



Sunday 23rd 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, 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, Bernard Crummy, Eileen & Harry Tier, Kathleen Farmer, John Tombs, Agnes Wood, Effie Nugent, Jack Sutherland, Ivan Masson (Snr), Margaret Anne Davey, William White, Constance Cole, Emily Soppitt, Harry Carr, Michele Monteleone, Marie L'Huillier, Carl Testagrossa, Mary Reso, Maurice O'Sullivan, Francis Wood, Dorothy Kent, Melitta Azzopardi, Diodora Moral, Veronica Syrratt, Allan Taylor, Ingrid Rosch, Pauline Maloney, Andrew George & Beryl May McCarthy, Leon Early, Domenico Galati, Janek Roskosz, James Stamm, James Kerr, Dorothy Thornley, Kazia, Robert Forbes, Raimondo Guerra, Maureen Arenz, Bebiano Barot, Jaime Cabanero, Frederick Henry Joyce, Steven Begovic, Henry John Dixon, Mervyn Pearce, Dick Butterfield, Ian & Audry Grindlay, Marie Clayton, Paul Westgarth, Lois Platt, Mary Tippet, Rosalinda Seballos, John Mackie, Dorothy Wigrift, Carmela Cartisano, Domenico Galati, Margaret Beckwith, James O'Callaghan, Clary Ritchie, Keith Bedgood, Joshua Becker, David Perry, Eduardo Pe Lim, Henry Joseph Dixon, Eve Prendergast, Ryan Wilson, Dorothy Dixon, Jack Dyer, Ivy Smith, Malcolm Lincoln, James Duncan, Ida Pacione, Kathleen Harrington, Eileen Rice, Jenny Claire

MEMORIAL MASS AT ST MARY'S: to be held at St. Mary's on 28th August (last Friday of the month) at 9.15am. 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.

SACRED HEART REMEMBERNCE 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 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 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**

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL REPORT/UPDATE

MEETING THURSDAY 6TH AUGUST 2026

The interim Parish Pastoral Council of Our Lady of the Valley (OLVPPC) met on Thursday 6th August in the St Thomas Meeting Room. The focus of this meeting was on safeguarding responsibilities, and the continued development of the Parish Pastoral Council Guidelines.

The following matters were discussed:

Safeguarding and child safety responsibilities: The Parish Pastoral Council reviewed its safeguarding and child safety responsibilities. Members were reminded to ensure their police checks are current.

The Council also reaffirmed the importance of ongoing safeguarding training, with volunteers completing training every three years and staff undertaking annual training. The OLV Risk Assessment will be updated to reflect current Council membership and will be reviewed further at the next meeting.

Vision, Mission, Role and Guidelines of the new Parish Pastoral Council: Council members carefully reviewed and discussed the draft documents outlining the Vision, Mission, Role and Guidelines of the new Parish Pastoral Council.

Discussions were held on the Council's specific functions and membership structure. Members agreed that the revised documents accurately reflected previous discussions and would provide a strong framework for the Council's future work.

Discussion highlighted the Council's role in supporting all parish groups, fostering collaboration across parish ministries, and assisting in the development of a future Pastoral Plan. Consideration was also given to the governance responsibilities of the Council and the provisions of Canon Law that guide the relationship between the Parish Priest and the Parish Pastoral Council. Matters such as roles of PPC members, their formation and orientation were clarified and added.

Regular reviews of the Council guidelines: The Parish Pastoral Council agreed that the new Council Guidelines will undergo an initial review after the first twelve months of operation and thereafter at the end of each Council term, or earlier if required. Any proposed amendments will include consultation with the parish community to ensure the guidelines continue to effectively support the mission and needs of Our Lady of the Valley Parish.

Annual General Meeting (AGM): The Council also discussed the possibility of holding an Annual General Meeting (AGM) in the future. This gathering would provide an opportunity to report on parish life over the previous twelve months and celebrate the contribution of parish groups and ministries.

The Parish Pastoral Council remains committed to serving the parish community through prayerful discernment, collaboration, and support of the mission of Our Lady of the Valley Parish. Members look forward to continuing this important work and keeping parishioners informed of future developments.

A poster for the 'Season of Creation Gathering 2026'. The background is a close-up of green leaves and a pinkish-red flower. At the top left is the 'Catholic Earthcare CARITAS AUSTRALIA' logo. The main text in large white letters reads 'SEASON OF CREATION GATHERING 2026'. Below this, in smaller white letters, is 'Listen • Reflect • Act'. A red horizontal bar contains the text '3-4 September 2026 (Online)'. At the bottom, a blue button says 'Register Today!' and the website 'caritas.org.au/soc-gathering' is listed below it.


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GATHERING 2026**
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Your generous gift
supports ministries
across the Archdiocese
— bringing the Good
News to life not only in
word, but in action.
Thank you.



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ONLINE**



**THE
ARCHBISHOP'S
CAMPAIGN**
2026



melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign

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

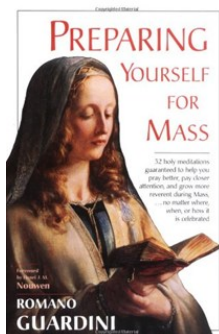
It would be very much appreciated if anyone wishing to make a donation towards this upcoming raffle could place their gifts in the basket at the back of church within the next two weeks.

Thank you Patricia

SENIOR MOMENTS SACRED HEART: Wednesday 2nd September at 12.00pm, lunch at Diamond Creek Hotel.

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

Be informed, inspired and entertained



Book of the Week

Preparing yourself for Mass by Romano Guardini

Practical, straightforward, and wise, this book will deepen your devotion at Mass. You'll learn to quiet your soul, concentrate your mind, and open yourself to the bountiful graces Christ offers you in the Mass.

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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-First Sunday Ordinary Time - Year A

FIRST READING

Isaiah 22.15,19-23

I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David.

Thus says the Lord God of hosts: "Go to the steward, to Shebna, who is master of the household, and say to him: "I will thrust you from your office, and you will be pulled down from your post.

On that day I will call my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah, and will clothe him with your robe and bind your sash on him.

I will commit your authority to his hand, and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah.

"I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David; he shall open, and no one shall shut; he shall shut, and no one shall open.

I will fasten him like a peg in a secure place, and he will become a throne of honor to his ancestral house

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 138.1-2a, 2b-3, 6+8b (R.8b)

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

1. I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;
I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness. **R.**
2. For you have exalted your name and your word above everything.
On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul. **R.**
3. For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.
Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands. **R.**

SECOND READING

Romans 11.33-36

All things are from Christ and through him and for him.

O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

"For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counsellor?"

"Or who has given a gift to him, to receive a gift in return?"

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 16.18

Alleluia Alleluia

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;

the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia Alleluia

GOSPEL

Matthew 16.13-20

You are Peter. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven.

And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Then Jesus sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.