

## *Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, 2025.*

Dear Friends,

You will all be remembered in a very special way as we celebrate that Feast so dear to our Congregation – that of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, to Whom we are totally consecrated. Our Mother Foundress - the Servant of God, Mother Marie Adele Garnier - wrote that “The desire to respond to the call of the Heart of Jesus living in the Eucharist, has inspired this little work” so as to “be able to offer to this Divine Reality the solace He continually yearns for in His love for us.” We are called “to be consumed with love in the presence of the Sacred Host containing Jesus, God and Man, His living and divine Heart” and through our life of worship and adoration “we seek to draw down, through the Heart of Jesus, abundant graces for the Holy Father, the Church and for the entire human family.”

We are sure you were all as filled with joy as we were to witness that wonderful moment when our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, stepped out onto the balcony after his election! Our prayers are with him as he willingly takes up this heavy cross. May the Holy Spirit guide and enlighten him with His grace as the 266<sup>th</sup> successor of St Peter. In speaking about the parable of the Sower in his first General Audience, our Holy Father tells us “that God is ready to ‘waste away’ for us and that Jesus is willing to die in order to transform our life...Let us ask the Lord” he said, “for the grace to always welcome this seed that is His Word. And if we realise we are not a fruitful soil, let us not be discouraged, but let us ask Him to work on us more to make us a better terrain.”





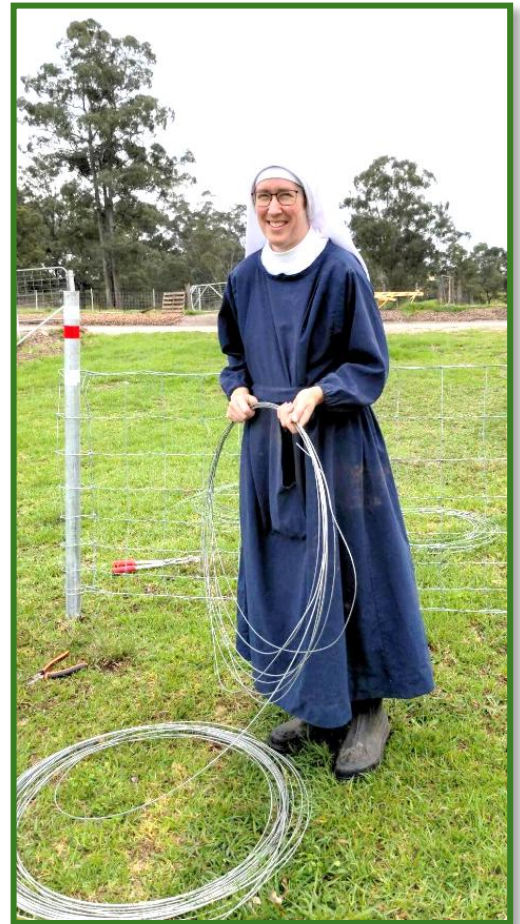


We will now share with you some of our monastery activities.

Our Mother General worked very hard on her visit with us to help us to be able to live our monastic life as well as we can. Mother has arranged the area where our

inner enclosure is to be. This is necessary for us since our life is one of cloistered contemplation which the Church describes as “a very particular way of living and expressing the paschal mystery of Christ.” It means to be “hidden with Christ in God, to be ‘love in the heart of the Church’, to share the fatigue, the misery and the hopes of all mankind in a more profound sense, in the Heart of Christ.”

Our Sister M. Bernadette (to the right) has been very busy putting up the fence which will mark off the part of our inner enclosure beside the monastery. Having been a dairy farmer in New Zealand, she is used to putting up fences! In the photo below, you might be able to make out the row of trees we have planted along the front part of our boundary.



Rev. Mother Prioress and Sr. M. Bernadette have been working hard planting trees down the side after putting up a fence to prevent the cattle having a nibble of the cypress trees. They are curious, but after being so well fed and fat on the grain our friend Eamon and his son are giving them, they are quite satisfied without any extra salad!

We have been overwhelmed by the kindness of our wonderful friends and their families who have helped us so much with the planting and the garden, including a raised garden for strawberries, as well as providing us with gifts of food and flowers and other help when it is needed. May God reward you all for this generous support you have given us as we try to establish our monastery here for the good of the Church.

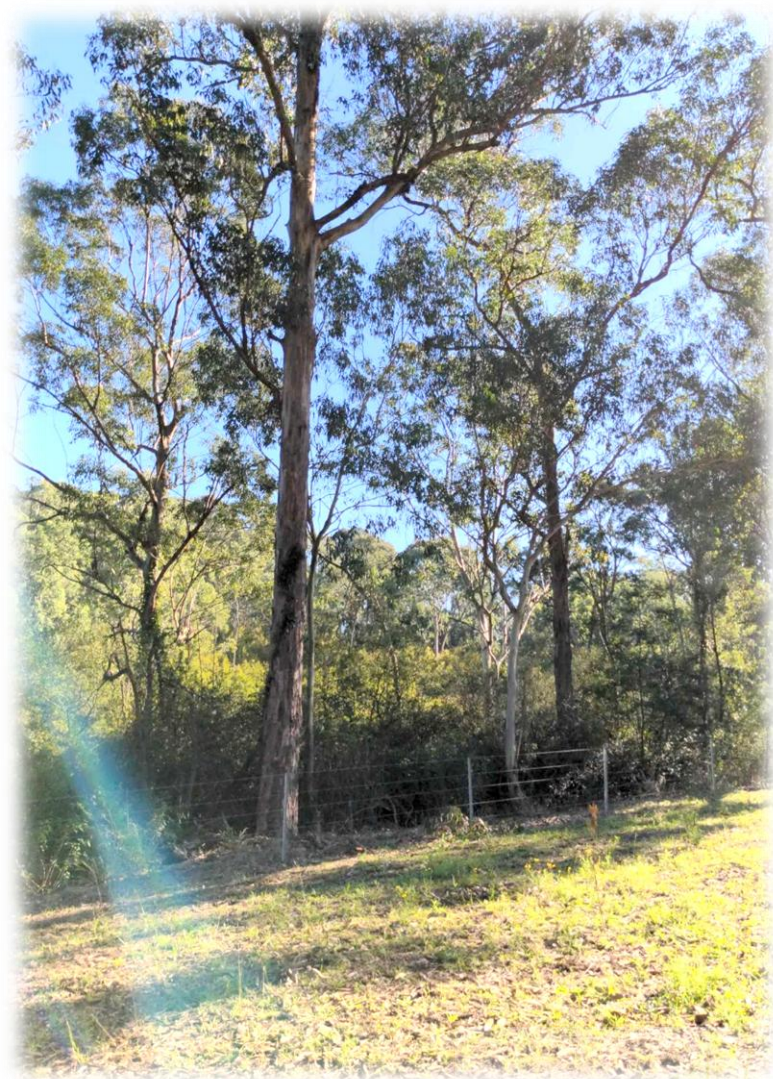




It was a special privilege for us to be able to welcome Rev. Father Ben Gandy as an Oblate in May. Father made his Oblation on the feast of Our Lady, Help of Christians - it was the first ceremony we have had in our temporary chapel, and it was an occasion of joy for us all. Father has had a love for the Rule of St Benedict since his seminary days, and it has been inspiring for us to learn how the holy Rule has helped him. Our saintly Mother Foundress described the Rule as having the spirit of the "purest Christianity" and she once wrote that "the soul simply and entirely faithful to the Rule of St Benedict will arrive at those summits of the unitive life where we see the saints established in peace."



We are sincerely grateful for all the help you have been able to give us towards the Kurmond Building Fund and also for the offers of help in creating a grotto for Our Lady. Below is a photo of where we hope to make the grotto and it will have a bushwalk behind it. A kind and generous benefactor has provided this beautiful statue of Our Lady – she also has a crown and we wait with great anticipation for the day when our Mother General is able to return and we can have a ceremony and crown her!



Holy Mass will be offered for all our dear friends and benefactors on the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, in our sincere gratitude for all your help which you have given us with such kindness and faithfulness.

May the Adorable Heart of Jesus “ever living to intercede for us”, pour out upon you all the treasures of His inexhaustible Love and have compassion on you in all your needs and sufferings. And in the words of Dominic of Treves (15<sup>th</sup> century): “Desire unceasingly to behold your Saviour face to face. Confide to Him all your troubles. Draw His Heart into yours, with its spirit and its love, its graces and its virtues. Abandon yourself lovingly to It in sorrow and in joy. Dwell in the Heart of Jesus, so that He in turn may take up His abode within your heart. The hearts of mortals will prove false or will forsake you – but the faithful Heart of Jesus will never abandon you.”

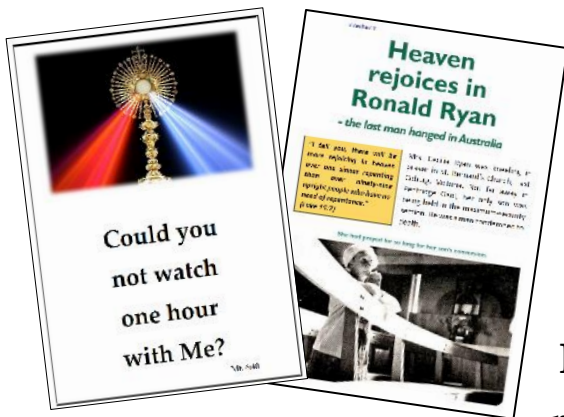
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