



MARY'S ROSE

NEWSLETTER



Pauline Fathers & Rosary Bouquet

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News from 'Marian Valley'

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Since the last newsletter, a lot has happened here at Marian Valley, as well as within the Pauline Order in Australia.

Firstly, the appointments for the Australian Province have been finalised for the placements of the Pauline Fathers and Brothers for the next 3 years which will take effect during May 2015. I have been appointed to Dromana Parish in Melbourne as of 8th May 2015. I will be sad to leave Marian Valley as I have met so many wonderful people.

Brother Luke has also been transferred after 9 years at Marian Valley. Br Luke will be going to Penrose Park, NSW.

The following are the details of the appointments:

Marian Valley: Fr Oskar Osinski will be the Prior, with Fr Anthony David as Sub Prior and Fr Michael Szymanski. Br Bruno Kanamis will be replacing Br Luke McKay.

Dromana, Melbourne: Fr Albert Wasniowski

Berrima NSW: Fr Marek Dutkiewicz will continue as Prior, with Fr Gabriel Taylor and Fr Peter Zytka, Br Luke McKay and Br Matthew Hall.

Moss Vale: Fr Damian Mosakowski

Merrylands, Sydney: Fr Janusz Pawlicha and Fr Peter James Strohmayer and Br John Jurgutis

Smithfield, Sydney: Fr Jaroslaw Zan and Fr Richard Green

Mareeba: Fr Joachim Dembicki

These changes have come about after the Pauline Fathers held their triennial Provincial Chapter at Penrose Park on Monday 19th January through to Wednesday 21st January 2015. During this week, the Pauline Community elected the members for the Australian Province. The following are the results of the election:

Australian Provincial: Fr Jaroslaw Zan

Vicar Provincial: Fr Michael Szymanski

Consultors: Fr Janusz Pawlicha, Fr Oskar Osinski, Fr Richard Green

Secretary: Fr Peter Zytka

Provincial Administrator: Fr Peter James Strohmayer

Also present at the General Chapter, and as part of their three-yearly canonical visit from Poland, were General Superior Fr Arnold Chrapkowski OSPPE and Secretary-General Fr Pawel Przygodzki OSPPE. After the Provincial Chapter at Penrose Park, they visited Marian Valley during the week beginning 1st February 2015.

Other noteworthy news includes the renovation of the 'Yellow House'. At the time of writing, the refurbishment has nearly been completed, and it is no longer the 'Yellow House'. The building has been repainted along with many other repairs. It has been renamed 'Our Lady of Mt Carmel Meeting Room'. The Italian community has kindly donated a beautiful statue of Our Lady of Mt Carmel to be installed in the meeting room. It is envisaged this room will be used to show DVDs and to conduct religious instruction sessions. Many thanks to the generous benefactors especially the family of Peter Joseph Derig who made a significant contribution. As always, our faithful Builder, Anthony Grange, put in many hours to this project and many volunteers also assisted. Our Lady of Mt Carmel Meeting Room will certainly be another valuable addition to the facilities offered to the pilgrims at Marian Valley.

Finally, I would like to say a big thanks to everyone for their very warm hospitality during my nearly 12 months here at Marian Valley.

May God strengthen you with his graces and blessings,

Fr Albert Wasniowski OSPPE
Prior Marian Valley Canungra



Fr Jaroslaw Zan OSPPE
Provincial



General Superior Fr Arnold
Chrapkowski OSPPE

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:

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Ukrainian Chapel Opening

On Monday 29th September 2014, the Ukrainian Catholic Chapel of the Protection of the Mother of God was opened and blessed by His Beatitude, Patriarch Sviatoslav Shevchuk. The Patriarch was accompanied by Bishop Peter Stasiuk C.Ss.R., Eparch for Australia, New Zealand and Oceania. Around 80 people attended the opening.

Patriarch Sviatoslav is Head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church and visited all major Ukrainian parishes during his Australian Patriarchal tour over a 2 week period in September 2014. There are a total of 50 Ukrainian Greek Catholic bishops

worldwide with more than seven and a half million faithful. The Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church is the largest Eastern Church in full union with the Holy See. It is a great privilege to have a Ukrainian Chapel at Marian Valley.



Patriarch Sviatoslav and Bishop Peter

Top Right: Opening of Ukrainian Chapel

Right: Fr Simon, Patriarch Sviatoslav, Bishop Peter, Fr Albert



Extra *Blessing* from on high.....

There was much amusement for the pilgrims attending the opening of the Ukrainian Chapel on Monday 29th September 2014. A koala was spotted, curled up peacefully sleeping in the branches of a tree next to where the official car stopped. When Patriarch Sviatoslav got out of his car, he was clearly delighted with the welcome from the bush pilgrim before he processed towards the Ukrainian Chapel.

It was a beautiful, though rare sight to see the koala resting in the tree which added an extra blessing for the many pilgrims on this special day.



Koala watching the Patriarch

Opening of Blessed Jacques Desire Laval Chapel

On Saturday 20th September 2014, Fr Richard Rosse from St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne was the main celebrant for the Opening and Blessing of the Chapel of Blessed Jacques Desire Laval. Around 70 people from the Mauritian and French communities attended. The initiators of the project, Serge and Josette Kishtoo were very pleased with the day commenting, "It was just a wonderful day. Everything went perfectly well and our family felt blessed to have been able to honor Fr Laval apostle of Mauritius." After the Mass and the Blessing of the Chapel, a delicious meal was served for lunch.



Serge, Fr Rosse & Josette at the Chapel of Blessed Jacques Laval

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Amenities Block

The new amenities block has now been completed. It was blessed by Bishop Columba OSPPE when he was Main Celebrant at Our Lady's birthday Mass on 6th September 2014.



Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE with altar servers Tom Dwyer, Adam Moodley and Naren Govender

Farewell to Br Luke OSPPE

Br Luke McKay OSPPE received his final religious vows on 22nd August 2010 here at Marian Valley.



Br Luke McKay

Brother Luke OSPPE has been at Marian Valley since March 2006. He arrived at the same time as Bishop Columba OSPPE. Over these past 9 years, Brother Luke has developed a strong reputation for warmly welcoming visitors to 'our Mother's home' here at Marian Valley. He has a great gift of reaching out to people of all nationalities and backgrounds, chatting with and helping many through their faith journey. After Mass, Brother Luke can regularly be found sitting down with a cup of tea having a conversation with pilgrims!

Every day Br Luke diligently prepares for each Mass. He always has the sanctuary immaculately presented, taking great care to polish the brass every week. Training the altar servers has been another of Br Luke's significant talents. Over the years, he has trained a generation of altar servers to be confident in not only the duties of assisting the priest at Mass but in their own knowledge and love of the Catholic faith. One altar server who admires Br Luke's work is Tom Dwyer who commented, "We are going to really miss you. I would like to thank you Br Luke for always being there and willing to answer my questions, both on and off the altar."

Br Luke loves his faith, and in particular has a wonderful devotion to our Holy Mother Mary. Volunteers often refer to Brother Luke as 'Our Very Holy Brother'. Robert Murphy, a long time volunteer commented that "Br Luke has been an invaluable worker around the Shrine, doing tractor work, pruning hedges and assisting in the gardens. He does a lot of behind the scenes work and we always miss him when he goes away on holidays".

Br Luke OSPPE will be taking up his role at Penrose Park in May 2015. At the same time, Br Bruno Kanamis OSPPE will be moving to Marian Valley from Penrose Park.

We decided to ask Br Luke a couple of questions.....

What do you think you will miss most about Marian Valley?

The volunteers, the pilgrims, the atmosphere, the wildlife, but I will particularly miss the First Friday Vigil Devotions which Robyn organises in the Adoration Chapel.

What is your most memorable moment here at Marian Valley?

50th birthday surprise party at St Bernards Hotel, Mt Tamborine. My Mum and members of my family flew up from Colac in Victoria which was totally unexpected. It was Mum's first time flying since her honeymoon.

What do you see as some of the challenges and joys of being a Brother here at Marian Valley?

Challenge: ex-tropical cyclone Oswald clean up in January 2013 – WOW, that was a challenge.

Joy: Converting souls, bringing people back to God.

Over the past 9 years, I have really enjoyed being an integral part of the growth of Marian Valley. Just an amazing place.

A huge thank you Br Luke for all your years of dedication, hard work, kind words and guidance. We wish you all the best in your future role at Penrose Park.

Br Luke's farewell mass will be on Sunday 24th May.

Fr Albert

Since 1st June 2014, Fr Albert Wasniowski OSPPE has been in the role of Prior at Marian Valley after the sudden appointment of Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE to the Wilcannia-Forbes Diocese. Whilst carrying out his responsibilities as Prior, Fr Albert was also required to continue as the Parish Priest of Merrylands Parish and Provincial for Australia which he has held for the past 3 years. Fr Albert was kept very busy performing all 3 roles until the Province Chapter was held at Penrose Park in January 2015.

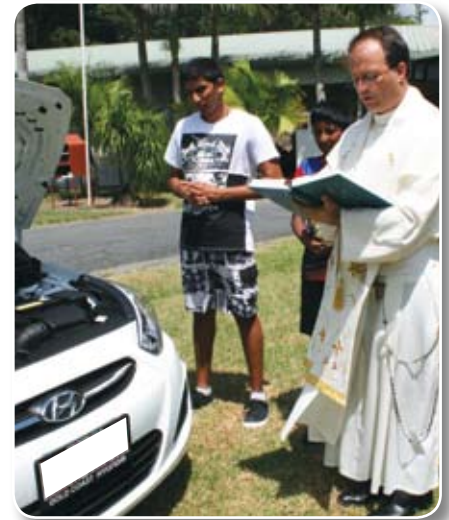
During his nearly 12 months at Marian Valley, Fr Albert OSPPE has shown his generous personality mixing with pilgrims and having a wonderful rapport with both young and the old. His deep spirituality was always an inspiration to us all. We also cherished his informative Sunday religious instruction sessions and his feedback on our questions.

Fr Albert OSPPE will take up his appointment at the Dromana Parish in Melbourne on 8th May 2015.

Thank you Fr Albert.....
You will be greatly missed.

Fr Albert's farewell mass will be on Sunday 3rd May.

Fr Albert blessing a car for the Moodley family



Fr Albert OSPPE supervising earthworks and the laying of water pipes with Volunteer Robert Murphy.



Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE attended a 10 day 'Bishop Kindy' in Rome in September 2014. Part of the conference included meeting with Pope Francis.

Christmas 2014

Around 100 people attended the Marian Valley Christmas party which was held on Sunday 30th November 2014. Once again, it was a memorable night. Clancy, (from Catering by Clancy Professional Chef, Nerang) catered for the evening with the amazing support of volunteers Max and Kim Chong. The food was superb. Roger Munsie, talented sole artist and multi-instrumentalist / vocalist, entertained everyone again this year. This is a very special time of the year for Marian Valley families to get together and catch up with each other.

Christmas Eve was a little different this year. Volunteers Maggie and Elvis and their family and friends, under the guidance of Fr Albert, organized a Christmas Eve dinner for everyone to enjoy, followed by a candlelight procession to Our Lady of Fatima before the normal program of Adoration, Carols and the Midnight Mass. On Christmas Day, Maggie, Elvis and family also organized a Christmas Day breakfast.

Maggie's comment was: "This is a beautiful way to rejoice in the birth of our Lord Jesus. Thank you to all the families and friends that made this such a very special evening, and a special thank you to Fr Albert, who taught us what a Polish Christmas Eve dinner was all about. Many Blessings for the New Year."



Roger Munsie, the one-man band



Tony Ryan - the MC



Candle light procession and prayers

Baptism

On 30th November 2014 proud parents Jak and Blerina Krasniqi had baby Lion Krasniqi baptized at Marian Valley. After the Baptism, Grandma and family supplied a beautiful lunch for all of the people present at the Baptism.

Fr Albert OSPPE baptizing Baby Lion with parents Blerina and Jak



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APOSTLES OF THE DIVINE MERCY

by Bella Voeselek

Now that the feast day of Divine Mercy is coming close I would like to bring to the attention of the readers of Mary's Rose that here at Marian Valley we have a very dedicated group called "the Apostles of the Divine Mercy".

This group who meet on Tuesday each week was started by Fr. Andrew Dembecki OSPPE around 1998 with the aim to study St. Faustina's diary in order to learn and better understand the infinite Mercy of God.

Each Tuesday after Holy Mass we start with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and after a brief coffee break we go to the meeting room. We start the meeting with some prayers and then read about 5 pages of the diary. We then discuss and listen and share our findings and thoughts. We follow a study guide which points to the appropriate lessons from the bible and the catechism.

We are very blessed to have Fr. Anthony David OSPPE as our spiritual director. He enlightens us when we get stuck on a certain topic. We have come to understand that the most important thing about the Divine Mercy message is the saving of souls by means of TRUST in the Lord and saying the Chaplet. After the meeting, we all spend some quality time in the Adoration Chapel.

We invite anyone who is interested, to sit in on one or more of our meetings and then to try to start a group in your own parish or even at home.

Our program each Tuesday is: 8.40am Rosary. 9am Mass followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet. Morning tea. Prayers and reflection. Adoration. All Welcome

Reminder!!!! Sunday 12th April 2015 – Divine Mercy Sunday - 10am Holy Hour; Confession; 11am Mass; 1.30pm Spiritual Talk; Eucharistic Procession. Blessing with the Blessed Sacrament of each person present. 3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet.



Divine Mercy Group: Fr Anthony OSPPE with Mel, Freda, John, Maria, Angela, Maria, Anne, Kim, Colleen, Betty, Ray and Bella

Report from Universal Rosary Bouquet by Gail Shorthouse

We are regularly distributing rosary beads to many parts of the world. Just recently, we received an order for 300 rosary beads from a priest in Poland who looks after the street people in Krakow and we will be posting more beads to him in the near future.

We rely on our wonderful rosary makers to keep our project going. One of our best is Br Hugh who has now exceeded making 3000 rosary beads since he started a year ago. Thanks Brother.

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.

Help is always needed so if anyone is interested in being a Rosary or Scapular Maker, or may wish 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