



Sunday 18th 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 (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

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, Blair Williamson, Beth Scott, Morag Fraser, Tom Crothers, Sonny Reyes, Eileen Seller, Tyler Calleja, Anne Ridsdale,

We pray for the recently deceased Michael Hughes 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 Loreto Lancia, Stanislaw Goral, Mario D'Angelo, Ramona Maceda, Pat Pelly, Lal Brown, Wendy Brown, Dora Davis, Kathleen Thomson, Jack McKenzie, Edward Neeson, Anne Harlow, Marg Godwin, Dorothy, Sophia Oostinjen, Gert Claffey, Len Johnson, Bro. Raymond O'Regan FMS, Tom Weir, Chione Katsineris-Paine, Fr. Sean Sorahan, Maria Bivi, Tony Casarotto, Domenic Perrone, Zivko Sivkarovski, George Henry Pitts, Sylvia Pitts, Joseph Gallagher, John Mahony, Olive Kent, Fred Batchelor, Brian O'Neil, Marta Calinisan, Michelle Beks, Mary Short, Artin Emirzian, Encarcion San Agustin, Nita Pena, Naza Geagea, Marguerite Said Hazari Boulous, Norrie Schulze, Fred McDonald, Eva Rutherford, Frank Smith, Hilda Jahne, Joe Rayeroux, Sr Bernadette Howard, Martin McNally, Alexander Weston, Virginia Espinosa, Vonda Tillig, Elsie Gan Ong, Marianna Sacchetta, Michael Keegan Jnr., Jack O'Sullivan, Daniel Condron, Peg Murphy, John Gleeson, Carmel Juliff, Elaine Kilkenny

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 or Felicia via the Parish office for further information.

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE: Thursday 22nd October at 7.00pm, Synodality: Global and Local presented by Most Reverend Patrick O'Regan DD. Bookings enquiries: 9412 3333 or ctc.edu.au

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.



40TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE

This year we celebrate the 40th anniversary of St Thomas the Apostle, now one of the faith communities of the Parish of Our Lady of the Valley. We wish to commemorate this special milestone and to honour the wonderful commitment of so many people over the years to build a strong and vibrant church and school community.

Please join with your fellow parishioners in a celebratory Mass on Sunday 18 October at 10.30am.

This will be followed by morning tea in the Gathering Space.

A MESSAGE FROM THE HOLY FATHER, POPE LEO.

Speaking before praying the Angelus at Lourdes recently, Pope Leo said

“Before we do so, I would like to make an appeal that is particularly close to my heart, here in this place. It was here that the Immaculate Virgin appeared to Saint Bernadette with the rosary and, as it were, guided her in prayer. For this reason, today I invite all the faithful and all Christian communities to pray the holy rosary throughout the coming month of October, with the particular intention that wars may cease and that peace may be established among peoples in conflict. Let us accompany this prayer with concrete acts of penance and mercy, committing ourselves always to fostering dialogue and reconciliation.

May our most holy Mother intercede for us!”

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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>

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Donation only



For further information contact: sandraellenbishop@gmail.com

This course is offered by the Catholic School of Evangelisation.

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2028

Since the journey **to Eucharist28 began**, there has been much anticipation about when in 2028 this event will take place. The Eucharist28 team has been working with the Australian and New South Wales Governments and the Pontifical Committee for Eucharistic Congresses to arrange and confirm the details of the Congress.

I am pleased to officially announce the dates of Eucharist28. September 24, 2028, we celebrated the Opening Mass of the International Eucharistic Congress in Sydney.

This marked the beginning of a week of celebration, prayer, and encounter, culminating in **the Statio Orbis (Final Mass) on Sunday, October 1, 2028.**

Preceding the International Eucharistic Congress, a **Theological Symposium will be held from 20th to 22nd September 2028.**

More details to come regarding venues, the program, guest speakers, and the major events.

Save the date, spread the word, and let the journey of prayer and preparation continue.

Bishop Richard Umbers
Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney
Secretary General, International Eucharistic Congress



ST MARY'S - LAMP GROUP

Shining a Light and Mental Health and Wellbeing Group

will be hosting:

A Dinner for Family Carers

An evening for you

If you care for a neighbour, friend, or family member at home, you are warmly invited to step away from the everyday routine and enjoy a relaxed dinner in good company.

**Friday
23rd October**

6.30pm – 9.00pm

Gathering Space

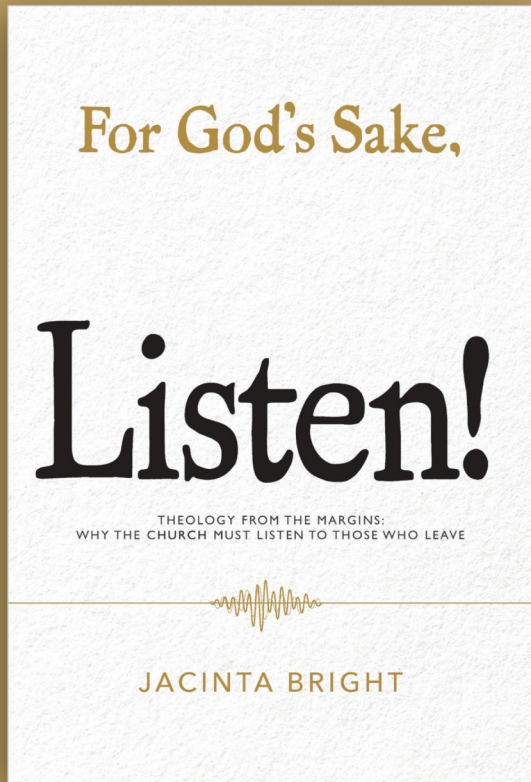
**St Mary's Church
Greensborough**

No cost

****please contact the Parish Office for any dietary restrains or accessibility requirements***

RSVP: Monday 19th October
Ros Cairns:
ph 0448 943 543
roscairns@mscsisters.org.au

NEW BOOK EXPLORING WHY PEOPLE WALK AWAY FROM THE CHURCH



For God's Sake, Listen!

**THEOLOGY FROM THE MARGINS:
WHY THE CHURCH MUST LISTEN
TO THOSE WHO LEAVE**

by **JACINTA BRIGHT**

For God's Sake, Listen! stems from a series of interviews conducted by **Jacinta Bright** with people who no longer attend Mass or have walked away from the Church. Their stories reveal not indifference, but often deep hurt, disappointment, and a painful sense of betrayal. For many, faith and the story of Jesus remain deeply woven into who they are, and their decision to leave was not made lightly.

For God's Sake, Listen! invites the Church to listen with humility, compassion, and courage, and to ask what can be learned from their stories. A call to honest listening, deeper understanding and, ultimately, healing.

Jacinta Bright has 'listened': listened with empathy, respect, feeling and concern, and then through insightful reflection, written a powerful book, incredibly well researched ... As you read For God's Sake, Listen!, you will experience many and varied feelings ... but you will certainly be left with a strong sense of wonder ... For God's Sake, Listen! calls us all to deeply listen, but even more importantly - to take action.

—Helen Anderson
Former Principal in Catholic Primary Schools

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BR MICHAEL HERRY FMS
MARIST BROTHER/LITURGICAL MUSICIAN
presents

**A Beautiful Evening of Fine
Liturgical Music and Prayer**



When: Wednesday November 11th,
7.00pm – 8.45 pm

Where: St Thomas the Apostle
Church, 251 Diamond Creek Road,
Greensborough North

Featuring:

The beautiful liturgical music of
Br Michael Herry, his fine body of
Responsorial Psalms, seasonal
hymns, and liturgical chants, plus
special music for young people.
Don't miss this lovely night of
prayer and song, one you will both
enjoy and remember!

Entrance: Free

Contact: Lisa Leahy (Secretary)

Lisa.Leahy@cam.org.au

Office: 9434 7373

This will be a very special time of joyful prayer, music and song.

OFFICE HOURS AT ST MARY'S

Libby will be on leave from **Friday, 9th October until Tuesday, 20th October.**

If you need anything during this time, **please email or phone the parish office before coming to St Mary's**, to ensure someone is available to assist you.

UPCOMING WORKS ON M80 RING ROAD COMPLETION

October-December 2026

Over the coming months, the community will continue to see new structures, lanes and walking and cycling paths opening in stages as construction progresses.

Crews will continue upgrading lanes between Plenty Road and the M80 Ring Road Interchange, with intermittent overnight and weekend ramp and road closures.

With traffic now operating in the outer lanes of Greensborough Highway and the Greensborough Bypass, construction has progressed to the final stage of the Grimshaw Street Interchange and the new express lanes connecting to the North East Link tunnels. Looking ahead, the new Elder Street landscaped bridge remains on track to open from late 2026, restoring pedestrian and vehicle access across the bridge and allowing the temporary U-turn arrangement to be removed.

Stay up to date with the latest disruption information Get SMS updates to your phone To sign up, text M80 COMPLETION to 0499 073 073 for the latest disruptions information. Visit the website to subscribe [M80 Ring Road Completion - Victoria's Big Build](#)

EVENING WITH PATRICIA LONG

"Ecological Conversion"



Pat is involved in local community action transitioning to more conscious consumption, energy use and utilising local skills for a more resilient future in the face of climate change. She loves growing food and bush walking.

**OCTOBER 15TH 7:30 - 9:30PM AT:
ST JOSEPH'S BY THE SEA
16 ESPLANADE WILLIAMSTOWN**

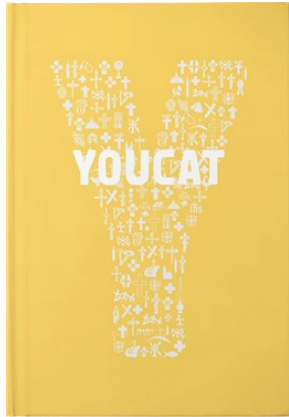


COST: ENTRY BY DONATION ON THE NIGHT - ALL WELCOME & SUPPER PROVIDED

BOOKINGS AT: www.trybooking.com/DPWUV

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS LONGMAN 0411483571 OR MONIQUE IN THE OFFICE 93976066

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Book of the Week: YouCat collection.

Inspiring and easy to understand, the YOU CAT books are an introduction to the teachings of the Catholic Church for children and adolescents. Cheerful drawings encourage young readers to explore and ask questions. The books include interesting background information for parents and teachers. They were tested over several years and, approved by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in Rome.

See display of the nine books at the Library.

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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 22 October 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 you would like to bring food to share; it can be sweet or savoury. We ask a \$5 donation from all those not bringing food.

SOUTHERN STARS SOCIAL CLUB OVER 28'S PARTY NIGHT FOR SINGLE CATHOLICS IN THE 28 TO 60 AGE GROUP

Saturday 24th October, 7:30pm, St Benedict's Parish Hall Central Ave, Burwood. Cost: Members \$7, Non-Members \$13

Includes Lucky Door Prizes and Supper Enquiries: Peter – 9885 2167

SENIOR MOMENTS SACRED HEART: 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.

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



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 of our Churches

SACRED HEART HALL HIRE: For all enquiries regarding cost and terms and conditions please contact the Parish Office. 9434 7373 or 9435 1543

Twenty-ninth Sunday Ordinary Time - Year A

FIRST READING

Isaiah 45.1,4-6

I have grasped the right hand of Cyrus, to subdue nations before him.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed:

“For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that all may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 96.1+3, 4-5, 7-8, 9+10ac (R.7b)

R. Give the Lord glory and honour.

1. O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Declare his glory among the nations, his marvellous works among all the peoples. *R.*
2. For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.
For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens. *R.*
3. Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts. *R.*
4. *Worship the Lord in holy splendour; tremble before him, all the earth.*
Say among the nations, “The Lord is king! He will judge the peoples with equity.” R.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1.1-5ab

We remember your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope.

From Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Philippians 2.15-16

Alleluia Alleluia

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia Alleluia

GOSPEL

Matthew 22.15-21

Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.

When the chief priests and Pharisees had heard the parables, they realized that Jesus was speaking about them. Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said.

So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality.

Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites?

Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius.

Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?”

They answered, “The emperor's.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.”