



Sunday 25th October 2026

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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, 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, Daphne Turner, Ellen Ruiz, Sonia Lee Taylor, Andrew Terrace Donoghue, Mark Williamson, Mary Kissane, Gwenda Nye, Robyn Daly, Sonia Taylor, Raymond Davern, Teresa Casarotto, Christine McIntosh, Aquilino P Mentel, Katherine Hudson, Margaret Rae, Norma Newcombe, Anita Decarli, Marino Casamento, Heather Juliff, Glenn David, Emily Malicse-Escanilla, Joseph Browne, Lena Lasvado, Frank Imperatrice, Herb Jeffery, Adrian Neydora, Anne O'Connor, Robyn Caspersz, Mary Heaton, Cecila Noronha, Amparo Vallejo, John Fleming, Marino Casamento, Michael Thorley, Moira Collum, Kevin Toohey, Mrs Jacob, Bert Caldwell, David Lundie, Maureen Krahe, June Tremayne, Geoffrey Stone, George Brosnan, Bridget Clare Gleeson, Peter Butcher, Geoff Rogan, Harold Oliver, Peter Harvey, Eugene Mulcair, Alice Mathews, Vin Hyland, Joseph Neeson, Bill Watson, Vincent Atkinson, Michael Conlon, Ern Taylor, Heather Hall, Estrella Cabacungan, Fr. Liam Mackle OSM, Kevin Tuttle, Tony Desensi, Bill Watson, Bernard Richardson, George D'Souza, Gerry O'Donnell, Crustus Bastian, Don Kennan, John Duncan, Diana Perini, Nella Padula

FR LIBEESH KURIAKOSE HOMILIES. Fr Libeesh's homilies are now available on the parish websites along with Fr Steven's.

MEMORIAL MASS ST MARY'S: To be held at St. Mary's on 30th October (last Friday of the month) at 9.15am. Followed by morning tea in the Gathering Space. All welcome. You are also invited to take the opportunity of visiting St. Mary's Memorial Garden.

REMEMBRANCE MASS SACRED HEART: Sunday November 8th is our annual Sacred Heart Remembrance mass, on this day we make time to remember those that we have loved and lost.

REMEMBRANCE MASS ST MARY'S: *SAVE THE DATE.* The Our Lady of the Valley Bereavement Support Group would like to invite Parishioners to attend the upcoming Remembrance Mass to be held at:

- * St. Mary's Church on Friday 13th November, 2026 at 7.30pm.
- * All welcome to tea and coffee later in the Gathering Space.
- * It is a good and wholesome thing to pray for those that have gone before us.

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

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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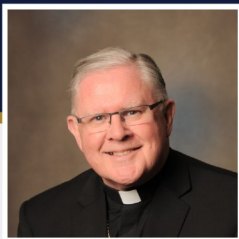
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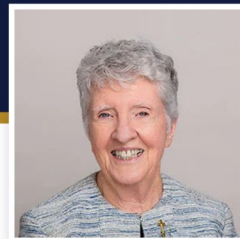
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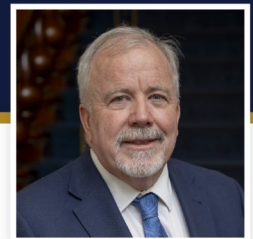
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SAFEGUARDING ESSENTIAL TRAINING AND CODE OF CONDUCT SESSIONS

As there are a number of volunteers who are due to renew their Essential Training and/or complete the Code of Conduct which are compulsory safeguarding requirements as stipulated by the Melbourne Archdiocese, the Safeguarding Committee is offering two sessions where these modules can be completed within a Group setting.

Session Times

Sacred Heart

St. Mary's

Venue: School

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When: Wednesday 25 November

When: Thursday 26 November

Time: 1.00pm

Time: 7.00pm

Please RSVP to the Parish office if you are able to attend.

OCTOBER – MENTAL HEALTH MONTH 2026. A THOUGHT TO PONDER, GIFT OR PROBLEM (ROS CAIRNS)

At a recent LAMP meeting Sandy Starbuck shared an article with us. Healing Community by Andrew Hamilton. The first line stood out to me with an invitation, **“We need to see people with mental illness as gift, rather than a problem.”** This may be an invitation and yet it may also pose a challenge, for it requires a meaningful change in our attitude.

Mental illness may be viewed through different lenses, the predominant lens in our society is the clinical lens a valid and a needed lens. This change in attitude may ask us to consider another lens, not alternative to the clinical lens yet complimentary to it, the lived spiritual experience of the person, as a person made in the image and likeness of God.

There are two significant areas that influence how I/we view a person with mental illness, as a problem or a gift. How I view the person, all persons as made in the image and likeness of God, our theology, the other how I/we view mental illness, can mental illness be viewed as more than chemical imbalance in the brain or mood disorder. If we include the lived spiritual lens, it offers a broader way of viewing mental illness and allows us to include a spiritual/pastoral perspective of the person as gift.

Below I have added two thoughts for reflection on mental illness:

“Some form of mental illness are the persons attempt to solve a problem of the soul.” Anton Boisen

You Carry Within You a Precious Flame. Patricia Deegan

You may have been diagnosed with a mental illness, but you are not an illness.

You are a human being whose life is precious and is of infinite value.

You are precious and good.

You are not trashed to be discarded or a broken object that must be fixed.

You are not insane.

You do not belong in institutions for the rest of your life.

You don't belong on the streets.

You are a human being.

You carry within you a precious flame, a spark of the divine.

You were born to love and to be loved.

That's your birthright.

Mental illness cannot take that away from you.

Nobody can take that from you."

PARISH INFORMATION

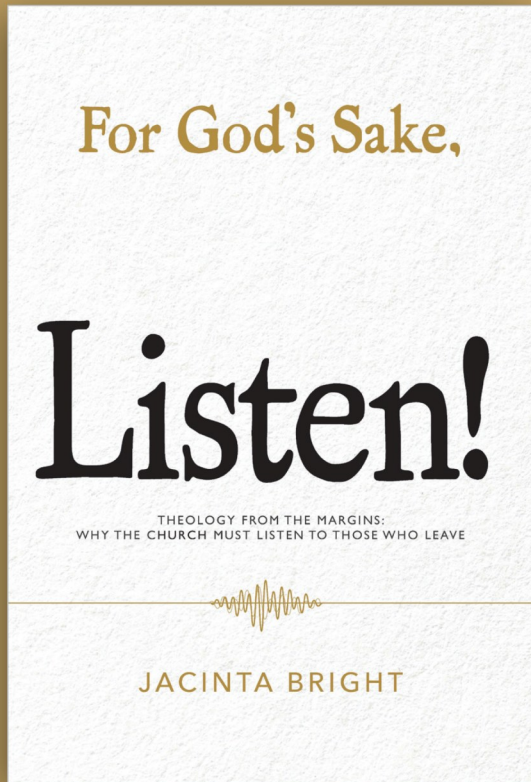
Please send any bulletin contributions directly to diamondvalley@cam.org.au by **12 Noon on Wednesday's** to ensure inclusion in the weekend combined bulletin. Thank you

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

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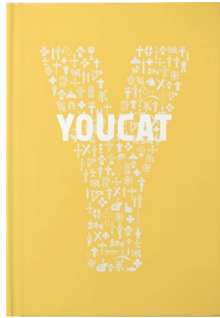
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Book of the Week: YouCat collection.

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See display of the nine books at the Library.

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SENIOR MOMENTS SACRED HEART: .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.

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](#)

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



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Thirtieth Sunday Ordinary Time - Year A

FIRST READING

Exodus 22.21-27

If you abuse any widow or orphan, my wrath will burn you.

The Lord said to Moses: “Thus shall you say to the Israelites, these are the ordinances that you shall set before them.

“You shall not wrong or oppress a resident alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt.

You shall not abuse any widow or orphan. If you do abuse them, when they cry out to me, I will surely heed their cry; my wrath will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children orphans.

“If you lend money to my people, to the poor among you, you shall not deal with them as a creditor; you shall not exact interest from them.

If you take your neighbour’s cloak in pawn, you shall restore it before the sun goes down; for it may be your neighbour’s only clothing to use as cover; in what else shall that person sleep?

And if your neighbour cries out to me, I will listen, for I am compassionate.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 18.1-2, 3+6b, 46+50ab (R.1)

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. *I love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer.
My God, my rock in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the source of my salvation, my stronghold. R.*
2. *I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, so I shall be saved from my enemies.
From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears. R.*
3. *The Lord lives! Blessed be my rock, and exalted be the God of my salvation.
Great triumphs he gives to his king, and shows steadfast love to his anointed. R.*

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1.5c-10

You turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son.

You know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.

For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it.

For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 14.23

Alleluia Alleluia

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.

Alleluia Alleluia

GOSPEL

Matthew 22.34-40

You shall love the Lord your God, and your neighbour as yourself.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him.

“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” Jesus said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. ‘And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”