



# MARY'S ROSE NEWSLETTER

Pauline Fathers & Rosary Bouquet



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## *News from 'Marian Valley'*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

At baptism through Grace, we share in the priesthood of Christ. This is called the common priesthood of the baptised, as opposed to the ministerial priesthood which is shared through ordination.

What does this common priesthood mean for us, the baptised? Well, a priest is someone who offers something in sacrifice. Christ, our High Priest, offered Himself as a sacrifice to save us. We can exercise our common priesthood through prayer, by offering God a 'sacrifice of praise'. We can also offer our sufferings in union with Our Lord's suffering. We can also offer our good works.

At Marian Valley, there are many volunteers who assist in running and maintaining Marian Valley and looking after the needs of pilgrims that come here. Some people give a lot of time and labour, whilst others have less time and labour to offer. It is not the amount of work that our volunteers do that determines whether they are exercising their baptismal priesthood, but the love and intention they have in making their offering.

If a person works at Marian Valley or at any other church and only do it so that people may praise them for their generosity, or they do it with the expectation of public thanks, or do it for a position of power or influence, or for material or egotistical rewards, then they are doing these works for themselves and not really for God. To exercise baptismal priesthood the offering (good work and time) must be offered to God (it can be offered through the hands of Mary). It should be offered with love, not expecting acknowledgment or any earthly reward.

Our marvellous volunteers do their good works for God through the hands of the Blessed Virgin Mary and in exercising their baptismal priesthood with love and often with self-sacrifice they become more like Christ. I would like to invite you all to exercise your baptismal priesthood by offering some of your time and labour to a church.

Maybe you have not thought about doing volunteer work as a means of exercising your baptismal priesthood, so I would like to encourage you to offer, if you are still able, some of your time and labour to your church.

Over the last few weeks, our volunteers at Marian Valley have certainly had a "huge" opportunity to exercise their

baptismal priesthood!!!!

We had the great honour of having the Most Reverend Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane, come to Marian Valley for his first visit. The Archbishop was the principal celebrant for Our Lady's Birthday celebrations which was attended by over 600 pilgrims.

The Archbishop was very impressed with Marian Valley, particularly with the amount of preparation and hard work that was put in by the volunteers to have the Shrine looking so beautiful and to ensure the pilgrims' needs were so well looked after.

The Archbishop thoroughly enjoyed his time at Marian Valley and has expressed his desire to return here in the near future.

May God continue to bless you for all your support, both spiritual and material.

You will always remain in our prayers.

**Fr Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE**



**Archbishop Coleridge was the main celebrant for the mass of Our Lady's Birthday, on 7th September**



# The Chronicles

by Fr. Anthony David OSPPE

Over the Easter weekend, hundreds of pilgrims came to pray at the Altar of Repose, which was set up on Holy Thursday night in the Mary Help of Christians Chapel for 2 days, lit up with lots of candles and flowers.

On Good Friday, around 3000 pilgrims came to Marian Valley throughout the day to pray the Stations of the Cross, many coming with their ethnic groups. Fr Columba and Fr Anthony heard confessions for most of the day. At 3.00pm, Fr Columba led the prayers for the Stations of the Cross and then returned to preside at the Good Friday liturgy in the main Chapel.

On Sunday, 7th April, was Divine Mercy Sunday. Around 650 pilgrims came for the mass which was celebrated by Fr Columba. After lunch he gave a spiritual talk followed by Eucharistic procession, and then returned to the main Chapel for the blessing of each person with the Blessed Sacrament. Several priests heard confession for most of the day, including Fr Rafal from Nerang parish, Fr Damian (the Army Chaplain), Fr Dom and Fr Anthony.

Fr Adrian Sharp, Associate Judicial Vicar at the Regional Tribunal of Brisbane, was the main Celebrant for the Solemnity of Mary Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia, on Saturday 18th May. Around 500 pilgrims attended Mass, and after lunch there was a procession to the Mary Help of Christians Chapel followed by Benediction.

On Corpus Christi Sunday, 2nd June, Fr Columba celebrated the 11.00am mass followed by the Solemn Eucharistic procession to the Four Altars, with around 140 pilgrims.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge was the main Celebrant for Our Lady's Birthday on Saturday 7th September whose homily was inspirational and uplifting. It was a beautiful sunny day, with around 600 pilgrims present, many arriving on busses from the Gold Coast and Ipswich area.



Pilgrim praying on Good Friday at The Repose set up in Mary Help Of Christians Chapel



Eucharistic procession on Divine Mercy Sunday



At the 3rd altar on the Corpus Christi procession

## Ouch!!

Fr Columba is recovering from a cycling accident in which he shattered his scapula (bone forming back of shoulder) on 29th August. This will slow him down for a while, as Doctors advise that it will be at least 6 weeks before he will begin feeling a little better.



## Entering the Faith

On Sunday 1st September, it was certainly a joyous occasion at Marian Valley for several people who were received into the faith. Over the past 8 months, after mass each Sunday, Max Chong, Nick Perera and his wife Piumi and children Neja and Bridget attended the RCIA program, together with many of the Marian Valley people who came along to support the new candidates and to also learn more about their faith. The program was based on the EVANGELIUM, a multimedia course in the Catholic faith, with Fr Columba providing valuable input at discussion time. Each session was recorded which was very handy if anyone was unable to attend.

Thanks to John Moran for providing the program and equipment, Robert Murphy for co-ordinating the sessions and Pat Ashton for recording each session.



Piumi, Bridget, Fr Columba, Nick, Neja and Max



# Universal Rosary Bouquet

Regina O'Shaunessey

After 19 years working for the Universal Rosary Bouquet, Regina O'Shaunessey has decided to retire as the main co-ordinator. Over this period, many thousands of Scapulars and well over 100,000 Rosaries have been made and distributed throughout the world. Many have also been distributed to schools, hospitals and prisons in Australia.

This work was begun at the request of Margaret Foley in 1993, when she asked Tony Kissane to contact Regina to ask her if she could start making Rosaries for the Universal Rosary Bouquet. This was followed by making Scapulars. Regina was able to recruit many others along the way, who have kept this wonderful work going in Honour of Our Blessed Mother, even though lately, they have been experiencing difficulties in procuring the supplies needed and the volunteers to help make the Rosaries and Scapulars.

## Gail Shorthouse

From 6th July 2013, the role as co-ordinator of the Universal Rosary Bouquet was handed over to Gail Shorthouse. Gail and her husband Kevin live at Marian Valley and are valuable volunteers at the shrine.

Fr Columba fully endorsed this move, "From the beginning, the Universal Rosary Bouquet has had a connection to Marian Valley and the Pauline Fathers, and this wonderful work has truly been a great powerful prayer in spreading the Rosary throughout many countries in Honour of Our Blessed Mother."

On Saturday 7th September, Marian Valley celebrated the feast of Our Lady's Birthday. Gail and her helpers set up an information tent which proved to be very popular, "We received many enquiries and I hope we will be able to recruit lots of helpers. I am very excited about this project".

Gail and Kevin and their family of four daughters and one son have spent many years doing missionary work in Papua New Guinea. "In July 2012 we moved to Marian Valley to assist with the work of the Shrine which we love doing. Many Pilgrims come here from all over the world and it is a pleasure showing them the many Marian Shrines throughout the property. Doing this work is very rewarding and will assist us in connecting with the Universal Rosary Bouquet people."

Anyone interested in being a Rosary or Scapular Maker, or may wish to make a donation, can contact Gail on ph. 07-55 333 378 or write to PO Box 104, Canungra Qld 4275 or email [rosarybouquet@bigpond.com](mailto:rosarybouquet@bigpond.com)



Regina O'Shaunessey, Gail and Kevin Shorthouse outside the new home of the Universal Rosary Bouquet office at Marian Valley with Fr Columba

## COLUMBARIUM

A columbarium is being constructed in the grounds of Marian Valley, and has been beautifully located at the end of the Stations of the Cross Road, near the Resurrection statue.

As Fr Columba explained, "We receive lots of requests from family and friends about the burial of ashes. It is important to have a Columbarium as it is a place for the respectful storage of urns holding a deceased's cremated remains."

As stated in the Order of Christian funeral 417:

*"The cremated remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. The Practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping cremated remains in the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires. Whenever possible, appropriate means for recording with dignity the memory of the deceased should be adopted, such as a plaque or stone which records the name of the deceased."*

All enquiries for a niche in the columbarium should be directed to the Marian Valley office – Mrs Narelle King - ph. 07-55 333 617 or via email to [marianvalley@bigpond.com](mailto:marianvalley@bigpond.com)

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

*May they rest in peace.*

*May the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God,  
rest in peace. AMEN.*



Fr Columba with Br. Luke discussing the landscaping of the columbarium site with Tony Ryan, Theo Jorno and Robert Murphy

## November Mass Intentions for the Holy Souls

November is a special month of the year for prayers for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

*"It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins"* (2 Mac.12:46).

"From the beginning the Church has honoured the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The Church also commends alms-giving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1032.)

Remember that the Church teaches us how to put into practice mercy to our fellow man in the seven Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. The seventh Spiritual Work of Mercy is to pray for the living and the dead.

The Pauline Fathers will be accepting offerings for November Masses to be said for the Intentions of 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.

## Aloisio Sole

(26/5/1965 - 11/5/2013)

A memorial service was held at the St Francis Xavier Chapel, Marian Valley on Tuesday 21st May 2013, for Aloisio Sole who passed away at the age of 48 after suffering several months from pancreatic cancer. He is survived by his wife Salote and their 6 children Nua, Sia, Simi, Sione, Junior and Maliana. Fr Columba Macbeth-Green celebrated the Mass with many of the Tongan community attending, including his 6 brothers and 2 sisters from Hawaii, Tonga and NZ, as well as the Pauline Community and many of the Marian Valley volunteers.

Who will forget the opening of the St Francis Xavier Chapel on 17th Nov 2012, with the claps of thunder, with the arrival of St Francis relic and the joyous singing by the Tongan



choir. Aloisio and his family, with the assistance of fellow Tongans, including his good friend Tito and his family, spent over 12 months building the beautiful Chapel. Aloisio's dedication to the project was amazing, as well as helping with the organizing on open day.

As Fr Columba mentioned in his homily at the memorial service, "Aloisio would undoubtedly have been met by this great saint and friend St Francis Xavier ....."

\*\*\* RIP \*\*\*

**Aloisio Sole and Fr Columba on the opening of St Francis Xavier Chapel - 17th Nov 2012**

## Farewell to Fr Peter

On Sunday 3rd March 2013, Fr Peter said his farewells to all the Marian Valley locals, as he departed to take up his temporary new role assisting the Merrylands Parish in the Parramatta Diocese. Fr Peter had been at Marian Valley since he was ordained 2 years ago.



**"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 \$25 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, daily Mass, shrines and Adoration chapel, makes the Centre ideal for retreats."

**Contact details for all Retreat Centre enquires:**

**Ph/fax: 07 5533 3378 or**

**Email: [marianretreat@bigpond.com](mailto:marianretreat@bigpond.com)**

## Two Day Workshop held at Marian Valley

Hundreds of pilgrims attended a 2 day workshop at Marian Valley on the weekend of 15-16 June 2013 which was conducted by Fr David Nugent and Seminarian Barry Braum from The Missionaries of the Most Holy Eucharist. Each day began at 9am with Meditation and Exposition, then Rosary and Mass. After lunch, Meditation with Exposition continued till 4pm. The talks by Fr David and Brother Barry focused on Christ's Passion and His Resurrection.

Kate Hobbs, the organizer of the tour to Australia by the Missionaries of the Most Holy Eucharist, said that "there had been a tremendous increase of interest in Perpetual Adoration over the 4 weeks of visiting various parishes".

One of the pilgrims, Ros Jorno, said that the workshop was something that she had never been to before and the talks were so inspiring, and was praying that this would become an annual event.

The Missionaries of the Most Holy Eucharist is a new Clerical Association set up in the diocese of Frejus-Toulon in the South of France, with the mission to promote Perpetual Adoration in parishes and dioceses throughout the world. For further information, you may contact Kate Hobbs on mobile no. 0414 258 996



**Kate Hobbs, Fr David Nugent, Fr Columba Macbeth-Green & Br. Barry Braum**

### 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 Marian Valley, 2541 Beechmont Rd. Witheren, Qld 4275***

### 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:

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