

TYBURN TALK

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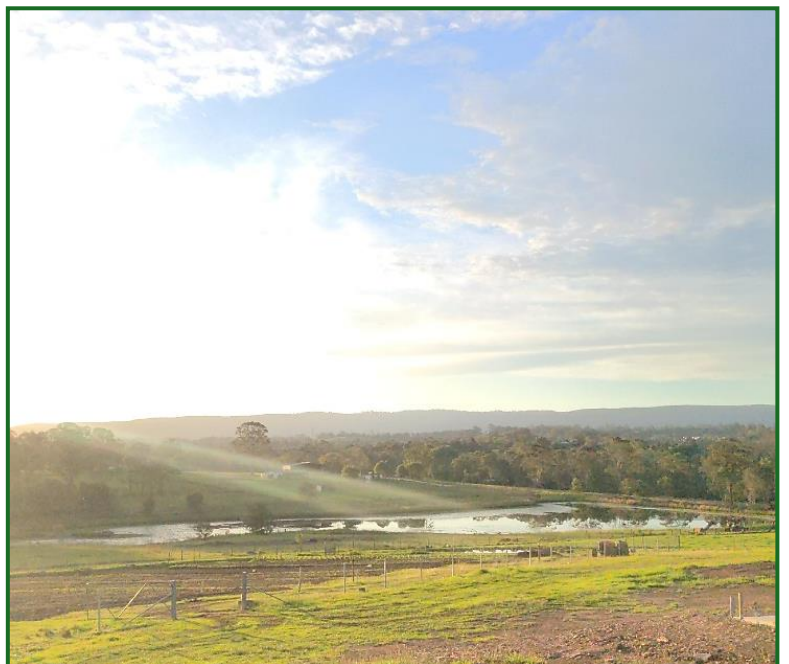
Christmas, 2024.

Dear Friends,

May this precious time of Advent, that holy Mother Church gives us to prepare for the coming of our Saviour, fill your hearts with such a burning faith that the dangers and the evils we encounter around us in our world may not be able to take from you the sweet hope His everlasting Love brings. "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they will not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you ... you are precious in My eyes, and honoured, and I love you" (Isaiah 43).

Sometimes God may seem far away and His coming far off, but the priceless gift of faith we have received gives us "the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen" (Hebrews 11). Therefore we can 'lift our drooping hands and strengthen our weak knees' (cf. Hebrews 12) as we wait trustingly for His Coming.

We can give a small example, because it seemed as though we were never going to get to Kurmond – and yet, here we are at last! The Sacred Heart led us safely here and provided us with such a wonderful team of valiant helpers that we did not even need to get the removalists to bring our enormous pile of furniture, some of which was very heavy! May God bless and reward them for their labour and their great kindness. Divine Providence led us here just in time, as there is a big road widening planned for Garfield Road East - with the potential for six lanes of traffic! Of course, with all the traffic noise, it would no longer be a suitable place for our monastery.





Here at Kurmond, it is beautiful - so quiet and contemplative. With the Blue Mountains in the distance, the morning sunlight shed its rays across the pastures and sometimes you can see soft mist in the small valleys and the kangaroo family grazing happily in the distance. The sunsets are awesome too, when God paints the sky in endlessly different patterns of light and clouds as the sun sheds its last evening rays behind the mountains.



Thanks to your kindness and generosity we have also been able at last to make a home for our Eucharistic King. Now we have begun to carry out our life of Adoration, of worship and praise of God, interceding for the people of Kurmond, for our Diocese, our nation and the whole world, with all its needs and suffering.

It has been a great blessing to have our Mother General with us as we begin to establish our monastery with its enclosure in order to be faithful to our monastic life. We hope and pray that with the grace of God we may be able to welcome more vocations to our monastic family here in this lovely place, for, as our saintly Mother Foundress wrote: "Our Lord frequently asked for souls, who out

of love for Him, would spend themselves in reparation for the way He is insulted and abandoned in the Most Holy Sacrament, for these souls will never be as numerous as His Heart desires."



Sr Elizabeth at the ceremony of Admission to the Novitiate, receiving the habit from Mother General

Therefore, it was with great joy that, on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, we were able to see our postulant, Sister Elizabeth, transformed into a Novice with her new name - Sr. Maryam of the Holy Face (Maryam is the Aramaic form of Mary). Sister will have a special mission of praying for her country of Syria where the Christians are facing extreme hardship and suffering. She looks beautiful in her white veil and we

give thanks to the Sacred Heart that we now have two white veils in our midst, like blessed signs of growth that brings a smile to us all.

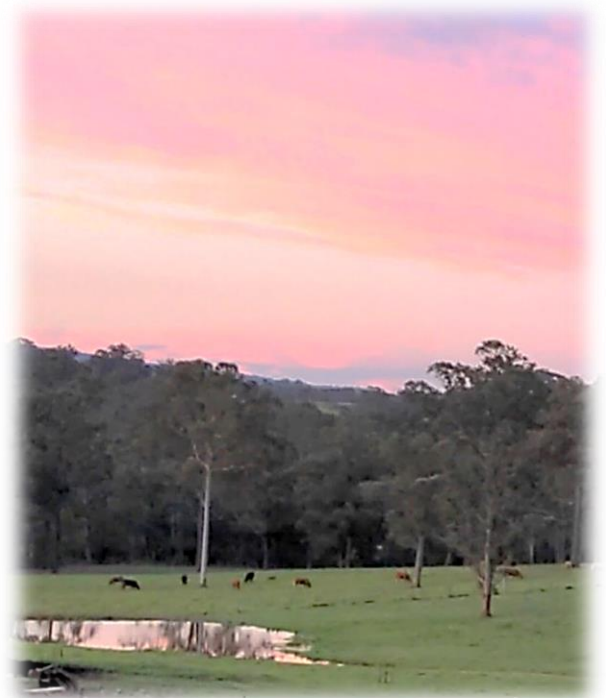
Our radiant Novice, Sr Maryam of the Holy Face



Thanks to your help we have been able to repair the driveway, and we are sincerely grateful to you for your generosity in helping us with our future need with the Kurmond Building Fund.



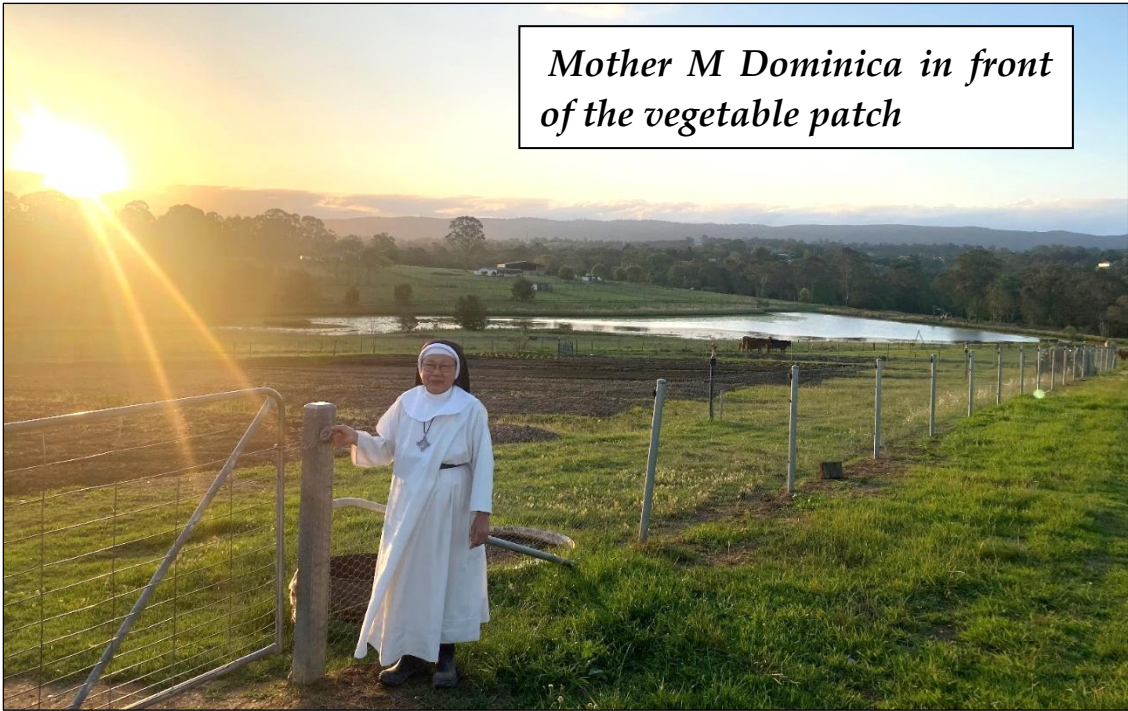
A small project we hope to do is to make a grotto for Our Lady – her statue is there already awaiting the rock formation to surround her.



The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for each one of you, our dear friends and benefactors as we pray for all your intentions and the grace and consolation you need in all your trials and sufferings. May our Light from Light eternal come to you and enfold you with His radiance and heavenly peace this Christmas and always. "O most beautiful Light, O radiance of Light eternal, You were like that from the beginning, You were like that, O everlasting loveliness, in those everlasting days of Your, in the years of Your eternity! You were like that, O Lord Jesus, wise, true, holy, good, but You were this for Your beloved Father, who loves You... Still, as You were not only Light from Light, but also the Font of brightness, You wanted to reveal this great good and to share it with Your creatures.... but we have turned away. Then, O true Light, in all this darkness of ours, then You shone, but our darkness did not comprehend You...Because You were Truth, You threw Your beams into the to dispel the night of our ignorance and to refute the works of darkness. You filled us with Your fear, through which You make us holy, turning us away from our darkness and drawing us compassionately to You, the true Light" (Sermon of St John of Ford).

With the loving prayers and wishes of all the Tyburn Nuns at Kurmond





Mother M Dominica in front of the vegetable patch

Kangaroos on our driveway!



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