



Sunday 20th September 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 (<i>1st Saturday Only</i>)
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, Arthur Henry, 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:

Terry Moran, Michael Holland, Ann Cusack, Andrew O'Dea, George Ind, Peter Thomas, Francis Goodge, Margaret & Bernie Fitzgerald, Alexander Libertino, Jean Watson, Maria Scordo, Gennaro Mascia, Bernadette Richardson, Norah Moylan, Jane Tremayne, Tess Natoli, Barry Williamson, Mollie Kerr, Rocco Crea, Bernadette Linehan, Vincent Mascia, Jim Hardwick Snr, Kevin Power, Antonio Lunardello, Ines Lunardello, Vincenzina Varalla John Ryan, Fr Jim Feenan, John Muscat, Dawn Morgan, Barisa Zilic, Stjepan Kernjak, Bernard Healy, Maureen Elks, Kevin Fitzgerald, Maree Patterson, Bess Nealy, Anne Hassett, Joseph Ribarich, Mary Bowler, John Monagle, Wilfred Herrick, Gabriel de Robillard, G.H. Pitts, Eileen Knight, Eileen & Ian Cameron, Christine Ravesi, Thelma Black, Harry White, Merna Jenkinson, Venerando "Randy" Briones, Brian McCormick, Patricia Doyle, Fred Batchelor, Paula Pointu, John Smith, William Godfrey, John Armstrong, Marco Parisi, Jack Kenny, Marie Rogan, Bill Pryor, Gerald Attygalle, Patricia Considine, Gustavo Cardamone, Marie Peevers, George Laux, Laura Ritchie, Nicole Hanlon, Erlinda Moroz, Jim Fleming, Dorothy Pryor, Lynette Brown, Kathleen Walsh, Clem Collinan, Reg Darmody, Margaret Herbert, Florence Penry, John Alexander, Valentina Moore, Br. John Fillingham OFM, Anne Cantwell, Peter McClellan, Joseph Gogola, Garry Mansfield, Linda Nihill, Jack Hawshaw, Michael Monteleone, Onofrio Saltalamacchia, Marie Kelly, Roma Beach, Linda Nihill, Kate Williams, Angelo Rizzi, Maria Canale, Orazio Ferronato, Isabel Tippet, Carmel Lee, Michael Considine, Beryl Trenery, Maria Biagioni, Victoria Santos, Marie Purcell, Kit Finnigan, Sr Chrysostom Ashe, Doris Rooney, Mons Bernie O'Regan, Dr Sukumaran, Lionel Fonseca, Aileen Pettigrove, Beryl Trenery

WORSHIP, PRAYER & FAITH FORMATION.

Fr Libeesh will be on leave from Tuesday 7th September and returning on Friday 9th October.

During this time weekday Mass will be at:

Tuesday: St Mary's

Wednesday: Sacred Heart

Thursday: St Thomas

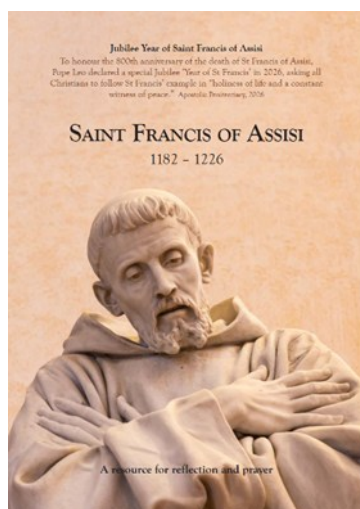
Friday: St Mary's.

MEMORIAL MASS ST MARY'S: Memorial Mass to be held at St. Mary's on 25th September (last Friday of the month) at 9.15am. You are welcome to bring a photo of the deceased to be placed on the Altar. Followed by morning tea in the Gathering Space. All welcome. You are also invited to take the opportunity of visiting St. Mary's Memorial Garden.

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



To honour the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi, Pope Leo declared a special Jubilee 'Year of St Francis' in 2026, asking all Christians to follow St Francis' example in "holiness of life and a constant witness of peace." (Apostolic Penitentiary, 2026)
The Sandhurst Diocese has produced a Resource for reflection and prayer.

The link to this resource is available on our Parish website:

- www.melbcatholic.org/s/diamondvalley

Advent begins Year B and the Gospel of Mark, you are invited to
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7.00 to 9.00pm, 3 Wednesday evenings: 11, 18 & 25 November

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For further information contact: sandraellenbishop@gmail.com

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SEASON OF CREATION



Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

“ ... In all or most of the stories about Jesus, we hear about trees, vineyards a corn field and more. This was the world in which Jesus lived, moved and taught. So it's not surprising that his stories or parables were on themes his listeners would recognize and, in this case, in this case the vineyard. But this story is also for us. What can we make of it? What or where is the vineyard today? Maybe it's a bigger place, or what Pope Francis called 'our common home', or the home we share with all creation or nature.

... In this Season of Creation, we are reminded to open our eyes to the beauty of God's creation, to look around us with awe and wonder and to give thanks and especially to look at the gift of water, living water and then to become resolved to care for it, to do our part, in our individual and family lives, in our parishes and communities.

... At this celebration of Eucharist as bread is broken and wine is poured, 'fruits of the earth and work of human hands', let us give thanks for the gifts of the Earth as we partake together in a spirit of praise and celebration.” (Extract by Sylvia Thompson, Diocese of Kerry JPIC group, Laudato Si Animator, from Homily Notes for each Sunday of the Season of Creation 2026, from the Irish Bishops' Conference).

Prayer for the Season of Creation 2026

Holy God, whose Spirit hovered over the waters at the beginning, we gather as part of your community of all creation, thirsty for your grace. We give thanks for the gift of water, the veins of our common home, that sustains the cedar and the whale, the pasture and the city. We are grateful for the local waters that nourish our homelands and our fellow creatures. We give thanks that in your well-watered garden, every drop is a sacred testament to your love.

Yet, we confess that we have treated this gift as a mere commodity. We have choked the seas with our waste and watched the warming tides rise in judgment. We lament the cracked earth of the drought-stricken and the salty tears of the climate refugee. Melt our frozen hearts, O God, and let the waters of repentance flow.

Lord of all Life, you promised that wherever the river flows, everything shall live. Stir in us a calling to care for the waters — to protect the watershed, defend the rights of water, and honour the dignity of the thirsty. May your Word be a spring within us, gushing forth for the healing of the nations.

May God our Father who brought water from the rock sustain us in the desert. May Christ our Lord who is Living Water refresh us for the work of restoration. And may the Holy Spirit carry us on currents of grace until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Amen

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



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)

There is no cost.

RSVP: Monday 19th October. (or further information)

Ros Cairns 0448943543 or email roscairns@mscsisters.org.au

- ***Please indicate any dietary restraints.***



SOCIAL SERVICES SUNDAY: 20 SEPTEMBER 2026

This Sunday, 20 September 2026, we give thanks for the thousands of staff and volunteers across Catholic social services who accompany people experiencing poverty, disadvantage and marginalisation throughout Victoria.

As we celebrate Social Services Sunday, we recognise the need for encounter. Passion for connection and meeting others creates the kinship that is imperative in times of hardship and for building strong communities.

Through these encounters, we recognise the dignity of every person and stand alongside those who may otherwise go unheard. Catholic social services put this call into practice every day through accompaniment, advocacy, and practical support. This Social Services Sunday, we are invited not only to give thanks for this work, but to consider our own contribution: Who is experiencing hardship around us?

Who is already walking beside them? How might we strengthen and support that work?



Heavenly Father, I come before you with a heart filled with a desire to serve and uplift our community. You have called us to love our neighbours as ourselves and to be instruments of your peace and compassion in the world.

Grant us wisdom and discernment as we seek to serve others. Help us to see beyond outward appearances and to recognize the dignity and worth of every person we encounter. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, empowering us to be your hands and feet in the world, bringing hope and healing wherever we go.

We lift up our community into your loving hands, praying for its well-being and prosperity. Help us to be agents of positive change, working together to build a community where all are valued, respected, and cared for.

Lord, I ask for your blessing upon our efforts to serve others. May our actions be guided by your love and motivated by a genuine desire to make a difference in the lives of those around us.

In your name, God, we pray for service to the community. May our hands be your hands, our feet be your feet, and our hearts be your hearts as we seek to serve others in your name.

Amen.

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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 the Defibrillator should an emergency incident occur within our communities.

Basic First Aid questions can also be addressed at these sessions. Dr. Mark Beeby will be facilitating each of these sessions.

Final session will be held as follows:

Friday 16th October at 10.00 am - Sacred Heart, Diamond Creek (in the Church)

Please phone 94351543 or email diamondvalley@cam.org.au to notify your attendance.

Grimshaw Street Interchange and Greensborough Highway:

Weekend overnight road and lane closures

We're continuing major works on the new Grimshaw Street Interchange. Upcoming traffic changes will help us build the new Grimshaw Street bridge and prepare for future North East Link tunnel connections.

To prepare for the next stage of construction, we'll be carrying out **overnight and weekend works in September**. At times, there will be lane and road closures on Grimshaw Street between Macorna Street and Greensborough Road, and on the Greensborough Bypass between the M80 Ring Road Interchange and Watsonia Road.

The most significant traffic changes will take place from **9pm Friday 11 September to 5am Monday 14 September**, when we'll be working 24/7 to install temporary traffic arrangements. During this time, there will be road closures and detours on parts of Grimshaw Street, Greensborough Highway and the Greensborough Bypass. Please plan ahead and allow extra travel time.

From **14 September 2026 until mid-2027**, temporary signalised U-turns will operate on Greensborough Highway while we build the new interchange and bridge. This temporary arrangement will help maintain traffic flow during construction.

Once these traffic changes are in place, we'll continue building the interchange and work extended hours from **7am to midnight, 15 September to 22 December 2026**, to complete the middle section of the new Grimshaw Street bridge.

* *There are copies on the table at St Mary's for you to take home.*



Congratulations! The youth group who have been meeting monthly at St Mary's, have chosen their name: ***Children of the Valley***. The name reflects our Parish of Our Lady of the Valley, Diamond Valley, and the young people's connection with our parish communities.

The group is opened to all 12 – 17 yrs. Come along to next gathering on **Sunday 20 September at 2.30pm** at St Mary's Church.

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

The group is seeking mentors and leaders to help in maintaining a welcoming, safe and faith-filled space where young people can form connections with others, while learning about their faith, prayer, scripture and participation in the life of the Church.

If you are interested in journeying with these young Catholics as a leader or mentor.

Please contact Fr Steven Rigo at steven.rigo@cam.org.au, Fr Libeesh Kuriakose at libeesh.kuriakose@cam.org.

or Sandy Starbuck at sandy.starbuck@cam.org.au, 9435 1543.

NEWS & EVENTS

FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE SACRED HEART: Thanks to all who supported the Father's Day raffle. \$550 was raised and money goes towards Mercy Cottage.

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 24th September 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 would like to bring some food to share. We ask a \$5 donation from all those not bringing food.

SACRED HEART CHURCH: The Sacred Heart Cleaning Team is in need of more helpers. We clean in groups of twos or threes at a time that suits the group or each individual. At this stage it's once every 5 weeks. With more helpers, less turns!

If you think you would like to be part of our team please have a chat with me after Sunday mass, message or ring me.

Wendy McEvoy 0438154759

SENIOR MOMENTS SACRED HEART:

Wednesday 7th October 12.00pm, Mr Rooster Chicken and Chips.

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY PARISH FOOD DRIVE FOR THE ASYLUM SEEKER RESOURCE CENTRE will once again be held from the weekend 29/30 August until 3/4 October. Parishioners are asked to donate non-perishable items and toiletries for men & women. Some of the urgent items are: Tuna in oil of any size (95g, 185g or 425g), Tomato paste, Coco-nut cream or milk, Honey, Full cream UHT milk 1 litre, Instant coffee / black tea bags, Sweet / savoury biscuits, Basmati rice, Tinned vegetables (tomatoes, peas, carrots, corn kernels), Oil (750ml – 1 litre), Dried legumes (chickpeas, split red lentils, yellow split peas), Spices (cumin, turmeric, chilli, coriander), Laundry powder 1kg packs, Laundry liquid 1 litre, Unsalted dried nuts, Dried fruit.

At all Mass Centres, baskets/boxes will be available to receive the items. There will also be list of items needed available to take home. ASRC Foodbank currently provides free groceries to around 1000 people, including children, every week, most of whom have no income and no work rights. Every donation makes a difference.

NEPAL FLOODS APPEAL CARITAS AUSTRALIA: [Nepal Floods](#) / [Donate Online](#) / [Caritas Australia](#)

ST MARY'S LADIES AUXILIARY: – The Ladies Auxiliary will be selling raffle tickets for various prizes, including a beautiful large painting by Judy Racz, other smaller paintings and a rug! Only \$2 per ticket!
Saturday September 12th, 19th and October 3rd after Mass.



Be informed, inspired and entertained



Book of the Week In Her Voice: Raising Women's Voices in Preaching the Gospel

This book contains Sunday gospel reflections based on sermons delivered as podcasts for the weekly series Australian Women Preach. They have been written by a diverse group of Australian women who are passionate about Scripture and preaching the Word. The podcast and this companion book aim to normalise the voice of women preaching in a context where many women are excluded from doing so in Sunday worship.

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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

Twenty-Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time - Year A

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55.6-9

The Lord says: My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 145.2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (R.18)

R. The Lord is near to all who call on him.

1. Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable. **R.**
2. The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. **R.**
3. The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.
The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. **R.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 1.20-24, 27

To me, living is Christ.

My brothers and sisters:
It is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be put to shame in any way, but that by my speaking with all boldness, Christ will be exalted now as always in my body, whether by life or by death.
For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better;
but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you.
Live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Acts 16.14

Alleluia Alleluia

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia Alleluia

GOSPEL

Matthew 20.1-16

Are you envious because I am generous?

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples.
“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard.
After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard.
When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went.
“When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same.
And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’
They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’
“When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’
When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage.
Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage.
And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying,
‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’
But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?
Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you.
Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’
“So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”