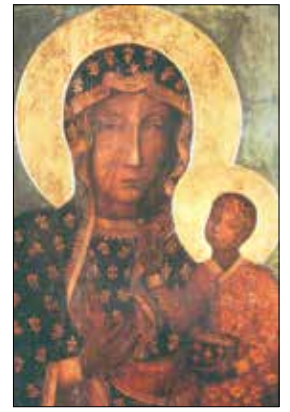




# MARY'S ROSE NEWSLETTER

Pauline Fathers & Rosary Bouquet



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## News from 'Marian Valley'

Dear Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In relation to the Divine Power of the Rosary, the history of the Holy Catholic Church has continuously drawn every one of us to reflect upon the Virgin Mary. As Catholics we venerate Our Lady with many feasts during the year. In the last few months, we have celebrated Mary's Assumption, Her Birthday, Our Lady of the Rosary and soon we will rejoice in Her Immaculate Conception.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: "Mary's role in the Church is inseparable from her union with Christ and flows directly from it... This union of the mother with the Son in the work of salvation is made manifest from the time of Christ's virginal conception up to his death" (# 964, see also 1172)

Do you know that Our Lady is depending on us to help her? Do you know that we can change the future course of world events?

Mary is depending on our Rosaries to help her achieve her plans in the world. No wonder then that in so many apparitions in so many places she has asked us to pray the Rosary every day.

St. John Paul II constantly reminded us to say this prayer daily. On October 16, 2002, he issued an apostolic letter "ROSARIUM VIRGINIS MARIAE" (The Rosary of the Virgin Mary) in which he proposed five new mysteries to the Rosary. Pope St John Paul II said, "To recite the Rosary is nothing other than to contemplate with Mary the face of Christ," and "The Rosary belongs among the finest and most praiseworthy traditions of Christian contemplation ... although the repeated Hail Mary is addressed directly to Mary, it is to Jesus that the act of love is ultimately directed, with her and through her."

Praying the Rosary is a most beautiful gift we can give to Mary every day. The word Rosary means 'a garland of roses.' Let us give a bouquet of roses to our Heavenly Mother every day by praying the Rosary. This bouquet of roses will then be transformed by Our Lady so that evil can be conquered.

Mary is a mother that we love and a mother that loves us, a mother to whom we can tell everything, a mother who wants what is best for us. We can be sure that Mary will treasure and ponder all that we whisper to her.

Mary said in Fatima, "I want you to say the Rosary every day." Let us fulfil her wish and pray the rosary daily during the month of October and continue, as well, to pray the Rosary in the month of November, offering our prayers and our sufferings united with the sufferings of Jesus into the hands of Mary for the Salvation of Souls in Purgatory.

In November we are celebrating one of the most fundamental and most consoling truths of Catholicism, the Communion of Saints: All Saints and All Souls Day. If you wish to include your deceased in Masses during the month of November, please fill out the November Mass form which is available in our Shrine.

I would like to express my most sincere gratitude to all our dedicated, generous, and kind pilgrims who are visiting and supporting our Shrine. Those hearts like yours are not so easy to find and I want you to know how thankful I am to God and his Holy Mother for each and every one of you.

God bless you

**Fr Jaroslaw Zan, OSPPE**  
Rector and Prior  
Marian Valley Canungra

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### 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 and return the form to **Marian Valley, PO Box 104, Canungra Qld 4275.**

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

# BISHOP COLUMBA'S VISIT

In May 2023, Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE spent several days at Marian Valley on a very busy schedule. It was his first visit to Marian Valley in 3 years due to covid and bushfire events which interrupted his previous planned visits.

## Fatima Day

On Saturday 13 May 2023 Marian Valley celebrated Fatima Day. It was also the annual pilgrimage of the Chinese Catholic community. The main celebrant was Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green who was assisted by Fr Jaroslaw Zan, Prior of Marian Valley, as well as the Chinese Chaplains Fr Albert Chan and Fr John Lai.

## Homily

Bishop Columba's homily was inspirational as always. He talked about the significance of Fatima for today. Here are some extracts from the homily:

*Today is the 42nd anniversary of the attempted assassination of Pope John Paul II on 13 May 1981. The Pope said then that, "Fatima is more important now than in 1917." The Holy Father was convinced that the contemporary world is engaged in an enormous struggle between the forces of good and evil, between a living faith in the Supreme Being and the absolute rejection of God...*

*In the very important apparition of July 13 1917, Our Lady warned the children about the evils of Communism, which would begin in Russia and spread its error throughout the world. She also said that Communism would cause wars and persecutions of the Church, in which the good would be martyred, the Holy Father would have much to suffer and various nations would be annihilated...*

*Archbishop Sheen said that unless we reverse the destruction of innocent life by abortion, we will come to midnight on the clock of death, which he said will be a nuclear war.*



**Fr Albert Chan, Fr Bruno Kanamis, Fr John Lai, Bishop Columba, Adolfo Lay, Fr Jaroslaw Zan, Abraham**

## Confirmation day

On Sunday 14 May 2023 it was a joyful day for 14 candidates who received the sacrament of confirmation from Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green and assisted by Fr Jaroslaw Zan.

Our prayers and warmest congratulations to: Thomas, Edward, Samuel, Cecilia, Daniel, Patrick, Helber, Stephen, Anneliese, Siena, Jonathan, Andrea, Catherine and Orlando.

It was also Mother's Day which made the day extra special for families.

## Confirmation

The Catholic Church recognizes seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Knowledge, Fortitude, Piety and Fear of the Lord. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (para 1831) states, the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit "complete and perfect the virtues of those who receive them."



**Bishop Columba & Fr Jaroslaw with the confirmation candidates**

## First Holy Communion day

On the same day, Sunday 14 May 2023, Annaliese, Enrique, Edward, Makena and Samuel made their First Holy Communion.



**Bishop Columba and Fr Jaroslaw cutting the cake with Annaliese, Enrique, Edward, Makena & Samuel**

## Our Lady Help of Christians

On Saturday 20 May 2023, Marian Valley celebrated the Solemnity of Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia. Around 350 pilgrims attended the mass, including the Eritrean Community.



**Our Lady Help of Christians day**

## On Sunday 21 May 2023,

Bishop Columba and Fr Jaroslaw were joined by the Chaplain of the Lebanese community, Fr Elie Francis for the annual pilgrimage of the Lebanese community.

## Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE

Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE is the Bishop of the Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes. Prior to his episcopal ordination on 3 July 2014, Bishop Columba was Rector of Marian Valley for 9 years.

We look forward to several visits from Bishop Columba in 2024, including Lourdes Day Sunday 11 February, Our Lady's Birthday on Saturday 7 September and for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Sunday 8 December.



**Fr Jaroslaw, Bishop Columba, Fr Elie Francis**

# CHINESE PILGRIMAGE

On Saturday 13 May 2023, before celebrating the Fatima mass, around 90 pilgrims from the Chinese Catholic Community prayed at Our Lady of China Chapel with their Chaplains Fr Albert Chan and Fr John Lai.

In July 2023, Fr Albert Chan retired after many years in Brisbane. Fr Chan was the inspiration behind the establishment of the Chapel of China at Marian Valley. He is well known as an enthusiastic, joyful and helpful priest. Fr Chan first started making plans for the chapel back in 1997. Twenty-five (25) years later, on Saturday 14 May 2022 his vision was realised when the chapel was blessed and opened. It certainly is a beautiful Chapel.

On 2 April 2023, Fr John Lai took over the position of Chaplain to the Chinese Catholic Community in Brisbane. Fr John who speaks Mandarin and Cantonese was born in Vietnam, and as a refugee came to Australia in 1984. He said that he was enjoying his new role.



**Chinese Catholic Community praying at Our Lady of China Chapel**

## POPE ST PIUS X

On Sunday 20 August 2023, around 50 pilgrims from the Italian community attended the mass in honour of Pope St Pius X. The main celebrant was Fr Jaroslaw Zan OSPPE

Following mass, pilgrims went in procession to Pope St Pius X Chapel praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet. At the chapel, Fr Jaroslaw led the Litany and the Prayer to Pope St Pius X, and then offered each pilgrim an individual special blessing with the relic of Pope St Pius X.

The Chapel was opened and blessed on 15 December 2007 by Fr Columba Macbeth-Green (now Bishop Columba). The Chapel was built and donated by a community of Italian families who had come from Pope St Pius X's home town of Veneto in Italy. Prayers were offered for the deceased founders of the chapel - Gianluigi Contarin, Dino Raccanello, Peter Reginato and Natale Di Castro - as well as their Chaplain Fr Luigi Sabbadin who passed away last year on 9 September 2022.

Pope St Pius X pray for us!

### Improvements to Chapel

It is very pleasing to see the improvements that the AITM International Association Trevisani nel Mondo has made to their Chapel of Pope St Pius X. In July 2023, some of their volunteers from the committee laid concrete, including a wide pathway entrance, as well as installing outdoor seats, a candle-stand and an information board. This has made the Chapel more accessible, and encourages pilgrims to take time out to pray at the Chapel of Pope St Pius X.

### Pope St Pius X

Giuseppe Melchiorre Sarto was born in Veneto, Italy on 2 June 1835, second of ten children. His parents were Polish, and had immigrated to Italy after the Prussian occupation.

At the age of 23 he was ordained a priest. He became a Bishop in 1884 and a Cardinal in 1892. On the death of Pope Leo XIII in 1903, he was elected Pope.

Pope St Pius X stayed humble and poor his entire life. When elected pope, his motto was "To restore all things in Christ." He fought against the heresy and evils of modernism, gave great emphasis on biblical studies, installed frequent communion from childhood, and was known as the Pope of the Blessed Sacrament.

He died in the Vatican on 20 August 1914 aged 79, only days after the outbreak of the First World War, and was believed to have died of grief. He was canonized on 29 May 1954 by Pope Pius XII.

The feast day for Pope St Pius X is 21 August.

### Quotes from Pope St Pius X

*"Holy Communion is the shortest and safest way to heaven".*

*"The true friends of the people are neither revolutionaries, nor innovators, but traditionalists".*

*"Among all the devotions approved by the Church none has been so favoured by so many miracles as the devotion of the Most Holy Rosary".*

*"All the strength of Satan's reign is due to the easy-going weakness of Catholics".*



Fr Jaroslaw leading the prayers at the Chapel of Pope St Pius X



Members and families of the Association

## VALE Fr Gabriel Francis Taylor OSPPE

On 8 June 2023 Fr Gabriel Francis Taylor OSPPE passed away at the Holy Family Services Residential Aged Care at Marayong in Sydney, aged 72 years. He had suffered a long illness with cancer.

Born in Broome, Western Australia on 14 September 1950, Fr Gabriel was the youngest of five siblings. He was the much-loved brother of Donald, Robert, Anne & Jennifer (deceased), and loving uncle of 15 nephews and nieces.

When Fr Gabriel arrived at Marian Valley in the 1990's, things were pretty difficult with limited electricity and water, and very basic home living. But amazingly, we never heard Fr Gabriel ever complain.

Fr Gabriel loved listening to the radio and had a passion for all sport, particularly the cricket. He would regularly keep the volunteers up to date on the latest score.

Each Christmas, Fr Gabriel enjoyed decorating the Black Madonna Chapel with the Christmas crib and lots of statues.

Fr Gabriel loved driving around in his yellow golf buggy. One of the volunteers, Ray Calabretta, purchased it for him, and named it "Gabriel's Express".



"Gabriel's Express"

Fr Gabriel was known for his gentle and approachable nature, and was always one for a smile and a laugh. He was well renowned as confessor with many pilgrims.

When Fr Gabriel was born, he was a premature baby and was not expected to live, particularly as he was born in the remote Kimberley region in the north of Western Australia. His father was the Magistrate in the Broome Court. His mother petitioned the Carmelite Sisters who prayed fervently for his survival. Fittingly, years later, he went on to become a wonderful priest.

### HISTORY

Fr Gabriel had a long history with the Pauline Fathers in Queensland. In March 1989, Brother Gabriel travelled with Fr Augustine Lazur OSPPE to discuss establishing a Shrine in Queensland.

On 14 April 1992, Fr Gabriel was ordained to the priesthood in the Order of St Paul the First Hermit.

On 26 March 1998 he returned to Marian Valley, and was Sub-Prior from 2001 to 2011. He remained at Marian Valley for 13 ½ years.



Fr Gabriel - Christmas Crib 1999

In August 2011 he was transferred to Penrose Park, Berrima in the Southern Highlands of New South Wales where he served for the next 12 years. On 30 January 2023, he retired to the Aged Care Home at Marayong due to ill health.



The requiem mass for Fr Gabriel was held at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy, Penrose Park in New South Wales on 20 June 2023. He is buried in the St Patrick's Catholic Cemetery, Sutton Forest.

Fr Gabriel will be truly missed by the many pilgrims, as well as the Pauline Monks. May he rest in peace.

Left:  
Fr Gabriel - Lourdes day 1999

## VALE: Margaret Bishop Schrader

On Sunday 5 March 2023, Margaret Bishop Schrader passed away at the age of 94 years. Margaret was one of Marian Valley's original volunteers who did lots of wonderful work in the canteen, particularly in the cake section. She made many delicious cakes and loved serving the pilgrims.

A requiem mass was held at St Bernards Upper Mt Gravatt Catholic Church on Fatima Day Monday 13 March 2023. Margaret had a special devotion to Our Lady of Fatima.

*May she rest in peace.*



**Margaret Bishop Schrader**

## Fr Minje Kim

On Saturday 8 July 2023 Fr Minje Charles Kim celebrated his first mass at Marian Valley, assisted by Fr Zachary Lewis OSPPE. He was one of three priests ordained to the priesthood on 30 June 2023 at the Cathedral of St Stephen for the Archdiocese of Brisbane, on the feast day of St Peter and Paul.

Fr Minje thanked the support of many who had helped him on his vocational journey. He has now been assigned to the Ipswich Parish.



**Fr Minje Kim**

## Divine Mercy Chapel Update

The Divine Mercy Chapel construction is continuing to progress well. Currently, work is underway on the chapel interior including the side altars and the beautiful furniture.



**Divine Mercy Chapel**



**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 \$50 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](mailto:marianretreat@bigpond.com)

## Monks survival

On the evening of Divine Mercy Sunday, 16 April 2023, Fr Zachary Lewis and Br Bruno Kanamis were travelling to Sydney in their Toyota Camry to attend meetings which were being held during the week.

As they were travelling along the highway near Newcastle at night around 11pm, a large piece of jagged metal weighing 9.6 kgs flew off the back of a passing truck, bounced onto the bonnet and smashed through the windscreen on the passenger side of the car. Br Bruno was asleep in the passenger seat when suddenly he awoke with the large piece of metal only centimetres from his head. Fr Zachary was able to safely stop the car and avoid any further disasters.

Fr Zachary said that they were both in shock, and thanked the Lord and all the prayers from Divine Mercy Day for saving their lives. He said that their Guardian Angels certainly protected them.



**Fr Zachary Lewis & Br Bruno Kanamis with the large steel object**

## Visit by Apostolic Nuncio

On Saturday afternoon, 18 February 2023, Marian Valley was privileged to be visited by the Apostolic Nuncio Archbishop Charles Daniel Balvo accompanied by Archbishop Mark Coleridge. Part of the visit included a 'buggy ride' around Marian Valley with the Prior Fr Jaroslaw Zan, which they thoroughly enjoyed.

The Nuncio's visit to Marian Valley took place during a week-long tour in February 2023 of the Brisbane Archdiocese.

### Archbishop Balvo

On 17 January 2022, Pope Francis appointed American Archbishop Charles Daniel Balvo as Apostolic Nuncio to Australia. With his new appointment, the Nuncio has visited many of the Dioceses throughout Australia, and knows that the best way to get to know the bishops and the faithful is by visiting the local churches and meeting with the people.

Archbishop Balvo grew up in Brooklyn, New York and was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of New York in 1976. He has been in the Vatican's diplomatic service for more than 30 years, serving many countries as Apostolic Nuncio.

### Apostolic Nuncio

An Apostolic Nuncio is also known as a Papal Nuncio or simply as a Nuncio. He is an ecclesiastical diplomat, serving as an envoy or permanent diplomatic representative of the Holy See to a state or to an international organisation. A Nuncio is appointed by and represents the Holy See, and is usually an Archbishop.



**Fr Anthony, Fr Jaroslaw, Archbishop Balvo, Archbishop Coleridge, Br Bruno**