



MARY'S ROSE NEWSLETTER

Pauline Fathers & Rosary Bouquet



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News from 'Marian Valley'

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A lot has happened here at Marian Valley in the past six months. Significantly we have just received our three-yearly canonical visitation from our Superiors in Poland. Very Reverend Father General Arnold Chrapkowski and Very Reverend Father Vicar General Michal Lukoszek visited Marian Valley from 18 January to 21 January 2019. They commented on the positive changes at the Shrine since their last visit, noting both the continued spiritual growth, and the many developments happening around Marian Valley. Although the weather was very hot and humid, they did not complain. They had just left Poland which was experiencing a very cold winter with over one metre of snow falling in most parts of the country.

In other news, we have celebrated some very special days in the past few months. In September 2018, Bishop Columba OSPPE opened and blessed the Mick Kent Track. In October 2018, Bishop Ken Howell opened and blessed the Chapel of St Mother Teresa of Calcutta, and later in the month there was the blessing of the East Timorese site. In November 2018 there was the blessing of the Rwandan Chapel and their beautiful statue of Our Lady of Kibeho.

In the coming months, we have many wonderful events on the calendar. On Saturday 18 May 2019 Archbishop Coleridge will be the main celebrant for the Solemnity of Our Lady Help of Christians. In the following week, the Pauline monks will be travelling to Penrose Park NSW to welcome two more priests to the Order of St Paul the First Hermit. The ordination will be held on Saturday 25 May 2019. Deacon Jeremy Santoso and Deacon Zachary Lewis will be ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Columba OSPPE.

Later in the year, we look forward to welcoming Bishop Columba OSPPE back to Marian Valley as our main celebrant for the Feast of Our Lady's birthday on Saturday 7 September 2019.

It was with great sadness that one of our loyal volunteers, Marjorie Wilson, passed away on 13th September 2018. Marjorie worked tirelessly in the Piety Shop and she will be greatly missed. May she rest in peace.

May God strengthen you with his graces and blessings,

Fr Albert Wasniowski OSPPE
Rector
Marian Valley Canungra



Fr Albert Wasniowski OSPPE, Fr General Arnold Chrapkowski OSPPE, Vicar General Michal Lukoszek OSPPE

Universal Rosary Bouquet

A big thank you to all the rosary makers, as well as those who have donated money to help spread the rosary throughout many countries! The rosaries are sent worldwide, including India, Africa, the Pacific Islands, as well as many schools in Queensland.

Help is always needed, so if anyone is interested in being a Rosary or Scapular Maker, or wishing to make a donation, please contact Gail on ph. 07-55 333 378 or write to PO Box 104, Canungra Qld 4275 or email: rosarybouquet@bigpond.com

The Rosary Bouquet co-ordinator, Mrs Gail Shorthouse, expressed her gratitude for all offers of help saying, "We rely on our wonderful

Rosary Makers to keep our project going. One of our biggest expense is postage, so any amount donated is greatly appreciated. Thanks for your support."



Mrs Gail Shorthouse preparing the mail-out of rosary beads to the Missions

OUR LADY'S BIRTHDAY

On Saturday 8th September 2018, Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE was the main celebrant at the 11am mass for Our Lady's birthday. Although it was an overcast, showery day, around 600 pilgrims made the journey to celebrate the mass and devotions, many travelling by bus from Toowoomba, Ipswich, Sandgate and the Gold Coast.

The first mass in Queensland by the Pauline Fathers for Our Lady's Birthday was held 29 years ago at Tambourine Mountain on 8th September 1989. It was through Margaret and Bern Foley, who are now both deceased, that the tradition of praying the rosary as a gift to Our Blessed Mother on her birthday first began. This devotion has spread throughout the world. A very big thank you to the current co-ordinators of The Universal Rosary Bouquet, Gail and Kevin Shorthouse.

OPENING OF MICK KENT TRACK

Following mass, Bishop Columba OSPPE led the pilgrims on procession to the entrance of the new walking track which leads to Our Lady of Sorrows at the foot of the Cross, for the opening and blessing of the track. Pilgrims were eager to hear the announcement of the name of the new track and were not surprised when it was revealed as Mick Kent Track. Mick has been the driving force behind this project. He has involved many young people over the past 3½ years to help cut the track through the forest.



Bishop Columba OSPPE with Mick Kent & Fr Albert OSPPE cutting the ribbon



Thomas Popovic, Fr Bernard Bitekerezoo (Uganda), Mick Kent, Bishop Columba OSPPE, Fr Albert OSPPE, Fr Jan, Fr Fulgentius Mugisa (Uganda), Tom Dwyer, Mark McHale, Theo Jorna, Matthew Popovic, Fr Anthony

CONSTRUCTION OF THE TRACK

Many people ask, "How did this walking track get started?" The concept began with Br Luke McKay who was an avid explorer of the bushland at Marian Valley. He would often talk about the great idea of cutting a track up the mountain and constructing a Shrine to overlook the magnificent valley below. He started by placing a 1 metre cross, made of white plastic poly-pipe, which can still be seen along the new track.

Being a keen bushman, Mick Kent was inspired by Br Luke's vision and in June 2015, he got his machete out, a broad heavy knife, and started to cut a track through the hills. This took some skill, as it was important to ensure that it was surveyed properly and the environment left natural. Mick has previously worked with National Park type tracks at O'Reillys, so he certainly had the expertise.

A month later, in July 2015, Robert Murphy volunteered to assist Mick with the track using his excavator. Initially he thought he would simply start the track, however 1.6kms and 6 months later, Mick and Robert were able to keep winding their way up the mountain with the excavator, to a cliff edge with a cleared ledge and beautiful views. This is where it was decided to construct the Shrine to Our Lady of Sorrows at the foot of the Cross.

PROFILE MICHAEL JOHN KENT

Since Christmas Day 2008, Marian Valley has been fortunate to have Mick Kent as their organist. Unfortunately due to health problems, Mick retired from his organist role in September 2018.

Born in Brisbane on 17th January 1951, Mick's greatest passion has been playing the organ in numerous churches around Australia for many years. His passion for music began when he started learning the piano at 9 years old, progressing to the organ in his early 20s.

The highlight of Mick's musical activities was when he composed the music for a new mass setting – the Mass of St Benedict. This took over 3 years and he was fortunate to receive the assistance of Ian Browne, a fellow parishioner, who typeset the music for the mass. Mick then submitted the setting to the Australian Catholic Bishop Commission for Liturgy, to seek approval. We all remember the great joy when Mick received the letter of approval several months later, from Dr Paul Taylor the Executive Secretary. This Mass of St Benedict setting is now played regularly at Marian Valley.

Mick was a train driver, firstly as a cane train driver in his 20's, and then progressed to the big trains in his mid-forties. He drove mainly around North-Western Queensland, based in Cloncurry, Mt Isa, and in later years in Cairns. This he did for around 12 years. Volunteers regularly hear his train stories over a cuppa in the back kitchen at Marian Valley.

His favourite pastime activities have been water skiing and bushwalking, including being a guide at O'Reilly's National Park for several years.

When Mick's health is restored, we hope to see him back playing the organ once again at Marian Valley, doing what he loves most. All the best Mick!



Mick Kent

MOLLIE DUNNE

Mary Margaret Dunne, better known as Mollie, a faithful pilgrim and a local lady from Kerry near Beaudesert, passed away on 13th July 2010. She has always been a keen supporter from the beginning of Marian Valley and especially loved the mass and Fatima devotions on the 13th of each month. Mollie would always be interested to know about the latest projects happening at Marian Valley. Her brothers Bill and Dermot, and sister Marjorie, decided to make a generous donation to purchase the statues of Our Lady of Sorrows and the Crucifixion. On 16th September 2018, a plaque was unveiled at the site by Fr Albert Wasniowski OSPPE, to commemorate the memory of Mollie Dunne.



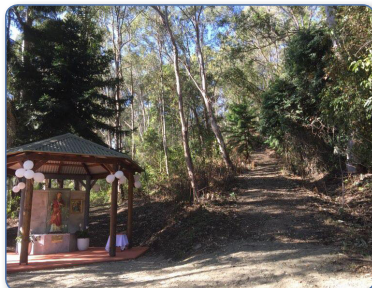
Fr Albert OSPPE & Fr Anthony OSPPE blessing of plaque

FUTURE PLANS FOR THE TRACK

On Sunday 5th August 2018, Bishop Ken Howell opened and blessed the St Philomena Chapel. Pilgrims are encouraged to begin their journey by praying to St Philomena, and picking up a blessed pebble to take up the track to place at the foot of the cross as a small offering to Jesus.

The Track from St Philomena to Our Lady of Sorrows is a long term project. It has so far been 3 ½ years, but the Mick Kent Track is continuously being improved. It is being further extended to a circular track, with the finish in the forest at Our Lady of the Southern Cross. It is slow, methodical work, negotiating much of the steep and rocky terrain. It takes time to create the track to ensure it is practical and safe.

As Mick Kent says, "We are gradually getting there. Much of the terrain has never been touched, so it is slow work. Eventually I hope it will entice many pilgrims, particularly the youth, to make the journey along the track in this beautiful serene surroundings, finding peace and spirituality along the way." Thanks Mick!



St Philomena Chapel at the entrance of Mick Kent track

BLESSING OF RWANDAN STATUE

On Sunday 25th November 2018, the Rwandan community celebrated mass at 11am, and then went in procession to their Chapel for the blessing of Our Lady of Kibeho statue. The blessing was performed by the Marian Valley Rector, Fr Albert Wasniowski OSPPE.

At the Rwandan Chapel the main coordinator Protais Muhirwa spoke about the wonderful opportunity his community had been given by the Pauline Fathers to build a Chapel, and have a place to come together and pray.

He spoke about the warning Our Lady had given at Rwanda back in 1980s. He said, "Unfortunately our people did not heed the warning to repent."

Our Lady of Kibeho

Kibeho is a small village located in South-Western Rwanda. The apparitions began on 28 November 1981, at a time of increasing tension between the Tutsi and Hutu groups. The apparitions occurred at Kibeho College, a secondary school for girls, and included an apocalyptic vision of Rwanda, descending into violence and hatred which many believe foretold the 1994 Rwandan Genocide.

Over the course of the 1980s, the Virgin Mary appeared to several youth. The seers reported that the Virgin asked everyone to pray, to prevent a terrible war. In the vision of 19 August 1982, they all reported seeing violence, dismembered corpses, and destruction. In 1994, over one million Rwandans were slaughtered by their fellow countrymen.



Rwandans performing a thanksgiving dance after Communion

In 2001, the local Bishop of the Catholic Church officially recognised the visions of three school children as authentic. The feast day of Our Lady of Kibeho is 28 November, the anniversary of the initial apparition in 1981.



Blessing of statue and Rwandan Chapel site



Kibeho visionaries Alphonsine, Marie Claire & Anathalie

OPENING OF ST MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA CHAPEL

On Saturday 13th October 2018, around 550 pilgrims journeyed to Marian Valley for the opening and blessing of the Chapel for St Mother Teresa of Calcutta. With heavy rain and bad weather forecast, the Organisers were amazed at the large number of pilgrims who attended.



St Mother Teresa Chapel

The pilgrims travelled from their Parishes in buses and cars. Several parishes were involved in the construction of St Mother Teresa Chapel, including Star of the Sea Cleveland, St Michael's Dorrington, Corpus Christi Nundah and Holy Trinity Banyo.

Bishop Ken Howell was the main celebrant for the day, and was assisted by Fr Albert Wasniowski OSPPE, Prior of Marian Valley and Fr Anthony David OSPPE, as well as Parish priests Fr Ashley Warbrooke, Fr Pat Doran, Fr Tom Kesey, Fr Thomas Varkey and Fr Joseph Visentin from Holy Spirit, New Farm.

The day began at 10am at the Chapel of St Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Although the rain was threatening to pour, it was beautiful fine weather for the Liturgy of the opening & blessing. The Superior of the Missionaries of Charity Sisters, Sr Milada, gave a talk on St Mother Teresa. The Sisters presented Fr Albert with a St Mother Teresa relic and led the pilgrims with a hymn. The life-sized statue of St Mother Teresa was donated last year by the Missionaries of Charity in Sydney to the Pauline Fathers in Penrose Park, NSW.

Following the liturgy, pilgrims then processed back to the church for the 11am mass. Within 10 minutes of mass starting, heavy rain fell. By this time, all pilgrims were inside the church, and no one got wet. It was obvious to many of the pilgrims that this was an amazing sign.

As it was the 13th of the month, the mass was a combination of St Mother Teresa of Calcutta and Our Lady of Fatima. After lunch, the normal Fatima programme followed, which includes devotions and benediction.

One of the best achievements of the St Mother Teresa project was the way the organisers involved so many parishioners from various parishes throughout Brisbane. The wonderful teamwork of volunteers was evident such as in the construction group led by John Hickey and the beautiful photography.

However, special mention must go to the St Mother Teresa committee who started this project 2½ years ago, Keith and Michelle Fernandes, Carlton and Jeanne Meyn, and Evarist and Bertha D'Souza. Well done Team. It was truly a joyful and spiritual day.

All future annual pilgrimages of St Mother Teresa will be held on the 1st Saturday in October. This year it will be held on 5 October 2019.



Bishop Ken Howell blessing the St Mother Teresa Chapel

**Fr Albert OSPPE,
Keith Fernandes,
Michelle Fernandes,
Bertha D'Souza,
Jeanne Meyn
Sitting:
Everest D'Souza,
Carlton Meyn (in front)
Sr Therese, Sr Milada**



VALE: Marjorie Wilson

On Thursday 13th September 2018, Marjorie Mary Wilson passed away aged 92 years. Marjorie was known as one of the 'Sisters' working in the Piety Shop at Marian Valley, serving behind the counter and assisting the pilgrims with their many needs, in her gentle manner.



Marjorie, Bella, Monica & Jan (the Sisters) behind the counter

Born on 4th June 1926, Marjorie's childhood began at Victoria Point in Brisbane, with her parents Norman & Mollie (Rosie) and siblings Margaret and John. The family ran a pineapple, tomato and small crops farm, and Marjorie was well known for her excellent fishing skills. When she left school she worked as a nurse, mainly at the PA Hospital and Kilcoy Hospital.

In 1952, at the age of 26 years, Marjorie and her parents moved to Eagle Heights on Tamborine Mountain. Her mother had a strong faith, and this was an obvious gift handed down to her daughter Marjorie. For many years, she was involved in the St John the Baptist Church on Tamborine Mountain.

When Marian Valley was founded in 1994, Marjorie volunteered to assist in the establishing of the Piety Shop. Whenever there was a function, Marjorie would be seen serving the people in her kind and quiet way. Before a big day, she would be busy arranging the stock on the shelves and dusting and cleaning the Piety Shop. True to her happy nature, it was done in a joyful manner, with a smile on her face.

I recall this story told by Marjorie's niece Anne who lives on the Sunshine Coast. Anne had a spare weekend, so she decided to pack her bags and visit her Aunt Marjorie for the weekend. However, when she rang to say she was coming down, Marjorie said, "On no dear, I am in a hurry. We have a big weekend at Marian Valley." Anne said she was so surprised to hear this, as she assumed that someone in their late 80's would be sitting around at home. Oh no, not Marjorie. She was very dedicated to her special role at Marian Valley.

Around two years ago, Marjorie's health deteriorated, and she spent her last couple of years at the Stretton Nursing Home at Drewdale in Brisbane. On Thursday 20th September 2018, Marjorie's requiem mass was held at Marian Valley, followed by burial at Tamborine Mountain cemetery. A quote from the eulogy given by Jan Chalmers, "God's gift to us is life – what we do with our life is our gift to God."

It was an honour knowing Marjorie. She will be greatly missed. May she rest in peace. Amen.



Marjorie behind the counter



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Christmas 2018

Around 90 Volunteers and friends of Marian Valley gathered for their annual Christmas party on Sunday 9th December. The evening began with Mass at 4pm. Fr Albert OSPPE thanked everybody for their wonderful support and hard work during the year.



Fr Albert thanks everyone



MC Tony Ryan

Robyn Maciejewski sang Bette Midler songs, to an enthralled audience, singing "Wind Beneath My Wings" and "The Glory of Love".

Tony Ryan carried out his MC role in his usual jovial manner, entertaining everyone with his humour.



Robyn Maciejewski singing



Max & Kim assisting the Chef

Once again, a big thanks to Max and Kim for assisting the chef in helping serve everyone with a delicious 2 course meal. They really do a superb job. Thanks to Tom Dwyer, Teresa Dwyer and Jerome Moodley who looked after the bar to ensure no one went thirsty.

The evening is always a great time for everyone to relax and catch up with each other. It was wonderful to see some 'old faces', particularly Leon and Bella Voesnek, who retired to Port Macquarie 2 years ago. Bella accompanied Robyn with the rendition of another Bette Midler song "The Rose".

It is always a great night. As Fr Albert said, "The Pauline Fathers cannot do everything here at Marian Valley on their own. Many thanks to all the volunteers, friends and benefactors."



Bella & Leon Voesnek

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:

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