



# MARY'S ROSE NEWSLETTER

Pauline Fathers & Rosary Bouquet



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## News from 'Marian Valley'

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Many people ask me what should we do in these uncertain times with so much evil and danger surrounding all of us around the world.

One very important way to prepare ourselves for these times is through prayer and penance, and to live good lives. Pray to the Mother of Jesus, to be our protector and defender against all that is harmful and evil. Pray to the Virgin Mary to ask of her the assistance of the Heavenly Hosts to fight against these deadly foes of God and of men, and to crush the serpent's head. Prayer is one of the conditions required by God Himself for obtaining favours in life.

Here at Marian Valley the Ukrainian Catholic community have a Shrine to Our Lady of Protection. The feast of Our Lady of Protection, known as Pokrov, has been celebrated in the Ukrainian lands since the 12th century. The Ukrainian people have a great devotion to Our Lady of Protection. Most Holy Mother of God, save us from all evil!

The Pauline Fathers have five monasteries located in Ukraine where they are currently housing many refugees. Father General Arnold Chrapkowski OSPPE is in regular contact with the monks who have told him that they are determined to stay on in their monasteries and look after the people. We ask for prayers for their safety.

We also keep in our prayers those affected by the floods and bushfires throughout Australia. Some of our pilgrims and volunteers have been through this, and our prayers are with them.

In other news at Marian Valley, it is good to see Chapel Owners making improvements in and around their chapels. The Hungarian community have installed handrails along their footpath which is a very good safety feature. Due to the weather conditions, many Chapel Owners have been doing regular clean ups and maintenance. Thank you to all.

In September 2021, the statue of Our Lady of Akita was installed and blessed by the Pauline Fathers for the Japanese Catholic Community. We also have the installation and blessing



Our Lady of Protection -  
Ukrainian Shrine

of Our Lady of China in May 2022. It is also wonderful to see the Divine Mercy Chapel steadily taking shape.

The Universal Rosary Bouquet group continue to do wonderful missionary work. If anyone is available you may like to assist in this project.

It is always a joy to welcome people into the church for the first time. Congratulations to Wolfgang Heurich who we welcomed into the church on Saturday 26th February 2022. We have had many other enquiries too. I am always available to talk with people who would like to know more about the Catholic faith.

I wish to thank the Volunteers for their magnificent work in the Marian Valley gardens and grounds. I know there has been a lot of work particularly this year, due to the wet season. It has been a hard effort to control the weeds and other vegetative growth. Thanks again.

Once again, if anyone wishes to donate any material to the Marian Valley Historical Department you are most welcome. Photos and newspaper clippings, as well as testimonies, are always gratefully received.

May God strengthen you with his graces and blessings,

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

### Prayer to Our Lady for Protection

*Here is a prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary for protection against all evil and harm on our earthly journey towards Heaven.*

Mother of Jesus, be our protector and defender against all that is harmful or evil. Bring our needs before Almighty God, that we may be surrounded by God's Holy Angels, and give us the grace to conquer every danger and overcome all that would threaten our health and well-being.

Be for us light in times of darkness, strength when we are weak, wisdom in our confusion, healing in times of illness, and courage to work through life's problems and difficulties. Give us joy when we are sad, bread to feed our hunger, and eternal life to defeat the power of death.

Virgin Mary, guide our life-journey, so that we may always walk safely together with you and your Divine Son, Jesus Christ in God's loving friendship. Amen.

## INSTALLATION OF STATUE

On Wednesday 15th September 2021, it was the 40th anniversary of Our Lady of Akita's final weeping in Japan. This day was chosen for the installation and blessing of Our Lady of Akita's statue at Marian Valley Canungra.

The main celebrant was Fr Albert Wasniowski OSPPE and he was assisted by Fr Anthony David OSPPE, Fr Jeremy Santoso OSPPE, Br Bruno Kanamis OSPPE and Br Matthew Hall OSPPE who was visiting from Penrose Park monastery.

The day began with Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 8.30am, Mass at 9am, followed by a procession to Our Lady of Akita Chapel. Over 100 pilgrims attended the installation of Our Lady of Akita statue, including family, friends and benefactors who were responsible for the construction and the ongoing maintenance of the Chapel.

Tamaki Kawahara, coordinator of Our Lady of Akita Chapel said, "We wish to express our gratitude to all those who have contributed in any way to bringing the statue to Marian Valley. We are so pleased with the authenticity of the statue. It was such a beautiful peaceful day, and to have 20 children lead the procession and many others following among the pilgrims was very special."

### OUR LADY OF AKITA STATUE

The solid wooden statue at Marian Valley was carved in a workshop in Poland. It was made to the same dimensions as the original statue in Akita, which is 120cm tall.

### OUR LADY OF AKITA STORY

In 1973, Our Lady appeared three times to Sr. Agnes Sasagawa in the convent at Akita, Japan. The Blessed Mother stressed the need for reparation, sacrifice and daily Rosary for the Pope, bishops and priests. She also warned of the serious consequences of unrepentant sin.



**Our Lady of Akita**

Between 1975 and 1981 the wooden statue of Our Lady in the convent wept 101 times. On Easter Sunday, 22nd April 1984, Bishop Ito issued a pastoral letter proclaiming the events of Akita to be supernatural and authorising the veneration of the Holy Mother of Akita. The wooden statue of Our Lady that cried is housed in the chapel at Akita in Japan, and pilgrims are free to visit and pray before the statue.

Our Lady of Akita, Pray for us!



**Participants in the Procession to Our Lady of Akita Chapel**



**Procession to install the statue of Our Lady of Akita**

## LOURDES DAY

On Friday 11th February 2022 around 150 pilgrims attended the mass for Our Lady of Lourdes day at Marian Valley Canungra.

The main celebrant for the mass was Fr Albert Wasniowski OSPPE and he was assisted by Fr Mark Whybrow who was visiting from the Wagga Wagga Diocese.

Following the Holy Hour at 10am and Mass at 11am, pilgrims then joined in a Eucharistic procession to Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto for prayers and the Litany of Our Lady of Lourdes. The pilgrims then returned to the church for an individual blessing and the sprinkling of Lourdes water, and the anointing of the sick.

### ST BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS

On 11th February 1858, Our Lady appeared to Bernadette Soubirous, aged 14 years. During the apparition on 25 March 1858, Our Lady identified herself with the words: "I am the Immaculate Conception." Our Lady appeared to Bernadette 18 times during the year of 1858.

At the ninth apparition, Thursday 25th February 1858, crowds of people watched Bernadette scrape away soil beside the grotto until a spring of water started to trickle out. This spring still provides 27,000 gallons of sacred water every day.

In 1862 Church authorities confirmed the authenticity of the apparitions. The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes became worldwide in 1907. Lourdes has become a place of pilgrimage and healing, but even more of faith. Around 3 million pilgrims visit Lourdes every year.

At the age of 22, Bernadette became a nun and devoted her life to Mary, to praying for the conversion of sinners and to the service of God. Bernadette died on 16th April 1879, at the age of 34.



**Lourdes procession at Marian Valley**



**Eucharistic procession to Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto**



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## PAULINE ORDER IN UKRAINE

The Pauline Order have five monasteries situated in Ukraine. The mother house is at Brovary, an eastern suburb of the country's capital Kiev. The other monasteries are located around the country at Kamieniec Podolski, Mariupol, Rozyn and Satanow.

Currently, the Pauline monks are housing and feeding many refugees and disabled. They have set up emergency accommodation in the basement of their monastery and church. The Pauline monks intend to stay on at their monasteries during this ongoing conflict to assist the people and continue their daily masses and prayer life.

Our Lady of Protection, we pray for peace!

### UKRAINIAN CHAPEL AT MARIAN VALLEY

The Ukrainian community have a beautiful chapel located at Marian Valley where they often gather and pray with their Chaplain, Fr Stefan Sapun. Our Lady of Protection Chapel was blessed and dedicated at Marian Valley on 29th September 2014, by His Beatitude, Patriarch Sviatoslav of Kiev-Halych, Patriarch of the Ukrainian Eastern Catholic Church.

The annual pilgrimage of the Ukrainian Eastern Catholic Community is held on the first Sunday in May each year. This year it will be held on Sunday 1st May 2022, with the Divine Liturgy starting at 11am at Our Lady of Protection Chapel.

### ICON OF OUR LADY OF PROTECTION

The beautiful icon at Marian Valley shows the Holy Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, standing in prayer. In her out-stretched hands she holds her veil in protection over all of us.

**The Feast of Our Lady of Protection** is commemorated on the 1st or 14th October each year, and celebrates the appearance of the Mother of God in Constantinople in the 10th century. St Andrei Yurodivy, with his disciple St. Epiphanius, and a group of people, saw the Mother of God, St John the Baptist, and several other saints and angels during a vigil in the church of Blachernae, near the city gates.

The Blachernae Palace Church was where several relics of the Mother of God were kept. These relics were her robe, veil, and part of her belt that had been transferred from Palestine during the fifth century.

The Mother of God approached the centre of the church, knelt down and remained in prayer for a long time. Her face was drowned in tears. Then she took her veil off and spread it over the people as a sign of protection. During this time, the people in the city were threatened by a barbarian invasion. After the appearance of the Mother of God, the danger was averted and the city was spared from bloodshed and suffering.

Most Holy Mother of God, save us!



Ukrainian Chapel at Marian Valley

## INTERNATIONAL ROSARY BOUQUET

The International Rosary Bouquet, which is affiliated with the Pauline Fathers at Marian Valley, began 33 years ago. Currently, there are 20 rosary makers and 2 scapular makers who do wonderful work in making rosaries and scapulars which are distributed to many parts of the world.

Each year, The International Rosary Bouquet sets up a stall on Our Lady's Birthday, which this year will be Saturday 3rd Sept 2022. You are most welcome to come along and talk to the coordinators, Gail & Kevin Shorthouse about their work.

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. Donations are required for postage and materials.

Gail said, "We receive numerous letters of thanks for the rosaries and scapulars that are sent to many overseas mission parishes. The following is a report, in their own words, as to what it means to them to receive the rosaries and scapulars."

To the Rosary and Scapular Makers:

"May all Saints who had devotion to Mother Mary bless you,  
May all Holy People who recite the Rosary bless you,  
May Mother Mary bless you,  
May Her Son Jesus bless you,  
May the slum people bless you,  
May all who get the Rosaries bless you,  
We raise our hearts in humble submission to beg our Mother Mary to bless you and your family for helping us to Honour our Blessed Mary by reciting the Rosary. Amen."

### HISTORY OF INTERNATIONAL ROSARY BOUQUET

Back in the 1970's, Margaret and Bern Foley, who later settled on Tamborine Mountain, started to spread the devotion of praying the rosary as a gift to Our Blessed Mother on Her Birthday, not only in Australia but around the world.

In 1989, the International Rosary Bouquet was formed, in alliance with the Pauline monks in Queensland. This wonderful work has truly been a powerful prayer in spreading the rosary throughout many countries in honour of Our Blessed Mother.

Regina O'Shaunessey took on the coordinator's role for the first 19 years. In 2013, this role was then transferred to Gail and Kevin Shorthouse. Over the years, the group has distributed thousands of rosaries and scapulars around the world, as well as visiting many of the schools in Queensland.

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Children from India receiving their rosaries

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE from Wilcannia-Forbes Diocese will be the main celebrant at Marian Valley this year for the Feast of Our Lady's birthday on Saturday 3rd September 2022.

Amazingly, on Our Lady's birthday for the past 3 years there have been incidents with bushfires in 2019, and interstate lockdowns due to the pandemic in 2020 and 2021.

Please pray that 2022 will be different and that we will have a beautiful day for Our Lady's birthday. Bishop Columba said that he is looking forward to his visit to Marian Valley as he said, "Marian Valley is a special place for me, and I love keeping the connection with the people and the events."



Bishop Columba

## DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL

We receive lots of queries about how we are progressing with the construction of the Divine Mercy Chapel. We can happily report that the Chapel is steadily taking shape. Walls and lots of concreting have been done, and the roof is scheduled to be completed around April 2022.

Completion date for the whole project is estimated to be late 2022, but progress will depend on availability of materials and tradespeople, and any other disruptions that may occur.



**Divine Mercy Chapel project**

### DIVINE MERCY - Words of Jesus to St. Faustina:

"I desire that the first Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy." (Diary, 299)

"I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over (its) enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory." (Diary, 48)

"At the hour of their death, I defend as My own glory every soul that will say this chaplet; or when others say it for a dying person, the indulgence is the same." (Diary, 811)

"He who refuses to pass through the door of My mercy must pass through the door of My justice." (Diary, 1146)

## MARIAN VALLEY WORKING BEE

Marian Valley has experienced plenty of rain this summer which has contributed to a burst of growth in the lawns and gardens. The mowing and whipper snipping has had to be done several times each week, and many repairs needed on the roads where washouts have occurred.

Thanks to Br Bruno and a team of volunteers who have been very busy working in the vast grounds at Marian Valley. It is an amazing job that they are doing and the grounds look magnificent.

Thank you to all.



**Some of the members of the working bee: Fr Mark Whybrow, Milen Lemiszczuk, Br Bruno Kanamis, Matthew Sullivan**

## HUNGARIAN CHAPEL

On Saturday 5th March 2022, the Hungarian committee organised some safety improvements to their Chapel of Blessed Eusebius. A handrail has been erected along the pathway to their Chapel.

The Chapel Coordinator Sam Kerekes said that the handrail will particularly benefit the infirm. The committee were fortunate to be able to receive a contribution from the Hungarian government, as well as donations from their committee.

**Volunteers Sam Kerekes, Attila Papp & Sandor Kiss**



## 'COMING INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH'

It was a very special mass for Wolfgang Heurich on Saturday 26th February 2022 who was received into the church at Marian Valley. The wild, wet weather could not dampen his joy in receiving the sacraments for the first time at the 11am mass.

The main celebrant was Fr Albert Wasniewski, assisted by Fr Anthony David and Brother Bruno. After mass, everyone joined Wolfgang in the canteen for a morning tea to celebrate his big occasion.

Wolfgang married Pat Ashton a year ago on 13th December 2020. They met at the Earle Haven Retirement Home in Nerang. Many people will know Pat as she has been a wonderful volunteer helping the Pauline Fathers since the Order arrived on Tamborine Mountain in 1989. Pat has a special interest in recording the Pauline's history since their arrival to Queensland.

Pat's strong faith has been a great influence on Wolfgang, who said: "Pat has been a great teacher. This is truly a happy day for me. At the age of 88, I believe it is never too late."



**Wolfgang receiving the sacraments**



**Wolfgang celebrating with friends**

### QUOTES ABOUT FAITH AND LIFE

"Know that the greatest service that man can offer to God is to help convert souls." ~ Pope Francis

"To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible." ~ St Thomas Aquinas

"There is one God, and one Christ, and one Church, and one Chair, founded on Peter by the word of the Lord." ~ St Cyprian of Carthage

"To be deep in history is to cease being a Protestant." ~ Cardinal Newman

### 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

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