

Christmas Party 2017

The Marian Valley annual Christmas party was once again a great success. Following the 4pm Mass on Sunday 10th December, around 70 volunteers and supporters enjoyed a wonderful relaxing time together.

Chef Clancy from Catering Professionals Nerang, and his assistants Max and Kim who are Marian Valley volunteers, cooked another superb Christmas dinner.



Ros & Theo Jorna enjoying the entertainment



Christmas dinner buffet



Tony Ryan 'The Entertainer'

MC and Comedian Tony Ryan was once again in good form, showing off his wit. Robyn Maciejewski entertained the people by reciting some humorous poetry, and talented Roger Munsie and his mates played some popular tunes to sing along to. Serge, Josette, Joe and Marie worked tirelessly with the lucky door prizes, whilst Tom Dwyer and Jerome Moodley took on the role of barmen.

Fr Albert OSPPE thanked the volunteers, supporters and their families for their hard work and generosity.



Fr Albert OSPPE welcoming everyone



Enjoying the Christmas party

Eucharistic Procession

One of the unique features at Marian Valley is whenever there is a Eucharistic procession, it is led by young people who are always beautifully dressed.

This tradition began primarily thanks to Ray Keating and his wife Patricia (now deceased), and their daughter Gabby Walker and her family Shawn, Jacinta, Lauren and Peter. The Keating clan and their many friends have all 'pitched in' over the years to prepare the children for the procession. This role has become a family tradition.

It is humbling and marvellous to witness the work of loyal volunteers. When asked to comment on this, Gabby said, "I love doing this job. It is so rewarding. It is amazing how the girls and boys love 'dressing up'." Her son Peter has taken on other roles as well and is often called on to be a Canopy Carrier. Ray Keating, who is close on 92 years of age, still shows no sign of slowing down and giving up his role of assisting Gabby.

Other volunteers also assist Gabby, in particular Bea Westcott and Anne Roberts, who have helped out for many years on feast days as it does get quite hectic.

Overall, they all do a wonderful job and their beautiful presentation adds a reverence to the Mass at Marian Valley.



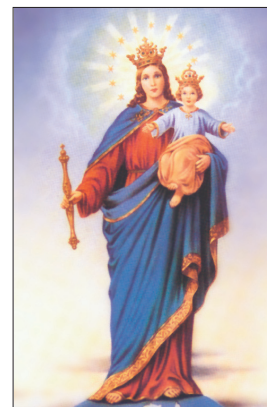
Procession flower girls with Ray Keating, Peter Walker, Gabby Walker and Bea Westcott



Bishop Columba OSSPE with Gabby Walker, Ray Keating, Peter Walker and Bea Westcott and the Procession flower girls at the mass for Our Lady's Birthday

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MARY'S ROSE

NEWSLETTER

Pauline Fathers & Rosary Bouquet



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News from 'Marian Valley'

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Several ethnic and other community groups have begun construction of their new Chapels. It is wonderful to witness the enthusiasm of the members in each of these groups coming together, planning and designing their chapels in a caring and spiritual manner, as well as involving their Chaplain. It is not an easy task and some take longer than others. As one member commented: "It is a big commitment but very rewarding."

The Pauline Fathers and Brothers gathered at Penrose Park in New South Wales for their Provincial Chapter of the Australian Province during the week of 16th October to 20th October 2017. This was to meet and discuss a range of matters, including the election of a new Province Council for the next 3 years.

The following is the newly elected Province Council:

Fr Albert Wasniowski OSPPE – Fr Provincial
Fr Richard Green OSPPE – Fr Vicar Provincial
Fr Wojciech Sliwa OSPPE - Definitor & Secretary
Fr Peter Strohmayer OSPPE – Definitor
Br Bruno Kanamis OSPPE - Definitor
Fr Jaroslaw Zan OSPPE - Administration

Also attending the Chapter was Father General Very Rev. Fr Arnold Chrapkowski OSPPE and Father Vicar General Michal Lukoszek OSPPE from the Mother-House in Jasna Gora Poland. On Sunday 22nd October 2017, following the week of the Chapter, they then visited Marian Valley and concelebrated mass.

In 2017, I decided to introduce the 'Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament' before the 11am Mass each Sunday. I am very pleased with the response that we have had, as I believe we have received many graces from this wonderful sacrament.

Just a reminder, during the day from Monday to Friday we have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel. I once again encourage pilgrims and volunteers to find time to be with the Lord, even if it is only for a short time.

May God strengthen you with his graces and blessings,

Fr Albert Wasniowski OSPPE
Rector
Marian Valley Canungra



Fr Albert Wasniowski, Most Rev. Fr Arnold Chrapkowski, Fr Michal Lukoszek, at Marian Valley

UPCOMING EVENTS

Most Reverend Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane, will be the main celebrant on Saturday 19 May 2018 for Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia.

Most Reverend Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE, Bishop of Wilcannia-Forbes Diocese, will be the main celebrant on Saturday 8 September 2018 for the Feast of the Birthday of the Virgin Mary.

REOPENING OF THE FILIPINO CHAPEL

On 30th September 2017, Archbishop Mark Coleridge blessed the newly renovated Filipino Chapel and was the main celebrant at the Mass. Concelebrating the Mass with Archbishop Coleridge was Fr Terri Nueva, Fr Albert OSPPE and Fr Anthony OSPPE.

Around 600 Filipinos made the pilgrimage to witness the blessing of the Chapel and to honour two of their saints, St Lorenzo Ruiz and St Pedro Calungsod.

The main co-ordinator and benefactor of the Filipino Chapel, Mary Ann Boehme said, "I am very happy with how the Chapel has turned out. The beautiful cedar timber makes it look more like a Filipino Chapel, more authentic."

It has been a difficult time for Mary Anne, as on top of co-ordinating the renovations, she has been recovering from a personal illness. However all would agree that her efforts have achieved a wonderful outcome and we pray for Mary Anne's health to improve.



Mary Anne Boehme with fellow helpers, pictured with Archbishop Coleridge, Fr Terri Nueva, Fr Albert and Fr Anthony

FATIMA DAY 13TH OCTOBER 2017

Several hundred pilgrims gathered for the celebration of the 100th anniversary of Fatima on Friday 13th October 2017. Buses came from the Gold Coast and Brisbane for the joyful occasion. An overcast, showery day did not deter the pilgrims. At the conclusion of mass, Our Lady of Fatima was processed out with the very moving hymn 'Ave Maria' and the pilgrims waved white 'flags' adopting a tradition which is practised in Fatima, Portugal.

After lunch, although the showers were threatening, the pilgrims joined the procession to the Fatima Grotto, praying the rosary and singing hymns. Miraculously, the rain held off, completing a very spiritual day.

A big thank you to Fr Stephen Gronow and Fr Isidore Enyinnaya from Nerang for providing the sacrament of confession during the day.



Pilgrims waving white 'flags' at the recessional of the Fatima Mass

LOURDES DAY

Around 280 pilgrims made the journey to Marian Valley for Our Lady of Lourdes on Sunday 11th February 2018. Although it was hot and steamy, the pilgrims enjoyed a beautiful spiritual day.

The program for the day included Holy Hour and a solemn Mass. After lunch, there was a Eucharistic procession to Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, followed by prayers and hymns in the Church with individual blessings with the Blessed Sacrament, Lourdes holy water and anointing.

CHAPEL OF SAINT MOTHER TERESA

On Saturday 4th November 2017, the community group sponsoring the Chapel of Saint Mother Teresa came together at Marian Valley for the blessing of the foundation of their new Chapel and the arrival of their beautiful statue of Saint Mother Teresa. They were joined by their Chaplains, Fr Ashley Warbrooke (Star of the Sea Parish, Cleveland) and Fr Tom Kessy C.S.Sp. (Dorrington Parish).

Several buses arrived with parishioners from various Brisbane Parishes including Cleveland, Dorrington and Nundah. Sister Milada and Sister Therese from Missionaries of Charity in Brisbane were also there for the blessing.

A spokesman for the community Carlton Meyn said, "I was extremely happy with the day. It was beautiful weather, even though it was threatening to rain all day". Another member of the committee, Evarist D'Souza said, "We are very happy with the number of Parishioners who came on the day. Many have never been to Marian Valley before".

Co-ordinator of the project, Keith Fernandes said: "We are on schedule to complete the Chapel for the opening and blessing on 2nd September 2018 which will be very exciting."

Saint Mother Teresa died on 5th September 1997, at the age of 87. She was canonized on 4th September 2016 in a ceremony at St Peter's Square by Pope Francis.

Quote: "Peace begins with a smile" ~ St Mother Teresa

OUR LADY OF AKITA

On Tuesday 6th February 2018, the foundation for Our Lady of Akita Chapel was blessed by Fr Anthony David OSPPE and assisted by Br Bruno Kanamis OSPPE.

Many gathered for this blessing held on the Feast of St Paul Miki and Companions. The main community organiser Tamaki Kawahara said, "On this special day it is most appropriate that the blessing occurred on this important feast day."

St Paul Miki was the son of a Japanese military leader. He became a Jesuit in 1580 and was known for his eloquent preaching. He and twenty-five other Catholics were crucified on 5th February 1597 during the persecution of Christians in the name of the Japanese emperor. They were all canonized as the Martyrs of Japan in 1862 and their feast day is 6th February.

The Community is aiming for the Chapel to be completed for the opening and blessing on Saturday 15th September 2018, which is the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows.



Organisers of Our Lady of Akita Chapel gather for the blessing.

One of the pilgrims who came on the Toowoomba bus, Theresa Blatchly, commented, "We have to start very early in the morning to arrive here on time but it is all well worth it."

Fr Albert OSPPE with Br Brendon incensing the statue of Our Lady of Lourdes



PROFILE – BR BRUNO OSPPE

Br Bruno Kanamis OSPPE came to Australia on 20 May 1994 to visit the Pauline Fathers, on the recommendation of his good friend Fr John Stankiewicz, a missionary priest working in PNG. The Marian spirituality of the Order of St Paul the First Hermit greatly influenced him. Br Bruno spent this time under the guidance of the Prior, Fr Augustine Lazur OSPPE at Tumbarumba NSW.

Br Bruno states, "Fr Augustine was a great mentor and guided me in my preparation to be a Brother." At the time, also in the house was the then Brother Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE (now Bishop of Wilcannia-Forbes) and Fr Anthony David OSPPE.

Br Bruno went home to PNG on 20 December 1994 for four years to discern his vocation. On 1 October 1998 Br Bruno returned to Australia and worked with Fr Augustine and the then Fr Columba at Divine Mercy Shrine, Marian Hills, Tarcutta NSW. On 15 January 1999, Br Bruno moved to Penrose Park Berrima NSW to join the Order as a Novice.

Br Bruno took his solemn vows on 7 October 2006 on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. He is now one of three Brothers in the Order of St Paul the First Hermit in Australia. When asked as to why he chose the Pauline Order, Br Bruno replied, "The Marian spirituality really impressed me. It is similar to my own home country upbringing."

Before coming to Australia, Br Bruno spent 20 years as a catechist in PNG. He was born in the village of Langlang on Karkar Island, which is an oval-shaped volcanic island located in the Bismarck Sea, about 30 kilometres off the north coast of mainland PNG in Madang Province. Karkar Island is located in the Archdiocese of Madang which is one of four Archdioceses in PNG.

Each year Br Bruno returns to his home village. He comments that, "I enjoy going around and catching up with the people from my former parish."

When Br Bruno goes home to PNG, one of his main interests is maintaining the Divine Mercy Grotto which he established around 10 years ago on top of a cliff. It has magnificent views, overlooking Karkar Island and the bay. Interestingly, this has now encouraged other members of the community to build grottos around the village, and the number of grottos are expanding.

Br Bruno states, "One of the main reasons for my vocation was the influence of my parents and their strong faith." Br Bruno is the 4th of 8 children to Agnes and Rufus Kanamis. He goes on to say that years ago, his Uncle Bruno Tengel was involved in an altercation. He was defending a Catholic priest who was being attacked by a Lutheran pastor and his followers. Uncle Bruno was badly injured and died. This was the turning point for the family and members of the village community.

For 15 years, (2000 to 2015), Br Bruno worked at Our Lady of Mercy Shrine, Penrose Park NSW, where he played an important role in the early days of establishing the Mother-House for the Pauline Monks in Australia. During this time, Fr Albert Wasniowski OSPPE was his Novice Master and Fr Anthony David OSPPE was his Mentor.

In May 2015, Br Bruno was transferred to Marian Valley. This has allowed him to continue in his ministry of promoting, 'All things Marian'. He is often seen driving the tractor and working hard in the vast grounds of the 210 acres at Marian Valley.

Last year, he was elected a Definitor of the Province Council. Br Bruno has visited the Mother-House of the Order at Jasna Gora in Poland three times. Asked if he can speak Polish, he said, "Enough to get by and understand what they are saying."

We would like to thank you, Br Bruno OSPPE, for going about your duties to help Marian Valley to grow and prosper.



Br Bruno

YEAR OF THE YOUTH 2018

The Australian Catholic Bishops Council have invited all of us to join them in celebrating a Year of Youth, beginning on the First Sunday of Advent (3 December 2017), to the end of Ordinary Time in 2018 (Sunday 25 November 2018).

The Year of Youth announced by Australia's Catholic Bishops aims to build on the legacy of World Youth Day held in Sydney in 2008.

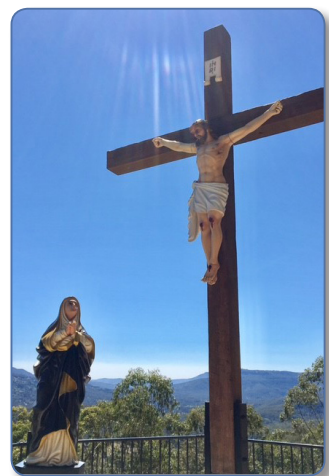
"As Bishops we invite you, the youth of Australia, to open your hearts to Christ. You are deeply loved by Jesus and the Church. We appreciate your gifts and contributions, and we want to journey with you".

WALKING TRACK

A new feature at Marian Valley is a 2 km walking track winding up the mountain to a scene with a life size crucifix and Our Lady of Sorrows at the foot of the cross. It is designed especially for young people to make the journey. The track starts at the newly constructed St Philomena Chapel which is located near the Information board in the carpark area. Here you can pray to St Philomena, then pick up a pebble to carry up the mountain as a small offering to Jesus.

The track is still under construction, but many volunteers are working hard to gradually improve it. Two of the main volunteers, Mick Kent and Robert Murphy commented that although it is a long term project, it will be one of great significance for Marian Valley.

The Prior of Marian Valley, Fr Albert OSPPE stated that "It is particularly good for the younger generation to make this unique journey up the mountain. It is quiet and serene, and provides the opportunity for a special time to be with Jesus. The view at the end of the track is magnificent. It is certainly an important addition to Marian Valley."



Our Lady of Sorrows at the foot of the Cross



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