



# MARY'S ROSE NEWSLETTER

Pauline Fathers & Rosary Bouquet



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## *News from 'Marian Valley'*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The 2018 Marian Valley Calendar of Events has been published and is now available. Ensure you place a copy of the events calendar on your fridge door. It is certainly a packed program for next year, and it will once again be a very busy year for the monks and volunteers at Marian Valley.

We have several Community groups joining the program next year and who are currently planning and building their new Chapels. These include Papua New Guinea, East Timorese, Chinese, Japanese (Confraternity of Our Lady of Akita), Mother Teresa of Calcutta and St Philomena.

It has been an eventful past few months. In March, Archbishop Coleridge was the main celebrant for my installation as Rector and Prior of Marian Valley which for me was a most joyful occasion.

However, a few weeks later Marian Valley was hit badly by the devastating floods that hit South East Queensland. It was hard to believe that we could recover, but by the Grace of God and Our Lady, St Joseph and the angels and saints, the monks and volunteers worked hard to restore Marian Valley in readiness for Good Friday and the Easter celebrations.

One week later, it was Divine Mercy Sunday and the main celebrant was the Apostolic Nuncio of Australia, Most Rev. Adolfo Tito Yilana. He returned on the 8th July for the blessing of the foundation stone at the site of the PNG Chapel of Bl. Peter To Rot.

Bishop Joseph Oudeman 'brushed up' on his Italian, to be the main celebrant for the Feast of Our Lady of Mt Carmel. This day is organized by the Italian community each year.

We have had lots of other wonderful events. In April, the Oceanian community opened and blessed their chapel and statue of St Peter Chanel. In May, hundreds of Eastern Christians from Brisbane came together at Marian Valley to be joined by Iraqi Archbishop Georges Casmoussa to pray for peace in their homeland.

In these times there always seems to be much negativity in the media about the church, however, I believe there are many positive aspects. In June, ten children made their First Holy Communion at Marian Valley. In July, we had one of our past

parishioners newly ordained Fr Trevor Tibbertsma celebrate his first Mass at Marian Valley. In August, the Pauline Fathers were blessed to have Br Joseph Maria Buckley OSPPE take his solemn profession of vows and will be ordained to the priesthood next year.

Finally, I would like to thank Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE who once again was the main celebrant for Our Lady's Birthday on 2nd September. Although he has a large Diocese to manage (Wilcannia-Forbes NSW), he still continues his wonderful connection with the people and the events of Marian Valley.

May God strengthen you with his graces and blessings,

**Fr Albert Wasniowski OSPPE**  
**Rector**  
**Marian Valley Canungra**



**Archbishop Coleridge congratulates  
Fr Albert Wasniowski OSPPE**

### **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**

**November Mass Intentions.** November is a special month of the year to pray 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.



## Installation Mass – Fr Albert Wasniowski OSPPE

On Sunday 12th March, Most Rev. Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane, officiated at the mass for the Installation and Blessing of Fr Albert Wasniowski OSPPE, as Rector of the Archdiocesan Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians, Marian Valley.

Representatives from the Pauline Order Fr Jaroslaw Zan OSPPE, Provincial Superior and Fr Richard Green OSPPE, Consultor of the Province and Parish Priest of Moss Vale Parish, flew from Sydney to attend the ceremony.

It was a joyful day and the Archbishop was very pleased. He said that Fr Albert's role will be a busy one, and his position will carry many responsibilities because Marian Valley is an important place of pilgrimage for the Archdiocese and members of the wider community.

Around 250 pilgrims travelled to Marian Valley for the installation which was held during the 11am Sunday mass. Afterwards refreshments were served providing an opportunity for pilgrims to congratulate Fr Albert OSPPE and to mingle with the Archbishop and fellow parishioners.



**Archbishop Mark Coleridge assisting Fr Albert Wasniowski OSPPE with the cutting of the cake**



**Fr Richard Green OSPPE, Fr Brian Phippen (Army Chaplain), Fr Jaroslaw Zan OSPPE, Fr Isidore Enyinnaya (Nerang PP), Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Jerome Moodley, Martin Dwyer, Fr Albert Wasniowski OSPPE, Adam Moodley, Mark McHale, Br Bruno Kanamis, Fr Jan Bialasiewicz (Southport PP), Fr Anthony David OSPPE**

## EASTER CEREMONIES 2017

### Good Friday

From 7am, thousands of pilgrims arrived during Good Friday at Marian Valley to pray the Stations of the Cross. Many came with their community. It is always an amazing sight to witness so many pilgrims making the journey along the Stations of the Cross during this day.



**Stations of the Cross on Good Friday**

### Divine Mercy

Around 700 pilgrims attended the Feast of the Divine Mercy on Sunday 23rd April. The main celebrant was the Apostolic Nuncio of Australia, Most Rev. Adolfo Tito Yilana, who flew in from Canberra to stay for a couple of days.

The program included Holy Hour, Mass before lunch, spiritual talk at 1.30pm, and Eucharistic procession along the Stations of the Cross Road.

Dr Wanda Skowronska, who is a Catholic educational psychologist and author, living and working mainly in Sydney, conducted the spiritual talk. The topic of her talk was the 'Spiritual Adoption of an Unborn'.

The day ended with individual blessings and the singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet.



**Tom Dwyer, Fr Albert Wasniowski OSPPE, Br Lawrence, Archbishop Adolfo Tito Yilana, Mark McHale, Adam Moodley, Br John, Br Bruno, Martin Dwyer, Jerome Moodley**



**Enjoying lunch on Divine Mercy Sunday - Leslie, Fr Anthony OSPPE, Anne Roberts, Wanda Skowronska, Robyn Maciejewski**

## FLOODS

On Thursday 30th March, ex-cyclone Debbie dumped 800mls (32inches) of rain within 24 hours at Marian Valley causing much damage. This produced massive washouts on the roadways and landslips along the Stations of the Cross Road with some damage to the statues. Unfortunately, the bad weather happened 2 weeks before Good Friday when thousands of pilgrims travel to Marian Valley each year to pray the Stations of the Cross.

However, thanks to the efforts of hard working Volunteers, most of the repairs were completed in time for Good Friday. Miraculously, there was no damage to the buildings and the Chapels.



**Damage at Station 12**



**Damage at Station 3**



**Volunteers repairing Station 8 - Robert Murphy, Br Bruno and Marko**



## Our Lady's Birthday

On 2nd September around 600 pilgrims made the journey to Marian Valley to celebrate the 28th anniversary of Our Lady's Birthday by the Pauline Fathers in Queensland. Pilgrims arrived on busses from Ipswich, Toowoomba and the Gold Coast.

The main celebrant, Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE greeted everyone in his usual cheerful way. During his homily, he spoke about the power of the Rosary, particularly during these times of social upheaval. After lunch, Bishop Columba OSPPE and Fr Anthony OSPPE led the Eucharistic procession to the Fatima Grotto.

### BISHOP COLUMBA

We pray for Bishop Columba OSPPE as he prepares to join a 250km bike ride in Cambodia to raise funds and to meet communities being supported by Catholic Mission in Australia. The 12 day ride, from 15 – 26 November, will be tough, particularly in a tropical climate, but stresses the importance of first-hand experience of the Catholic Mission work, of which he is the liaison bishop. As Bishop Columba says: "Prayer is going to have to help me through it." You may sponsor Bishop Columba by donating online at the following website: [catholicmission.org.au/inspiredadventures](http://catholicmission.org.au/inspiredadventures)



**Back row: Bea Westcott, Br Brendon Seeto, Fr Kevin Njoku, Bishop Columba OSPPE, Mark McHale, Martin Dwyer, Fr Anthony OSPPE Peter Walker, Gabby Walker and the flowergirls**

## Fr Trevor Tibbertsma

On Sunday 23 July 2017, newly ordained Fr Trevor Tibbertsma celebrated mass at Marian Valley.

Fr Trevor offered a reverent mass with incense and beautifully sung incantations. In his sermon, he thanked the congregation for their prayer support. He mentioned his vocation was inspired, in part, by the orthodoxy at Marian Valley. Fr Trevor ended his homily with the Blessed Mother's words "Pray, Pray, Pray". One parishioner commented, "Fr Trevor celebrated the mass as if he had said mass at the Shrine 100 times before!"

Fr Trevor grew up on the Gold Coast and Tamborine Mountain area, often attending mass at Marian Valley with his family. Fr Trevor is the youngest and only son of Tony and Rhonda's five children, oldest sister Rebecca, and then triplet sisters of Janelle, Anita and Pauline. Tony is a regular and much valued volunteer at Marian Valley.

Fr Trevor was ordained a Deacon at St Peter's in Rome for the Archdiocese of Melbourne, on 29 September 2016, and was ordained to the priesthood at St Patrick's Cathedral in Melbourne on Saturday 24 June 2017. Some Marian Valley parishioners travelled to Melbourne for the Ordination.

Please pray daily for many more vocations to the priesthood.



**Fr Trevor Tibbertsma blessing Marian Valley Volunteer, Mick Kent**

## Br Joseph Maria Buckley OSPPE

Around 200 family and friends gathered at Marian Valley on Saturday 5th August 2017 to witness Br Joseph Maria Buckley OSPPE take his Solemn Perpetual Profession of Religious Vows.

The Provincial of the Pauline Community, Fr Jaroslaw Zan OSPPE was the main celebrant, and was assisted by Fr Albert Wasniowski OSPPE, the Vicar of the Province. Also concelebrating at the mass was Fr Anthony David OSPPE, Fr Gabriel Taylor OSPPE, Fr Kevin Njoku – Beaudesert Parish, Fr Jan Bialasiewicz – Southport Parish, Fr Paul Chandler, Fr James O'Donoghue and Fr Mark from Sydney. Also serving at mass was Br Bruno Kanamis OSPPE, Br Luke McKay OSPPE, Brother Brendon Seeto and Mark McHale.

Originally from Brisbane, Br Joseph Maria's family has attended mass at Marian Valley for many years and is one of 5 children to Anthony and Pauline Buckley. The mass was a family affair; his younger sister Eloise beautifully sang the Litany of the Saints, his brother Matthew read the 1st Reading and his sister Caitlin read the second reading. Br Joseph Maria's eldest sister Megan Huynh and his Aunt and Godmother Madonna McGreevy took up the Offertory gifts.

On Saturday 26 August 2017, Br Joseph Maria was ordained a Deacon at Penrose Park NSW by Most Rev. Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE – Bishop of Wilcannia-Forbes Diocese.



**Br Joseph Maria**



**Fr James, Fr Mark, Fr Anthony, Fr Kevin, Fr Albert, Fr Paul, Br Brendon, Br Joseph Maria, Mark McHale, Fr Jaroslaw, Fr Gabriel, Fr Jan, Br Luke**

### 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 Hermit,  
6 Justin St, Smithfield NSW 2164



## First Holy Communion

On Sunday 25th June, it was a very joyful day for 10 children who received First Holy Communion. Kiara, Sophie, Himaya, Eve, Sylvia, Emma, Paulo, Amelia, Xavier and Francis thoroughly enjoyed the day. It is wonderful to see the children beautifully dressed for Our Lord. A big thank you to the co-ordinator Mrs Kara Ward. First Holy Communion will again be held on Sunday 5th Nov 2017.



## Pilgrimage by Eastern Christians

On Sunday 28th May 2017, Christians from the Eastern Churches that are based in Brisbane united in a pilgrimage to Marian Valley to offer mass and prayers for peace in the Middle East and Egypt, and to particularly pray for the persecuted Christians in their region.

Pilgrims from the Maronite, Melkite, Syriac and Greek Orthodox communities went in procession with a statue of Our Lady to their Chapel, led by the Melkite parish priest Fr Elie Francis and the Maronite parish priest Fr Fadi Salame.

Iraqi Archbishop Basile Georges Casmoussa, from the Syriac Catholic Church, celebrated the Mass in the Aramean dialect of Edessa, or Syriac, which was also the language spoken by Jesus Christ.

Traditionally, Maronites celebrate the mass in Jesus' native language Aramaic, while a Melkite Rite mass is said in formal Arabic, and the Syriac Rite liturgy is in Syriac, a dialect of Aramaic.

All four Eastern churches have their origins in the Middle East through the Byzantine rite, which is in full communion with the Pope and the Catholic Church.

**History:** On 17 January 2005, Archbishop Basile Georges Casmoussa was abducted from outside his church in Iraq. Pope John Paul II prayed for his release. The Archbishop was freed 24 hours after being kidnapped at gunpoint.

Archbishop Basile Georges Casmoussa was born on 25 October 1938 in Karakoche, Iraq. He entered the "Institute of St John the beloved" seminary in Mosul-Iraq, run by the Dominican Fathers, where he undertook his studies in philosophy and theology. He was ordained a priest on 10 June 1962. On 8 May 1999 the Synod of the Syrian Church elected him as Archbishop of Mosul-Iraq, an office he held until June 2010. In January 2014 he was appointed as apostolic visitor for Syro-Catholic faithful in Western Europe, and on 22 June 2017, it was announced on Vatican Radio that Bishop Casmoussa has been appointed as apostolic visitor for Syro-Catholic faithful in Australia and New Zealand.



Archbishop Basile Georges Casmoussa with Fr Albert SPPE

## Oceanian Chapel

On the 29th April 2017, the Chapel and Statue of St Peter Chanel was opened and blessed by Fr 'Alatini Kolofo'ou and Fr Albert OSPPE.

The Chapel has been dedicated to the Oceanian communities which consists of a region comprising of all the neighbouring islands of Australia. The statue of St Peter Chanel has been beautifully sculptured from sandstone by a local artist.



Br Bruno, Mark McHale, Fr Anthony, Fr Albert, Fr Chris Katsori (PNG), Fr 'Alatini Kolofo'ou (Tonga), Fr 'Epati Tamati (Samoan), Fr 'Ekuasi Manu (Tonga), Br Lawrence, Br John

## Fatima Day

All are invited to make a pilgrimage to Marian Valley as we honour Our Lady in a special way on the 13th of each month. This year Friday 13 October marks the centenary of the last apparition of Our Lady of Fatima and the miracle of the sun. The program for the day will be 10am Holy Hour, 11am Mass, lunch followed by 1pm Eucharistic procession, devotions and benediction.

### Indulgence for 100 year Fatima Anniversary

For the 100th anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal, Pope Francis has granted a plenary indulgence, beginning 27 November 2016 and ending on 26 November 2017.



There are 3 ways to obtain the indulgence (as well as the ordinary conditions of Confession, Communion and Prayers for the Holy Father's intentions):

1. Make a pilgrimage to the Shrine in Fatima, Portugal and participate in a celebration or prayer dedicated to the Virgin.
2. Pray before any statue of Our Lady of Fatima. The second way applies to, "the pious faithful who visit with devotion a statue of Our Lady of Fatima solemnly exposed for public veneration in any church, oratory or proper place during the days of the anniversary of the apparitions, that is, the 13th of each month from May to October (2017), and there devoutly participate in some celebration or prayer in honor of the Virgin Mary." The faithful must also pray an Our Father, recite the Creed and invoke Our Lady of Fatima.
3. For the elderly and infirm, these individuals can pray in front of a statue of Our Lady of Fatima, and must spiritually unite themselves to the jubilee celebrations on the days of the apparitions, that is, the 13th of each month from May to October 2017. They also must "offer to merciful God with confidence, through Mary, their prayers and sufferings or the sacrifices they make in their own lives."

### Fatima Prayer

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of thy mercy. Amen.

## PNG Chapel

The Papuan New Guinean Community is very excited about establishing a Chapel at Marian Valley in honour of Bl. Peter To Rot. On 8 July 2017, Mass was celebrated by the Apostolic Nuncio of Australia, Most Rev. Adolfo Tito Yilana, followed by a procession to the site of the Chapel of Bl. Peter To Rot for the blessing of the foundation stone.

Most Rev. Adolfo Yilana spent four years in PNG and can speak fluent pidgin which enabled him to say parts of the mass in their native language.

Spokesman for the PNG community, Sean Seeto said, "The community is very enthusiastic and members are working hard to raise funds for the Chapel."

The PNG Community will celebrate their annual mass on the second Sunday in July. The feast day for Bl. Peter To Rot is the 7th July.



Procession to the site of Bl. Peter To Rot