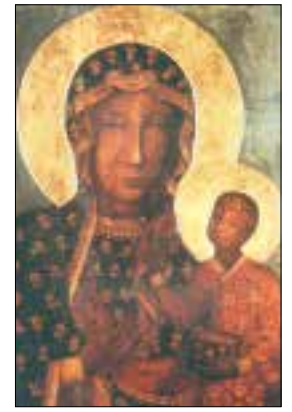




# MARY'S ROSE

## NEWSLETTER



Pauline Fathers & Rosary Bouquet

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## News from 'Marian Valley'

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The highlight of this year has been the ordination of Pauline Monk, Fr Joseph Maria Buckley OSPPE. The main celebrant for the ceremony was fellow Pauline Monk, Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE. I would like to thank all those who made this day a memorable event for Marian Valley; Fr Joseph's family and friends who have supported him, the Pauline community and especially the Volunteers who worked tirelessly to make the day something truly special.

I would like to make special mention of some other wonderful events that we have had over the past few months.

On Saturday 19th May, Archbishop Mark Coleridge was the main Celebrant for Our Lady Mary Help of Christians. He was also the main celebrant for the Feast of St Jean-Marie Vianney on Saturday 4th August where he asked every one of us to pray for priests, priestly vocations and religious, particularly in the Brisbane Archdiocese.

On Sunday 4th August, Bishop Ken Howell was the main celebrant for the Confirmation Mass and then he led a procession for the opening and blessing of the new Chapel of St Philomena.

It is wonderful to see the progress of the new proposed chapels, including the chapel planning by the Chinese community, site preparations by the East Timor community, the blessing of the Rwandan site, the foundation laying of Our Lady of Akita, foundation laying and blessing of the Papuan New Guinean site, and the final preparations for the opening of St Mother Teresa of Calcutta Chapel. Well done to all Communities!

Some of the important events coming up soon include:

On Sunday 7th October, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, many countries are joining together to hold Rosary Rallies across the world. On this day, we will also be participating in this event, which is being organised nationally as OZ Rosary 53.

On Saturday 13th October we will be celebrating Fatima Day as well as the opening and blessing of the Chapel for St Mother Teresa of Calcutta. The Opening of the chapel is being sponsored by several parishes in Brisbane and the Organisers are expecting many pilgrims to attend. The main celebrant of the day will be Bishop Ken Howell from the Brisbane Archdiocese.

I have also been informed that the Organisers of the Divine Mercy Retreat have booked another day on 10th November 2018 due to the great success earlier this year in March. The message of the Divine Mercy is simple: Ask for His Mercy, Be Merciful and Completely Trust in Jesus.

The Holy Hour before the I Am mass each Sunday has continued to be well supported and I believe many graces have been gained. It is so important in these times to spend some time with Jesus and He will give you all the graces you need to be happy. Each moment you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament brings joy to his Sacred Heart!

May God strengthen you with his graces and blessings,

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



**Ordination of Fr Joseph Maria Buckley (centre) with Bishop Columba OSPPE & Fr Albert Wasniowski OSPPE**

### 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:  
**The Trustees of the Pauline Fathers and Brothers for use at Marian Valley, 2541 Beechmont Rd. Witheren, Qld 4275**

## Mary Help of Christians

On Saturday 19th May, Archbishop Mark Coleridge was the main celebrant for the Solemnity of Our Lady Help of Christians. Around 350 pilgrims travelled to Marian Valley, many coming on buses from Toowoomba, Ipswich and the Gold Coast. As usual it was a beautiful spiritual day and many pilgrims commented that their journey was well worthwhile.



**Br Bruno Kanamis, Mark McHale, Fr Isidore, Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Fr Albert OSPPE, Fr Anthony OSPPE, Fr Terry Moynihan, Fr Thomas, Br Brendon Seeto, Marko**

## St Jean-Marie Vianney

On 4th August, Archbishop Mark Coleridge was the main celebrant for the First Saturday mass which was combined with the Feast of St Jean-Marie Vianney.

The principle organiser of the day, Mrs Heather Joseph, is the beneficiary of the beautiful crucifix on the steps of the church, which she has dedicated to the mission of praying for Priests, Seminarians and Religious.

Heather said, "It has become my personal mission to encourage everyone to pray for our wonderful priests. As the patron of parish priests we should pray for the intercession of St Jean-Marie Vianney for our priests, priesthood vocations and religious, particularly those from our Brisbane Archdiocese."

Archbishop Mark Coleridge gave a highly informative homily on the priesthood, encouraging priests to take St Jean-Marie Vianney as their role model.

St Jean-Marie Vianney, known as the Cure of Ars (1786-1859) was one of the greatest priests in the history of the Church. He spent close to 40 years in the Parish of Ars, spending from 13 to 18 hours on a daily basis in the confessional and reconciling souls to God.

Fr Albert said that the feast of St Jean-Marie Vianney is very important and that he would include it in the events calendar each year, to be combined with the First Saturday in August.

*"O how great is the priest!  
If he realized what he is he  
would die....God obeys him:  
he utters a few words and the  
Lord descends from Heaven  
at his voice, to be contained  
within a small host. Without  
the Sacrament of Holy Orders,  
we would not have the  
Lord..."*

- St Jean-Marie Vianney

*"A priest goes to Heaven or  
a priest goes to Hell with a  
thousand people behind"*

- St Jean-Marie Vianney

**Mrs Heather Joseph with  
Fr Albert OSPPE &  
Archbishop Mark Coleridge**



## Confirmation

Bishop Ken Howell, Auxiliary Bishop of Brisbane Archdiocese, was the main celebrant for the Confirmation Mass at Marian Valley on 5th August 2018.

Seventeen candidates were confirmed, and they included both adults and children.

All candidates were wonderfully prepared by Kara Ward. Kara's family were all involved in helping to prepare for the big day, including her daughter Josephine, who made the amazing Confirmation cake.



**Kara Ward**



**Bishop Ken Howell, Fr Albert OSPPE & Fr Anthony OSPPE with the confirmation candidates**



**Bishop Ken receiving help from the Confirmation children in cutting the cake**

## St Philomena Chapel

Bishop Ken Howell was kept busy at Marian Valley on Sunday 5th August. Following the Confirmation mass, the Bishop led the pilgrims in procession to the new Chapel of St Philomena for the opening and blessing ceremony.

The Chapel is located near the car park, and is at the beginning of the newly constructed track to Our Lady of Sorrows. The Chapel was the inspiration of Marta Rodriguez and her daughter Marta Barake and their families, and with the support of Youth groups, established the beautiful, but simple chapel.

The beautiful statue of St Philomena was kindly donated by Joe & Josie Mangano. St Philomena is the Patroness of Infants, Babies and Youth. She was a young consecrated virgin whose remains were discovered in May 1802 in the Catacomb of Priscilla. Her relics have been placed in the Church of Our Lady of Grace in Mugnano, Italy. Many miracles have been attributed to St Philomena. She is known as the 'Wonder Worker'.

Pilgrims at Marian Valley are invited to pick up a Blessed Stone at St Philomena's Chapel and take it up the track to Our Lady of Sorrows to place at the foot of the Cross as an offering to Jesus. The Chapel and the Youth track is designed to encourage young pilgrims to make this special journey, and to come closer to God.



**Bp Ken, Fr Albert, Br Bruno & Fr Anthony with the beneficiaries of the St Philomena Chapel**



## Ordination of Fr Joseph Maria OSPPE

On Saturday 9th June 2018, it was a special day for Fr Joseph Maria Buckley who was ordained the first priest from Queensland to the Order of St Paul the First Hermit. Around 250 family and friends, as well as many priests from both the Pauline Order and the Archdiocese, gathered at Marian Valley to witness the Ordination.

Fr Joseph Maria's family have been attending Mass at Marian Valley for many years. Fr Joseph is one of five children to Anthony and Pauline Buckley. It was wonderful to see his family involved throughout the mass, with his sister Eloise singing the Litany of the Saints, his brother and sister Matthew and Caitlan doing the readings, family friend Anne Rego doing the Psalm, while sister Megan Huynh and family took up the offertory.

Before entering the Order, Fr Joseph Maria completed an Information Technology degree. At the age of 21 years, he joined the Order and spent the first year at the Mother House at Jasna Gora Monastery in Czestochowa, Poland, followed by five years studying theology at the Angelicum in Rome. Since returning to Australia, he has spent the time working in the Shrines of Canungra and Penrose Park, as well as the Parishes in Sydney that are run by the Pauline Fathers.

### Bishop Columba OSPPE

It was also a special occasion for Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE who was the main celebrant at the Ordination. Fr Joseph Maria was the first priest he had ordained. It was during Bishop Columba's time as Rector of Marian Valley when a young Michael Buckley inquired about joining the Order and he helped guide him to the priesthood.

Bishop Columba ordained another priest, Fr Vincent Kamba, three weeks later, for his Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes. The Ordination took place in Fr Vincent's hometown in Kenya. He is the first priestly ordination for the Diocese in a very long time. If you login to Bishop Columba's facebook page you will see some very interesting video clips of his experience in Kenya.



**Bishop Columba OSPPE ordaining Fr Joseph Maria OSPPE**



**Ordination day**

### 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

## OZ ROSARY 53 on FATIMA DAY

A Prayer Group from Sydney under the patronage of retired Auxiliary Bishop David Cremin got together to promote OZ Rosary 53 around Australia. This Rosary Crusade started at the end of 2017 in Poland with over a million Catholics and has spread to other countries such as Ireland, UK, Italy and USA. The number 53 represents the 53 Hail Marys in the Rosary.



When the Sydney Prayer Group contacted Marian Valley to ask if they would be interested in participating, Fr Albert fully supported the idea and widely promoted it. He said, "It is very important that we pray for Australia, its protection, future and youth."

Around 300 pilgrims journeyed to Marian Valley on Sunday 13th May 2018. It was Fatima day, but OZ Rosary 53 was incorporated into the usual Fatima day's program.

The day started with Holy Hour at 10am with the Joyful and Sorrowful Mysteries, followed by 11am Holy Mass. After lunch, Fr Albert led the Eucharistic procession to the Grotto of Fatima whilst the pilgrims prayed the Glorious Mysteries. At the Fatima Grotto, Fr Anthony led the prayers and Benediction.

Around Australia, it was estimated that 180 groups participated in OZ Rosary 53 on Sunday 13th May 2018. The organisers are hopeful that this will grow over time, and continue to promote this important cause as it is a great opportunity to pray and consecrate our nation to Mary.

### Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary 7th October 2018

Marian Valley has once again been approached by the Sydney Prayer group to participate in the OZ Rosary 53 program on Sunday 7th October 2018. Organisers are promoting this event both nationally and globally. At Marian Valley, the day is to begin at 10am Holy Hour with the Joyful, Sorrowful and Luminous Mysteries, 11am Mass, followed by the Glorious Mysteries.

Together we are calling upon God, through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary, to heal our countries and return them to Holiness.

*We must pray without tiring, for the salvation of mankind does not depend upon material success.... but on Jesus alone*  
- St Frances Xavier Cabrini

*He who prays most receives most*  
- St Alphonsus Maria de Liguori



**Our Lady of Fatima Grotto**



**Rosary Procession**

# Divine Mercy Retreat

On Saturday 10th March 2018, a Divine Mercy Retreat was organised with around 180 attending the mass. The main organiser, Andre Adolphe said that the number of attendees surpassed his expectations.

Following mass and lunch, 83 people registered for the retreat which included guest speaker John Canavan giving an inspiring talk.

## John Canavan

Mr John Canavan is the Director of Divine Mercy Publications and has been operating for over 25 years in Melbourne. John experienced a profound conversion back to the Catholic faith in 1989. He worked for many years as an R-rated comedian, and after having seen an image of the Merciful Jesus, he was deeply touched – and in a powerful way, knew he was called to spread the message of Divine Mercy throughout Australia and the Oceanian region.

"Divine Mercy," John said, "is bringing people back to the faith."

John's mission is to share the message of Our Lord's Mercy, as revealed to Saint Faustina, through literature, images, DVDs, conferences, and other media. <http://www.divinemercy.com.au/about-us.php>

## Karen Canavan

We were also very privileged to hear a moving testimony from John's wife Karen Canavan. This was the first time Karen had given her testimony on her personal experience involving a good friend of the family, Fr Denis Ward OFM Cap., who, by the way, was a local boy from Kerry, near Beaudesert. Many of our readers are from around Beaudesert and know Fr Denis Ward's family.

## Karen's Testimony

Karen had become gravely ill. The family feared that it might have been cancer or an autoimmune disease. John asked his Capuchin priest-friend Fr. Denis Ward to pray for her.

A week later, Fr. Ward called John and asked him to meet him at the church. When John arrived, Fr. Ward proceeded to tell him of what happened when he knelt down before the tabernacle to pray for Karen. He told John that he found himself saying, "God, if it's Your holy will, can I take on Karen's sufferings?"

Within a week Fr Ward was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer, and Karen's sufferings disappeared.

As Fr. Ward got sicker, he explained to John why he offered himself up as a sacrifice to save Karen. "You're like family," Fr Denis said. "Australia needs Divine Mercy. If God takes Karen, you'll be hopeless. Your six children need their mother, and you need your wife." Within 10 months, Fr. Ward was dead.

## Fr. Denis Ward OFM Cap.

Born in Beaudesert, 5 June 1951

Professed in Wynnum, Queensland, 15 January 1989

Ordained in Beaudesert, 1 June 1996

Died in Melbourne, 18 May 2010

Aged 58

Buried - Rookwood Necropolis, Rookwood, Cumberland Council, NSW

Fr Denis Ward OFM Cap exercised spiritual fatherhood in his priesthood and religious life as a Capuchin friar. He had a strong commitment to the sanctity of life that had been instilled in him by his Catholic family. He was a dairy farmer in Kerry, near Beaudesert, in south-eastern Queensland until at the age of 36, when he left his beloved family and his farm to answer the call to religious life and the priesthood.

Many young people would approach Fr Denis with their problems,

confusions and questions, and

especially in the sadness and anguish

caused by their sins. They felt

confident that Fr Denis would not be

scandalised by them, but, rather, would bring them to a meeting with

the divine mercy of Jesus Christ, through exercising his priesthood. They

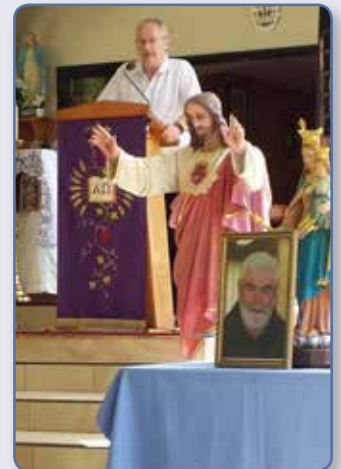
would walk away with hope renewed.

For most of his 12 years of priesthood Fr Denis was in Hawthorn, as the local superior of the Capuchin friars. He was one of the main formators for the Capuchin friars in Australia.

<http://melbournecatholic.org.au/Melbourne-News>

## Next Divine Mercy Retreat

The next Divine Mercy Retreat is scheduled for Saturday 10th November 2018 at Marian Valley, Canungra. The day will begin at 9.30am, and will include Mass, talks and various activities, and finish around 8pm. All are welcome to attend. For all enquiries, please contact the co-ordinator, Andre Adolphe on M: 0467 042 961



Guest Speaker – John Canavan & Photo of Fr Denis Ward OFM Cap.

## Rwandan Chapel

Fr Albert OSPPE blessed the site for the Rwandan Chapel on 3rd March 2018. The Rwandan Community coordinator, Protais Muhirwa said, "The Community is very excited and grateful to be given this site for our Chapel of Our Lady of Kibeho." The Rwandan Community will celebrate their day on the last Sunday in November each year.



Fr Albert blessing Rwandan site

## Volunteers

A jovial team of volunteers assisted in laying over 700 square metres of turf around the church to beautify the area and the gardens. Thanks for the great work lads! Looks good!



Mark McHale, Kieran O'Hearn, Robert Murphy, Br Bruno Kanamis OSPPE