



MARY'S ROSE NEWSLETTER

Pauline Fathers & Rosary Bouquet



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News from 'Marian Valley'

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In November 2016, the Pauline Fathers announced appointments for the Province of Australia. I am pleased to say that effective from 7th November 2016, I was appointed the Rector of the Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians, Marian Valley. I am very happy to accept this position and am looking forward to continuing on the great work that is happening here at Marian Valley, Canungra.

I have also been appointed the Prefect for the Newly Ordained Priests and Brothers, as well as Vicar Provincial of the Order in Australia. Fr Anthony David OSPPE and Br Bruno Kanamis OSPPE will continue on in their positions, assisting me at Marian Valley.

The Province Council members are:

Fr Jaroslaw Zan – Provincial
Fr Albert Wasniowski – Vicar of the Province
Fr Richard Green – Definitor
Fr Gabriel Taylor – Definitor
Br Bruno Kanamis – Definitor
Fr Peter Strohmayer - Province Administrator
Fr Peter Zytka - Provincial Secretary

As many of you are aware, this year we celebrate the 100th anniversary of Fatima. We have always celebrated Fatima day on the 13th of each month here at Marian Valley, so this will be a very special year for us all. On the 13th May and the 13th October we will be inviting special guests to be the main celebrants for the Mass.

Less known in Australia, but a very significant event for our Order and in the Motherland of Poland, is the celebration of the 300th anniversary of the Coronation of Our Lady of Jasna Gora, recalling the event in 1717 when the first outside of Rome coronation of Our Lady of Czestochowa took place.

For this year, I have decided to introduce the 'Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament' before the 11am Mass each Sunday. Exposition will be one hour before Mass, starting at 10am. It is already encouraging to see a number of pilgrims supporting this beautiful sacrament since starting on Sunday 5th February.

There are many other events which we are looking forward to here at Marian Valley. On Divine Mercy Sunday 23 April, the main celebrant will be His Excellency, Most Rev. Adolfo Tito Yilana, the Apostolic Nuncio in Australia. On the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia, the main celebrant will be Most Rev. Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane which will be held on Saturday 20th May. On Our Lady's birthday, held on Saturday 2nd September, Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE will once again be our main celebrant. So as you can see, some wonderful feast days are being planned for this year.

May God strengthen you with his
graces and blessings,

Fr Albert Wasniowski OSPPE
Rector
Marian Valley
Canungra



Fr Albert OSPPE,
Fr Anthony OSPPE,
Br Bruno OSPPE



Exposition at 10am before Sunday Mass

Lourdes Day

On Saturday 11th February, around 300 pilgrims made the journey to Marian Valley for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. This day is a special day for the sick and elderly. Buses came from the Gold Coast and Toowoomba. The afternoon session included a Eucharistic procession to Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, followed by benediction and blessing of each person present with the Blessed Sacrament. A big thank you to Fr Jan Bialasiewicz, Fr Stephen O'Shea and Fr Anthony David OSPPE for spending hours in the heat to provide confession.

Fr Andrew Dembicki OSPPE

The main celebrant for the Healing Mass was Fr Andrew Joachim Dembicki OSPPE, Rector of Divine Mercy Shrine in Cairns and former Prior of Marian Valley from June 1996 – March 2006. Fr Andrew gave an inspiring homily, and in the afternoon session he gave a spiritual talk. At 3pm he led the singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Pilgrims were delighted that he still had his wonderful singing voice and gift of speech.

As background, Fr Andrew Dembicki OSPPE spent 20 years as a Chaplain in the US Army and was a Lieutenant Colonel.

In 1996, following his retirement, Fr Augustine Lazur OSPPE, founder of the Order in Australia, invited Fr Andrew OSPPE to help set up the Shrine at Marian Valley. For 10 years he worked tirelessly, and successfully established Marian Valley as one of the most significant Shrines in Australia.

In 2006, Fr Andrew OSPPE was transferred to Rome where he was the Prefect of the Pauline Order House for 7 years. He then took on another challenge of setting up an additional Shrine in Australia. This time it was in the Cairns Diocese. On 2 February 2014, The Shrine of Divine Mercy and Immaculate Heart of Mary at Mercy Valley near Mareeba was opened and blessed by Most Rev. James Foley DD DPh. Bishop of Cairns.

Sadly, in May this year, Fr Andrew will be leaving Australia and returning to Rome to continue his ministry with the Pauline Fathers. We wish him the best in his new venture.



Lourdes day Mass



Lourdes day – Tom, Adam, Jerome, Brendon, Fr Andrew OSPPE, Mark, Fr Albert OSPPE, Br Bruno OSPPE

IMMACULATE Conception

On Thursday 8th December 2016, around 150 pilgrims travelled to Marian Valley for the Solemnity of Immaculate Conception, including a bus from Toowoomba. The programme started at



10am with Holy Hour, 11am Mass, lunch and then 1.15pm Eucharistic procession, devotions and benediction at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto. The main celebrant for holy mass was Fr Paul Eloagu from the Southport Parish. At the conclusion of Mass, Fr Paul blessed hundreds of miraculous medals and distributed to the pilgrims.

Left to right, Mark McHale, Brendon Seeto, Fr Paul Eloagu, Jordan, Br Bruno Kanamis OSPPE

Vale: Ray Calebretta

On Thursday 19 January 2017, Ray (Raffaele) Calebretta passed away aged 86 years. Born in Giarre, Sicily on 14 March 1930, Ray came to Canungra to live and to be part of the Marian Valley community around 17 years ago. He participated with the volunteers to help build the Workshop and the Retreat Centre. He financed and installed the processional PA system to the Fatima Grotto.

Ray was a member of the Divine Mercy group for many years. He consistently spent hours in the Adoration Chapel and was one of the loyal volunteers on the daily Adoration roster. In later years, he still continued with help from Basil.

Ray donated The Gabriel Express (yellow buggy) to the Pauline Fathers mainly to assist Fr Gabriel to get around Marian Valley. He donated the buggy on behalf of his 3 children, Chris, Rhonda and Mark. The plaque is still on the steering wheel.



Ray loved to teach the young and the old the Catholic faith, and was a Catechist at the Canungra State School for many years. His main project in the past few years has been the recording of Catholic programs on DVDs and the distribution of hundreds of DVDs free of charge.

Being an Italian, he loved to cook pasta dishes and would often leave a big lasagne dish at the monastery or whenever there was an important occasion at Marian Valley.

Over a lifetime, Ray developed a great clarity and wisdom on how to lead a good Christian life. He will be greatly missed. May he rest in peace.



Thanks to Ray Keating, Peter Walker, Gabby Walker and Bea Westcott for preparing the children for the Eucharist procession

300 Year Anniversary of Coronation

This year, the Order of St Paul the First Hermit is planning big celebrations for the 300th anniversary of the Coronation of the Miraculous Image of Our Lady of Czestochowa with Papal crowns.

In 1215, the Order was founded in Hungary and spread rapidly throughout Hungary and then into Croatia, Germany, Poland, Austria and Bohemia. A highlight in the Order's history took place in 1382 when they became the custodians of the miraculous icon of Our Lady 'The Black Madonna', believed to be painted by St Luke the Evangelist.

The Icon was brought to Poland by Ladislaus, Duke of Opole, from a castle at Belz, in modern day Ukraine. The monks established a shrine for the venerable image of the Blessed Mother in the small town of Czestochowa. Today, this shrine is the Mother house of the Order, with over 100 Fathers and Brothers.

Although Our Lady of Czestochowa was made "Queen and Protector of Poland" by King John II Casimir in 1652, its first canonical coronation was by Clement XI on 8 September 1717, which is the date of the anniversary. Additional coronations of the image were also issued by St. Pius X on 22 May 1910 and St. John Paul II on 26 August 2005.

A Canonical Coronation is a pious institutional act, wherein the Pope designates a crown or stellar halo be added to a Marian image under a specific devotional title in a particular area or diocese. The crowning of Our Lady of Czestochowa was the first such coronation to take place outside of Rome.

In a resolution adopted on 15 December 2016, the Polish Parliament called "the image of the Mother of God at Jasna Góra ... one of the most important religious and material national treasures."

Although Jasna Gora is a Roman Catholic monastery, the Black Madonna has a strong following among Orthodox believers in both Ukraine and Belarus. Jasna Gora is the most well-known and popular shrine in Poland, with around 3.5 million pilgrims visiting from around the world last year.

The special 2017 commemorations will culminate on 26 August, the feast day of the image.



Black Madonna image at Jasna Goraa

A copy of the Black Madonna of Czestochowa is housed in the Black Madonna Chapel at Marian Valley. It was first housed at Tamborine Mountain, and then transferred to Marian Valley when the Pauline Fathers relocated in 1995.



**Fr Albert OSPPE
with Black Madonna
image at
Marian Valley**

EWTN Film Crew

On Friday 13 January 2017 there was much excitement at Marian Valley with the visit from an EWTN film crew who were in Australia to do a mini-series on the Catholic Church in Australia. It will be interesting to see what eventually is produced from the filming. The day's filming composed of the normal program for Fatima day, including 11am Mass, 1pm Eucharistic procession (which was filmed with a drone), and several interviews with volunteers and pilgrims.



Volunteer, Loraine Whitehead being interviewed by EWTN

The EWTN film crew Rachel, Sam, and Casey were feeling the Queensland summer heat but were thoroughly impressed with Marian Valley. The program will air on EWTN sometime in the next 12 months.

**EWTN film crew of Rachel,
Sam & Casey**



EWTN – Eternal Word Television Network

EWTN Global Catholic Network has been a great pioneer in Catholic television. Founded in 1981, it is available in over 250 million television households in more than 140 countries and territories. Mother Angelica was the founder of EWTN, an extraordinary person who had the vision to set up what has become a vast cable and satellite network, and is now the world's largest religious media network, reaching millions of people throughout the world. Mother Angelica passed away 27 March 2016 aged 92 years.



Mother Angelica

Installation of EWTN costs around \$300.

There are no further fees. It is highly recommended.

Brendon Seeto

This year Brendon Seeto will begin his pre-novitiate with the Pauline Fathers in Poland. Born in Bougainville, PNG on 23 June 1982, he moved to Australia in 1989 at the age of 7. Brendon went to school at Marymount College in Burleigh where his family still lives. Recently, he has spent a few months at Marian Valley becoming familiar with the spirituality of the Order of St Paul the First Hermit. His fellow countryman, Br Bruno Kanamis OSPPE has been keen to show Brendon the ropes!



**Brendon with his
mother Claire and
elder sister Raina**

In February, Brendon's proud mother and sister said their goodbyes to Brendon at Marian Valley, before his journey to Penrose Park to begin his Postulancy as a candidate for the Order. Brendon said that he was "looking forward to his studies in Poland".

Christmas Party 2016

A festive crowd of a hundred Marian Valley volunteers and supporters enjoyed the annual Christmas party held on Sunday 11 December following the 4pm mass. Fr Albert Wasniowski OSPPE welcomed everyone and expressed his joy saying, "Marian Valley is now my new home and hopefully for many more years to come." He thanked everyone for their support of Marian Valley.

The Christmas dinner was once again superbly cooked by Chef Clancy from Catering Professionals Nerang, and his assistants Max and Kim who are Marian Valley volunteers. Following dinner, there was some light entertainment by some of the volunteers.

Tony Ryan did another brilliant job as the MC and comedian, keeping everyone jolly. At least Ros Jorno could be heard laughing anyway, showing her appreciation for the entertainment, as well as giving her new pacemaker a workout at the same time! Robyn Maciejewski and the choir members serenaded Daphne Andreas, and then Evelyn sang a beautiful solo. A big thanks to the music team, Jo and Marie Bonne, and to Serge and Josette Kishtoo who worked tirelessly with the setting up, the lucky door prizes and the nibbles.

It was a great joy to have Daphne Andreas present at the party accompanied by her husband Robert. Daphne was one of the original choir members dating back to the Tamborine Mountain days from the early 1990s. It was great to see Daphne still has the 'quick wit'.

However, with sadness we said our goodbyes to Leon Voesnek, our barman for the past several years, and his wife Bella, choir member, Piety shop assistant and Divine Mercy Prayer group coordinator. Leon and Bella are relocating to Port Macquarie to be closer to their family. Both of these dedicated volunteers will be greatly missed.

The Christmas party is always an enjoyable night. It allows the volunteers, supporters and their families time to get together and to catch up on lots of memories after another productive year.

A special thanks should be made regarding the beautiful Christmas crib this year. Fr Albert OSPPE showed off his creative skills, especially designing the night scene with the evening star, while Br Bruno OSPPE showed off his carpentry skills with the making of the crib.



Fr Albert welcoming everyone



Volunteers Max and Kim



MC Tony Ryan



Lee Taylor, Ros & Theo Jorno



Daphne Andreas



Robyn, Evelyn, Bella, Deanna & Mick



Barman Leon Voesnek



Christmas crib 2016

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The Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians at Marian Valley survives totally on the donations of the faithful. If you would like to help Marian Valley in the future you might consider remembering us in your Will. If you would like to do this, the correct way to put us in your will is:

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