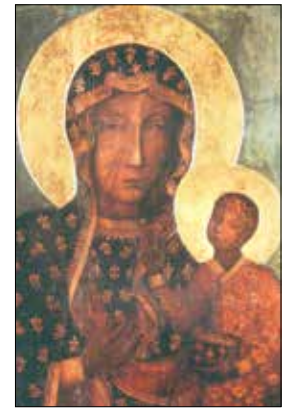




MARY'S ROSE NEWSLETTER

Pauline Fathers & Rosary Bouquet



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News from 'Marian Valley'

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As Catholics, we draw strength from prayer to help us get through the day. God hears us when we pray and intercedes in our lives. Prayer is important because it helps us grow closer to God. This is indeed true in these times. We need faith. Life can be hard at the best of times, but faith is what helps us to get through each day.

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is a great means of prayer. I am extremely pleased that the construction of the Divine Mercy Chapel at Marian Valley has begun. Like most projects, we have had our 'ups and downs' but with prayer we can get through. Please pray for this wonderful project. A quote from The Diary of St. Faustina says: 'Through the Chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will.' (Diary 1731).

Pope Francis has declared the Year 2021 to be the 'Year of St Joseph' and has announced ways to obtain a plenary indulgence. On page 3 in this newsletter are various devotions to choose from to fulfil this plenary indulgence, and I encourage you all to do this in this special year. Entrust your prayers to St Joseph.

Although there have been restrictions in 2021 due to COVID19, we have been able to still go ahead with most of our Marian Valley events, even though the events have been significantly downsized. I thank all the communities for adjusting their events during these difficult times.

In March 2021, the statue of Our Lady of Kibeho was installed and blessed by the Pauline Fathers for the Rwandan community. In June 2021, First Holy Communion was held on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi.

We have published the Year 2022 Marian Valley calendar of events which is now available for distribution. Once again, the decision on how the event will occur will depend on the circumstances at the time.

On a sad note, some of our dear friends have passed away recently. Viviane Haddad who was one of our loyal supporters, passed away in March this year. Then in April Maree Baker passed away and in August Leon Voesnek passed away. They were all wonderful volunteers. May their souls rest in peace.

On a joyful note, volunteer Daphne Andreas who was a member of the original Marian Valley choir back in the 1980's, celebrated her

100th birthday in March 2021. Congratulations Daphne!!!
The November Mass Intention forms are available if you would like to have masses offered for souls. These forms are placed on the altar each day during November.

Finally, I would like to thank all pilgrims for their understanding during these unusual times as it is important that we all observe the directives from Queensland Health and the Archdiocese of Brisbane.



May God strengthen you with his graces and blessings,

Fr Albert Wasniowski OSPPE
Rector
Marian Valley Canungra
On St Philomena day on 1st August 2021, Fr Albert celebrated the mass solo, during lockdown.

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.

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

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 Rd, Witheren, Canungra Qld 4275

"Our strength is prayer and the prayer of a humble person is the weakness of God. The Lord is weak only in this one sense: He is weak before the prayers of His people." ~ Pope Francis

RWANDAN STATUE INSTALLATION

On Saturday 6th March 2021, the statue of Our Lady of Kibeho was installed and blessed in the new chapel by the Pauline Fathers for the Rwandan community at Marian Valley.

Fr Albert Wasniowski OSPPE was the main celebrant, and was assisted by Fr Jeremy Santoso OSPPE and Fr Gabriel Taylor OSPPE who was visiting from the monastery at Berrima NSW.

The day began with the First Saturday program with 10am Holy Hour, 11am Mass, followed by a Eucharistic procession to the Fatima Grotto. On the way to the Fatima Grotto, the pilgrims stopped in at the Rwandan Chapel for the installation of the statue of Our Lady of Kibeho.

Fr Albert blessed the statue and prayed a special prayer to Our Lady of Kibeho. The ceremony also included traditional Rwandan singing and dancing.

Community leader Protais Muhirwa spoke about how happy they were to have finally completed the building of their chapel, saying: "It is such a beautiful day. We now have a very special place for our community to come and pray." Protais also made special mention of the builders, Terry Gonthieri and son Ryan, who put in so many voluntary hours in the construction of the Chapel.

At the conclusion of the day, the community invited all the pilgrims to join them for lunch to experience their cultural food.



Eucharistic procession to install the statue of Our Lady of Kibeho



OUR LADY OF KIBEHO

The Rwandan community are very devoted to Our Lady of Kibeho who appeared to school children in Kibeho, south-western Rwanda, in the 1980's. They are the first Vatican-approved Marian apparitions on the continent of Africa. The children received various communications, including an apocalyptic vision of Rwanda descending into violence and hatred, which many believe foretold the 1994 Rwandan genocide.

Our Lady of Kibeho

DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL

On 22nd February 2021, the building approval was received to go-ahead with the construction of the Divine Mercy Chapel at Marian Valley. Preparations are now underway for the foundations to be laid.

The Chapel is expected to be completed by mid-2022. Progress has been slow due to the lack of availability of materials and tradespeople, and the many disruptions caused by lockdowns.

However, in the meantime, the project is steadily taking shape for the interior items. The magnificent Divine Mercy Image of Jesus arrived in July 2021, which will be the centrepiece of the Chapel.

Furthermore, a 1st class relic of St John Paul II, as well as a 2nd class relic of St Faustina and Blessed Michael Sopoćko were received from Poland, and each have been placed in a beautiful reliquary. These will be located on each side of the new Chapel.

DIVINE MERCY

In 1931, our Lord appeared to St Faustina Kowalska in a vision. She saw Jesus clothed in a white garment with His right hand raised in blessing. His left hand was touching His garment in the area of the Heart, from where two large rays came forth, one red and the other pale. The two rays denote Blood and Water.

Blessed Michael Sopoćko became Sister Faustina's spiritual director in mid-1933. She noted in her diary: "This priest is a great soul, entirely filled with God."

Pope John Paul II canonized Sister Faustina on 30th April 2000, becoming the first saint of this millennium. On the same day the Pope established Divine Mercy Sunday, which is now celebrated each year on the first Sunday after Easter. On this day, Pope John Paul II declared, "This is the happiest day of my life."

In his writings and homilies, St Pope John Paul II described Divine Mercy as the answer to the world's problems and the message for the third millennium. Given all these connections, it is not surprising that he died on the Vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday.

"Those who sincerely say 'Jesus, I trust in You' will find comfort in all their anxieties and fears." ~ Pope John Paul II, 7th June 1997



Fr Albert inspecting the site with Project members Jan & Bill

DAPHNE ANDREAS – 100 YEARS

On Saturday 13th March 2021 Daphne Andreas celebrated her 100th birthday with family and friends from Marian Valley.

Daphne was born in England and migrated to Australia in the mid-1980s, and lived with her daughter Angela in Sydney. In 1987 she moved to Queensland, where her daughter Rosemary lived, and purchased a house on Tambourine Mountain.

Daphne was one of the original choir members when the Shrine was located at St John the Baptist Church Tambourine Mountain. The choir started in 1989 when the Pauline monks first moved to Queensland.

Daphne met her husband Robert in the choir. Robert was the organist and a trumpet player. The Pauline Father at the time was Fr Janusz Pawlicha who married them on 28th August 1990. Fr Janusz often commented that he was the 'match-maker.'

Daphne is very well known for her precise pronunciation of words and speech. She would regularly recite poetry and stories. Daphne would often give elocution lessons to many of the Pauline monks who had recently migrated from Poland.

Daphne and Robert are now enjoying retirement in Aged Care Residence at Mermaid Beach on the Gold Coast.

Right: Marian Valley choir in 2007 – Jan Chalmers, Daphne Andreas, Bella Voesnek, Robyn Maciejewski



Daphne blowing out the candles with Robert



ST JOSEPH'S DAY

On the 19th March each year, Marian Valley celebrates the Solemnity of St Joseph.

This year, the Prior of Marian Valley Fr Albert Wasniowski was the main celebrant and he was assisted by Fr Gabriel Taylor from Our Lady of Mercy Shrine at Berrima, NSW.

Around 80 pilgrims attended the Holy Hour, followed by a solemn Mass. The pilgrims then processed along the Stations of the Cross, many of them taking turns to carry a large cross. The final destination was St Joseph's Grotto for devotions and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

It was particularly special this year since Pope Francis announced 2021 as the "Year of St Joseph."

ST JOSEPH'S GROTTTO

The first grotto to be built at Marian Valley was to St Joseph, which was completed in March 1996. St Joseph, being the husband of Mary, is known as the patron saint of all Marian Shrines. St Joseph was a man of prayer, a protector, a guardian, and a humble servant of God, never in the forefront. He was a carpenter and is the patron saint of workers. It was therefore seen as important to have St Joseph there to help establish Marian Valley as a sacred place for pilgrims to honour Our Lord and the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God.

Thanks to some wonderful volunteers, the construction of the grotto was achieved. Tony Kissane and his son Andrew built a shingle-roof frame on a very large volcanic boulder. The statue of St Joseph was donated by the Kissane family. Michael Hagan was able to borrow a bobcat to move some large rocks for the border around the garden and fill the garden bed with soil.

This was the start of many projects to happen over the years at Marian Valley Canungra.



Fr Albert leading prayers at St Joseph's Grotto



Statue of St Joseph at Grotto

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CORPUS CHRISTI

On Sunday 6th June 2021, First Holy Communion was held on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Congratulations to the First Holy Communicants Siena, Miles and Stella.

Following the Holy Hour and Mass, Fr Jeremy Santoso who was assisted by Fr Anthony David, led a solemn Eucharistic procession to the Four Altars.

Once again, Gabby, Peter and Bea did a wonderful job organising the flower girls for the Eucharistic procession.



Fr Jeremy and Fr Anthony with Stella, Miles & Siena, the altar servers and those in the procession.

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

On 8th December 2020, it was the 150th anniversary of St Joseph being proclaimed Patron of the Universal church by Pope Pius IX. Also on this day, Pope Francis proclaimed 2021 to be the "Year of St Joseph" which was to conclude on 8th December 2021.

Pope Francis describes St Joseph as "a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows... (and) the greatness of St Joseph is that he was the spouse of Mary and foster father of Jesus."

Pope Francis announced that there are several ways to obtain the plenary indulgence throughout the year which includes going to confession, receiving Holy Communion, and praying for the intentions of Pope Francis.

People must also perform one of these devotions or acts of charity:

- Meditate on the "Our Father" prayer for a half-hour
- Go on a spiritual retreat for at least a day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph
- Do a spiritual or corporal act of mercy
- Recite the rosary as a family or as a married couple
- Entrust daily work to the protection of St. Joseph
- Pray the Litany of St. Joseph or some other prayer to St. Joseph with an appeal for the persecuted church and the relief of persecuted Christians
- People can say any of the approved prayers or do an act of piety in honour of St. Joseph, especially on: March 19 (Solemnity of St. Joseph), May 1 (Feast of St. Joseph the Worker), the 19th of each month, or every Wednesday (which, traditionally, is dedicated to St. Joseph)

A partial indulgence remits some of the temporal punishment due to sin. But a plenary indulgence completely cancels temporal punishment due to sin. Therefore, the plenary indulgence approved for the Year of St. Joseph is an opportunity to make up for our sins fully, while still in this world.

PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH OVER 1900 YEARS OLD

Oh St. Joseph whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the Throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires. Oh St. Joseph do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord; so that having engaged here below your Heavenly power I may offer my Thanksgiving and Homage to the Loving of Fathers. Oh St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press him in my name and kiss His fine Head for me, and ask Him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath. St Joseph, Patron of departing souls, pray for us. Amen.

~ This prayer was found in the fiftieth year of Our Lord Jesus Christ.



"St Joseph's Hermitage Retreat Centre 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 \$30 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 enquiries: Ph/fax 07-55 333 378 or email marianretreat@bigpond.com

VALE - VIVIANE HADDAD

On Monday 22nd March 2021, one of Marian Valley's loyal supporters, Viviane Haddad, passed away at the Kirra Beach Aged Care facility on the Gold Coast. Viviane had been suffering from declining health for the past few years.

Since 13th September 1992, Viviane and her husband Adel have been organising a bus from the Gold Coast, firstly to Tamborine Mountain, and then to Marian Valley Canungra when the Pauline Monks relocated to their present location in 1995.

Each month for nearly 23 years, Viviane would organise the Gold Coast bus to bring Pilgrims to celebrate Fatima day on the 13th of each month, as well as many other special days. The Gold Coast bus would turn up 'rain, hail or shine'. This is over such a long period of time. How amazing!

Viviane was a very devout person, constantly promoting the faith and Marian Valley. She was a gentle and caring person with a vibrant personality. She always did a great job of co-ordinating the bus trips, in a strict and orderly manner but in her jovial way. Her support was invaluable.

Born in Egypt, Viviane and her family were forced to leave their country in 1966 and migrate to Sydney. It was here that she met her husband Adel at the Melkite Catholic Church. They had 2 children Adeline and Andrew, and in 1991 they relocated to the Gold Coast.

Her husband Adel recalls how Viviane continued her bus coordinator's role to Marian Valley for as long as she could: *"She received strength from Our Lady. Before the 13th of each month, she would be struggling with her health, but on the 13th of the month on Fatima Day, she was as strong as an ox". Then when she returned home, she would need to recuperate again."*

Viviane's favourite sayings were: 'Just forgive' and 'God loves you.' I am sure she would have been met by her heavenly mother Mary whom she was so devoted to. Rest in Peace Viviane.



Viviane Haddad organising the Gold Coast bus pilgrims

THE GOLD COAST BUS

In 2014, due to Viviane's health deteriorating, she was unable to continue with organising the bus trips each month. Fortunately, she was able to hand over her role to Paula Groom, with assistance from Madeline Zammit. However, this year Paula has relocated to Melbourne to live with her daughter, but she has fortunately found someone else to take over her role. On her last trip to Marian Valley on 13th June 2021, Xavier Solomon volunteered to help coordinate the bus trips.

Paula expressed her relief, saying, *"After all these years, to think that the Gold Coast bus might have stopped coming to Marian Valley when I leave would have been very sad. It is such a great service to so many pilgrims on the Gold Coast. I am really glad Xavier is able to take over my role."*

It is with much gratitude that the Pauline Monks wish to acknowledge and thank all bus co-ordinators for their wonderful work.



Paula with Gold Coast bus pilgrim Umberto Basile

VALE - MAREE THERESE BAKER O.B.L. O.S.B.

On Saturday 8th May 2021, a memorial mass was held at Marian Valley for volunteer Maree Therese Baker. Maree had chosen the beautiful hymns and readings that she wanted for her memorial mass. Maree passed away on Tuesday 27th April 2021 in Sydney. She had retired to the Gertrude Abbott Nursing Home in Surrey Hills NSW.

Many people will remember Maree when she managed the Retreat Centre at Marian Valley. Maree and her friend Pauline Nugent moved in when the building of the Retreat Centre was completed in August 2001. Maree stayed until February 2011.

Maree had the grace to serve the pilgrims and loved helping them in many ways. She was always very cheerful when taking the room bookings and in carrying out her general caretaking duties.

As Maree had limited mobility, she would often be seen on her little red scooter going around cleaning and preparing the cabins for the pilgrims in her happy manner.

The Adoration Chapel would always be kept spotless, and Maree would spend many hours in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Maree was a very devout Catholic, and was well known for providing spiritual advice and an 'ear to listen', for both pilgrims and fellow volunteers. Her wealth of knowledge of the catechism was inspiring.

In his homily, Fr Albert described Maree as "someone who can show you how to live and love and that we can witness and learn from her."

Maree was born in New Zealand on 9th October 1936. She qualified as a nurse. Later on, she relocated to Sydney and eventually became Matron at a major hospital. She retired to Maroochydore, before moving to Marian Valley as a volunteer. Due to declining health, Maree moved to Nazareth House at Wynnum North, before returning to Sydney to be closer to her relatives.

In her later years, Maree joined the Tyburn Oblates and took the religious name of 'Maree Therese of the Sacred Heart and Holy Wounds'.

TYBURN OBLATES

Tyburn Oblates are Catholics who wish to be Benedictine Oblates affiliated to the Tyburn Nuns. Their life is centred on Eucharistic Adoration for the glory of God in close union with the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and pray for the needs of the whole human family. The Tyburn Convent in Australia is located at 325 Garfield Road, Riverstone NSW 2765.

"So, could you not watch with Me one hour?" (Matt 26:40)



Maree Baker with Angus (Bishop Columba's dog)

VALE - LEON VOESNEK

On Thursday 19th August 2021, one of our volunteers Leon Voesnek passed away at 3pm – The Hour of Great Mercy.

Many will remember Leon as the jovial Dutchman, always cheerful, friendly, and keen to greet the pilgrims at Marian Valley with a smile. He is also fondly remembered as our welcoming barman at the Marian Valley Christmas parties. In addition, he made a valuable contribution to organising the raffles and selling many raffle tickets to raise money for Marian Valley. Significantly, Leon lobbied hard for our Catholic values, writing a lot of letters to politicians and authorities on various moral issues.

Leon was born in Holland, before migrating to Sydney and then retiring to Tamborine Mountain. Due to Leon's declining health, he and his wife Bella retired to Port Macquarie in 2017 to be closer to their family. Leon was aged 85 years.



Leon Voesnek – the Barman

May he rest in peace.