



MARY'S ROSE NEWSLETTER

Pauline Fathers & Rosary Bouquet



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News from 'Marian Valley'

Dear friends in Christ,

I was blessed to have been brought up in a household full of music. My Mother was a piano teacher and played the organ at Mass on Sundays. I learnt to play the Violin, Bagpipes and Organ. I have fond memories of family and friends gathered around the piano at home playing music and singing.

Music had a marvellous way of lifting the soul when things were not going so well. I remember especially in times of drought when we had to destroy stock, the musical gatherings, together with prayer, were a great source of comfort and resilience.

It is, therefore, not surprising to me that music has always played a great role in the prayer of the faithful down through the ages.

We read in Sacred Scripture of King David and the Israelites singing before the Lord. *And David and all Israel were rejoicing before God with all their might, with song and lyres and harps and tambourines and cymbals and trumpets. (1 Chronicles 13:8)*

Liturgy, or Public Prayer, has always had music as a vital component. In the liturgies of the Temple in Jerusalem there were beautiful chants composed to pray the Psalms and other prayers. Some of these chants could have come down from the time of King David himself. If you want to know what one of those chants sounded like, then come to Marian Valley for Sunday Mass and you will hear the "Our Father" sung to the traditional chant which is, in fact, an ancient Temple chant from Jerusalem – one which Our Lord would have heard sung and one which Our Lord probably sung Himself.

In the early Church, with the granting of religious freedom by the Emperor Constantine in the Fourth Century, there was a great increase in music used in the Liturgy. The great Monastic movements of the Benedictines in the West and the Basilians in the East both emphasised the importance of good liturgical music, its composition and performance. Together they were instrumental in developing the beautiful Sacred Music that has come down through the centuries.

Liturgical worship is given a more noble form when it is celebrated in song, with the ministers of each degree fulfilling their ministry and the people participating in it.

Indeed, through this form, prayer is expressed in a more attractive way, the mystery of the liturgy, with its hierarchical and community nature, is more openly shown, the unity of hearts is more profoundly achieved by the union of voices, minds are more easily raised to heavenly things by the beauty of the sacred rites, and the whole celebration more clearly prefigures that heavenly liturgy which is enacted in the holy city of Jerusalem.

Pastors of souls will therefore do all they can to achieve this form of celebration. (Vatican II, Musicam Sacram, 1967)

Unfortunately over the past forty odd years many in the Catholic Church lost touch with the concept of 'Sacred Music' in the Liturgy. They forgot that music in the liturgy was there for prayer and to lift our hearts and minds to God and the Heavenly Liturgy. Instead they threw out the traditional hymns and chants of the Church and replaced them often with banal, profane and worldly music borrowed from the 'Pop' culture of our times in order to entertain and to make the Liturgy less sacred, directing our hearts and minds back to ourselves and earth instead of to God and Heaven.

At Marian Valley we are conscious of the importance music has in the Liturgy of the Church. At the Second Vatican Council suitable modern music in the vernacular language was permitted in the Liturgy, provided the beautiful traditional Sacred Music sung in Latin was also to be used. It is rather ironical that those Priests and Parishes who pride themselves on their implementation of 'Vatican II' don't seem to have much traditional Latin Sacred Music or even traditional English Hymns.

47. According to the Constitution on the Liturgy "the use of the Latin language, with due respect to particular law, is to be preserved in the Latin rites.

Pastors of souls should take care that besides the vernacular "the faithful may also be able to say or sing together in Latin those parts of the Ordinary of the Mass which pertain to them."[33]

51. *Pastors of souls, having taken into consideration pastoral usefulness and the character of their own language, should see whether parts of the heritage of sacred music, written in previous centuries for Latin texts, could also be conveniently used, not only in liturgical celebrations in Latin but also in those performed in the vernacular. There is nothing to prevent different parts in one and the same celebration being sung in different languages. (Vatican II, Musicam Sacram, 1967)*

We strive at Marian Valley to enhance our Liturgies with good Sacred Music, old and new, and especially to retain the use of Latin Hymns and Chants.

116. *The Church acknowledges Gregorian chant as especially suited to the Roman liturgy; therefore, other things being equal, it should be given pride of place in liturgical services. But other kinds of sacred music, especially polyphony, are by no means excluded from liturgical celebrations, so long as they accord with the spirit of the liturgical action..... (Vatican II, Sacra Sanctum Concilium)*

Together with beautiful liturgical singing the organ has an important role as well in the Liturgy.

120. *In the Latin Church the pipe organ is to be held in high esteem, for it is the traditional musical instrument which adds a wonderful splendour to the Church's ceremonies and powerfully lifts up man's mind to God and to higher things. (Vatican II, Sacra Sanctum Concilium)*

It has always been a desire of mine that Marian Valley should have a Pipe Organ. Of course Pipe Organs are very expensive and not practical for a Church with no walls like Marian Valley. However, thanks to some donations and income from my Police Chaplaincy work, I was able to purchase and install an Ahlborn-Gallanti electric Pipeless Pipe Organ. This instrument has a magnificent Pipe Organ sound and will become a feature of Marian Valley. It was Blessed and played for the first Mass on Sunday 10th February 2013.

May the Church's Sacred Music inspire you, may it help lift your hearts to God in prayer, may it remind you of the Heavenly Liturgy which will never end and each time you sing a hymn or chant remember the words of St Augustine, "He who sings well, prays twice." "Qui bene cantat bis orat" as long as it is done with love "cantare amantis est...." "Singing belongs to one who loves."

Fr Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE



The organist Mick Kent and the altar server Eddy Perez watching Fr Columba bless the new organ.

St Francis Xavier's relic

17th November 2012

Around 700 pilgrims witnessed an amazing phenomena on Saturday 17th November 2012.

It was the spectacular arrival of St Francis Xavier's relic. It was an overcast day as Fr Columba led the hearse up the driveway to the Church, flanked by four Marian Valley security men - "the Gold Team". The hearse arrived at the back of the Church at 9.40am, and as the door of the hearse was opened, there was this enormous clap of thunder directly above the Church. Then as the 'Gold Team' were about to walk down the aisle with the relic, there was another enormous clap of thunder. As St Francis Xavier was placed on the step, the Gold Team stepped back and yes, the enormous clap of thunder happened again. Fr Richard Shortall S.J. (the Custodian of the relic whilst travelling around Australia) then went to the lectern to say a few introductory words before Mass. As he was about to speak, there was another clap of thunder that was so loud that he had to pause for a moment before starting his talk. The final loud clap of thunder happened as Mass was about to start, and then it developed into a few showers. The timing of each clap of thunder was most noticeable by all the pilgrims present.

Fr Columba Macbeth Green OSPPE was the main celebrant and the homilist was Fr Richard Shortall S.J., and concelebrating was Fr Fatu (from the Tongan community), Fr Modestus Mgbaramuko (from the Sandgate Brighton Parish), Fr Terry Hoare who was ordained on St Francis Xavier's Feast Day, and Fr Peter Zytka OSPPE. The Tongan Choir provided the beautiful music for the Mass. Following the Mass, there was time for the pilgrims to individually venerate the relic. By around midday, the weather had cleared up, which allowed for all pilgrims to participate in the procession to the Chapel of St Francis Xavier for the blessing and opening. The Statue of St Francis Xavier was carried by four men from the Tongan community and placed in the Chapel. After Fr Columba blessed the Chapel, St Francis Xavier's relic was then placed at the entrance of the Chapel. When it came time for St Francis Xavier's relic to leave, it was a very somber moment. As the hearse drove off, there were a few tears. A friend had departed.

There were many comments from the pilgrims. One pilgrim commented: "I have lived in this area all my life, and am amazed at how loud the thunder was, particularly at that time of the morning, and how it was directly above the church, and yet everyone seemed to accept the unusual event and no-one seemed to be worried about it."

Another pilgrim, Nick from the Gold Coast who was there with his family said "The faith has now been confirmed for me". Interestingly, 10 minutes away in the township of Canungra, there was no storm and no rain.

Tongan Families:

It was a very proud moment for Aloisio & Salote Sole and for Tito & Henga Ongolea and their families from the Tongan community who spent over 12 months building the St Francis Xavier Chapel. They also spent several days before the big day preparing the music for the mass and the food for all the pilgrims. In Tito's speech, he mentioned about the timing of the Opening and Blessing of the Chapel and how the date for the opening had been set well before anyone knew about St Francis Xavier's relic coming to the Brisbane archdiocese.



'The Bible Procession' by the Tongan community during the Mass of St Francis Xavier.

Top Photo - St Francis Xavier's Relic

How to Help your Loved Ones Love there Faith - By Fr Peter Zytka

There are so many good zealous Catholics out there who are heartbroken over the fact that their friends and family members have given up on God and faith. It can also happen sometimes that their loved ones have simply gone over to another religion after neglecting their Catholic faith for a while. What are some of the ways in which we can cooperate with God, as He calls them back to the truth.

Firstly, it is important for us to realise that we cannot convert anyone without God's grace; all our efforts are in vain unless we ask God for His almighty help. God always hears our prayers and always answers them, in His own particular way and time.

God of course does expect us to cooperate with Him, otherwise we will come across as being spiritually lazy, leaving all the work to God and putting our feet up, so to speak.

Constant prayer is fundamental in our work for God and the salvation of souls; "Pray unceasingly" the Bible tells us. We should be constantly praying for the salvation of souls and thinking up ways of helping others get to Heaven.

When we try to help a relative or friend come back to God, let us gauge where they may be at in their lives. Often there can be two very subtly different ways of approaching men and women on this issue.

Men and teenage boys tend to look for a logical explanation to things; they would like clear explanations that make intellectual sense. It is important to direct them to Information. Lumenverum.org is a wonderful site that has a great section, in a question/answer format, that answers all aspects of the Catholic faith succinctly and effectively. (Simply go to the site and click "Resources" and then "Defend the Faith".) All the information in this link is actually contained in a great book by the same name sold at the Marian Valley book store. The author of both the site and the book, Mr Robert Haddad, visited Marian Valley in 2012 and gave a stirring talk on Our Lady as the Ark of the Covenant.

Women and teenage girls tend to be more experience driven; they would like to experience prayer and spirituality, and thus, even though information is most useful for them too, it is important to invite them along to a prayer group, a catholic bible study, introduce them to Catholic friends, and pray with them ourselves.

A most effective way of helping those around us to be stronger in their faith, is for us to actually do the delightful "work" of getting to know our faith and sharing it with those we live and work with. Read some extraordinary lives of the saints, books on the miracles of the saints; these are interesting conversation starters which will fascinate any mind and heart.

In January 2013, Fr Columba started an Evangelium Religious Instruction Course at Marian Valley, for those interested in becoming Catholics. We have around a dozen candidates for the course. The Course will flesh out the beauty of the Catholic faith to prospective converts and takes place each Sunday in the Yellow house meeting room. We have people from all walks of life attending, including Anglicans and Buddhists.

One of the persons in attendance described the fascinating story of how he converted. One of his relatives back in Central Asia was suffering from diabolical possession, and was taken to various witch doctors and magicians, none of whom could help, despite charging an extravagant amount of money. Out of desperation the family decided to take the victim to a Catholic Church, and the priest there prayed over her and released her instantly and no money was exchanged. The extended family in Australia and the immediate family back in Asia, all now want to become Catholics and turn from pagan superstitions!

The whole program will most likely be a wonderful success God willing and bring a good number of people into the fold of Holy Mother Church. Let us remember, we could also be instrumental in helping people discover the beauty of the Catholic faith. All we need to do is to love and get to know our faith, through good reading, and fervent prayer.

The Importance of Testimonies

All testimonies are important for our history, regardless of size and / or content. But we are in God's Time! Make this time count. Put pen to paper. Please send all testimonies to:
Pat Ashton, PO Box 104, Canungra Qld 4275

The Early Days of the Choir

by Daphne Andreas

(Daphne who has just turned 92, and is still a member of the choir, remembers the early days of the choir when it began on Tamborine Mtn).

Our singing Mass started back in 1990 when Fr Janusz was Prior of the Pauline Fathers at Tamborine Mountain. Before this, I can remember quite clearly Bern Foley phoning me many times telling me that we must sing the mass and that there were no singers as yet. John Gott put a notice on the board of the porch of the Church, asking for volunteers for cleaning, catering, reading, typing, gardening and singing. A small singing group got together one evening at Pat Ashton's house, and soon after, each Monday evening we started practicing the music for the following Sunday, in the Church room on ground level where there was a piano.

The group included: Brian & Mary Dwyer, Ken & June Curtis, Dave Curtis, Jan Chalmers, Victoria, Helga, Mary Blanc, Elizabeth, Joan Finnucan, Ailene, Robert, Daphne, Ed (from USA – Army), Pat Ashton, John Gott. We sang Latin motets, some Latin plain chant and English Masses. John Gott played the piano. In 1990, at the first 'Lady's Birthday', the main celebrant was Archbishop Copas with Fr Janusz concelebrating. The choir sang an English Mass composed and conducted by Raymond Curtis and his choir. For the next Birthday in 1991, we had enough singers ourselves. The Archbishop presided at two more masses. When he passed away, the Choir attended his funeral in Toowoomba. He had spent a long time in Papua New Guinea. His coffin was preceded into the church by four Papuan Warriors who did a funeral 'dance'. The funeral was also attended by the Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea and many of his government ministers.

One of our most memorable days was the installation of a copy of the Black Madonna picture in 1996. The original picture has been guarded by the Pauline Fathers since 1382. On the day, Robert had organized a hymn, Our Lady Queen of Poland, with 2 trumpets, trombone and tenor sax. We thought about 300 pilgrims would come. However, we were way out with our estimation of pilgrims, in fact there were several coach loads as well as many who came by car. The Polish pilgrims were delighted to see their miraculous picture placed behind the altar.



The Choir on Our Lady's Birthday on 8th Sept 1996. From Left, back row: Gerry Sannen, Ken Curtis (decd), Brian Dwyer, Anthony Allen (decd) (Daphne's son visiting from England), Bob Andeas. Front left, front row: Daphne Andreas, Sabina Sannen, Pat Ashton, June Curtis, Mary Dwyer, Jan Chalmers (John Gott – organist – in background).

Alter Rails Installed in the Church at Marian Valley Fr Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE



During Mass at St. John Lateran, on May 22, 2008, Pope Benedict XVI began giving Communion to all who received from him, kneeling and on the tongue. His Master of Ceremonies, Monsignor Guido Marini stated that Communion kneeling and on the tongue helps to emphasize "the truth of the Real Presence (of Christ) in the Eucharist, helps the devotion of the faithful, and introduces the sense of mystery more easily." Since that Mass, the practice has become the norm at all Papal Masses.

Many people who come to Marian Valley prefer to receive Holy Communion kneeling and on the tongue. As a pastoral response to the needs of the people, and with a generous donation from a benefactor, I have installed a set of Altar Rails at Marian Valley where people can easily have the choice of receiving Holy Communion standing or kneeling, on the tongue or in the hand.

Australia Day Floods



Marian Valley volunteer Robert Murphy and Br Luke doing repairs along the Stations of the Cross road after the Australia Day floods. Marian Valley received over 800mls of rain in 48 hours.



Fr Anthony and Fr Peter marvel at how the Stations of the Cross survived the landslides and watching Volunteer Tony Ryan working hard on the tractor.

The Chronicles

by Fr Anthony David OSPPE

On Saturday 27th October, around 600 pilgrims from the Filipino community came from the Sunshine Coast, Gold Coast, Brisbane and Toowoomba with their Chaplain Fr Marce Singson for Mass and devotions. Fr Peter concelebrated the Mass.

On Wed 31st October Fr Gabriel arrived for an 8 day stay. This was Father's first time back since his transfer to Penrose Park over 12 months ago and he spent a lot of time catching up with the 'Marian Valley locals'.

Around 160 people attended the 1st Saturday of the month Mass and Devotions on November 3rd. Mass was celebrated by Fr Peter and assisted by Deacon Stephen Hill. After lunch, before Benediction and the devotions, guest speaker, Robert Haddad gave an inspiring talk on "The Blessed Virgin Mary, Ark of the Covenant". Robert is a Catholic Author and Apologist and currently lectures/tutors in Theology at the University of Notre Dame, Sydney.

It was a very special day on Saturday 17th November for the blessing and opening of the St Francis Xavier Chapel. To have St Francis Xavier's relic for the Opening of the Chapel was amazing. We are very grateful that Archbishop Coleridge gave permission for Marian Valley to be included in the itinerary and especially to Michael Humphrey from the Archdiocese office for assisting us, and to Fr Richard Shortall SJ who was the custodian of the relic. It was a very joyful day and as so many pilgrims commented "You could feel the saints' presence".

A special thanks to the Sole and Ongolea families from the Tongan community for organising the music, food and of course the building of the beautiful Chapel.

We were very busy in November as we also had the opening of the Indonesian Chapel, Star of the Sea, with over 350 people attending on Saturday 24th November. The Indonesian Chaplain, Fr Nestor was the main celebrant with five concelebrants from the Indonesian community - Fr Fernandes, Fr Anselino, Fr Adrian, Fr Anthony and Fr Martin, as well as the Pauline Fathers, Fr Anthony and Fr Peter. Deacon James served at the Mass. After Mass, the community served up some delicious Indonesian food.

The next day, Sunday 25th November, over 400 pilgrims from the Korean community celebrated mass with their new Chaplain. After Mass, the community served up some wonderful Korean food.

On Saturday 15th December, the Sicilian Association with their Chaplain celebrated Mass in Italian and English in honour of St Lucy followed by a procession to St Lucy's Chapel. Around 100 people attended.

On Christmas Eve, carols were sung from 11pm followed by the Midnight Mass. The next day, many pilgrims attended the two Christmas masses. On New Years Eve, Fr Columba celebrated a mass of thanksgiving at 7pm, followed by a Eucharistic procession in which Fr Peter carried the Blessed Sacrament along the Stations of the Cross road whilst Fr Columba led the prayers at each Station. The Procession continued to the Fatima Shrine and then returned to the Church for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament till Midnight mass. Many pilgrims commented on how special it was to have a night procession. The next day after the 11am Mass, the Pauline Fathers cooked up a delightful barbeque lunch for all the pilgrims and volunteers present.

On Sunday 13th January, Fr Columba led a 2 week pilgrimage to the Holy Land with 42 Catholic teachers. He came back with several bags of incense and lots of religious items. In the coming months, I am sure we will hear many stories in his homilies.

The Solemnity of St Paul the First Hermit was celebrated on Tuesday 15th January. Fr Peter Zytka was the main celebrant. During a nine day novena leading up to the solemnity, the priests and pilgrims sung together the Hymn to St Paul the First Hermit after each Mass.

On Sunday 27th January, Marian Valley experienced very bad weather and lost power which was not restored till Thursday night. We recorded about 800mls of rain in 48 hours. Wow.....what an experience. Nearly 5 days without power and just so much rain.

On Saturday 11th February it was the Feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes. Fr Columba was the main celebrant. At 1.00pm, Bruce Nickel was the guest speaker and talked on his many travel experiences to Lourdes with his family. Mr Nickel is a retired Barrister and is a member of the State executive committee for NCC (National Civic Council). Following the talk, there was a procession to the Lourdes Grotto. The people then returned to the Church for benediction and individual blessing of each person present, and concluded with the praying of the Divine Mercy. Over 300 people attended and enjoyed the spiritual healing and blessings of the Feast day.



Pilgrims on Lourdes Day

Visit by Br Joseph Maria

- Pauline Order Seminarian

Br Joseph Maria (Michael Buckley) visited Marian Valley in September 2012 whilst on vacation with his family in Brisbane.

Br Joseph Maria is currently in Rome undertaking the first of his five years of studies at the Angelicum. Officially it is called the Pontifical University of St Thomas after St Thomas Aquinas also known as the Angelic Doctor, hence Angelicum.

Br Joseph is living at the monastery attached to the Pauline Fathers parish in Rome with Br Zachary who is in his third year of study.



Fr Columba Macbeth-Green & Brother Joseph Maria

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