



Sunday 27th 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 (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
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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, Joseph Quigley, Leslie Waldron, Eileen Fleming, Nell Hawe, Ian Comrie, Alice Anderson, Mary Morton, Ray Davine, Shirley Finley, Fergus O'Neill, Frances Fernandez, Azucena Flores, Alfred Pacey, Luis Francisco, Phillip Lockington, Sr. Brigid Hussey, Frank Bainbridge, Christopher Cranenberg, Maria Vallejo, Eileen McManus, Rosalind Vaz, Thomas Tyquin, Grace Dalton, Ray Redmond, Frank Nihill, Rosa Rizzi, Katherine Anne Doyle, Jesus Marcelo, Santo Mercuri, Kevin Benny, Shae Mantle, Frederick Penry, Anastasia Money, Jozef Drzewucki, Rita Cosgriff, Aileen Pettigrove, Adin Reay, George Roy, Rosa Ficarra, Thom Williamson, Joan Busch, Len Shean, Fay Goddard, Marceline Dhahul, Alfredo D'Alessandro, Geraldo Coronel, Joyce Coutts, Miguel Vicente Pena, Mable Simmons, Ben Merlino, Teresina Guzzi, Adelina Bonfante, June Robinson, Paolo Pagliarello, John Ellis, George Roy, Bill Hamilton, Geraldine Lee Ai Chia (Lim), Geraldine Lee Henry Hill, Les Meakin, John Ellis, Eileen May, Doug Goddard, Paul Cumberton, Elenora Jartymec

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.

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

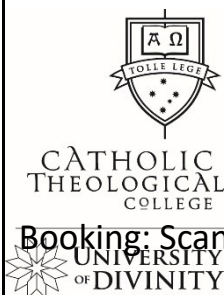
2026 Knox Public Lecture

Thursday 22 October at 7:00 pm

"Synodality: Global and Local"

Presented by Most Reverend Patrick O'Regan DD

Archbishop of Adelaide



Booking: Scan the QR code or go to 2026 Knox Lecture



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



**Aid to the
Church in Need**

ACN AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND

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.

TODAY IS THE WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

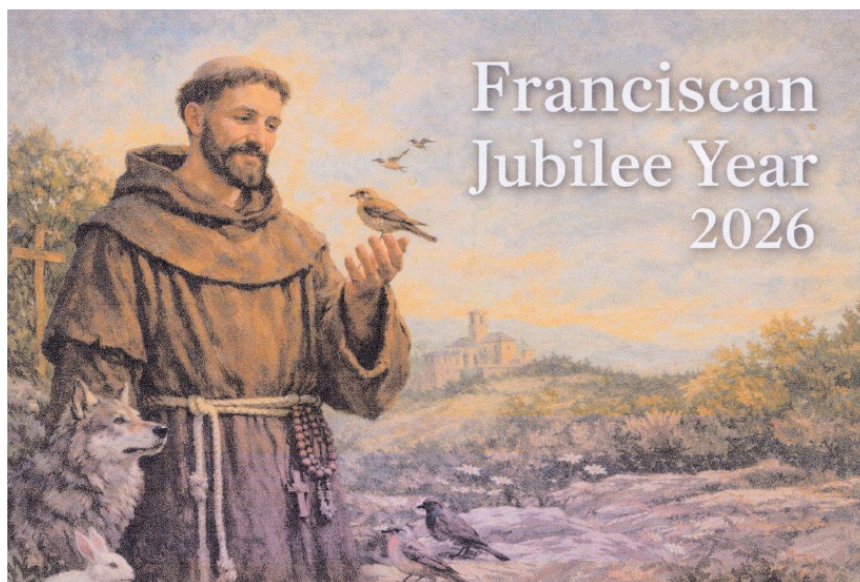
- This year's theme, *"Even just one of these children"* (Matthew 18:10), draws attention to children and young people affected by migration and forced displacement, inviting Catholics and all people of goodwill to recognise their dignity, hear their stories and respond with compassion and solidarity.



Message of Pope Leo XIV: "Even Just One of These Children" (cf. Mt 18:10) "... The Gospel invites us not to calculate: even one. Every child, every human being, possesses an infinite dignity. Each is created in the image and likeness of God (cf. Gen 1:26); each is a presence of the Lord. Before every migrant child, we are called to make an act of humanity and faith, for we are able to welcome and encounter the Lord. This call becomes even more pressing in the light of another of the Lord's affirmations in the Gospel of Matthew: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Mt 25:35). ..." *Read the full message at <https://acmro.catholic.org.au/resources/church-documents-on-migration/church-documents-on-migrants-refugees/pope-leo-xiv/2136-112-message-for-world-day-of-migrants-and-refugees-and-jubilee-of-migrants-2026/file>*

Introducing the Message of Pope Leo XIV, "Even Just One of These Children (cf. Mt 18:10)" by Archbishop Christopher Prowse, Bishop Delegate for Migrants and Refugees, Chairperson, Australian Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry.

"... We would all agree with the Pope that 'sadly, migrant children are more easily ignored, because they lack adults capable of protecting and supporting them.' Our responsibility in our community and in Australia in general, is to go out of our way to be attentive to this often invisible and voiceless dimension of Migrants and Refugees. ..." *Read the full message at <https://acmro.catholic.org.au/resources/church-documents-on-migration/australian-catholic-bishops-conference-documents-on-migrants-refugees/2135-message-of-archbishop-christopher-prowse-for-world-day-of-migrants-and-refugees-2026/file>*



THE 800TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

This year on the 4th October is the 800 anniversary of St Francis of Assisi, but his message still lives on today.

St Francis found God in an abundant church in Assisi where the crucifix spoke to him: "Francis rebuild my Church"

His message is the same today. To follow the gospel way of life, to love one another, care for creation and the animals, feed the poor, care for the sick, and the homeless.

To see God in all things.

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

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

SEASON OF CREATION



Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

“In the Gospel today, the work in the vineyard may be compared to the urgent work of caring for our common home, this sacred planet, and all of its forms which live in delicate ecosystems where everything is connected. Like the first son in Jesus’ parable, we must change our minds, turn around our lives if we are to go to work in the vineyard today, and help create the reign of God.

.... We each have an individual response, but we are part of many communities, and when things are done in community, we sow seeds of hope and change, causing ripple effects for many to

benefit. In reaching out towards others, we are part of the living water in Ezekiel’s vision for the earth, bringing life, renewal and healing for all creatures, human and non-human that share this gift of creation, planet Earth.

The second reading from Philippians urges us to look out for the interests of others. We read in Laudato Si’: “A true ‘ecological debt’ exists, particularly between the global north and south, connected to commercial imbalances with effects on the environment, and the disproportionate use of natural resources by certain countries over long periods of time” (Laudato Si’, 51).

..... Let us raise our voices to halt this injustice towards the poor and towards our children, who will bear the worst effects of climate change. In listening to the cry of the earth, and the cry of the poor, in the way climate change contributes to loss of life, livelihoods, environmental destruction, habitability, we are called to respond in love and justice, in solidarity for brothers and sisters around the world, and future generations.

This has real potential for overwhelm, and that’s where we need to ask for grace, to slow down and contemplate the book of nature, where we are reminded that we are held in love by the Creator; “the entire material universe speaks of God’s love, God’s boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains, everything is a caress of God” (Laudato Si, 84). When we allow ourselves time for noticing, to see and love our world, to spend time in nature, we are reminded that “The world sings of an infinite Love: how can we fail to care for it?” Laudate Deum, 65.

..... With this year’s theme for the Season of Creation on Living Water, we might well ask how we can focus on water and tend for water in spaces around us locally; this could be by learning more about how much water we consume, with a mind for how over-consumption can affect others around the world. It might inspire us to join in a river or beach clean-up, so that together with others, we contribute to improving our waterways. There are many ways we can inform ourselves to see where our gifts can be used to create and restore. In these hands-on ways, we are also like the sons in the vineyard of today’s gospel, making a choice to work towards a healthy and flourishing world to pass on to future generations.”

Extract by Róisín Alexander-Pye, Laudato Si’ Officer, Trócaire, from Homily Notes for each Sunday of the Season of Creation 2026, from the Irish Bishops’ Conference).

Full extract of Laudato Si’ at https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html

Full extract of Laudate Deum at https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20231004-laudate-deum.html

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.*

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.*



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



NEWS & EVENTS

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.

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, Coconut 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 a 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

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 18.25-28

When the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed, they shall save their life.

The Lord says this: “You object, O House of Israel! You say, ‘The way of the Lord is unfair.’

Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

“When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die.

“Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life.

Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 25.4-5a, 6+7b, 8-9 (R.6)

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation. **R.**

2. Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

According to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord! **R.**

3. Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. **R.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 2.1-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.

If there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, then make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves.

Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

* who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

Therefore God highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 10.27

Alleluia Alleluia

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia Alleluia

GOSPEL

Matthew 21.28-32

The son changed his mind and went. The tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of heaven ahead of you.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and challenged his authority. So Jesus asked them this question. “What do you think?

A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went.

The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I am going, sir’; but he did not go.

“Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.”

Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you.

For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”