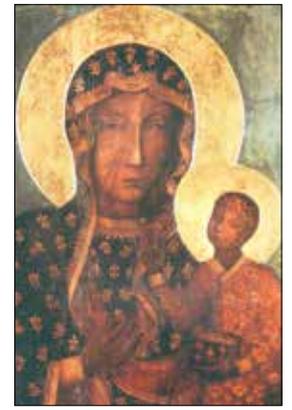




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News from 'Marian Valley'

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Pauline monks are currently preparing for the Fifth Provincial Chapter of the Australian Province of the Order of St Paul the First Hermit, which will begin on 8th November 2022. During this time, Father General Arnold Chrapkowski OSPPE and Father Secretary Bartlomiej Maziarka OSPPE will be visiting from Jasna Gora in Poland, and will be doing site visits including Marian Valley Canungra. Please pray for the success of this important event.

We have had some wonderful celebrations. In May, we had the installation and blessing of Our Lady of China. In June, the Hungarians celebrated their 10th anniversary of their Chapel in honour of St Eusebius. In July, the Sri Lankan community introduced a new event which is a tradition in their country, called the hoisting of the flagstaff. Very colourful!

For Our Lady's Birthday on 3rd September 2022, Bishop Richard Umbers was the main celebrant. This is always a very joyful day. It is also a special day for The Universal Rosary Bouquet group who continue to do wonderful missionary work. If anyone is available you may like to assist in this project. Bishop Columba was unable to attend this year due to an overseas commitment, but we have been informed that he will be here in May and September next year.

It was once again wonderful to see many children this year being baptised, as well as making their First Holy Communion, and in June, it was a very special occasion to welcome into the church Matthias Selbst.

The Year 2023 Marian Valley calendar of events has been published and is now available for distribution. I thank the many Chapel Owners for the good work in doing their regular clean up and maintenance work around their Chapels particularly when preparing for their community's annual pilgrimage. I am aware the weather conditions cause some difficulties, but overall, it is very successful. Thank you to all.

The construction of the Divine Mercy Chapel is progressing very well with the completion of the roof and concreting.

On a sad note, some of our dear and loyal volunteers who have been with us since the beginning, have passed away. In March, Brian Dwyer who helped support the monks since the early years in Queensland passed away. In July, Daphne Andreas, who was a member of the choir passed away at the age of 101 years. In August, Monica Locke who was one of the "Sisters" in the Piety Shop passed away.

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.

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

PAULINE BROTHERS

Please pray for our newly professed novice, Br Paul Debert who has just finished his novitiate at the Novitiate Monastery in Poland. Br Paul made his first religious vows on Our Lady's Birthday, 8th September 2022 and will soon start his seminarian studies in Rome.

Br Matthew Sullivan and Br Augustine Apolloni also attended the ceremony in Poland, with Fr Wojciech Sliwa from Smithfield in Sydney who was representing the Australian Province.

Pauline Order now have three Pauline Brothers studying in Poland and Rome. Br Matthew Sullivan is starting his novitiate this year in Poland, and Br Augustine Apolloni is starting his 2nd year in the seminary in Rome. All three Pauline Brothers are from Melbourne.



Br Paul (in middle) making his religious vows in front of Prior of the Novitiate.



Br Matthew Sullivan, Br Augustine Apolloni, Br Paul Debert, Fr Wojciech Sliwa

The Order of St. Paul The First Hermit

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Our work is: Shrines; Pastoral; Retreats.

For further information, write to:

Vocations Director, Pauline Fathers, 120 Hanging Rock Road, Berrima NSW 2577

OUR LADY OF CHINA OPENING

On Saturday 14th May 2022 it was a showery, overcast day, but this did not deter the pilgrims from the Chinese Catholic Community in attending the blessing of the statue and Chapel of Our Lady of China at Marian Valley.

The main celebrant was the Chinese Community Chaplain, Fr Albert Chan MSC, who was assisted by Fr Bai Yi Gong and Fr Jack Ho. Around 150 pilgrims journeyed to Marian Valley for the inaugural event.

Following the blessing ceremony, pilgrims returned to the church for holy mass at 11am. The community organised their own choir and parts of the mass were said in their language. Then everyone was invited for a delicious traditional Chinese lunch.

Fr Albert Chan MSC

Fr Albert Chan MSC reminded us that it was back in 1997 when he initially approached the Pauline Fathers for permission to build a chapel at Marian Valley. Twenty-five years later, Fr Chan was so delighted to have this project completed.

Fr Albert Chan MSC expressed his deepest gratitude to the many enthusiastic community members who helped to establish Our Lady of China Chapel, and to the many generous benefactors.

Fr Albert Chan MSC said: "At long last we now have a spiritual place to meet together and pray to Our Mother. We hope that this will help the Chinese Catholics to deepen their gratitude and love for Our Mother of China."

Our Lady of China

Our Lady of China, also known as Madonna of Donglu, is one of the names given to the Blessed Virgin Mary, to commemorate her apparitions in Donglu village at Qingyuan County of Hebei Province in North China.

During the time of the Boxer Rebellion in 1900, the Boxers targeted attacks on foreigners and Chinese Christians living in China. Our Lady appeared in Donglu Village, a community where most of the residents were Catholics. The Virgin Mary appeared in white above the people. A gang of bandits shot her, but she didn't go away. At the frantic moment, miraculously a horseman appeared in the sky frightening the bandits away immediately. The Mother of Christ appeared in China, justly defending and protecting the helpless people.

Under the leadership of a missionary from the Congregation de La Mission, the Donglu people constructed a magnificent church to thank Our Lady for her protection. Then veneration to Our Lady and the pilgrimage tradition started there.

Shortly after, a French priest, Fr P. Flament, the pastor of Donglu commissioned a painting of Mary with the Christ child dressed in golden imperial robes. This painting became the image of Our Lady, Queen of China. The feast of Our Lady of China falls on the day before the second Sunday of May every year. As Chinese people migrated to all parts of the world, the veneration to Our Lady of China spread worldwide, not just within the Chinese Catholic communities of China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau.

Our Lady of China, pray for us!



Fr Bai Yi Gong, Fr Albert Chan and Fr Jack Ho



Chinese Catholic Community gather at Our Lady of China Chapel for the blessing.

HUNGARIAN COMMUNITY CELEBRATING 10 YEARS

On Saturday 11th June 2022 around 60 pilgrims from the Hungarian Community gathered to celebrate 10 years since the opening of their Blessed Eusebius Chapel at Marian Valley Canungra.

Each year, the Hungarian Chaplain, Fr Laszlo Hogarth travels from Adelaide to be the main celebrant at the 11am Hungarian mass.

Following the mass, pilgrims walk in procession to the Hungarian Chapel for prayers, and then some musical entertainment, before completing the day with a feast of Hungarian food.

Blessed Eusebius of Esztergom

The Hungarian Chapel at Marian Valley is dedicated to Blessed Eusebius of Esztergom who was the founder of the Order of St Paul the First Hermit. This Chapel therefore has a significant connection to the Pauline monks.

Around 1200 AD, Eusebius was born in the Hungarian town of Esztergom. In 1246 AD, after having received a vision from God, he was inspired to gather the hermits who lived throughout the mountainous region around Esztergom into one monastic community. He became the first Provincial of the Order of St Paul the First Hermit. On the 19th January 1270 AD Eusebius died.

May Blessed Eusebius inspire his Pauline Monks at Marian Valley to imitate his virtues!

As per the photo to the right, Marian Valley has three relics of Blessed Eusebius. A rock from the Grotto of Blessed Eusebius, a brick from the first Pauline Fathers church where Blessed Eusebius lived with his Hungarian community dating back to 1215AD, and a rock from the grave of Blessed Eusebius.



President of Hungarian Community Sam Kerekes addressing the pilgrims at the Hungarian Chapel



HOISTING OF THE FLAGSTAFF

On Sunday 17th July 2022 Fr Albert Wasniowski was invited by the Sri Lankan community to bless 'the hoisting of the flagstaff.' The community members of Our Lady of Madhu hoisted the flagstaff in preparation for their annual feast day which is held on the following Saturday.

The hoisting of the flagstaff is a traditional ceremony in Sri Lanka which the community wish to introduce into their annual program here at Marian Valley. It is done with great respect and care, each flag signifying the contribution and efforts from various family members in their community.

On their feast day, the community prayed for their country and for the protection of their people as they struggle through these difficult times of poverty and desperation, given the current economic downturn and political unrest.

The Sri Lankan's annual pilgrimage of Our Lady of Madhu will now be the fourth Saturday in July. It was previously the first Saturday of July.



Fr Albert Wasniowski blessing the hoisting of the flagstaff

OUR LADY'S BIRTHDAY

On Saturday 3rd September 2022, around 300 pilgrims, who were undeterred by the wet weather, journeyed to Marian Valley for the Feast of Our Lady's Birthday. The main celebrant was Bishop Richard Umbers, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Sydney, and he was assisted by Fr Albert Wasniowski and Fr Jeremy Santoso.

It is a significant day for Marian Valley as the first mass in Queensland by the Pauline Fathers was on Our Lady's birthday 33 years ago on 8th September 1989 at Tamborine Mountain. It is very special to celebrate her birthday as Mary came into the world full of grace and became the Mother of Jesus.

A very big thank you to Theresa Blatchly for organising a bus of pilgrims from Toowoomba who all had a wonderful day at Marian Valley.

This was Bishop Umbers first visit to Marian Valley and he expressed his joy in the peacefulness and holiness of the Shrine. Bishop Umbers is currently the youngest Catholic bishop in Australia and is also the first priest of Opus Dei to be appointed a bishop in Australia.

Bishop Columba was unable to attend this year due to an overseas commitment, however he has mentioned that he intends to be at Marian Valley in May and September next year.



Miles, Fr Jeremy, Theo, Bp Umbers, Patrick, Fr Albert, Tim, Daniel

VISIT BY CARDINAL IGNATIUS

On Wednesday 27th July 2022, Cardinal Ignatius Suharyo Hardjoatmodjo, Archbishop of Jakarta and Military Ordinary for Indonesia, visited Marian Valley with several Indonesian priests from the Brisbane Archdiocese. Whilst at Marian Valley, he visited the Indonesian Chapel of Our Lady of the Star of the Sea.

Cardinal Ignatius is the third cardinal in the history of the Indonesian Church. He was born on 9 July 1950 on the Island of Java. Pope Francis made him a cardinal on 5 October 2019.

Cardinal Ignatius said, "I am sure that Pope Francis appointed me a cardinal because he wanted to appreciate the Catholic Church in Indonesia. And not only the Catholic Church of Indonesia, but also our nation." Cardinal Ignatius is a cardinal in the largest Muslim-majority country. ~ from Rome Reports 27/04/2021



Fr Anthony, Cardinal Ignatius, Fr Albert



St Joseph's Hermitage Retreat Centre, Marian Valley 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 \$40 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 07-55 333 378 or email: marianretreat@bigpond.com

MATTHIAS SELBST COMING INTO THE CHURCH

On Pentecost Sunday 5th June 2022 it was a joyful occasion for Matthias Charles Selbst when he was welcomed into the Catholic Church at Marian Valley Canungra, receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Communion and Confirmation.

Whilst studying an Art Degree at Campion College in Sydney, Matthias received an introduction to the Catholic Church.

Earlier this year, Matthias transferred to Bond University on the Gold Coast to study Psychology, and this is when he discovered Marian Valley and decided to become a Catholic. He then began his RCIA program with Fr Albert.

Matthias said, "There are some things in this world that we cannot understand. I have always had this wonderful feeling of love for God. I love the traditions of the Catholic Church. It gets you back to the basics. However, I know that I still have a long way to go, to grow in my faith."

Pentecost Sunday

In his homily, Fr Albert spoke about how Pentecost Sunday was an appropriate time for Matthias to receive the sacramental gifts. The Day of Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ in Jerusalem after the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Pentecost marks the beginning of the Christian Church as we know it. The apostles had chosen Matthias to replace Judas Iscariot who had hanged himself because of his betrayal of Jesus. That brought the number of apostles back to 12.



Matthias receiving his certificates and gift from Fr Albert Wasniowski



Matthias cutting the cake with his sponsor Robert Murphy (left) and Fr Albert Wasniowski and fellow parishioners

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to all the children who received their First Holy Communion at Marian Valley this year.

On Easter Sunday 17th April 2022 it was a joyous day for Clare McKendry who made her First Holy Communion at Marian Valley Canungra.

Rose Hempel and Catherine Zonneveld chose Corpus Christi Sunday, 19th June 2022 for their special day to make their First Holy Communion.

On Sunday 26th June 2022 Stephen Crabb received his First Holy Communion.



Clare McKendry and family members, with Fr Jeremy Santoso and Fr Albert Wasniowski



Rose and Catherine cutting the cake with Fr Albert Wasniowski



Stephen Crabb

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

VALE: Brian Michael Dwyer

On Tuesday 8th March 2022, Brian Michael Dwyer passed away at Duhig Village Retirement Home in Holland Park, Brisbane, at the age of 92.

Brian was born in Gympie, and joined the Commonwealth Bank in 1947 after he left school. He worked there for 45 years as an accountant and later as chief auditor of Queensland. He excelled at maths and used this gift to support the church throughout his life.

Brian married Mary Cantwell in 1956 on St Patricks Day.

In 1988, Brian got a calling to move from Brisbane to Tamborine Mountain to live. It was providential that in 1989 the Pauline Order also moved to Tamborine Mountain to set up a monastery.

Brian was one of the original supporters of the Pauline monks when they arrived in Queensland. Fr Augustine Lazur OSPPE, who was head of the Pauline Order in Australia at the time, with Br Gabriel (now Fr Gabriel) would regularly stay at their home, enjoying discussions about the development of the Shrine, as well as Mary's baked dinners.

From 1989 to 1995, Brian worked at the Tamborine Mountain markets each month to help raise money for the Pauline monastery. Brian helped to put up tents and count money. The stall sold a variety of produce, artwork, chutneys, jams, cakes, biscuits and tea and coffee with scones. This money was used to support the Pauline Order, and fundraise for a more permanent future new monastery and shrine.

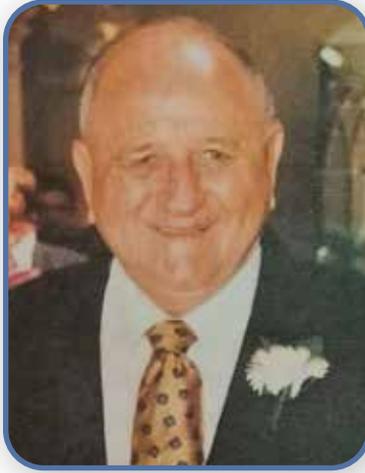
Brian had a very good singing voice, and was one of the original members of the choir which started in 1989. He had a strong faith and was very devoted to the church. His wife Mary describes Brian as a man who had a 'steadfast faith.'

In 1999 Brian and Mary moved back to Brisbane.

Brian was lovingly devoted to his wife Mary whom he was married to for 66 years, and to his family of 8 children, 24 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. He loved his sport, especially rugby union and cricket.

The main celebrant at Brian's requiem mass held at Holland Park West was Fr Jeremy Santoso from Marian Valley.

Brian will be sadly missed. May he rest in peace.



Brian Michael Dwyer

VALE: Daphne Andreas

On 2nd July 2022, Daphne Andreas passed away at the TriCare Mermaid Beach Aged Care Residence on the Gold Coast at the age of 101 years.

Daphne moved to Tamborine Mountain around the same time the Pauline monks started a monastery there in 1988. She helped form the original choir with some of the parishioners, and this is where she met her husband Robert who played the organ. They were married for 31 years.

Daphne had a very strong faith. Amazingly, she was born on the 13th March 1921 which is Fatima Day, and she passed away on the 1st Saturday of the month. She was a strong supporter of these devotions, and both of these days are significant in the Marian Valley annual calendar of events.

Many family and friends gathered at Marian Valley for Daphne's funeral on Monday 11th July 2022, followed by the internment at Tamborine Mountain.

May she rest in peace.



Daphne Andreas

VALE: Monica Locke

On Sunday 7th August 2022, one of our loyal volunteers Monica Locke passed away in the Gold Coast Private Hospital at the age of 89 years.

Monica and her husband Gerry moved from Sydney to Tamborine Mountain in the 1980's. Monica and Gerry were one of the original supporters when the Pauline monks moved to Tamborine Mountain in 1988, and then to Marian Valley in 1995.

Monica is well known as one of the hard-working ladies in the Piety Shop, always serving the pilgrims with a smile.



Monica Locke

It was well known that she loved apples and never ate vegetables, and of course a St George football fan. But most importantly, her faith was unwavering.

At the requiem mass held at Marian Valley on Thursday 18th August 2022, Monica's good friend Jan Chalmers read a beautiful eulogy. One important point Jan mentioned was that Monica was asked what her perfect day would be, and she answered, "it would include Mass and Holy Communion."

May she rest in peace.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL

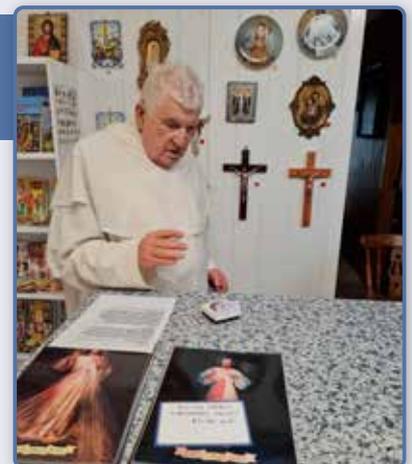
The construction of the Divine Mercy Chapel is progressing well with the roof and concreting complete.



Divine Mercy Chapel construction

Fr Anthony David OSPPE

Fr Anthony David OSPPE blessing items purchased in the Piety Shop



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.