



MARY'S ROSE

NEWSLETTER

Pauline Fathers & Rosary Bouquet



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News from 'Marian Valley'

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you all for your very warm welcome.

I arrived at Marian Valley on Monday 4th May 2015 to begin my 3 year appointment as Prior. I have been joined by Fr Michael Szymanski who is the Vicar Provincial of the Pauline Order in Australia and Administrator of Marian Valley, and Fr Anthony David as Sub-Prior of Marian Valley. Br Bruno Kanamis also started here on 20th July 2015. Both Fr Michael and I have spent the past 6 years at the Smithfield Parish in Sydney and Br Bruno has been at Berrima for over 16 years.

It was sad news to hear of the passing of Fr Augustine Lazor who died on Thursday 28th May 2015 in his hometown of Bilgoraj in Poland. Many people will remember him as the founder of Marian Valley back in 1994. He was certainly a great pioneer in the establishment of the Shrines in Australia.

In the past few months we have had some very special guests visit Marian Valley. In May, Archbishop Coleridge was the main celebrant for Our Lady Help of Christians mass. Fr Richard Ho Lung from the Missionaries of the Poor visited us in July. Many will know Fr Richard from his EWTN programs. In August, we had an international speaker Mr Hugh Owen from the Kolbe Centre, USA, giving a talk on Evolution, and for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the main celebrant was Fr Barry Braum from the Missionaries of the Most Holy Eucharist. This Order is based in France. In the first weekend of September, Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE visited and was the main celebrant for Our Lady's Birthday on Saturday and then on Sunday, for Fr Anthony David's 25th anniversary in the priesthood.

Other news worthy of mention was the installation in July of a beautiful statue of Our Lady of Mt Carmel kindly donated by the Italian community. Mario and Mary Napoli, were overjoyed to see their project come to fruition. They were joined by many of the faithful including several dignitaries from interstate and overseas.

First Holy Communion was held on 26th July with 4 boys, Justin Pacis, Michael Crabb, Abhinav Siby and Aeon Siby delighted to receive Jesus Christ for the first time.

I am looking forward to further exciting events in the coming

months. I have introduced Family Day on the 3rd Sunday of each month. It will be a special day of prayer for the families. At the 11am Sunday Mass, married couples who are celebrating their anniversary for the current month, will be invited to renew their marriage vows and receive a special blessing. I encourage all to participate in this special event each month, as I believe it is very appropriate for these times.

May God bless you all,

Fr Oskar Osinski OSPPE
Prior Marian Valley
Canungra



**Br Bruno,
 Fr Oskar,
 Fr Anthony,
 Fr Michael**



Celebrating Fr Anthony's 25 yrs in the priesthood: Martin Dwyer, Brother Joseph, Fr Oskar, Fr Michael McKeaton, Fr Anthony, Bishop Columba, Fr Michael Symanski, Fr Marek, Br Bruno, Tom Dwyer

Opening and Blessing of St Louis de Montfort Chapel

by Theresa Blatchly

On Saturday 2nd May 2015, about 30 people travelled by bus from the Banyo and Nundah parishes for the blessing of the Chapel dedicated to Our Lady of All Hearts and St. Louis Marie de Montfort. After the torrential rain of the previous afternoon, we were presented with a beautiful fine day.

This day was also the Indian Feast of Our Lady of Vailankanni and the First Saturday of the month. The main celebrant for the 11am Mass was Fr Pancras Jordan from the Indian community. After lunch around 1.30pm, during the usual First Saturday Eucharistic procession to the Fatima Chapel, we stopped along the way, where Fr Albert Wasniowski OSPPE opened and blessed the new Chapel of St Louis de Montfort. It was a beautiful ceremony with everyone reading the Consecration to Jesus through Mary.

The inspiration for the Chapel was confirmed by members of a prayer group consecrated through St. Louis de Montfort's True Devotion to Mary, who felt that it had come from God and was supported by the donations, prayers and encouragement given. Today, with God's grace, our little Chapel is there for all who wish to be consecrated to Jesus through Mary.

Our prayer group which was established in 1997, meets once a month. They were convinced that somehow a Chapel was needed for this great Saint and in St Louis de Montfort's words, "for all to love Jesus more perfectly through, with and in Mary"

The prayer card inserted with this edition of Mary's Rose newsletter is of Our Lady Queen of All Hearts and has the Consecration on the back. If you would like to know more, especially about the total Consecration to Jesus through Mary, you may contact Elizabeth on 07 3359 5050 or Ruth 07 3267 5762

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God Bless

Theresa

**Ruth Feeney,
Fr Albert OSPPE,
Theresa Blatchly,
Elizabeth Adams**



Mr Hugh Owen International Speaker

After mass on Sunday 9th August, over 100 people gathered in Our Lady of Mt Carmel meeting room at Marian Valley, to listen to an inspirational talk given by international speaker Mr Hugh Owen on 'Creation, Evolution and Crisis of the Faith'. Hugh is the director of the Kolbe Centre, founded on 8th December 2000 which is a Catholic organisation based in Virginia, United States. Hugh is married with nine children and eleven grandchildren. For the past 20 years, he has been a writer and editor of many books. A big thank you to Nathan for organising this wonderful event.



Mr Hugh Owen

Samoan Choir

It was a joyous occasion on Saturday 27th June 2015 when the Samoan community from the Goodna Parish visited Marian Valley for the 11am Mass. The 35 member Samoan Choir sung beautifully at the Mass, and at reading time there was a procession of the bible by the Samoan readers. At offertory time, the Pauline monks, Fr Oskar and Fr Anthony, as well as the servers, Mark and Bob, were each presented with a colourful lei.

After Mass, everyone was welcomed to join the Samoan Community for lunch, where we all enjoyed fine Samoan food including some tasty fish dishes.

The main celebrant for the Samoan day was Fr Francis Afu, newly ordained priest from Armidale Diocese. It was a coincidence that he chose this day to celebrate his first Mass at Marian Valley. Fr Francis enjoyed the day immensely, commenting that "he really felt at home".



Fr Francis Afu



Samoan Choir



Bob, Fr Anthony OSPPE, Fr Oskar OSPPE, Fr Francis Afu & Mark

Installation of Our Lady of Mt Carmel statue

On Sunday 19th July, following the 12.15pm mass celebrated by Fr Mauro Conte in Italian, a beautiful statue of Our Lady of Mt Carmel was installed in the recently renovated room which has been aptly named Our Lady of Mt Carmel meeting room.

There were several hundred present for the blessing, including many dignitaries. The sculptor Tonino Gaudio was flown in for the installation from Vibo Valentia in Italy. During mass and at the installation of Our Lady of Mt Carmel statue, hymns were played by a brass band which was made up of several young people from the Italian community.

Many thanks to the generous benefactors Mario and Mary Napoli who organized the events for the day and the commissioning of the statue from their hometown in Italy.

**Installation of
Our Lady of
Mt Carmel
statue**



VALE Fr Augustine Lazur OSPPE

8th June 1931 - 28th May 2015

On Thursday 28th May 2015, Fr Augustine Lazur OSPPE passed away in the Bilgoraj Hospital, located in his hometown in Poland. He was 83 years of age. Fr Augustine was born on 8th June 1931 in Kondraty, Poland. He was a Pauline monk for 60 years, and served as a Pauline Priest for 53 years.

Fr Augustine's funeral took place on Tuesday 2nd June 2015 at 11am in the Basilica of Jasna Gora. After Holy Mass, the burial took place at the Cemetery of St Roch in Czestochowa.



Fr Augustine Lazur OSPPE

When Fr Augustine Lazur OSPPE first set foot in Australia in April 1981, he had a mission – to extend the influence of Our Lady of Jasna Gora to yet another country. The icon of Our Lady of Jasna Gora in Poland is under the custodianship of the Order of St Paul the First Hermit and it has, over the centuries, been credited with many miracles.

His aim was to establish a Marian Shrine in Australia. In 1984, with a great deal of faith and the help of countless benefactors, he purchased the property in NSW now known as Penrose Park. In 1989, Fr Augustine came to Tamborine Mountain, and in 1994 founded Marian Valley in Canungra as a more permanent home. On 16th July 2002, he returned to Jasna Gora in Poland, where he continued to serve as Confessor and spiritual director to young Pauline Novices in the Novitiate House in Lesniow, Poland.

In the 1970's, before coming to Australia, Fr Augustine was sent to The National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa located near Doylestown, Pennsylvania USA, which was founded in 1953. Whilst looking through archives, I found this interesting article which appeared in the Daily Intelligencer from Doylestown dated Friday 10 Sept 1976. It read: "When the Rev Augustine Lazur left Poland and came to the United States, he brought with him a craft handed down to him from his grandfather. The Pauline Father is a beekeeper. Fr Augustine started with one hive in 1971 and this grew to 29 hives. Fr Augustine called tending to hundreds of thousands of bees "a way of resting" from his duties at the Shrine. Fr Augustine's first lessons about bees came from his grandfather in Poland when he was about seven years old. He handles the frames from his hives without wearing protective gear and with no apparent concern about being stung."

Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE recalls his seven (7) years of formation of being a novice at Penrose Park NSW in the 1990s under the guidance of Fr Augustine OSPPE. Bishop Columba OSPPE commented: "I believe I owe my religious vocation to our Lady of Jasna Gora and the help and inspiration of Fr Augustine. He was a mentor, guide and a friend. I consider having known this great and holy man as one of the greatest privileges of my life. Those who knew him will always fondly remember him for his humility and great sense of humour."

Many people remember Fr Augustine from the early days at Marian Valley and expressed their sadness when hearing the news. One of the volunteers, Robert Murphy commented: "Fr Augustine seemed to be inspired from above in the way he set about carrying out his duties. No doubt his vision was divine. Marian Valley in the beginning was nothing more than an old farm with lots of rocks and bush yet he was able to point out where all the various facilities would go, such as the Retreat Centre and Chapel. Lo and behold it worked out how he said. At the time, it seemed like an impossible dream. I have no doubt he was working very closely with Our Lady in helping deliver her master plan for Marian Valley."

Vale Fr Gregory Fraser Jordan SJ

13-7-1930 to 19-7-2015

On Sunday 19th July 2015, Marian Valley lost a good friend and supporter; Fr Gregory Jordan SJ passed away in the Wesley Hospital after collapsing during mass at St Ignatius Church in Toowong. Fr Jordan SJ had just celebrated his 85th birthday. He would often visit Marian Valley to celebrate mass and conduct retreats for pilgrims and the religious. Many from Marian Valley attended the funeral mass at St Ignatius' Church in Toowong, including the Pauline monks Fr Oskar, Fr Michael and Br Bruno.



Fr Gregory Jordan SJ at Our Lady's Birthday Mass on 6th Sept 2014

St Mary of the Cross

(Mary MacKillop)

Saturday 8th August 2015 was the Feast of St Mary of the Cross. This year it was decided to celebrate the mass at the Chapel of St Mary the Cross which is located near the large fig tree close to the entrance of the Shrine. Fr Michael Szymanski OSPPE was the main celebrant and was joined by Fr Nicolas Maurice and several pilgrims from the Lismore Diocese.

Also on this day, many pilgrims from the Polish community journeyed to Marian Valley with their Chaplains for their annual pilgrimage. After Mass, lots of Polish food was on the lunch menu including the traditional pierogi.



Mass at the Chapel of St Mary MacKillop

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 Marian Valley, 2541 Beechmont Rd. Witheren, Qld 4275

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.

Br Luke McKay OSPPE Farewell

Excerpts from speech by Robyn Maciejewski
Sunday 24th May 2015

It is a sad day for the Valley! And I strongly suspect a sad day for Brother Luke OSPPE. For we are losing a good man that we have all known and come to love over the last 9 years. We are not just losing a Pauline brother, but we are losing a friend, a mate, a member of the family, the Shrine tour guide, a comedian, and a jolly hard worker.

He makes sure the early morning Mass goes well and truly awake as he exercises his rich deep vocal chords in the chapel, and we will all miss that hearty merry chuckle as he entertains the many people who seek his company over meals in the canteen.

He will leave behind a trail of “girlfriends”, all those ladies over 70, whose lives were brightened by his visits on his days off. They will miss him.

The altar servers too will miss him. Over the years he has trained a generation of altar servers to be confident in not only the duties of assisting the priest at Mass but in their own knowledge and love of the Catholic faith. And this is where Brother Luke OSPPE shines. In the love of his faith which he is anxious to share with people of all nationalities and backgrounds who come here. So strong is it in fact, that he has been known to express the desire to go to Ramadan in Mecca to convert all the doers and unbelievers.

When Brother Luke OSPPE has gone on holidays in the past it was not a matter of who would replace him but how many. The many areas in which he worked—the chapel, the setting up for all the liturgical celebrations, the work in the grounds, the candles, the ringing of the Angelus bell, and many other day to day activities which kept many of us on our toes. But his sense of duty and reverence has been foremost. He loves his vocation and that has been obvious to all.

And so yes, it will be a sad day for the Valley when he leaves us in June. Gone will be his laughter, his voice, the first Friday prayer nights, it will never be the same without him, so too the buggy rides, the Saturday night get togethers, all the simple things that we have enjoyed with him.

Thank you for all you have done here Brother Luke. We send our love, prayers and very best wishes with you to Berrima as you begin yet another chapter in your life's journey. We won't be forgetting you in a hurry.

May God bless you and be always with you.



Fr Albert Wasniowski OSPPE & Br Luke McKay OSPPE

Fr Oskar Osinski
OSPPE,
Fr Richard Ho Lung,
Fr Ambrose, Fr Henry,
Tom Dwyer,
Adam Moodley,
Fr Anthony David
OSPPE



Fr Albert Wasniowski OSPPE

Farewell

Excerpts from speech by
Robyn Maciejewski

Sunday 3rd May 2015

How quickly time passes! Today my mind goes back 18 years to when I first met Fr. Albert here, fresh from Poland when he couldn't speak a word of English. Well, as the saying goes a lot of water has passed under the bridge since then and today marks the end of yet another chapter of Fr. Albert's remarkable achievements in his relatively short space of time in Australia.

Not only has he mastered the English language which is difficult enough, he took on the role of Acting Prior here upon Bishop Columba's departure whilst still serving as Provincial of the Order and Parish Priest at Merrylands in Sydney. For the best part of 12 months he has juggled these demanding roles without turning a hair - or so it seems. He has made the job look easy.

Father, as well, you have given much more to us: A listening ear, a caring heart, a helping hand, a cheering smile, a sense of humour, an air of creativity. You have brightened the world for many who sought your counsel.

We now know that you are headed to a cooler climate – the fans and air conditioners may be soon replaced by oil and gas heaters as you head off to your new Parish of Dromana in Melbourne. From one extremity to another. However, whatever the weather, we know that you will serve that parish to your utmost, just as you have done here.

Father, from all at Marian Valley, we thank you most sincerely as we say farewell to you today or for a touch of my bad Polish –

Dziękuję ojciec niech cie bog błogosławi

Farewell Father and may God bless you.

Visit by Fr Richard Ho Lung

On Sunday 12th July at the 11am Mass, mass goes at Marian Valley were privileged to have three special concelebrants from the Missionaries of the Poor, Fr Richard Ho Lung (homilist), Fr Ambrose Kulandairaj (main celebrant) and Fr Henry, along with Fr Oskar Osinski OSPPE from Marian Valley.

On an extremely cold day, around 200 people attended the mass. Parts of the Mass were sung by Wynton Williams who sings Fr Ho Lung's songs and gave the Mass a uniquely Jamaican atmosphere. After lunch, Fr Richard Ho Lung gave an inspirational talk which included details about his Order, the Missionaries of the Poor. Fr Richard, formerly a Jesuit priest, university professor and a former Buddhist founded the Missionaries of the Poor in the slums of Kingston, Jamaica in 1981. Missionaries of the Poor, which has 560 brothers, currently runs missions in Jamaica, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Kenya, the Philippines, Uganda, the USA and more recently East Timor. The brothers live and work in the poorest areas with the homeless and destitute, visiting prisoners, feeding the hungry, housing the homeless, caring for street children and the sick, including HIV/AIDS and leprosy patients. Fr Richard Ho Lung regularly appears on EWTN, including hosting his own program.

Since March 2011, Missionaries of the Poor Sisters were formed, and there are now around 50 Sisters. On 26th April 2015, Missionaries of the Poor became the first-ever Religious Order in the Caribbean to be elevated by the Vatican to an Institute of Pontifical Right. Institutes of Pontifical Right report directly to the Pope who has general oversight on matters including those that are constitutional. This compares to Institutes of Diocesan Right that are governed by bishops. For More information, contact Missionaries of the Poor Brisbane Associates. Website: www.missionariesofthepoor.org or email mopbrisbaneassociates@hotmail.com or phone 0408 643 068