



Sunday 30th 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 (<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, 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, Sonny Reyes, Eileen Seller, Tyler Calleja, Anne Ridsdale

We pray for the recently deceased including Leoncio Nakpil, 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
Nora Toohey, Clara Wood, Eileen Monagle, Catherine Moulin, Domenico Galati, Margaret Ryan, Maureen Dent, William Robert Willis, Fr Geoffrey James, SJ, Paul Mitchem, Bill Elfrink, Lucille Powell, Francesco Paolo Siragusa, Kathleen Harrington, Charles Petty, George Weymes, Lorraine La-Brooy, Henry Bonner, Nora Checkley, Eileen Wade, Helen Waites, Frederick McAleer, George Crawford, Maria Socorro Vallejo, Eileen Monagle, Catherine Gormley, Fred & Fran Pendry, Dennis Murray, Frank Sargent, Jeffrey Taliana, Patricia (Trish) Brasier, Mary Ferguson, William Monagle, Walter Sheridan, Frances Bourke, James Wittingslow, Lorraine Mynard, Daniel Elliott, Des Cleary, Ann Buzza, Ian Joel Basiva Murray, Patricia Devoy, Robert Colbeck, Vic Barot, John Belfrage, Fredrick Easton, George and Ellen Jones, Harry Dixon, Patrick O'Neil, Janet Ferrazza, Ray McNamara, Merle Nowland, James Powell, Richard Anderson, Jack Siragusa, Gordon Beazley, Stan Krohn, Aileen Mottram, Rose D'Souza, Pat Fleming, John County, Paul O'Shea, Francis Moore, Stelio Leboeuf, Trevor Anderson, James Fitzpatrick, William Ryan Snr., Monica Krohn, Giuseppe Caruso, Fausto Giuliano, Filippo Cannizzo, Mary Terese Hyland, Rita O'Toole, Margarita A. Péna, Ella Salazar, Patrick James Fleming, John Kierce, Winifred Ryan, Gemma Parricali, Leo Lomas, Warwick White, Mariangela Galati, Ron Pitts, Nick Antons, Pam Zeplin, Maureen Reeves

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



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**

ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION ON THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men, aged from 30 into their 50's, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. The information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate.

Online Diaconate information meeting

Tuesday, 22 September 2026 beginning 19:00 – 20:00

Location: via ZOOM

Attendance will be by invitation. Express your interest by emailing Deacon Kevin Pattison

Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au

In the week before the session the ZOOM link will be sent to those who have expressed interest.

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.*



We proclaim a crucified Christ

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19 August 2026

PRAYER SERVICE of LAMENT
15 September 2026
St Patrick's Cathedral Grounds, East Melbourne: 4.00pm

Dear Fathers, Deacons, and Parish Communities,

The Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows invites us to stand with Mary at the foot of the Cross. There we see a mother who remains close to her Son in His suffering, steadfast in faith and open to the hope that God alone can bring. In Mary, the Church learns not to turn away from suffering, but to remain present with compassion, humility and prayer.

In 2026, on this memorial we will gather as the Church in Melbourne for our annual Service of Lament for survivors of abuse.

I invite you, your parish leaders, and representatives of your parish community to join me on **Tuesday 15 September 2026 at 4.00pm in the grounds of St Patrick's Cathedral** as we come before the Lord in prayer and lament.

This Service is an occasion to humbly stand alongside those who have suffered abuse, and all who continue to carry its lasting effects. It is for us, as the Body of Christ, to acknowledge and lament sincerely and with humility the failures that have caused such profound harm, and to place before the Lord our prayer for healing, justice and the ongoing conversion of His Church.

Survivors and their loved ones remain at the heart of this gathering. Through the proclamation of God's Word, silence, music and symbolic ritual, we will commend to the Lord all who have been harmed by abuse, asking that His healing mercy bring light where there has been darkness, hope where there has been despair, and renewed trust where trust has been broken.

In the days leading to the Service, I invite our Parish communities to unite in prayer across the Archdiocese. Resources will be made available to assist parishes in remembering survivors and all those affected by abuse within parish liturgies and personal prayer. I encourage you to share

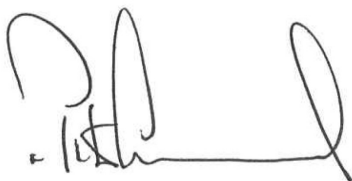
this invitation with your community so that those who wish to participate, either in person or online, may do so.

Mindful that this gathering is first and foremost a place of prayer for survivors and their families, and wishing to preserve a quiet and respectful atmosphere, I ask each Parish to nominate a few representatives to attend on behalf of the parish community. The Service will also be livestreamed, enabling many others to join us in prayer from across the Archdiocese.

As we stand with Mary at the foot of the Cross, may we allow the Lord to deepen within us hearts that listen with compassion, seek the truth with humility, and remain steadfast in the ongoing work of healing and reconciliation. May this shared act of lament become another step in our ongoing journey of conversion, as together we entrust ourselves and our Church to the mercy of Christ.

With every grace and blessing, I remain,

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,



Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne



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3-4 September 2026 (Online)

Register Today!

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TODAY IS SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY.

The theme is **Living the Gospel in Times of Social Division**. *"We are living through an era of heightened community tension and a growing normalisation of abusive behaviour, incendiary language and violence. In such moments of tension, the temptation is to retreat into trenches of suspicion or to treat those who differ in their views as opponents rather than as people. The Gospel offers a different path.*

It calls us back to Jesus Christ, who meets division not with hostility but with mercy; not with the logic of 'us and them' but with the costly love that heals and transforms."

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2025/08/06/signs-of-hope-on-the-edge-social-justice-statement-2025-2026/>

There are copies of the Statement available in the Gathering Spaces.

Social Justice Sunday Prayer

You created every person in your image and call us to live as one human family. In a world marked by division, fear and misunderstanding, fill our hearts with the self-giving love of Christ.

Teach us to see one another not as strangers or opponents, but as sisters and brothers, worthy of dignity, respect and compassion.

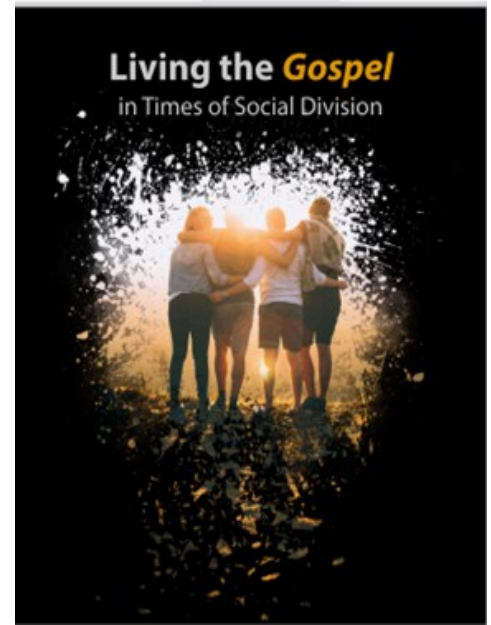
Give us the courage to build bridges where there is distrust, to seek encounter where there is separation, and to work for justice with humility and mercy.

Help us to listen with open hearts, speak with kindness, and walk together in the way of peace.

May your Holy Spirit guide us to welcome the stranger, stand beside those on the margins, reject all forms of hatred and racism, and become instruments of reconciliation in our communities.

Through the example of Saint Maximilian Kolbe and all the saints, strengthen us to live the Gospel through sacrifice, generosity and love, so that your light may shine through us and bring hope to our nation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.



Living Water

Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water

EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

The season starts 1 September, World Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations. Throughout the month-long celebration, the world's 2.2 billion Christians come together to care for our common home. It's a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home.

See the Message from Pope Leo for the World Day of Prayer for Creation:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/creation/documents/20260815-messaggio-giornata-curacreato.html>

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



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.

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 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



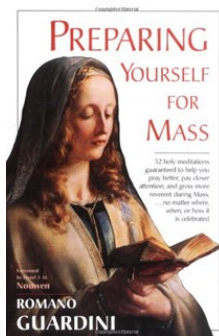
Be informed, inspired and entertained

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-Second Sunday Ordinary Time - Year A

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 20.7-9

The word of the Lord has become for me reproach and derision all day long.

Jeremiah cried out to the Lord: "O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me.

For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, 'Violence and destruction!' For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long.

"If I say, 'I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,' then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 63.1, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (R.1a)

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water . **R.**
2. So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.
Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. **R.**
3. So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.
My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips. **R.**
4. For you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.
My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me. **R.**

SECOND READING

Romans 12.1-2

Present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ephesians 1.17-18

Alleluia Alleluia

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia Alleluia

GOSPEL

Matthew 16.21-27

If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves.

Jesus sternly warned his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

And Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you."

But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me;

for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done."