



Sunday 9th 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. 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

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, Morag Fraser, Tom Crothers, Leoncio Nakpil, Sonny Reyes, Eileen Seller

We pray for the recently deceased 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, Dannye Hardy, Patrick Hickey, Ron Webb, Herbert May, Agnes Cormick, Flia Galati, Angela Giudice, Pereirav, Oscar Fernandes, Giuseppina Zambara, Robert Eastaway, Beth McLary, Claude Boyle, Kathleen Ellis, Tony McCloskey, Tim Stapleton, Loan Ng, Pat Donnellan, Joyce Hyde, Philomena Harnan, Jacinta Perry, Michael Ryall, Aileen Day, Richard Omant, Sr Mary Justinian RSM, Frank Carr, Anna Villanti, Greg Rudderham, Antonio Paras, Vivienne Rickards, James Booker, Sheila Booker, Allan Corcoran, Lorenzo Favata, Dorothy Dixon, Catherine Fowler, Piotr Goral, Ted Rutter, Neville Davis, Mary McGrath, Bev Gurney, Emily Shaw, Sheila Heaton, Gwyndolyn Wright, Noel Coleman, Maureen Russo, Johanna Cummins, Elizabeth Waugh, William Barker, Theodore Denis Isaacson, Robert Law, Catherine Alexander, Josephine Marshall, Frank Kerin, Anne Lawler, Frank Kerr, William Barker, Aurora Reyes, Robert Lovel, St Mary MacKillop, Sheila Heaton, Mutya Lazatin, William Munro, Mary Howard, Francesco Colaci, Eileen Armour, Flo Quinn, Salvatore Ficarra, Patricia Waldron, Bernard Con-sidine, Bernard J Cunningham, George E Castel, Jamesie Brady, Mackenzie Miller, Clem Naughton

Fr Steven and Fr Libeesh will be attending the Clergy Conference from
Monday 10th to Friday 14th August.

During this time, Liturgy of the Word will be held at 9.15am at:

St Thomas: Tuesday 11th August

Sacred Heart: Wednesday 12th August

St Mary's: Thursday 13th & Friday 14th August

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*

WORSHIP, PRAYER & FAITH FORMATION.

SACRED HEART REMEMBRANCE 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



**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 2026 Committee – previously the PPPCFG*

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.*



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 7th August** to allow time for the Parishioners letters to be given to students before t

Confirmation 14th 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**

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word, but in action.

Thank you.



**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.



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

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



FRIENDSHIP GROUP ST MARY'S: Next meeting on Wednesday 12th of August. from 12pm - 2.30pm.

BYO Lunch, afternoon tea provided. Come have a chat and try your luck with Bingo. Book of 10 games \$5. Hope to see you join us.

Any queries call Geraldine 0438148896.

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

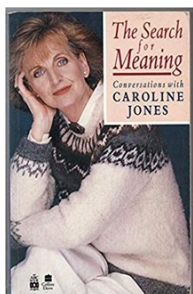
PLANT SALE ST MARY'S: There will be a Plant Sale in the Gathering Space after Masses weekend 8th/9th August.

Enquiries Phil or Judy 9435 4506

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP ST MARY'S: As we remember the nuclear bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, we pray for a safer world. The Bishops of Japan have sent us a message.

We remember the 81st anniversary of the end of the war, we begin our annual Ten Days of Prayer for Peace centred around the anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Every year at this time, we are invited to re-engrave memories of the past in our hearts, look to the present world, and reflect on our responsibilities for the future. Once again, let us keep in mind the many who died or were wounded in the war as well as the destroyed natural environment, and let us pray for the realization of peace.

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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St Mary's Parish Library

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

Nineteenth Sunday Ordinary Time - Year A

FIRST READING

1 Kings 19.9, 11-13

Go and stand on the mountain before the Lord .

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by."

Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.

When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 85.8ab+9, 10-11, 12-13 (R.7)

R. Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

1. Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people.

Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land . **R.**

2. Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky. **R.**

3. The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps. **R.**

SECOND READING

Romans 9.1-5

I could wish that I myself were cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people.

I am speaking the truth in Christ. I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit.

I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart.

For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh.

They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God be blessed forever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 130.5

Alleluia Alleluia

I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.

Alleluia Alleluia

GOSPEL

Matthew 14.22-33

Lord, command me to come to you on the water.

Immediately after feeding the crowd with the five loaves and two fish, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray.

When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.

And early in the morning Jesus came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.

But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." Jesus said, "Come."

So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.

But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"

Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"

When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."