



Sunday 4th October 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:

Felicia Ongarello, Fr Leo Pascoe, Colin Elliott, Emma Goodge, Patrick Finlayson, Maurie Roadley, Wade Robinson, Dianne Galea, Mario Molinaro. Guido Pariocco, Mary Moran, Helen Paul, Shirley Fraser, Katherine Biskup, Marianna Sacchetta, Reg Carr, Francis Bohan, Bill Watson, Pat Pelly, Frank Green, Grace Money, Betty Hannah, Rocco Di Pierro, Alfonso Ruggieri, Nediljka Paleka, Sofija Zilic, Mirjana Filipovic, Esther Tremayne, Antoinetta Nesci, Stewart McKenzie
Catherine Murphy, Margaret Knox, Noel Peacock, Thomas Hoyne, Bon McLennan, Josefina Malicse, Marjorie Stapleton, Paul Curtin, Paschal Duran, Walter Pocock, Eleanora Jartymec, Bernard Hickey, Terence Claudius, Eric Western, Beryl Pereira, Mervyn Senanayake, Molly Cullen, Mervyn McCarthy, Martin Rooney, Harold Hampshire, Bill Brown, May Purcell, Samuel Allsopp, Arthur Otis, Shirley Lippiatt, Giovanni Ravesi, Margaret Joan Smith, Frank Shea, Harvey Clancy, Julian Ryan, Jangebloed Family, John (Leo) Elliott, Helen Dowling, James Cummins, Ritchie Family, Mario Difuntorum, Josefa Isla, Marcellino Smaniotto, Maureen Barnsley, Maureen Cullis, Veronica Cavanagh, Margaret Sullivan, Kellie Knox, Eileen McGrath, Sr. Celesta, Millie Murphy, Brian Elliott, Lucy Patterson, Fr. Jack Kiniry, Noel James Bradbury, William Linard, Pat Wright, Salvina Accardi, William Seymon, Josephine Van Hoff, Teresa Turner, Stanley Mathias, Joyce Taylor, Mabel Kano, Norma Rowe, Alyson Gowar, Elizabeth Conroy, Brian Boag, Honora Tyquin, Pilar Carilo, Christine Woolcock, Anne Godwill, Ronald Stone, Valerie McColl

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 or Felicia via the Parish office for further information.

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

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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

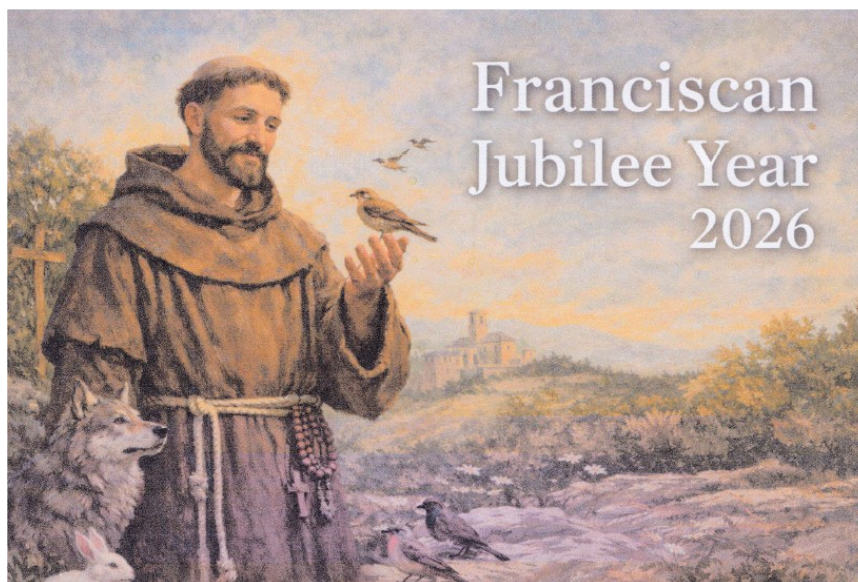
- This year's theme, *"Even just one of these children"* (Matthew 18:10), draws attention to children and young people affected by migration and forced displacement, inviting Catholics and all people of goodwill to recognise their dignity, hear their stories and respond with compassion and solidarity.



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

SEASON OF CREATION



Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

Throughout the month of September, we have been focusing on the Living Water and on our responsibility to care for our earth and the whole of Creation. Through living water comes healing; but in order to receive new life, we too must step into the water and become part of God's river of life, taking part in the healing of creation.

Today marks the end of the Season of Creation, on the 800th Anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi, but our commitment to caring for our world must not end here, but rather, should inspire us to do even more.

801 years ago in the year 1225, St Francis of Assisi, who was known for his love and care for nature and all living things, wrote the Canticle of the Sun, which is a prayer in the form of a poem.



The Canticle of the Sun by St Francis of Assisi (written in the year 1225)

Most High, all-powerful, all-good Lord, All praise is Yours, all glory, honour and blessings.

To you alone, Most High, do they belong; no mortal lips are worthy to pronounce Your Name.

We praise You for all Your creatures, especially for Brother Sun, who is the day through whom You give us light.

He is beautiful and radiant with great splendour, of You Most High, he bears Your likeness.

We praise You for Sister Moon and the stars, in the heavens You have made them bright, precious and fair.

We praise You for Brothers Wind and Air, fair and stormy, all weather's moods, by which You cherish all that You have made.

We praise You, for Sister Water, so useful, humble, precious and pure.

We praise You for Brother Fire, through whom You light the night. He is beautiful, playful, robust, and strong.

We praise You for Sister Earth, who sustains us with her fruits, coloured flowers and herbs.

We praise You for those who pardon, or who for love of You bear sickness and trial.

Blessed are those who endure in peace, by You they will be crowned.

We praise You for Sister Death, from whom no-one living can escape. Woe to those who die in their sins!

Blessed are those that She finds doing Your Will. No second death can do them harm.

We praise and bless You Lord, give You thanks, and humbly serve You.

Amen



What really happens to the plastic Australians use and throw away?

THE PLASTIC COUNTRY is a powerful new documentary exposing the impacts of plastic on our bodies, wildlife and environment.

Watch for free on: <https://www.theplasticcountry.com/watch>

NEWS AND EVENTS

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY PASTORAL COUNCIL (INTERIM)

MEETING REPORT – SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2026

The Interim Parish Pastoral Council of Our Lady of the Valley Parish, Diamond Valley met on Thursday, September 17th at 7:30pm in the St. Thomas Meeting Room.

The council came together in prayerful collaboration to hear and discuss matters of importance to the Parish.

The following items were discussed:

Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable People

A risk assessment for the Our Lady of the Valley Parish, Diamond Valley has been reviewed and adjusted for relevance to our current Parish.

Parish & School Reports

Strategic Planning Committee: A report from the strategic planning committee was presented. Repairs and maintenance have been undertaken at St. Peter's Church, Hurstbridge with the previous sale of the church pews being enough to cover the cost of updates to furniture and building maintenance at the church. A separate repair job has also been completed to some damaged flooring at St. Thomas the Apostle.

Finance Report: A meeting is due to be held for matters relating to finances of the Parish

Schools Report: The council was presented with a comprehensive report that reviewed current activities and progress happening across the three Parish Schools, with many achievements being reported from across each school. These included the success of St. Thomas the Apostle's Term 3 school production, 'Finding Nemo Junior', the two-storey building refurbishment coming close to completion at St. Mary's Primary School, and Sacred Heart Primary School's winning entry into the Diamond Creek Town Fair Parade which received the award for 'Best Primary or Secondary School Entry'. In addition, all schools reported strong numbers in student enrolments for 2027 indicating much positive interest from families in attending our Parish schools.

Update to the Council Guidelines

Role Description and Guidelines for the new Council: The council reviewed the updated document and were satisfied with the current draft. A minor change to grammar was made.

Process for filling positions on the Council: The council reviewed a draft of the document outlining the process for filling positions on the council. A detailed examination of the language and structure of the document was undertaken, with additions and edits made as the discussion progressed. Points of particular focus included the nomination and discernment process for filling council positions as well as the steps required for finalising council numbers in the case of more nominations than vacancies. All council members present during the discussion contributed positively and thoughtfully to the creation of the new draft.

The next council meeting will be held on Thursday the 15th of October at 7:30pm.

Catholic Theological College would like to invite you to our **online information session** on Monday 26 October at 7pm (AEDT). In this session, you will meet our course advisors and learn about study options at CTC, including the wide range of courses and units that can be undertaken **online** and/or **face-to-face**. Interested participants may register via [Google Forms](#) Registration is essential.

INFORMATION
SESSION FOR
PROSPECTIVE
STUDENTS



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.

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 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-Seventh Sunday Ordinary Time - Year A

FIRST READING

Isaiah 5.1-7

The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel.

Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard:

“My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

“And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

“And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 80.8+11, 12-13, 14-15, 18-19 (R. Isa 5.7)

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.
It sent out its branches to the sea, and its shoots to the River. **R.**
2. Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?
The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it. **R.**
3. Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven, and see;
have regard for this vine, the stock that your right hand planted. **R.**
4. Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.
Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved. **R.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 4.6-9

Keep on doing these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Do not worry about anything, but in everything let your requests be made known to God by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 15.16

Alleluia Alleluia

I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord,
to go and bear fruit that will last.

Alleluia Alleluia

GOSPEL

Matthew 21.33-43

The landowner will lease the vineyard to other tenants.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: “Listen to another parable.

There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower.

Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. “When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce.

But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another.

Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way.

“Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’

But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’

So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

“Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?”

They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom.”