



MARY'S ROSE NEWSLETTER



Pauline Fathers & Rosary Bouquet

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News from 'Marian Valley'

Br Pawel Debert – 2nd year seminarian in the Pauline Order writes on Vocation reflection.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In today's times, the matters of purpose and identity are becoming more important in everyday life. With the advancement of technology and increase in materialism, we experience a world that is becoming ever more unnatural and a humanity that is lost and in darkness.

Thanks to the grace of God, we have the secure way to the Truth and Life, that is Jesus Christ the model for humanity, who by his sacrifice restored the way to our Heavenly Father, and who leads us along our pilgrim journey to eternal life. As children of God, we are invited to pursue the purpose for which we were created, a purpose which brings order and life, and one which allows us to partake in the life of the kingdom of God.

In the case of religious vocation, the Lord calls his own to the service of his Body, that is, the Church, and prepares through formation those whom He calls so that they may be servants for His honour and glory and for the salvation of man.

Since joining the Order of St. Paul the First Hermit, formation has had many aspects and specifically I will share some things about spiritual formation. Granted that such formation is not only something which takes place within a religious order, it is nonetheless an intensified period of purification, prayer, and openness to the working of the Holy Spirit.

With respect to purification, it is a work that is inspired by grace and cooperation with God's will in the weaning from old habits. It is truly the school of humility and much less the work of human strength. It is also a time of prayer, that by grace, discipline and perseverance, the Lord allows us to see the effectiveness of our prayers, no matter how great or small our intentions may be, God rewards perseverance. During this time, we entrust ourselves to our Mother not only for our protection, but more importantly to know and love her more so that she may make us more like her Son. Our daily consecration to our Mother is seemingly a small gesture of love on our part, but in the eyes of God a gift of infinite value which He rewards in this lifetime.

Formation is also being led by the Holy Spirit, who changes our hearts from hearts of stone to be hearts of flesh, who allows us to participate in the mysteries of our faith, and through this participation we begin to understand the hope to which we are called, the hope of eternal union with God.

God's calling for us is a restoration of our true purpose and identity, an invitation to walk with Him, to taste and see the goodness of the Lord that indeed there is no other like Him. God fills us with awe and wonder at his works. He who is the God of Love, Power, Peace, Rest and Purity, grants us things that the world cannot give and never will and who desires to be known and loved. It is for this purpose that we were made, to know Him and to love Him.

**Br Pawel Debert
Seminarian – Pauline Order**

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



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

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/

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

On Sunday 7 April 2024, Archbishop Mark Coleridge was the main celebrant for the Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday. Although it was a showery morning, around 650 pilgrims attended the mass followed by Eucharistic procession and individual Eucharistic blessings.

DIVINE MERCY

What are the graces and benefits that are received by our Lord on Divine Mercy Sunday? Jesus said to St Faustina (Diary, 699):

"On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are open all the divine floodgates through which graces flow"



Enrique Perez, Emmanuel Mani Gbanguima, Patrick Perez, Daniel Perez, Fr Janusz Pawlicha, Damon Perry, Jonathan Underwood, Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Mark McHale, Tim Hempel, Fr Jaroslaw Zan, Adolpho Lay, Br Bruno Kanamis

FIRST SATURDAY AUGUST 2024

On Saturday 3 August 2024 the main celebrant for the First Saturday mass at 11am was Fr David Pascoe, Director of Clergy Life and Ministry, Brisbane Archdiocese.

At 1.00 pm Fr David led the Eucharistic procession to the Grotto of Our Lady of Fatima, Rosary, Devotions, Benediction, concluding with Divine Mercy Chaplet. Around 80 pilgrims enjoyed a wonderful spiritual day.



L to R: Xavier Hagan, Mark McHale, Fr Jaroslaw Zan, Emmanuel Mani Gbanguima, Fr David Pascoe, Br Bruno Kanamis, Br Pawel Debort

FR DAVID PASCOE

The Clergy Life & Ministry office in the Archdiocese of Brisbane plays a crucial role in supporting clergy and religious, whether they are retired or active, sick or on leave. They are there for us in good times and in bad, from baptism to the administering of the last rites, supporting us along our journey.

ARCHDIOCESAN SHRINE

On 23 April 2014, Marian Valley was designated as a Diocesan Shrine by the Archbishop of Brisbane, Most Reverend Mark Coleridge.

On 17 May 2014, a large crucifix and wooden plaque was installed on the steps of the Church. It was kindly donated by benefactor – Mrs Heather Joseph – for all pilgrims to pray particularly for our priests and religious, especially for those in the Brisbane Archdiocese.

The Prior at the time, Fr Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE (now Bishop) said: "Having the Blessed Virgin Mary as our model and inspiration, we hope that pilgrims will grow in their faith, and so become more responsible and involved in their local parishes."



Crucifix & Plaque

OUR LADY'S BIRTHDAY

On Saturday 7 September 2024, the main celebrant for Our Lady's Birthday was Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE and was assisted by Fr Jaroslaw Zan OSPPE and Fr Anthony David OSPPE. It was a beautiful joyful day with around 450 pilgrims attending the 10am Holy Hour, 11am Mass, and after lunch a Eucharistic procession to the Fatima Grotto.

HISTORY

The Catholic Church celebrates the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary on 8 September, nine months after the 8 December celebration of her Immaculate Conception as the child of Saints Joachim and Anne.



The Blessed Virgin occupies a unique place in the history of salvation. Mary is the Mother of God, and is our Mother too. One of the beautiful titles in her litany is, "Cause of our joy."

Abraham Mathew, Xavier Hagan, Fr Anthony David, Bernard Brandt, Bishop Columba, Emmanuel Mani Gbanguima, Daniel Perez, Fr Jaroslaw Zan, Christopher Brandt, Michael Mathew

BR PAWEL DEBERT

On 22 July 2024, Br Pawel Debort visited Marian Valley for 2 weeks as part of his vocational program whilst on holidays in Australia. He is visiting each of the houses in the Australian Province.

Br Pawel is a Seminarian for the Australian Province of the Pauline Order. He has completed his second year of studies in Rome at the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas in URBE.



Br Pawel Debort

CHARLIE HABIB

Thank you to volunteer Charlie Habib for the fresh paint work on Our Lady Help of Christians Chapel. In April 2024, Charlie, who is a professional painter from the Gold Coast, kindly donated his time and materials which is much appreciated. Thanks Charlie.



Charlie Habib – 11 April 2024

FR ALBERT 30 YEARS

Congratulations to Fr Albert Wasniowski who celebrated 30 years of ordination to the priesthood on Tuesday 18 June 2024. Following the 9am mass, Fr Albert joined the pilgrims for a delicious morning tea.

Fr Wieslaw Tadeusz Wasniowski (better known as Fr Albert) was born, educated and ordained in Poland. In 1997, Fr Albert was transferred to Australia and started working at Marian Valley Canungra. At that time Marian Valley had no electricity and very basic amenities. As well, Fr Albert had limited knowledge of the English language. This must have been a culture shock for him.

One year later he transferred interstate and worked at other churches under the Pauline Order. He returned to Queensland in 2014 for one year, and again in 2016 where he remained for the next 8 years. In October 2024 Fr Albert returned to Sydney where he will be assisting at the Smithfield Parish.

Thank you Fr Albert for your spiritual guidance, dedication and the many achievements around Marian Valley.



Fr Albert

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS DAY

On Saturday 25 May 2024, the main celebrant for the solemnity mass of Our Lady Help of Christians was Bishop Emeritus of Lismore Geoffrey Jarrett.

At the beginning of the day, it was showery and overcast, but the weather cleared, and as often happens at Marian Valley, it ended up a beautiful sunny day. Around 200 pilgrims enjoyed the occasion, including a bus from the Gold Coast and the Eritrean community from Brisbane South.

The day began with 10am holy hour, 11am mass, lunch, followed by a Eucharistic procession to Our Lady Help of Christians Chapel, led by Bishop Emeritus Jarrett.



Eucharistic procession to Our Lady Help of Christians Chapel



Xavier Hagan, Br Bruno Kanamis, Emmanuel Mani Gbanguima, Mark McHale, Fr Jaroslaw Zan, Bishop Emeritus Geoffrey Jarrett and Fr Peter Wood

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

In 1815, Pope Pius VII named 24 May as the feast day of Mary Help of Christians in thanksgiving for his safe return to Rome, after being imprisoned by Napoleon.

The feast focuses on Our Lady's help to those in need through her intercession to confront sin and to stand against anti-Christian forces.

In 1844, Australia became the first country in the world to have Mary Help of Christians as Patroness.

Around 150 years later, in 1995, Marian Valley was dedicated to Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHAPEL

Our Lady Help of Christians Chapel at Marian Valley was built by a generous benefactor, the Mangano family, Joe and Josie and daughter Carmel. The chapel was built as a thanksgiving and memorial for the graces granted by the Blessed Virgin Mary to their son, John Raymond Mangano, who died on 11 September 2003 aged 26 years.

This beautiful chapel was opened and blessed on Saturday 3 September 2005 by His Excellency, Most Reverend Archbishop Ambrose De Paoli, Apostolic Nuncio.

VALE JOSEPHINE "JOSIE" MANGANO

It is with great sadness to report that Mrs Josie Mangano passed away on 27 August 2024 aged 73 years. Josie passed away peacefully at home with her family. Josie was diagnosed with Parkinsons 20 years ago, and had been bedridden for the past 13 years. She will be remembered for her humility and deep faith, and a great love for the Church.

Josie was well known for walking around handing out flyers promoting religious events and prayer material. In particular, Marian Valley is very grateful for her time in promoting many of our events, as well as gifting the beautiful St Philomena statue and assisting with the acquisition of many of the church pews, and most notably, the building of Our Lady Help of Christians Chapel.

A Requiem mass for Josie was held at the Holy Spirit Catholic Church, New Farm on Wednesday 4th September 2024, followed by interment at Nudgee Cemetery. The main celebrant was Fr Syrilus Madin, CS, and assisted by Fr Jaroslaw Zan OSPPE from Marian Valley and Fr Tom Kessy



Josie Mangano

FR JANUSZ 40 YEARS

On Sunday 23 June 2024 Fr Janusz Pawlicha celebrated 40 years in the priesthood. In terms of years of service, he is the most senior Pauline monk in the Province of Australia.

HISTORY

The Pauline Order purchased their first property in Australia at Berrima NSW which was opened and blessed in 1985. A year later, Fr Janusz Pawlicha arrived in Australia on 31 January 1986 to assist in the setting up of the monastery.

In 1989 the Pauline Order came to Queensland, and they set up their monastery on the grounds of St John the Baptist Catholic Church, Tamborine Mountain. Fr Janusz was the first Pauline priest to reside here from July 1989 to 1992. Since then, Fr Janusz has been transferred to Berrima, Melbourne & Sydney, and finally in 2024 he returned to Marian Valley.



Cutting the cake – Fr Janusz Pawlicha

SUNDAY 4 AUGUST

On Sunday 4 August 2024 the main celebrant was Fr Janusz Pawlicha. The mass was celebrated to honour the Feast of St Jean-Marie Vianney and St Philomena.

The mass concluded with special prayers for priests and vocations to the priesthood, especially in the Brisbane Archdiocese and the Order of St Paul The First Hermit.

After mass, Fr Janusz led the procession to the Chapel of St Philomena for prayers and devotions.

Everyone was then invited back to the canteen for morning tea, where Fr Janusz announced that this was his last mass at Marian Valley before travelling to Poland to stay for some time. We hope to see Fr Janusz return to Marian Valley sometime in the future.



Marian Valley farewells Fr Janusz Pawlicha

CONNECTION BETWEEN THE TWO SAINTS

St Jean-Marie Vianney attributed many miracles to the intercession of the martyr **St Philomena**, convinced she was a powerful saint in Heaven.

St Jean-Marie Vianney (1786-1859) was a French priest who was famous during his lifetime for spending many hours every day in the confessional and for his ability to read the consciences of his penitents. He spent as many as 12 to 15 hours daily in the confessional. From 1824 he suffered attacks that he believed were caused by the devil, who allegedly on one occasion set fire to his bed.

St Jean-Marie Vianney is known for his priestly and pastoral work in his parish in Ars, France, and is the Patron saint of Priests.

St Jean-Marie Vianney died on 4 August 1859. He was canonized on the Feast of Pentecost, 31 May 1925, by Pope Pius XI.

Quotes by St Jean-Marie Vianney

"The priesthood is the love of Jesus's heart. When you see the priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ."

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

*"God commands you to pray, but forbids you to worry."
"All that we do without offering it to God is wasted."*

VALE BRENDAN "SWEENEY" NEWELL

On Thursday 15 August 2024 one of our very faithful community members, Sweeney Newell, passed away in the Robina Hospital, six days after his 85th birthday.

Sweeney was born in Galway, Ireland in 1939 and has two sons Kevin and Mike. His real name was Brendan, but he took on his father's middle name Sweeney. The family moved to the USA, and then in his later years moved to the Gold Coast with his son Mike and grandson Cael.

He fell in love with Marian Valley several years ago and decided to move to Canungra. Everyone in the community knew his set routine. He would arrive at Marian Valley every morning, regardless of the weather, around 7.30am for private prayers. At 8.30am it was Rosary time with his fellow church goers, and then 9am mass. Following mass, he would then move to the Mary Help of Christians Chapel and continue his prayers.

Sweeney was a quiet person, always seen with a rosary in his hand, and a smile on his face, even though he constantly suffered pain in his hip which caused him to walk with a limp.

He loved the rosary, attending daily mass, and was a faithful devotee to Our Lady, so it was special that Sweeney passed away on the 15 August 2024, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The main celebrant at the requiem mass was Fr Albert Wasniowski OSPPE and he was assisted by Fr Anthony David OSPPE. In his homily, Fr Albert talked about this wonderful devotion Sweeney had for Our Lady and the faith, and how Sweeney was a great example to everyone around him.

Rest in Peace Sweeney!

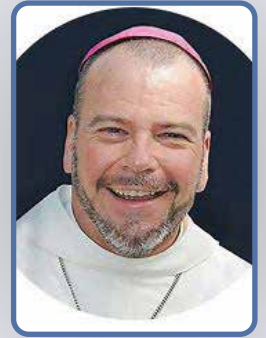


**Brendan
"Sweeney"
Newell**

DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL OPENING

Thank you to all for your prayers and your keen interest in following the progress of the building of the Divine Mercy Chapel over the past few years.

We are now pleased to announce that the Chapel was opened and blessed on Saturday 5 October 2024, the Feast of St Faustina Kowalska, by Bishop Columba Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE, Bishop of Wilcannia-Forbes Diocese.



Bishop Columba

The program for the day included 10am Holy Hour, 11am Mass, followed by lunch, 1.30pm First Saturday devotions, and finally at 3pm the Divine Mercy Chaplet which was sung.

Thank you to our generous benefactors Jan and Bill Webster, and volunteers for their help in building this beautiful chapel.

All are welcome to come and pray at the Divine Mercy Chapel at Marian Valley, Canungra.



Divine Mercy Chapel

ROSARY & SCAPULAR MAKERS

Since arriving in Queensland in 1989, the Pauline Order has had a wonderful connection to the Universal Rosary Bouquet. This work is truly a powerful prayer in spreading the rosary throughout many countries in honour of Our Blessed Mother, distributing thousands of rosaries and scapulars around the world and in Australia.

If you are interested in being a rosary or scapular maker, or would like to make a donation, please contact Gail on mobile 0429 026 965 or email shortypng@hotmail.com



Back row L-R: Emmanuel, Patrick, Fr Jeremy Santoso with Baby Mikaela Faustina, Godparents Ros Jorna & Robert Murphy ; Front row L-R: Nicole, Elijah, Zoey, Sophia, Madeleine, Amelia;



Mt Gambier Rosary Makers - Nola Brant, Ansy Serra, Marie Gerritsen, Rosalina Recla (Group Leader Adele Eramo is taking the photo)