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Pauline Fathers & Rosary Bouquet



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News from 'Marian Valley'

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I would like to thank everyone for the very warm welcome I have received since arriving at Marian Valley in June 2014. It certainly has been a very busy few months since Bishop Columba's Episcopal announcement on 12th April 2014.

The ordination has brought together our Pauline Community both within Australia and abroad. Most notably, Bishop Stanislaw OSPPE from South Africa attended the Farewell mass at Marian Valley on 29th June and the Episcopal Ordination at Parkes on 3rd July. This was his first visit to Marian Valley and he thoroughly enjoyed his time here.

We were very privileged to have our Very Rev. Fr General Arnold Chrapkowski OSPPE and Fr General Secretary Pawel Przygodzki OSPPE from the Pauline Order in Poland attend both functions. Also attending the Episcopal Ordination was the Provincial from USA Fr Mikolaj Socha OSPPE and Vicar Provincial from Germany Benjamin Bakowski OSPPE.

On 5th July 2014, Pope Francis announced another Bishop from our Pauline Order. On 16th August the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Lukasz Mirosław Buzun OSPPE was held in Jasna Góra, Poland. Interestingly, it has taken over 630 years for a Pauline monk from the Polish province to be ordained a Bishop. Bishop Columba and Bishop Stanislaw both attended the Episcopal ordination. This was an historic moment for the Pauline Order, having the three Bishops together at the same time in Jasna Góra. This is also a great boost and recognition of the ministry and spirituality for our Order of St Paul the First Hermit in Australia.

The Pauline Order in Australia is growing, with five Seminarians currently studying in Rome and Poland - Brothers Zachary, Joseph, Jeremy, John and Peter.

I would also like to mention how important 2014 is for Marian Valley, as the Order has been in Queensland for 25 years and at Marian Valley for 20 years. During this time we have experienced much growth in the development of this beautiful Shrine, including the Church, Chapels, Retreat Centre, Monastery and the gardens which add to the natural beauty of the Valley.

We pray for all the Benefactors, Friends and Volunteers of Marian Valley; that through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, may you and your families enjoy the richest blessings of God's loving care.

May God strengthen you with his graces and blessings,
Fr Albert Wasniowski OSPPE
Prior Marian Valley Canungra



Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE
with the Pauline Monks at the
Episcopal Ordination

Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE, Bishop of Wilcannia-Forbes, Australia, Bishop Lukasz Mirosław Buzun OSPPE, Auxilliary Bishop of Kalisz, Poland, Bishop Stanislaw Jan Dziuba OSPPE, Bishop of Umzimkulu, South Africa



FAREWELL SPEECH TO FR COLUMBA

Read by Tony Ryan on 29th June 2014

Eight years ago when Fr Columba came up from New South Wales to be with us at Marian Valley, we knew little about him. There was no form guide, but we soon realized we had been sent a fine young priest, even though he was a bagpipe player.

I think the things we noticed most about Fr Columba were how devoutly he said his masses. His wonderful homilies which even old 'fogies' like myself could understand. He was an ordinary sort of person, very down to earth, with no airs or graces about him.

Some years ago, Marian Valley was host to many overseas people who travelled to Australia for World Youth Day. It was an extremely busy time for us here. In the midst of all this I asked a favour of Fr Columba. I said, 'Father I know you are exhausted, but I have a relative who is dying in the Gold Coast Hospital, and she desires to see a priest as she may not last the day.' He willingly came with me and was able to administer the last rites to her. When I thanked him for what he had done, he said, "Mate that is what I was ordained for", and that pretty well sums up Fr Columba. He was very much aware of what the priesthood is all about and what a priest's duties were. In simple terms, he was fair dinkum.

As a young priest in NSW, he took on a special ministry. He became a volunteer Police Chaplain. When he came to Queensland, he continued this important work travelling to Brisbane 2 days a week. It would appear that the Police soon came to realize how good he was at his work and soon offered him the job of Full Time Chaplain to the South East Region which extended from Coolangatta to Coomera, up to Logan, out to Beaudesert, Canungra and Mt Tamborine. So what role does a Police Chaplain play? Does he go to the office at 8am and when the whistle blows at 5pm does he jump into his car and drive home? No, this is not what Chaplains do. We only have to read a newspaper or switch on the TV to realize how difficult a Police Officer's job is in this day and age. Almost daily there are murders, armed robberies, horrific road accidents, drunken brawls, suicides and even the hardest and toughest police officers can crack under the strain, and this is where Fr Columba steps in.

On many occasions he was called out at 1, 2, 3am in the morning to be with these officers, to console and comfort them. He was their friend, their mate and they trusted him completely. Some time ago, a young police officer, Det Sen-Constable Damian Leeding, was shot dead during a botched armed robbery on the Gold Coast. Fr Columba was there and spent many hours at the hospital to be with the Officer's family. He also had to arrange the funeral which was televised live, and what a magnificent job he did. During Schoolies Week, many extra police were required to control the hordes of young people. Fr Columba was with them from 6pm to 6am every day. A few weeks ago, I had the pleasure of attending the farewell function for Fr Columba by the Police. There were many Officers there including the Former Queensland Police Commissioner and the Assistant Commissioner. They spoke of Father's wonderful deeds with great sincerity and love. One could only observe the love they had for their Chaplain, and the love he had for them. There were tears, there were handshakes, there were hugs. They were devastated about losing their Chaplain who had served them so well. Recently, Fr Columba received a letter from the Queensland Police Minister Mr Jack Dempsey. It was not just a standard letter. It was a beautifully written, sincere letter, thanking him for his great work in the Region.

When Fr Columba was home on the weekends, there was very little time for rest and recreation. There were baptisms, weddings and funerals for him to perform. There were masses to be said, not only at Marian Valley, but in the parishes such as Gold Coast, Beaudesert, Nerang and Brisbane. There was also catching up with various matters happening at Marian Valley. People also came for spiritual direction. Father seemed to always find time for all these duties.

Well, what were his achievements here at Marian Valley? We could start right here in the Church where Father had the new ceiling built, he had the beautiful Stations of the Cross put in place, and he acquired the pews from churches which had closed down in Brisbane. He then had these altar rails built and fitted by our Builder, Anthony Grange, and the extensions to the Sacristy which was badly needed. Father purchased a magnificent organ which does everything except hear confessions, and he also was responsible for the restoration of the Black Madonna icon. He had the leaky shade cloths in the Canteen replaced by a new waterproof steel roof.

Father Columba had the vision to realize that the Pauline Order was growing in numbers and that the old monastery was fast becoming inadequate to house the Monks, so he had a new Monastery built which houses more Priests and Brothers. He also converted the four bedrooms in the Retreat Centre into four self contained units. Father instigated the building of the Columbarium and I suggest to anyone who has not seen it, to take a stroll down there and see how simple and beautiful it is. I have booked myself a spot there. I just hope I get good neighbours. Father's final project was the building of the new toilet block, of which the finishing touches were completed yesterday.

All this was achieved without taking out a loan – not one cent was borrowed because a large percentage of Father's hard earned salary went towards paying for all these projects.

In other areas of achievement, I believe Father attracted many new people to the Shrine. Some were not of our Faith, but Father welcomed them anyway.

One of his outstanding achievements was to negotiate with the Archdiocese of Brisbane to classify Marian Valley as an official diocesan shrine for the Brisbane Archdiocese. This means that Marian Valley has an official and secure place in the Ministry of the Archdiocese and many privileges that go with it. Not a bad effort for a farmer's son from Forbes.

In the Pauline Order today we have one and three quarter Bishops. We have Bishop Stanislaw Dziuba from South Africa and as of this coming Thursday we will have Bishop Columba from Wilcannia-Forbes Diocese. I think that is worthy of a round of applause.....

Father, on behalf of all present, we thank you for being a great priest to us and we have no doubt you will be a great Bishop. The Police will miss you very much, we at Marian Valley will miss you very much, however we know you are greatly needed in the Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes.

Father, we say farewell and thank you for being with us, and wherever you go, and whatever you do, may the good God go with you.

Welcome Speech to Fr Albert

...Read by J. Murphy on 29th June 2014

It is my pleasure today to introduce Fr. Albert Wasniowski

Back in 1997, on the 4th February, many people will remember Fr Albert arriving at Marian Valley, fresh from Poland, for his first appointment in Australia. As a quiet, humble and very young 29 year old, it was here, at Marian Valley that Fr Albert was first introduced to Aussie ways.

A year later, Fr Albert was transferred to Berrima, on 25th March 1998 (the Feast of the Annunciation). He remained at Berrima for 6 years, and this included working at the neighbouring Parish of Mossvale.

In 2004, Fr. Albert moved to the Sydney Parish of Smithfield where he was the Parish Priest for 5 years.

Then in 2009, Fr Albert returned to Penrose Park, and was made both the Provincial of The Order of Saint Paul the First Hermit in Australia, as well as the Prior at Berrima.

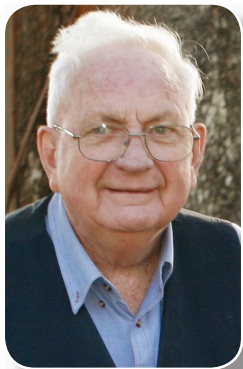
In 2012, the Order took on another Parish in Sydney at Merrylands. Fr Albert took on the position of Parish priest at Merrylands, while still continuing his duties as the Provincial of the Order.

All of this brings us to the present time. On the 1st of June this year, after the announcement of Fr Columba's election as the Bishop of Wilcannia-Forbes, Fr Albert was appointed Acting Prior of Marian Valley, and will remain so until the Order of St Paul the First Hermit holds their next Province Chapter in January next year.

From his background it is easy to see why Fr Albert has the reputation for being a very hard working man, deeply spiritual and having a wonderful rapport with both the young and the old.

I am sure that you will join me in warmly welcoming back to Queensland, and to Marian Valley, Fr Albert Wasniowski.

VALE: Mr JOHN GOTT (14/08/1936 - 01/08/2014)



Mr John Gott

On 1st August 2014, the Marian Valley community lost one of its wonderful volunteers; Mr John Gott, who resided on Tamborine Mountain, passed away at the age of 77.

As a result of the statutes signed in April 2014 by the Archbishop of Brisbane, Most Rev. Mark Coleridge, it was fitting that John's requiem mass was able to take place at Marian Valley.

This was the first funeral at Marian Valley and the main celebrant was the Prior, Fr Albert Wasniowski OSPPE, with

concelebrants Fr Anthony and Fr Peter. Mass was also assisted by altar servers, Patrick & Tom Dwyer and the Marian Valley choir organist Mick Kent, and choristers Robyn, Jan, Deanna and Bella.

In 1989, when the Pauline monks moved to Tamborine Mountain to establish a Shrine, John was one of the founding members. He was involved in the volunteer rosters for gardening, catering, liturgy, and was also the choir master and organized the music programs. John Gott's wealth of knowledge of Catholic Church music has left the Shrine with a rich heritage of sacred music, which the Marian Valley Choir is now well renowned for, by pilgrims near and far.

Jan Chalmers, a good friend and a long standing member of the choir, said of his passing:

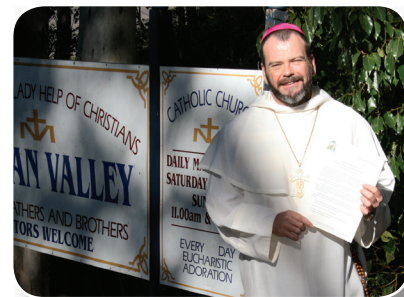
"From the very beginning, John dedicated himself to the Order of St Paul The First Hermit and committed himself and his considerable talents to helping them establish a Shrine here. We thank God for the privilege of having John for our dear friend, our love for him, and his love for all his friends will live on with us for all our days. God rest his soul."

John will be sadly missed by all.

STATUTES

On 23rd April 2014, Most Rev. Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane, approved the Statutes of the Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians – Marian Valley Canungra and issued a formal decree establishing the Shrine as a diocesan shrine.

The statutes officially recognize Marian Valley as a diocesan shrine, open to the faithful for their prayer and devotion in accord with Canon 1230, and the celebration of baptisms, marriages and funerals.



Fr Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE with the signed statute document

Fr Columba OSPPE commented that,

"This is a great step

forward for the Shrine. The Shrine is 20 years old and is growing. This is a new chapter in the story of Marian Valley and Our Lady's presence at this holy place."

First BAPTISM AT MARIAN VALLEY

On Sunday 20th July 2014, Fr Albert OSPPE conducted the first baptism to be registered at Marian Valley. Little baby Madden David Killen, born on 24th June 2014, was Christened in the Black Madonna Chapel with parents, David and Christina, and Godparents Trudy Juriansz & Sion Zivetz along with many other family and friends.

Proud Grandparents Sandra and Royden explained the main reason for the parents David and Christina insisting on the baptism to be held at Marian Valley:

"When David and Christina were wanting to start a family, we organised a pilgrimage to Marian Valley for all the family. We prayed for David and Christina and for Christina's sisters who also required the intercession of Our Lady. Not long after this pilgrimage, Christina fell pregnant and our little miracle Madden was born a healthy beautiful baby." Another family member said, "We have a lot to be thankful for. Mary, our loving Mother, listened to our prayers".

Fr Albert OSPPE commented on how appropriate it was that Madden was the first baby to be Christened at Marian Valley considering the family's prayers for the intercession of Our Lady.



Fr Albert OSPPE with Godparents Sion & Trudy and parents David & Christina and baby Madden

The Farewell Mass

On Sunday 29th June 2014, the Solemnity of Sts Peter and Paul, around 700 people gathered at Marian Valley for Fr Columba's farewell mass and to welcome the new Prior of Marian Valley, Fr Provincial Albert Wasniowski. Those attending the Mass included Bishop Stanislaw Dziuba from South Africa, the first Pauline Bishop, as well as the Very Rev. Fr General Arnold Chrapkowski and Fr General Secretary Pawel Przygodzki from Poland. Other concelebrants included Fr Raefal from Nerang and Fr Anthony, as well as Br Luke doing his marvelous job on the altar with 5 altar servers. People came from far and wide; our local Federal Government representative Scot Buchholz and his wife Linda, and Scot's mum Veronica Kitchen, were among the pilgrims who enjoyed the day.

At the conclusion of the Mass, many of the Chapel Owners and Marian Valley volunteers joined in a presentation ceremony to farewell and thank Fr Columba. Among the gifts presented were four beautifully made Bishop mitres by Br William Lawrence from the Ukrainian community, plaques, favourite foods and even bottles of Fr Columba's favourite hot, hot chilli sauce! The ceremony was followed by a light lunch.

It was certainly a very joyous occasion and there were not too many dry-eyes around.



Fr Anthony, Bp Stanislaw, Fr Columba, Fr General Arnold Chrapkowski, Fr Albert, Fr General Secretary Pawel at the conclusion of the presentations at the Farewell Mass

INSTALLATION OF THE CRUCIFIX

In April 2014, Fr Columba was approached by a generous benefactor, Mrs Heather Joseph, who offered Marian Valley a magnificent crucifix. The request was for the crucifix to be erected in dedication to the devotion of priests past, present and future of the Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane.

On Saturday 17th May 2014, Fr Columba arranged for the crucifix to be raised on the steps of the Church. This was a major project as the crucifix weighed around 300 kgs and the dimensions of the cross were 3.3m high and 2.051m wide. One of the volunteers, Robert Murphy, spent weeks working on the frame, and on the day, many volunteers including Anthony Grange (Builder), assisted in the raising of the cross.

On Monday 4th August, being the Memorial of St John Mary Vianney, Fr Albert celebrated Mass, followed by prayers for the 'dedication of the cross for the priests of the Brisbane Archdiocese'. Then on Sunday 14th September, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, a plaque was placed at the foot of the Cross, to commemorate the inauguration of the Cross.



Raising of the Cross with the many volunteers who assisted on the day.

TRIP TO PARKES FOR THE EPISCOPAL ORIENTATION

by Loraine Whitehead

In the pre-dawn hours of Wednesday, July 2nd, a charter coach arrived at Marian Valley to pick up 31 pilgrims for a special journey. With great enthusiasm these volunteers and supporters from the shrine were on their way to the Episcopal Ordination of their beloved pastor, Fr. Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE. The early start earned the group beautiful sunrise views from the Main Range as they journeyed southward. Meal breaks at Warwick and Narrabri, and other short stops broke the long road trip. The pilgrims passed the time reciting the rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, napping and watching movies. Over 14 hours later, they arrived at Parkes, NSW where they were joyfully greeted by 14 other of Marian Valley's devoted, and were just in time for dinner.

Winter welcomed the pilgrims with temperatures of -1 on Thursday morning who sought the sun's rays while waiting for the doors of the Holy Family Church to open to the eager crowd. Once open, the large church filled to capacity. Over 80 priests and 26 bishops processed in to begin the solemn ordination.

A reception followed at the Parkes' Leagues Club near the church. The pilgrims then reboarded the bus for a tour of Bishop Columba's new (and former) hometown: Forbes. The tour included a stop at the St. Laurence O'Toole parish church, where the pilgrims prayed a decade of the rosary for the new bishop, and at the bishop's diocesan office next door. The tour continued with a drive past his new home in town, which is next door to the home of his adolescence. Further outside town, the tour was completed passing his childhood home farm near Bogan Gate before returning to their Parkes' accommodations.

The day ended with a joyful sing-along following dinner. Friday morning the pilgrims were delightfully surprised when the new Bishop arrived during breakfast. The group had a final brief visit with him to say good-bye, received his blessing and were on the road again for the long journey home.



A happy Bishop Columba OSPPE

Bp Columba with the Marian Valley pilgrims ready to board the bus home from Parkes



November Mass Intentions. November is a special month of the year for prayers 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.

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**