews, Zaren Aquilina, Bernadette M. Vera-Perera, Orazio Colucci, Hazel Crutchett, Steve Nicholson, Emmanuel Bissonauth, Priscua Del Mundo, Richard Cerezo, Terrence O'Brien, Dorothy Wigraft, Bernadette Gillespie, Bernadette M Vera-Perez, Isobel Malcolm, Margaret Emmins, Peter Larubina

WORSHIP, PRAYER & FAITH FORMATION.

THE WAY PRAYER GROUP: You are warmly invited to join us for our final Mass by Candlelight for 2026 on Thursday, 20th August at St Thomas the Apostle Church, 251 Diamond Creek Road, North Greensborough.

Celebrated in the spirit of Taizé, quiet music will commence at 7.30pm, followed by Mass at 8pm and supper afterwards.

All welcome. Enquiries: Emilia 0418 120 902.

SACRED HEART REMEMBRANCE MASS: SAVE THE DATE, Our Remembrance Mass will be on Sunday 8th November, where we especially remember all our loved ones that have gone before us, it will also be a time to remember those that need our prayers.

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

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 - 0403910446

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY PARISH

Ministry Team Retreat

FACILITATOR: ANNE SLINGO – *formation in Ignatian Spiritual*

DATE: SATURDAY, 29TH AUGUST

TIME: 10.00am – 3.00pm

WHERE: ST THOMAS the APOSTLE CHURCH 251 Diamond Creek Road Greensborough North

RSVP by WED. 26TH AUGUST!

9435 1543 or email diamondvalley@cam.org.au

PROGRAM

10am : Meet for morning tea and fellowship

10:30am: How am I arriving?

- Discernment exercise: *Seeing with my feet*
- *An Ignatian exercise to discern where we are grounding our feet and to see what direction our minis try is moving in.*

12:30pm: Lunch and fellowship

1:15pm: Spiritual conversation:

- *What has come up from this morning's exercise?*
- 2:30pm: **Ministry Examen**
- *Ignatian Awareness Examen - to discern and plan the way forward in our ministry with vision, freedom and service.*

3pm: Finish

*"What we plant in the
soil of contemplation, we
shall reap in the harvest
of action."
—Meister Eckhart*

Our Lady of the Valley Parish

As you would be aware from the Parish Newsletter over many weeks, the Archdiocese is holding a Synod. A synod means journeying together and reflecting on what the Holy Spirit is wanting from the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

This is an opportunity for us as a Parish to contribute our thoughts. We are holding sessions on the three topics on:

***Sunday 16 August, St Thomas'**

11:30 am Missionary Leadership

***Sunday 23 August, St Mary's,**

11:00 am Formation and Participation

Sessions will be approximately one hour and will be held in the Church.

No need to book.

We are all one Parish, united in our faith and welcomed to join any or all of the sessions. We would like this to be a prayerful, enjoyable and inclusive time for everyone. It is not only encouraged, but essential as all responses will be recorded and make up our submission which is due 31 August. Please join us!

***Synod 2026 Committee – previously the PPPCFG**



The young Church of Melbourne is going to World Youth Day Seoul 2027! Join Archbishop Peter A Comensoli and young people from across the Archdiocese as we launch the Archdiocese of Melbourne's pilgrimage to WYD Seoul 2027.

The night begins with Six30 Holy Hour of Adoration and Benediction in St Patrick's Cathedral and continues with food trucks, music and celebrations in the Cathedral grounds.

Gather your family, friends, youth group and community members as we begin our journey to South Korea. Your invitation could be the first step in someone's encounter with Christ.

Thursday 20 August 2026 6.30pm–9.00pm

In 2028, Australia will host the 54th International Eucharistic Congress,

an extraordinary global encounter with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Pilgrims from around the world will come together in worship, reflection, and celebration, united by a shared faith and a mission to carry Christ into the world.

Pope Leo XIV has indicated his intent to attend, telling Sydney Archbishop Anthony Fisher in Rome that he plans to be there!

Where do you think you will be in 2028?

Perhaps on your way to Sydney! Let us continue to pray for our local Church and beyond that God's Holy Spirit will continue to enliven our own hearts to serve for his Glory.

<https://www.eucharist28.org/join-us>



MADONNA AND CHILD BY ARTIST WILHELMINA WATSON

Three months ago, we were saddened by the death of Wilhelmina Watson, one of the original parishioners at St Thomas. Wil had served our parish in many ways over the life of the parish. These included serving on the Building Committee for our church and on the Social Justice and Liturgy Teams, helping to run stalls at the Parish Fetes, arranging the church flowers and cooking and house-keeping for our priests, especially taking good care of Fr Peter Fulton.

Wil had a great appreciation of art and even produced some amazing works of art herself. One very special piece is a Madonna and Child done in charcoal pastel. It was Wil's wish that this piece be donated to St Thomas' church, so we are honoured to accept this beautiful gift from Wil's family.

Since Saturday is the Feast of Mary's Assumption into Heaven, we feel that this weekend is the appropriate time to officially hang the Madonna and Child in a place of honour. We will have it officially blessed at a later date when Wil's family are available to join us.

We give thanks to Wil for all that she did for St Thomas' community and we thank her and her husband David, her children Robert, Andrea and Katrina for the beautiful gift of the Madonna and Child.

Rest in Peace Wil Watson

The Parish of Our Lady of the Valley, Diamond Valley



Something wonderful has begun!

Announcing the next gathering of our Catholic youth!

Curious? Come and see what is growing — you are very welcome to join us



23rd August – 2.30pm start!

When we will be announcing the name of our group!

Join us for real conversation, new friendships and a relaxed space to explore faith together.

St Mary's Catholic Church

Gathering Space, St Mary's Church, Greensborough

We'd love to see you there!

**Questions: Sandy Starbuck
Office: 7036 9326**

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2026



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The 2026 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Tax-deductible donations go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund which supports the Priests Retirement Foundation, the Corpus Christi College Building Fund, CatholicCare Victoria Chaplaincy Program, Melbourne Overseas Mission, John Pierce Centre, University of Divinity for the Catholic Theological College as well as Catholic community agencies and service organisations through annual grants. Non-tax-deductible donations go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund and support seminarian formation. Please review the campaign material and prayerfully consider pledging a recurring monthly gift. Tear-off pledge cards are attached to the campaign envelopes in the church.

You can also make a gift online at melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign or via the QR codes on the campaign materials.

PRAYER FOR SYNOD

*Almighty and ever living God,
Bring forth the Holy Spirit, wisdom and understanding,
to all parishioners and participants in the Synod of our diocese in Melbourne
Teach them in all things
to seek first your honour and glory.
May they hear from the Spirit what is right
have courage to pursue it
and grace to accomplish it,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

NEWS & EVENTS

SAFEGUARDING

If you hear something or see something that feels, **just not right**

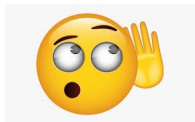
MAKE A REPORT by phoning any of our Parish Offices or

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



BUILDING BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP LUNCH AT ST THOMAS - ALL WELCOME - Please join us for our next Building Bonds of Friendship lunch to be held on Thursday 27 August at 12:30pm in the St Thomas Meeting Room.

Please RSVP to Lilian Hobson 0402 823 679 or lilian.hobson@gmail.com Please advise any dietary requirements. Please also let Lilian know if you would like to bring some food to share. We ask a \$5 donation from all those not bringing food.

SACRED HEART FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE DRAWN 6TH SEPTEMBER

It would be very much appreciated if anyone wishing to make a donation towards this upcoming raffle could place their gifts in the basket at the back of church within the next two weeks.

Thank you Patricia

SENIOR MOMENTS SACRED HEART: Wednesday 19th August at 12.00pm, lunch and scrabble in the Parish centre.

Wednesday 2nd September at 12.00pm, lunch at Diamond Creek Hotel.

Wednesday 16th September, lunch and Scrabble at 12.00pm in the parish centre.

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PARISH INFORMATION

Please send any bulletin contributions directly to diamondvalley@cam.org.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 and on our websites.

SACRED HEART HALL HIRE: For all enquiries regarding cost and terms and conditions contact Alison Pieper on 0417571535

or Email: alisonpieper52@gmail.com

Twentieth Sunday Ordinary Time - Year A

FIRST READING

Isaiah 56.1, 6-7

To my holy mountain I will bring the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord .

Thus says the Lord: “Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. “And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant— these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 67.1-2, 4-5, 6-7 (R.4-5)

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations . **R.**
2. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. **R.**
3. The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us. May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him . **R.**

SECOND READING

Romans 11.13-15, 29-32

God's gifts and calling to Israel are irrevocable.

Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I glorify my ministry in order to make my own people jealous, and thus save some of them.

For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead!

The gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy.

For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 4.23

Alleluia Alleluia

Jesus preached the good news of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia Alleluia

GOSPEL

Matthew 15.21-28

Woman, great is your faith!

Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon.

A Canaanite woman from that region came out, and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.”

But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.”

He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

But the woman came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.”

He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.”

She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”

Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.