



# MARY'S ROSE NEWSLETTER

Pauline Fathers & Rosary Bouquet



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## *News from 'Marian Valley'*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the year 1994, the Pauline Order purchased a 209-acre farm in Canungra. Fr Augustine who was the Prior at the time, had the remarkable foresight to establish a Shrine in Queensland. During his first inspection of the Canungra property over 25 years ago, he was convinced that this was a special place, which would become a very holy place, and he proclaimed it Marian Valley. Witnessing the transformation of a goat and dairy farm with no electricity to a Holy Shrine has been a profound spiritual journey.

The year 1994 was also a special time for me, as I was ordained to the priesthood on the 18th June. In 1997, I was asked to come to Australia, and my first appointment was Marian Valley, Canungra. It has been amazing to be involved in the growth of this holy place.

In May, the Chinese Catholic Community blessed their new Chapel site, and the Vietnamese Community opened and blessed their newly renovated Chapel of Our Lady of La Vang.

One of our most joyful events this year for the Order of St Paul the First Hermit in Australia was the ordination of two of our seminarians to the priesthood, on Saturday 25th May 2019. Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE ordained Fathers Jeremy Santoso and Zachary Lewis at Penrose Park NSW, which was attended by hundreds of pilgrims.

Sadly, in April one of our faithful volunteers, Raymond Keating passed away. Raymond and his family have been great supporters. He was one of the original volunteers who helped when the Shrine was first at Tamborine Mountain, and then later at Marian Valley, Canungra. Rest in Peace Raymond.

The year 2020 Marian Valley events calendar has been published and is now available for distribution.

On one final note...we are keen to collect historical photos, newspaper clippings and stories of Marian Valley, particularly from the 1994-1997 era. If anyone has any such material that they wish to donate to Marian Valley, our Historical Department would very much appreciate them.

May God strengthen you with his graces and blessings,

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

### **Relics of St Therese and her Parents**

Marian Valley is delighted to be hosting the relics of St Therese of Lisieux and her parents, Saints Louis and Zelig Martin, as part of the national tour of Australia in February 2020.

The program will begin from 5pm Friday 14th February with a Mass at 6pm. The next day, Saturday 15th February, Mass will be at 11am and the relics will depart Marian Valley at 1pm. A more detailed schedule will be available at a later date.

From February to May 2020, the relics will spend 100 days travelling around Australia in all six states and ACT. This is an historic visit. The relics have never travelled together as a family to the Southern hemisphere previously.

St Therese of Lisieux of France (1873-1897), was a Discalced Carmelite nun. She is also known as St Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face O.C.D., and popularly known as "The Little Flower of Jesus".

Louis Martin (22 August 1823 – 29 July 1894) and Marie-Azelie "Zelig" Guerin Martin (23 December 1831 – 28 August 1877) were two married Roman Catholic French laypeople and the parents of five Roman Catholic nuns, including St Therese. On 18 October 2015, the couple were canonized as saints, becoming the first spouses in the church's history to be canonized as a couple.

Many pilgrims will remember when the relics of St Therese visited Marian Valley as part of the first national tour in 2002. This was a great privilege, and we look forward to the relics of St Therese and her parents visiting Marian Valley in February 2020.



**St Therese**



**Louis & Zelig Martin**

## OUR LADY OF LA VANG

On Saturday 25th May 2019, the Vietnamese community celebrated the opening and blessing of their beautifully renovated Chapel of Our Lady of La Vang.

The main celebrant for the mass was Archbishop Joseph Nguyen Chi Linh, President of the Vietnamese Bishop Council, Vinh Diocese, Centre of Vietnam. He was assisted by Bishop Emmanuel Nguyen Hong Son, Ba-Ria Diocese, South Vietnam, Fr Joseph Vu Minh Nguyen, Chaplain of the Vietnamese Catholic Community, Brisbane, Fr Paul Luong Minh Chanh, former Chaplain of Vietnamese Catholic Community Brisbane, now Chaplain of Nursing homes, Brisbane, Fr Anthony Tran Bach Ho, STD, former Chaplain of Vietnamese Catholic Community, Brisbane, now in Sydney and Fr Peter Tran Thanh Phuong, from Vietnam.

The Vietnamese Chapel is dedicated to Our Lady of La Vang. Our Lady appeared in La Vang forest in 1798 during a terrible persecution of the Catholic Christians. At night the people would gather in the forest and pray the rosary. One night Our Lady appeared with two angels at her side to console the people.

Spokesperson for the Vietnamese Community, Vincent Thanh said, "Most of the magnificent renovations were possible due to a very generous benefactor. We thank the family very much."



**Our Lady of La Vang Chapel**

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday 24th February 2019 was a special day for Elizabeth Zonneveld and Daniel Perez who made their First Holy Communion at Marian Valley. The main celebrant was Fr Anthony David OSPPE and assisted by Deacon Zachary Lewis OSPPE. Concelebrant was Fr Jacob Kalu from Regents Park Parish, who is a family friend of the Perez family.



**Elizabeth Zonneveld and Daniel Perez, John Boomsma, Fr Jacob Kalu, Fr Anthony OSPPE, Joseph Boomsma, Deacon Zachary OSPPE, Damon Perry, Mark McHale**

On Corpus Christi Sunday 23rd June 2019, six children made their First Holy Communion. The main celebrant was Fr Jeremy Santoso OSPPE and assisted by Fr Anthony David OSPPE. A big thank you to Kara Ward for organising the wonderful day. Many thanks must also go to Josephine Ward for the amazing First Holy Communion cake, and to all the parents for preparing the children. The youth choir, led by Jye Boomsma, was as brilliant as always, both with the singing during mass, as well as assisting Fr Jeremy with the Corpus Christi procession. The day ended with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction.



**Fr Jeremy Santoso with Daniel Lightbody, Matthew Boomsma, Manuel Chee Hong Kittoli, Lola Fosita, Elena Treanor, Veronica Crabb**

## ORDINATION

Congratulations to Fr Jeremy Santoso OSPPE and Fr Zachary Lewis OSPPE on their ordination to the priesthood on Saturday 25th May 2019.

The ordination was held at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy, Penrose Park NSW. The Principal Celebrant and Ordaining Prelate was Most Reverend Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE DD, Bishop of Wilcannia-Forbes.

Several Marian Valley parishioners travelled to Penrose Park for this happy occasion. Fr Jeremy Santoso OSPPE has now been appointed to Marian Valley Canungra, and will also be assisting neighbouring parishes. Fr Zachary Lewis OSPPE has been appointed to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy, Penrose Park, Berrima NSW.



**Fr Jeremy Santoso, Fr Albert Wasniowski, Fr Zachary Lewis**

Fr Albert Wasniowski OSPPE, Provincial, Province of Australia, stated, "It is wonderful to welcome Fr Jeremy and Fr Zachary to the Order of St Paul the First Hermit. It is a great blessing."

Please keep our newly ordained priests in your prayers.



**Fr Damian Mosakowski, Fr Zachary, Bishop Columba, Fr Jeremy**

## FR ALBERT SILVER ANNIVERSARY

On Tuesday 18th June 2019, Fr Albert Wasniowski OSPPE celebrated his 25 years in the priesthood with his seminarian classmates back in his homeland of Poland. Mass was celebrated in the beautiful Chapel of the Black Madonna in Jasna Gora. Later on, the silver jubilarians travelled to Fatima for a Thanksgiving Mass.



**Fr Albert's 25 year class reunion**

Before he left for Poland, Marian Valley organised a surprise celebration for his silver anniversary. Robyn Macjiewski, the choir master, gave a speech, mentioning a few historical moments. Robyn mentioned how Fr Albert was ordained in June 1994, and a couple of years later, in February 1997, she recalls a young priest arriving at Marian Valley, and the culture shock that he would have encountered. She finished by saying, "Fr Albert, we are all very grateful that you 'stuck with it' and here you are today, the Rector of Marian Valley. How time flies."



**Fr Albert surrounded by Marian Valley parishioners**



## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

It was with great joy to have His Excellency Most Rev Adolfo Tito Yilana, Apostolic Nuncio in Australia, as the main celebrant on Divine Mercy Sunday 28th April 2019. He was assisted by Fr Albert Wasniowski OSPPE and Fr Anthony David OSPPE.

We were also blessed to have several visiting priests who assisted at the Mass and with confession. A big thanks to Fr Thomas (Southport Parish), Fr James (Capachin), Fr Isidore (Nerang) Fr John (Coomera), Fr John, Fr Nestor (Indonesian Chaplain), and Fr Terry (Filipino Chaplain). Br Bruno and Deacon Jeremy were kept very busy.

Divine Mercy is an important devotion for our times. Around 350 pilgrims travelled to Marian Valley for the Holy Mass and devotions.

### DIVINE MERCY

The Lord revealed to St. Maria Faustina, a Polish religious from the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, five ways to fulfil her mission of mercy: Image of Mercy, Feast of Mercy, Chaplet and Novena of Mercy, 3pm Hour of Mercy, and Works of Mercy towards others. Her writing was published as The Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska: Divine Mercy in My Soul.

Jesus asked St. Faustina that the Feast of Mercy be celebrated solemnly on the first Sunday after Easter. He told her, "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened" (Diary, 699).



Archbishop Adolfo  
Tito Yilana

**JESUS I TRUST IN YOU**

## PILGRIMAGE OF CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

On Saturday 11th May, it was the pilgrimage of the Chinese Catholic community. Following 11am mass by the Chinese community chaplain, Fr Albert Chan MSC, the pilgrims processed to the site of Our Lady of China Chapel for rosary and prayers.



Site of Our Lady of China Chapel

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

On Saturday 18th May 2019, around 350 pilgrims journeyed to Marian Valley to celebrate the solemnity of Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia. Pilgrims came on buses from Toowoomba, Hervey Bay, Ipswich, Brisbane and the Gold Coast. A big thank you to the bus coordinators, as it is an arduous task to organise.

The main celebrant was Archbishop Mark Coleridge who was assisted by Fr Albert Wasniowski and several visiting priests. After lunch, there was a Eucharistic procession to Our Lady Help of Christians Chapel, then prayers for Australia, and concluded with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction.



Fr Terry Moynihan, Fr Hilary (Cairns), Fr Anthony, Dcn Jeremy, Milen, Archbishop Coleridge, Fr Albert, Br Bruno, Fr Simon (Eritrean community), Mark McHale, Fr Jan, Ian Browne

### 45 YEARS

It was also a very special day for Archbishop Mark Coleridge as he celebrated 45 years ordained to the priesthood. Following mass, Fr Albert and the volunteers surprised him with the presentation of a large cake. The pilgrims gathered around as he cut the cake and he spoke briefly of his past 45 years, and expressed his gratitude to everyone. He was ordained a priest in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne on 18 May 1974.



Fr Albert, Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Dcn Jeremy cutting the cake

### 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, Pauline Fathers,  
120 Hanging Rock Road, Berrima NSW 2577



## Kevin & Gail Shorthouse OAM

On the Queen's birthday Honours list announced on 10th June 2019, it was exciting to hear Kevin & Gail Shorthouse named in the OAM awards for their 40 years of service in the Catholic Missions in remote northern Papua New Guinea.

At the age of 18, Kevin enlisted in the PNG army. A few years later, he enrolled in the Teachers College and graduated, becoming a mission school teacher. In 1965, the mission needed a new pilot, and because he had a pilot's license, he began his new role in the air service and took on further aviation studies. PNG is well known for its often-atrocious weather and the rugged mountainous terrain which tested Kevin's survival skills.

It was during one of these flight missions that he met his wife, Gail, an Australian volunteer school teacher. Six months later, they were married and settled in Aitape. It was a busy life for them. Over the years their family grew to 4 daughters and a son.

In 2005, Gail and Kevin also received a missionary service award from the Pope and on 23rd April 2009, Gail and Kevin were presented with PNG's Principal award, 'Officer of the Order of Logohu', for service to the international community of Papua New Guinea.

In 2012, Kevin and Gail returned to Australia. They moved to Marian Valley to volunteer in the Retreat House, and Kevin worked tirelessly doing cleaning and maintenance chores.

Unfortunately, years of being in the tropics of PNG affected Kevin's health, and so 2 years later, they moved to Brisbane. However, their connection to Marian Valley has not ended there. They have taken on the Universal Rosary Bouquet ministry, which the Pauline Fathers are the custodians, and coordinate the making and distributing of thousands of rosaries and scapulars. In their latest project, they are talking to the local Christian radio to get a segment for the reciting of the rosary.

Congratulations Kevin and Gail on receiving the OAM award, and thanks for all your tremendous volunteer work, helping to make a difference in the lives of many people.

If you are interested in assisting in the Rosary Bouquet ministry, you may contact Gail on mobile 0429 026 965.



**Regina handing over the coordinator's role to Gail & Kevin Shorthouse**

### 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:

**Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians – Marian Valley  
Pauline Fathers – ABN 24 195 762 439 – 2541 Beechmont  
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## VALE: Raymond Joseph Keating

On Sunday 14th April 2019, Raymond Joseph Keating passed away aged 92 years. Over the years, Ray and his family have built a strong connection with the Pauline Fathers, both at Mt Tamborine and later on at Marian Valley.

Ray was born on 10 July 1926 in New Farm to May and Jack Keating. He had 3 siblings, Clifford, Margaret and Nola. Ray and his wife Patricia (now deceased) lived at Graceville and had 6 children – Jeff, Gabrielle, John, Carmel, Patrick and Lorraine. After serving in the Army, he worked at the Greenslopes Hospital and then later at the ABC newsroom as a camera man. When he retired, Ray and Pat purchased a house on Mt Tamborine.

Ray was a handyman and did lots of jobs around Marian Valley. He helped build the wooden cross located in front of Mary Help of Christians, the Lourdes Shrine, St Therese Chapel, Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Our Lady of Fatima and the workshop. In his later years, Ray is well remembered for helping his daughter Gabriel with the Eucharistic procession on Marian Valley's main feast days.

Ray will long be remembered as a hardworking and reliable volunteer. His strong faith, gentle heart and readiness to have a laugh and give a kind word, was an inspiration to the many friends at Marian Valley.

***We will miss you Ray. Rest is Peace***



**Raymond Keating with daughter Gabby, and grandson Peter**

**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.