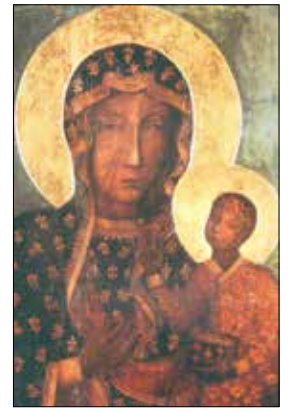




# MARY'S ROSE NEWSLETTER

Pauline Fathers & Rosary Bouquet



Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians Marian Valley  
Postal Address: PO Box 104, Canungra Qld 4275  
Location: 2541 Beechmont Rd, Witheren via Canungra Qld 4275  
Fr Jarek Zan OSPPE

Ph: 07-55 333 617 Email: [marianvalley@bigpond.com](mailto:marianvalley@bigpond.com)  
Website: [marianvalley.org.au](http://marianvalley.org.au)  
RETREAT CENTRE: Ph: 07-55 333 378  
Email: [marianretreat@bigpond.com](mailto:marianretreat@bigpond.com)

Volume 1 • Number 60 • March 2023

## News from 'Marian Valley'

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the week beginning 7 November 2022, the Pauline Monks held their Fifth Provincial Chapter of the Australian Province of the Order of St Paul the First Hermit in Sydney. Visiting from the motherhouse in Jasna Gora Poland were Father General Arnold Chrapkowski OSPPE and Father Secretary Bartlomiej Maziarka OSPPE who were present to oversee and guide the Chapter. At the conclusion of the Chapter, site visits were conducted, including Marian Valley Canungra.

Following the Provincial Chapter, the new Provincial Council announced several appointments impacting Marian Valley. As I have been Prior for six years, Canon Law requires me to step down from my leadership role. On 18 February 2023, Fr Jaroslaw Zan started his appointment as Prior of Marian Valley, and he was also elected as the Provincial of the Pauline Order in Australia. I am pleased that I will still be located at Marian Valley, allowing me to take on a greater role at the Nerang Parish. Fr Zachary Lewis has also been appointed to Marian Valley, whilst there has been no change for Fr Anthony David and Brother Bruno Kanamis.

At the same time, Fr Jeremy Santoso, who has been with us at Marian Valley since his ordination four years ago, was transferred to Merrylands Parish in Sydney. He has also been elected as the Province Administrator. Fr Jeremy's wonderful ministry, particularly with the youth, will be sadly missed.

Looking back, in November last year, newly ordained Pauline monk, Fr Casimir Zielinski, celebrated his first mass in Australia at Marian Valley. While in other good news, on Australia Day 2023, Br Bruno Kanamis was awarded his Australian citizenship.

It was once again wonderful to see many children this year being baptised, as well as making their First Holy Communion. Congratulations to the two sisters, Neshsi and Neshma Divino for their First Holy Communion in October 2022.



Fr Jeremy, Fr Anthony, Fr General Arnold, Fr Secretary Bartlomiej, Fr Albert, Br Bruno

On 22 November last year, Bishop Columba celebrated his 25th anniversary of his priestly ordination which he made with the Order of St Paul the First Hermit. Bishop Columba has been unable to attend Marian Valley events in the last couple of years, but we have been informed that he hopes to be here this year.

On a sad note, some of our dear and loyal volunteers who have been wonderful supporters, have passed away. Peter Falvy died on 3 August 2022 who will be especially remembered for his architectural and engineering contributions at Marian Valley; Wolfgang Heurich, a wonderful friend of Marian Valley, passed away on 8 October, and sadly, Frances Wallace died on 9 December 2022, a volunteer who helped with her many sewing and catering skills. May they Rest in Peace.

The construction of the Divine Mercy Chapel is progressing very well with the completion of the roof, concreting and glass. Internal construction and furnishings have now begun.

The Year 2023 Marian Valley calendar of events has been published and is now available for distribution, as well as online at [www.marianvalley.org.au/events](http://www.marianvalley.org.au/events).

May is a special month of the year to pray to Our Lady for our special needs. As we prepare for the Solemnity of Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia, you may wish to participate in the celebration of the Novena of Masses at Marian Valley. During the novena prior to the Solemnity, your special intentions will be placed upon the altar.

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

### FR JAROSLAW "JAREK" ZAN

Effective from 18 February 2023, Fr Jaroslaw "Jarek" Zan officially began his role as Prior of Marian Valley. Fr Jarek, who celebrated his 30th anniversary of priestly ordination in 2022, was the Parish Priest of St Gertrude's Parish in Smithfield Sydney. We welcome Fr Jarek to Marian Valley.



Fr Jaroslaw "Jarek" Zan

## BR BRUNO AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP

On Australia Day, Thursday 26 January 2023, it was a joyful day for Br Bruno Kanamis OSPPE who officially became an Australian citizen at the Scenic Rim Regional Council Civic Centre in Beaudesert. He now holds dual Australian/PNG citizenship

Following the Australian Citizenship Ceremony, he was welcomed back at the monastery for a 'traditional Aussie BBQ' with his fellow monks and volunteers at Marian Valley.

Br Bruno said, "I love Australia and its people, and the opportunity to nurture their faith."

However, he said that he will still continue to return to his home village each year to catch up with his family and friends.

Br Bruno Kanamis OSPPE was born in the village of Langlang on Karkar Island, around 30 kilometres off the north coast of mainland PNG. He is the 4th of 8 children to Agnes and Rufus Kanamis.

Br Bruno came to Australia on 20 May 1994 to visit and to discern his vocation in the Pauline Order, under the guidance of the Prior in Australia, Fr Augustine Lazur OSPPE.

Br Bruno eventually took his solemn vows on 7 October 2006 on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Over the many years in Australia, he has worked at Marian Hills in the Tarcutta Parish, as well as Penrose Park at Berrima NSW.

Since May 2015, Br Bruno has been located at Marian Valley. Although he is always very busy in the church organising things, he is also often seen driving the tractor and working in the vast grounds of the 210 acres at Marian Valley.

Congratulations Br Bruno and thank you for your wonderful service at Marian Valley, Canungra.



**Br Bruno with his Certificate of Australian Citizenship**

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

On Saturday 15 October 2022, the Divine sisters Neshsi and Neshma, made their First Holy Communion at Marian Valley. The main celebrant was Fr Jeremy Santoso OSPPE. The ceremony was attended by around 80 family and friends. Following the Holy Mass, everyone was invited to a feast of traditional Indian food.

**Fr Jeremy with Neshsi and Neshma, and parents Mangai and Jabanesh**



## FR MARK WHYBROW

When a baby Figbird fell out of its nest at Marian Valley, Fr Mark came to the rescue. He nurtured 'Figgy' back to good health and the two became good friends. Eventually, 'Figgy' was able to fly back to its parents.

Fr Mark was on a temporary assignment from Wagga Diocese for about 10 months and returned back to Wagga on 13 February 2023. He said that he loved the wildlife and working in the vast grounds during his stay at Marian Valley.



**Fr Mark with 'Figgy'**

## FR CASIMIR'S FIRST MASS AT MARIAN VALLEY

On Sunday 20 November 2022, on the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King, Fr Casimir celebrated a mass of thanksgiving at Marian Valley, for the gift of the priesthood.

Born in Wollongong in 1992 to Polish parents Aleksander and Alina Zielinski, the family moved to Brisbane in 2004, where Fr Casimir finished high school at St Thomas More College in Sunnybank, Brisbane. Fr Casimir and his father were regular mass goers, particularly for Fatima and First Saturday devotions in the early days at Marian Valley, Canungra.

Fr Casimir joined the Pauline Order in 2014 and did his studies in Rome at the Angelicum University, graduating with a Bachelor of Sacred Theology and a license in Canon Law in 2020.

Fr Casimir experienced some unusual circumstances due to COVID restrictions. He was unable to return home to Australia for his ordination, so it was decided to proceed with his ordination in Poland at Jasna Gora on 13 June 2020 with 3 other Polish deacons.

He was then given special permission from Pope Francis to be able to give his First Mass blessings whenever he was able to return to Australia. Fr Casimir read out the letter at mass from Pope Francis before proceeding to give out an individual blessing to all who attended the mass.

Fr Casimir is currently the assistant priest of the Pauline Fathers Parish in Rome and finishing a doctorate in Canon Law.



**Fr Casimir's first mass, with Fr Jeremy Santoso**



**Fr Casimir**

## FR GABRIEL TAYLOR

Many people will remember Fr Gabriel Taylor who was Assistant Priest at Marian Valley Canungra for 13 ½ years in the early days of the Shrine.

Sadly, Fr Gabriel has had some serious health problems, and on 30 January 2023 he retired to the Holy Family Services Nursing Home located at 116 Quakers Road, Marayong, in the Western suburbs of Sydney. The home is run by The Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth.

### History

Fr Gabriel's association with Marian Valley began many years ago. In March 1989, Brother Gabriel travelled with Fr Augustine Lazur to Tamborine Mountain to meet with Bern & Margaret Foley, and stayed overnight at Brian and Mary Dwyer's place. Following further discussions with the Beaudesert Parish and Brisbane Archdiocese, the Pauline Order took out the lease of the guest house attached to St John the Baptist Church at Tamborine Mountain.

The first mass was held on 8 September 1989 for Our Lady's Birthday. On 10 December 1995, the Pauline Order opened their own Shrine at Marian Valley Canungra. Fr Gabriel returned to Queensland on 26 March 1998 as Assistant Priest, when Fr Andrew Dembicki was the Prior. Nearly 14 years later, on 14 August 2011 he transferred back to Penrose Park, Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy, which is the Order's Headquarters in Berrima NSW, located in the Southern Highlands.

I am sure many people would agree that Fr Gabriel is certainly held in high esteem by all those who know him through Marian Valley.



**Fr Gabriel Taylor**

## FAREWELL FR JEREMY

On Sunday 15 January 2023, family and friends of Fr Jeremy Santoso OSPPE gathered together after mass at Marian Valley, to say farewell as he prepares to take up his new appointment at Merrylands Parish in Sydney.

Fr Jeremy was born in Sydney in 1989, and is the eldest of 5 siblings, 4 brothers (Jeremy, Andreas, Gabriel, Emmanuel) and one sister (Patricia). His parents Budi & Sri Santoso migrated from Indonesia in the 1980's and settled in the Western Sydney suburb of Smithfield, attending the St Gertrude's Parish.

Fr Jeremy's family were very involved in many activities in his local Smithfield Church. In 2004 the Pauline Order took over the administration of the Smithfield Parish. At the time, Fr Jeremy was a youth leader, and became very involved with the Pauline Fathers and grew close with them. During this period, Fr Jeremy became interested in a vocation with the Pauline Order.

Fr Jeremy completed his education in Sydney in 2007. He joined the Pauline Order in 2011 and went to Poland for his Seminarian studies. Fr Jeremy was ordained to the priesthood on Saturday 25 May 2019 at Penrose Park NSW, and his first appointment was Marian Valley.

In his 4 years at Marian Valley, Fr Jeremy has achieved many things. In 2020, during the COVID pandemic, he acted as Prior for 10 months whilst Fr Albert and Br Bruno were stranded in Poland. For some time he was also Assistant Parish Priest at Upper Coomera Parish in 2019. He has frequently helped out with mass supply work for numerous parishes in the Brisbane Archdiocese, and is particularly appreciated by the parishioners in the small country churches in the Beaudesert Parish.

Fr Jeremy developed a great connection with young families who will truly miss him. He was also very active in leading the Youth Group in the Nerang Parish.

However, most importantly, what we will miss is Fr Jeremy's strong orthodox faith, and his love for Our Lady and Marian devotions.

We wish Fr Jeremy Santoso OSPPE all the best in his new appointment at Merrylands Parish starting on 28 January 2023.



**Fr Jeremy's farewell party**



**Fr Jeremy Santoso OSPPE**

## FR ZACHARY LEWIS OSPPE

Effective from 28 January 2023, Fr Zachary Lewis OSPPE officially began his appointment at Marian Valley. Fr Zachary was ordained on 25 May 2019 at Penrose Park Monastery, in the Southern Highlands of NSW, and was there for the past four years. We welcome Fr Zachary to Marian Valley.



**Fr Zachary Lewis**

## PROVINCIAL CHAPTER

From the 7-10 November 2022, the Pauline monks gathered in Sydney for their annual retreat. The Australian Province of the Order of St. Paul the First Hermit held its 5th Provincial Chapter and elected the new Provincial Curia.

We congratulate Fr. Jarosław Zań on his election as Provincial, along with Fr. Damian Mosakowski as Vicar-Provincial and the Definitors Fr. Joseph Maria Buckley, Fr. Wojciech Śliwa and Fr. Peter James Strohmayer, and Fr. Jeremy Santoso as Provincial Administrator.

At Marian Valley there have also been changes to the administrative positions. Fr Jaroslaw Zan was appointed Prior of Marian Valley from 18 February 2023, with Fr Albert Wasniowski taking on a greater role in the Nerang Parish. From 28 January 2023, Fr Jeremy Santoso transferred to the Merrylands Parish in Sydney, whilst Fr Zachary Lewis moved to Marian Valley, to join Fr Anthony David and Br Bruno Kanamis.

Other appointments within the Australian Province include: Fr Richard Green as Prior of Penrose Park, Fr Peter James Strohmayer as Parish Priest of Smithfield Parish, Fr Wojciech Śliwa as Parish Priest of Merrylands Parish and Fr Damian Mosakowski to Moama Parish in the Wilcannia Forbes Diocese.

Following the Provincial Chapter in Sydney, Very Reverend Fr General Arnold Chrapkowski OSPPE and Fr Secretary General Bartłomiej Maziarka OSPPE, from the motherhouse in Jasna Gora Poland, arrived at Marian Valley for the canonical visit on Friday 11th November 2022.

During their 10-day visit to Queensland, they participated in events at Marian Valley including holy mass on Fatima day and procession to Our Lady of Fatima Grotto. They made a point of mentioning that they thoroughly enjoyed our Queensland warm weather.

We congratulate all the new appointees in their new roles within the Australian Province.

Our Lady of Czestochowa, pray for them.



**Fr Secretary, Fr General, Fr Albert**

## BISHOP COLUMBA – 25 YEARS

The Most Rev Columba Macbeth-Green celebrated his 25 years in the priesthood on 22 November 2022. He was ordained a priest in the Order of St. Paul the First Hermit in 1997 and was Prior at Marian Valley from 2006 to 2014. On 3 July 2014 he was ordained Bishop of Wilcannia-Forbes Diocese.

Bishop Columba has been unable to attend Marian Valley events in the last couple of years, but we have been informed that he hopes to be here sometime this year.



**Bishop Columba OSPPE**

## VALE: Frances Wallace

On Friday 9 December 2022, Frances 'Fran' Mary Wallace passed away at the age of 96 years. A Requiem Mass was held at Marian Valley on Thursday 22 December 2022. Fr Jeremy Santoso OSPPE was the main celebrant. Family and friends, and many volunteers attended the mass to especially remember Fran who devoted much of her time and service to the church.



**Frances Mary Wallace**

Fran was born in Parkes NSW on 13 July 1926. She married her husband Rodger and had 5 children. She did her nursing training in Broken Hill. In the 1970's, the family moved to Sydney. In her later years, Fran relocated to Beechmont to live with her son Peter and his family.

Before coming to Marian Valley to work as a volunteer, Fran had extensive experience in the catering and sewing business. On special days at Marian Valley, Fran worked in the canteen making toasted sandwiches and serving the pilgrims. Her particular talent was sewing which was put to very good use at Marian Valley, from mending the monk's habits and altar cloths to tirelessly making hundreds of 'blue fly veils' which was infamously an essential part of life in the early days at Marian Valley.

However, most importantly, Fran had a strong faith. She lived a spiritual life that was rich in prayer and fellowship.

May she Rest in Peace.



**The blue fly veil worn by pilgrims**

## VALE: Wolfgang Heurich

On Saturday 8 October 2022, Wolfgang Heurich passed away at the Robina Hospital aged 89 years. As reported in the Mary's Rose newsletter March 2022, Wolfgang was received into the Catholic Church at Marian Valley on 26 February 2022. This was a very joyful occasion for him and he loved coming to mass each week.

Many people will know his wife Patricia (Ashton), a long-time volunteer at Marian Valley, who has done a lot of work in recording the history of the Pauline Fathers in Queensland. Pat said, "Wolfgang was a beautiful soul, who managed his suffering with courage, and had a caring and loving nature."

May he Rest in Peace.



**Wolfgang Heurich**

## VALE: Peter Falvey

On Wednesday 3 August 2022, Peter Falvey passed away at the age of 87 years, following a battle with cancer. Peter resided at Tamborine Mountain and was involved with the Catholic Church.

The main project that Peter was involved in at Marian Valley was the engineering and architectural design of the Monastery which took over 4 years to complete. Peter worked very closely with then Fr Columba Macbeth-Green (now Bishop), and the construction committee and all were very pleased with the outcome. The monastery was blessed by Most Reverend Joseph Oudeman, Auxiliary Bishop of Brisbane, on 7 October 2010.

Peter was born in Brisbane to parents Cecil & Josephine, and was the younger brother to Mary, Rita and Cecile. Peter was well known for achieving a great many university degrees, mainly in engineering and architecture. Peter was an 'old boy' of Gregory Terrace and his incredible and vast number of academic achievements were featured in a recent publication of the school. Most importantly, Peter was staunch in his Catholic faith. His funeral took place at the Nundah Catholic Church on Thursday 18 August 2022.

May he Rest in Peace.



**Peter Falvey**

## DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL

The Divine Mercy Chapel is starting to take shape. With the glass installation, it is now at lockup stage.



**Divine Mercy Chapel**

**VOCATION** enquiries for The Order of St Paul The First Hermit should be directed to: Vocations Director, Pauline Fathers, 120 Hanging Rock Road, Berrima NSW 2577

**RETREAT CENTRE** - \$40 per night ph. 07-55 333 378  
marianretreat@bigpond.com

If you wish to remember Marian Valley in your will, the correct wording is: Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians – Marian Valley – Pauline Fathers – ABN 24 195 762 439 – 2541 Beechmont Road, Witheren, Canungra Qld 4275

**May Mass Intentions.** It is a custom of the Catholics to dedicate the month of May to the Blessed Virgin Mary. If you would like to have masses offered for someone special during the Novena prior to the Solemnity of Our Lady Help of Christians, your special intention will be placed on the altar. Please return the form to Marian Valley, PO Box 104, Canungra Qld 4275.

**Cash & Cheque donations are accepted, as well as Online donations through Paypal – logon to [www.marianvalley.org.au/donate/](http://www.marianvalley.org.au/donate/)**