



# MARY'S ROSE NEWSLETTER

Pauline Fathers & Rosary Bouquet



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## News from 'Marian Valley'

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In this Year of Mercy, it is wonderful to see so many pilgrims visiting Marian Valley from many places around the world. Marian Valley is certainly a place of peace and prayer.

Currently, I am Acting Prior at Marian Valley, and assisted by Br Bruno Kanamis OSPPE. On 7th June 2016, Fr Oskar Osinski and Fr Michael Szymanski resigned and relocated to the Cairns diocese to take up the role of parish priest at North Cairns Parish and Mossman/Port Douglas Parish respectively. We wish them well in their new roles.

At Marian Valley, there are many volunteers who assist in a variety of roles. Pilgrims often comment on the many aspects of Marian Valley which are taken care of by Volunteers: the beautiful manicured lawns and gardens; the clean facilities; the Piety Shop; the Retreat Centre; the beautiful choir and music; Sacristy work; the vast maintenance work; the History department; and most importantly, looking after the needs of pilgrims that come here each day. Our wonderful volunteers do their good works for God through the hands of the Blessed Virgin Mary. A big thank you to all the Volunteers.

In the past few months we have had some very special guests visit Marian Valley. In May, Most Reverend Robert McGuckin, Bishop of Toowoomba Diocese, was the main celebrant for the mass of Our Lady Help of Christians. On 15th August, for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the main celebrant was Fr Declan Gibson from the Missionaries of the Most Holy Eucharist. This Order is based in France. For Our Lady's birthday on Saturday 3rd September, we were once again privileged to have as the main celebrant, Most Reverend Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE, Bishop of Wilcannia-Forbes Diocese.

As already mentioned, we have been very busy here at Marian Valley welcoming many of the schools, parishes and prayer groups in this Year of Mercy. Next year is looking just as busy. We have published the 2017 Marian Valley calendar of events which is now available. It has also been uploaded to the Marian Valley website – [www.marianvalley.org](http://www.marianvalley.org)

The Year 2017 marks the 100th anniversary of Our Lady appearing at Fatima. From the words of Sr Lucia, "Our Lady said Pray, pray a great deal and make many sacrifices, for many souls go to Hell because they have no one to make sacrifices and to pray for them".



During the month of November it is very important to pray for the holy souls. Here at Marian Valley we place the names on the altar, and the intentions will be included in the masses which we celebrate each day in November.

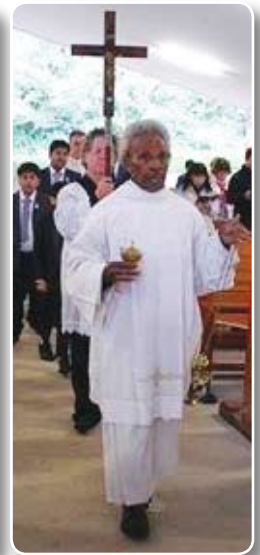
An integral part of our Marian Valley Shrine is prayer. Each weekday from 10am we have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel. I encourage everyone to find some time to participate in this very special time.

May God bless you all,

**Fr Anthony David OSPPE**  
Acting Prior Marian Valley Canungra



**Fr Anthony David OSPPE, Jerome and Adam Moodley, Mark McHale**



**Br Bruno**

**November Mass Intentions.** November is a special month of the year for prayers for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. If you would like to have Masses offered for the soul of a loved one or some of the "forgotten" souls who have no one to pray for them, please fill in the form posted with this newsletter and return the form to **Marian Valley, PO Box 104, Canungra Qld 4275**. These forms will be placed on the altar, and the intentions will be included in the Masses which we celebrate each day in November for the Holy Souls.



## VOLUNTEERS

A common remark that you hear around Marian Valley is, "Where would we be without the Volunteers?" Many charity organisations struggle to get volunteers. We are very fortunate to have a small, but strong band of volunteers who work tirelessly each day at Marian Valley. Amazingly, there are no paid staff. This greatly benefits the Pauline community, allowing money to be put into various projects.

Pilgrims love visiting the Piety Shop, which is always stocked to the brim with pious merchandise and excellent Catholic books. Often pilgrims love it so much at Marian Valley they will book themselves in for a stay at the Retreat Cabins. The peaceful surroundings are a major attraction for many pilgrims. The beauty of Marian Valley is aided by the many volunteers who put in long hours to keep the place going.

Hospitality is an integral part of the pilgrim's experience, especially when visitors come from many different places around Australia and all over the world. Most of the volunteers have been at Marian Valley for many years and are able to entertain pilgrims with both historical information and a spiritual experience. A comment from one of the veteran volunteers, Tony Ryan said, "So many pilgrims are fascinated with the stories that we tell about Marian Valley. I love seeing the pilgrims happy."

The latest major project at Marian Valley has been the upgrade of the sewerage system. Part of the project required laying 500 metres of pipes underground. Overseen by an Environmental Operations Operator and an Engineer, the Volunteers were able to carry out this major project using their own machinery, including an excavator and tractor, thus saving Marian Valley tens of thousands of dollars. Amazingly, the project was finished well ahead of the scheduled completion date.

A big thank you to the volunteer team.



**Kieren O'Hearn and Robert Murphy**



**Robert Murphy and Mark McHale (on tractor)**



**Fr Anthony having lunch with volunteers Robyn, Robert, Kieren, Pat and Theo**

## Exposition in the Adoration Chapel by Fr Anthony David OSPPE

One of the most important aspects of Marian Valley is the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The Eucharist is the centre of our prayer life. Day and night Jesus dwells in the Blessed Sacrament of our Church waiting for us to visit him and to spend some time with him.

I therefore believe it is imperative to promote the daily exposition in our Adoration Chapel each weekday from 10am. If you would like to participate in the Adoration roster, I encourage you to please put your name down on the list.

Some thoughts:

You are greatly needed!

*"The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic adoration."*  
(Pope John Paul II, Dominicae Cenae)

This is a personal invitation to you from Jesus.

*"Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love."*

(Pope John Paul II, Dominicae Cenae)

Your hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament will repair the damage of evils of the world and bring about peace on earth.

*"Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Jesus and ready to make reparation for the great evils of the world. Let your adoration never cease."*

(Pope John Paul II, Dominicae Cenae)

For peace in our country!

*"When my people humble themselves and seek my presence... I will revive their land."*

(2Chr 7:14)

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**Adoration volunteers Basil Lukan and Ray Calabretta**

## 'BROTHER ANGUS'

Many people will be sad to hear that dear 'Brother Angus' passed away in his sleep on Monday 29th August 2016. Angus was Bishop Columba's faithful dog.

For over 8 years, Angus would greet the pilgrims at Marian Valley and would sit patiently in the Chapel during Mass. For the past 2 years, he has accompanied the Bishop around Wilcannia-Forbes Diocese, and was apparently promoted to 'Auxiliary Bishop' by the locals. We will all miss his presence.



**'Brother Angus'**



## Chronicles

On Saturday 21 May, Most Reverend Robert McGuckin, Bishop of Toowoomba, was the main celebrant for the Solemnity of Mary Help of Christians. There were around 450 pilgrims, many travelling in busses from Toowoomba, Ipswich, Brisbane, and Gold Coast, as well as 2 bus loads of pilgrims from the Eritrean community. The Samoan choir provided some of the music at the Mass.



**Sri Lankans on procession to the Chapel of Our Lady of Madhu**

On Saturday 2 July, Fr Pancras Jordan was the main celebrant for the annual pilgrimage of the Sri Lankan community. After Mass, Fr Pan led the procession to the Chapel of Our Lady of Madhu.



**Chapel of St Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop)**

On Monday 8 August, following the 9am Mass, Fr Anthony led a procession to the Chapel of St Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop) for prayers and devotions.

On Saturday 13 August, we celebrated Fatima Day. It was also the annual pilgrimage of the Polish community, celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Czestochowa, with their Chaplain Fr Andrzej Kolaczowski from Our Lady of Victories Church, Bowen Hills. Around 300 pilgrims attended the combined Fatima/Polish Day.



**The Polish community praying at their Chapel of St Pope John Paul II**

On Monday 15 August, Fr Declan Gibson was the main celebrant for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Fr Declan and Deacon Michael Donnelly who assisted at the Mass are from The Missionaries of the Most Holy Eucharist which is based in France. Around 300 pilgrims attended the Solemnity which included a Eucharistic procession to Our Lady of Fatima Chapel.



**Left to right: Serge Kishtoo, Deacon Michael Donnelly, Fr Anthony OSPPE, Fr Declan Gibson, Mark McHale**

## Our Lady's Birthday

On Saturday 3 September, Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE celebrated the holy mass for Our Lady's birthday, joined by several concelebrants from the Brisbane and Cairns Diocese.

Around 800 pilgrims attended the mass. Busses came from the Gold Coast, Ipswich, Toowoomba, Hervey Bay, Brisbane Central, Moorooka/Salisbury and Stafford.

The afternoon program included a Eucharistic procession to the Grotto of Our Lady of Fatima, rosary, devotions and benediction, and concluded with the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Miraculously there was no rain, even though all week the media was predicting rain for Saturday. Word among the pilgrims is Fr Anthony's prayers had something to do with this miracle.

**Bishop Columba OSPPE** left early in the afternoon, as he had a 12 hour trip to His Diocesan Parish of Bourke to celebrate a Mass of thanksgiving the next day, to coincide with the canonisation of Saint Teresa of Kolkata in Rome. Bourke was the place of the first Missionary of Charity House in Australia, opened by the then Mother Teresa of Kolkata herself in 1969. On Sunday 4th September, more than 200 people attended the Mass at Bourke with Bishop Columba and the Missionary of Charity Sisters.

### Rosary Bouquet

The first mass in Queensland by the Pauline Fathers for Our Lady's birthday was celebrated 27 years ago at Tamborine Mountain on 8th September 1989.

Margaret and Bern Foley, who are now both deceased, spread the Devotion of Praying the Rosary as a gift to Our Blessed Mother on Her Birthday, not only in Australia, but around the world. As a result, we join with countless millions around the globe to offer our prayers for world peace.

From the beginning, the Universal Rosary Bouquet has had a connection to Marian Valley and the Pauline Fathers. This wonderful devotion has truly been a powerful prayer in spreading the Rosary throughout many countries, in Honour of Our Blessed Mother.



**Bishop Columba OSPPE with concelebrants: Fr Peter Zytka OSPPE, Fr Anthony OSPPE, Fr Suban – Beaudesert Parish, Fr Paul Eloagu – Southport Parish, Fr Henry – Moorooka/Salisbury Parish, Fr Rego, Fr Rafal – Nerang Parish, Fr Michael McKeaton – Beaudesert Parish, Fr Flynn – Cairns Parish, Fr John David – Oblate Iona College, Fr David Francis – Oblate Burpengary Parish, with the altar servers and Procession ladies.**



**Eucharistic procession on Our Lady's Birthday**



## PILGRIMS - YEAR OF MERCY

### PILGRIMS

Many pilgrims have made the journey to Marian Valley during this Year of Mercy. Several parishes have organized day trips, some accompanied by their parish priest, students and teachers have visited from a range of schools near and far, as well as prayer groups and individual pilgrims with their families.

Pilgrims have commented on the graces they have received in making this journey and participating in a Day of Prayer. One pilgrim commented: "I have received a wonderful grace of peace".

Prayer leaflets are available at the door of the Black Madonna Church for pilgrims to recite the Year of Mercy prayers.

### YEAR OF MERCY INDULGENCE

Pope Francis declared a Plenary Indulgence for the Year of Mercy for those who make a pilgrimage to the Door of Mercy, attend confession, attend mass and recite prayers. The Holy Year of Mercy is being celebrated from 8 December 2015 (Immaculate Conception) to 20 November 2016 (Christ the King).

In February 2016, Archbishop of Brisbane, Most Rev. Mark Coleridge announced that Marian Valley was to be a place of pilgrimage for this Year of Mercy. The six pilgrimage churches of mercy in the Brisbane Archdiocese include the Cathedral, Red Hill, Clear Island Waters, Nambour, Annerley and Ipswich.



Pilgrims from Boonah Parish



"**St Joseph's Hermitage Retreat Centre** has hermitage-style Retreat cabins with a magnificent Chapel of Adoration located in a serene, naturally occurring beautiful setting, and offers an opportunity for spiritual renewal to individuals and small groups. The cost is \$30 per night and each cabin has two single beds and is self-contained. The serenity of the surroundings, the lovely views, as well as the close proximity of Church, shrines and Adoration chapel, makes the Centre ideal for retreats."

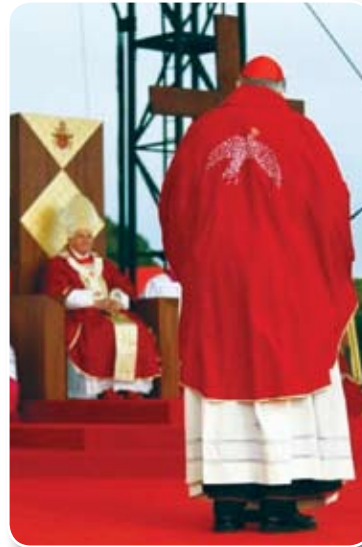
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## Vale - Marjorie Liddy

It was with great sadness to hear that Marjorie Liddy passed away on Wednesday 24 August 2016 en route to the Tiwi Islands, returning home from priestly ordinations in Melbourne. Marjorie, mother of 12, an Indigenous Catholic woman, was the person behind the design of the priest's chasubles for the papal mass at Sydney's 2008 World Youth Day. On the back of the chasuble is an image commonly called Marjorie's Bird.

Many people will remember Marjorie when she visited Marian Valley in June 2014, accompanied by fellow Tiwi Islander people. With bare feet and a Blessed Virgin Mary t-shirt, Marjorie and her fellow Islanders performed a spiritual dance at Marian Valley at the conclusion of Mass. Marjorie was a quiet, gentle woman, who claimed she received extraordinary gifts from the Holy Spirit.



In Marjorie's words: "Open your hearts. Let Him in. Let Him in. He will help you to know and understand Mother Mary and Jesus. There's so much love the Lord has for us. So much love. He wants us all to love him. To go back – to go to Mass, go to confession, and receive Him. And our love will grow, grow. But let the Holy Spirit start a new life." [www.youtube.com/SpiritofLife](http://www.youtube.com/SpiritofLife) - Marjorie Liddy

Cardinal Pell at WYD 2008 Papal Mass with chasuble of Marjorie's Bird design.



Marjorie (pictured in the middle) and pilgrims, performing at Marian Valley

### The Order of St. Paul The First Hermit

Young men interested in seeking a life of prayer and service to Jesus through Mary might think of the Monks of St. Paul the Hermit. We are a semi-contemplative monastic order especially devoted to Mary. Our Life is: Contemplation; Divine Liturgy; Devotion to Our Lady. Our work is: Shrines; Pastoral; Retreats. For further information, write to:

**Vocations Director, Order of St. Paul the First Hermit,  
6 Justin Street, Smithfield NSW 2164**

### REMEMBER MARIAN VALLEY IN YOUR WILL

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:

**The Trustees of the Pauline Fathers and Brothers for use at  
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