



Sunday 2nd August 2026

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley, Diamond Valley

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Our Churches & Primary Schools

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Mass Timetable

Saturday Vigil:	St. Thomas - 6:00pm, St. Mary's - 6:30pm, St. Peter's - 7:00pm (<i>1st Saturday's 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
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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, 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, Stjepan Mitrovic, Morag Fraser, Tom Crothers, Leoncio Nakpil, Sonny Reyes, Eileen Seller

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

enter joyfully into God's Kingdom:

Mary Keenan, Salvatore, Basil, Maria & Fortunato Caccetta, David Phillips, Kevin Jose, Caterina Borgolotto, Patricia Nettleton, Joe Garzia, Kevin Jose, Pat Gannon, Anna de Gier, Michael Pham, Hopetoun Chapman, Edwin Ray, Shannon Risson, Nunzio Napoleone, Mary Kenny, Eileen Mc Inerney, Guido Paciocco, Domenico & Elidia Paliotta, Jack O'Brien, Salvatore De Bartolo, Lynette Corcoran, Petronilla De Leo, Anda Juric, Brian Millar, Maureen Millar, Labiba Mazloum, Michel Mazloum, Elizabeth Eames, Annie Theresa Easton, Veronika Early, Scott Marchment, Bill Conroy, Agnes Antons, Alan Diwell, Gwenyth Herlihy, Len Moran, Sr Alphonse, Desmond Fitt (Snr.), Richard Chapman, Ed Lawler, Lydia Curè, Natalie Juricevic, Valerie Kissane, Richard Joyce, Thomas Togher, James Murphy, Martin Fitzpatrick, Jason Caulfield, Terry Pitts, Eileen Reardon, Carmen Guerrero-Nakpil, Leonard Baombrodge, William Conroy, Loyola McAleer, Muriel & James Laux, Ian White, Dennis Ryan, Brian McEntee (Jnr.), Constanca Doriendo, Andrew Watson, Francis Pickett, Benito Acosta, Umberto Pacione, Geoff Willett, Noel Rickard, Rita County, Vera Evans, Josephene Phelan, Allsopp Family; Bella Ngapera, Nepia, Tehan, Rakata; Michael Keegan Snr., Kath Fury, Eva Hanrahan, Brother Michael McMurray

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 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

BIBLE STUDY GROUP ST MARY'S: A bible study group meets in the St Mary's gathering space on Tuesday evenings from 7.00pm- 9.00pm. *For further enquires please contact: Rosa Rios 0456655625 or Michelle D'Souza 0432 316777.*

SACRED HEART, PREPARING FOR RECONCILIATION: For children in Year 3 or older, who are unable to attend a Catholic school, there will be a small group preparing for the Sacrament to Reconciliation at Sacred Heart church, beginning on Monday July 27th at 4.00pm. This is an important step for families hoping to bring a child to First Eucharist in 2027.

Please contact the parish office for further information.

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*



**SAVE THE
DATES**

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 9 August Sacred Heart
10.00 am - Young Discipleship**

***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 3 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 Prayer – Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

*We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.
All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.*

The Adsumus Sancte Spiritus Prayer was used at every session of the Second Vatican Council.

The prayer is attributed to Saint Isidore of Seville (560-4 April 636) and has been used in Councils, Synods and Church gatherings since.



Grade 6 students at St Mary's School, have written a letter to a Parishioner telling them about themselves and asking questions about Confirmation. This has been a practice of St Mary's for many years with Parishioners invited to take a letter (*in the box in the Gathering Space*) and write a letter in response (*name of student on the front of the letter*). Once you have completed your letter, drop it in the box in the **Gathering Space no later than Friday 23rd August** to allow time for the Parishioners letters to be given to students before t
Confirmation 29th August



**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>

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**

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK 2ND - 9TH AUGUST 2026

Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

WE ARE
Called
VOCATIONS EXPO

ACU Campus Ministry and Vocations Melbourne invite you to come and explore what life looks like in Catholic Religious Orders, Diocesan Priesthood, and Married life. Hear from speakers who will share what answering a call looks like, what challenges lie ahead and the many joys you find along the way.

SATURDAY 1 AUGUST
9AM-1PM
GREG CRAVEN CENTRE,
LEVEL 7, ST TERESA OF KOLKATA BUILDING,
ACU MELBOURNE



*with Archbishop
Peter Comensoli*



Free event
Book via - trybooking.com/DNKHK



Campus Ministry  



St Thomas The Apostle Church
251 Diamond Creek Road,
Greensborough North

**We invite you all to celebrate
1st Friday devotion with
Fr Libeesh**

**Every month 1st Friday
at St Thomas**

**6.30pm Confessions,
7.00pm Healing Mass,
Blessed Sacrament Adoration,
Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction
and Supper**



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



 **Catholic Earthcare**
CARITAS AUSTRALIA

SEASON OF CREATION GATHERING 2026

Listen • Reflect • Act

3-4 September 2026 (Online)

Register Today!

caritas.org.au/soc-gathering

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



ST MARY'S PRAPER SHAWL GROUP: a big thank you to everyone who supported our stall last weekend, it was very successful.

Winners of the raffle: Elizabeth, Carmel, Jackie and Emmie.

The group meets every Monday from 10am-12pm in the gathering space of the Church. If anyone wishes to join us you are most welcome.

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 5th August at 12.00pm, Lunch at the French Lettuce in Hurstbridge.

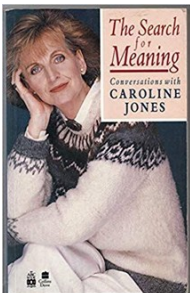
Wednesday 19th August at 12.00pm, lunch and scrabble in the Parish centre.

FREE TO A GOOD HOME: HORN Sewing Machine Cabinet in great condition. Contact: Pamela – 0407 347 141

PLANT SALE ST MARY'S: There will be a Plant Sale in the Gathering Space after Masses weekend 8th/9th August.

Enquiries Phil or Judy 9435 4506

Be informed, inspired and entertained



Book of the Week

The Search for Meaning: Conversations with Caroline Jones

In this book, based on a successful ABC radio program, Caroline Jones uses searching and compassionate questioning to elicit responses of great honesty from seventeen well-known people on how they make sense of their lives

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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

Eighteenth Sunday Ordinary Time - Year A

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55.1-3

Come, buy and eat!

The Lord says this:

“Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

“Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

“Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 145.8-9, 15-16, 17-18 (R.16)

R. You open your hand to feed us, Lord; you answer all our needs.

1. 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.***

2. The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing. ***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

Romans 8.35, 37-39

Nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Who will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 4.4

Alleluia Alleluia

No one lives on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia Alleluia

GOSPEL

Matthew 14.13-21

All ate and were filled.

When Jesus heard that Herod had beheaded John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself.

But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.

When he went ashore, Jesus saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.

When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late;

send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.”

Jesus said to them,

“They need not go away; you give them something to eat.”

They replied,

“We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.”

And he said, “Bring them here to me.”

Then Jesus ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass.

Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.

And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full.

And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.”