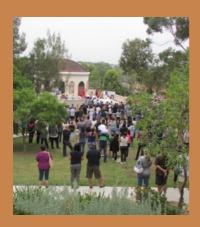


Good Friday at the Shrine





Continuing a much appreciated annual tradition, the Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Youth Group performed a moving rendition of Stations of the Cross on the veranda of the Shrine. About 300 attended the event and spent the morning enjoying the Garden of the Immaculate

Rededication of the Timber Chapel



With all the major renovations now complete, the original Shrine chapel will be rededicated as the St. Anthony of Padua Chapel on Saturday 11 June at 11.00am. The friars chose the new name in honour of the Franciscan patron saint of children and in memory of Fr. Anthony Zahra who passed to eternal life on the feast day of his patron saint last year.



Easter Egg Hunt for the Children







After Br. Louis explained the religious meaning of the Easter Egg, the eager children gathered over 1000 Easter Eggs filled with lollies, coins and prize tickets that were scattered across the Shrine lawn. Special Easter prizes were happily collected in the undercroft. The friars are especially grateful to the generous benefactor who made the celebration possible.

ST. JOSEPH IS ON THE MOVE AGAIN



Our St. Joseph statue in the garden of the Shrine is over 150 years old. The weather has been damaging the finish after many years of being outdoors. To help preserve the statue for many years to come we are building a covered grotto near Our Lady's Grotto . The refinished St. Joseph will have a beautiful new home much closer to Mary, his beloved wife!

Jubilee Year of Mercy Pilgrims

The Franciscan friars have been busy hosting groups from local parishes and schools that are visiting the Shrine to celebrate the Year of Mercy. The pilgrims have the opportunity to gain the Jubilee Indulgence by passing through the Chapel's Holy Door. They also may celebrate Mass, pray the Stations of the Cross, and learn more about the heroic life of St. Maximilian Kolbe.





Divine Mercy Outdoor Shrine

Construction has begun on our outdoor Divine Mercy Shrine. An additional concrete footpath now leads to the new devotional area. The structure itself will be a replica of an old wayside shrine in Italy. It is being constructed with the same white bricks as the Holy Innocents Chapel and will be crowned with a rustic timber roof.



The Divine Mercy Icon for the Shrine will be an enlarged reproduction of Fr. Robert's original painting now displayed inside the main Shrine Chapel.

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Franciscan Crown Rosary Garden

The new Franciscan Crown Rosary Garden is being created near the new Divine Mercy Shrine. The seven crown stations will be built in the style of the European wayside shines. The Friars are seeking benefactors to complete the project. We still have three stations needing sponsors. Please contact either Fr. Robert or Br. Jerry for more information about how you can help.

