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Dear Benefactors and Friends,

We wish to thank you for many prayers and donations we received. The funds will give financial assistance to **Father Luan Le OFM Cap** in Timor; and other Australian ministries: The Poor and Marginalised and the Education of Student Friars.

In this issue we share the experiences of **Fr. James OFM Cap** and student friars **Christopher and Matthew**, from Melbourne, who visited Timor recently.

Our **Father's Day cards** are available by mail, email and **online**. Please forward your particular intentions for the Novena of Masses and join us in the prayers.

Masses in honour of St. Padre Pio will be celebrated in September, following blessings with the relics. On the occasion of the **50th Anniversary of St. Padre Pio's birth to heaven** and the **100th Anniversary of the Stigmata**.

Our special thanks to the **Capuchin Franciscan Friars in Australia**, to the secretaries and parishioners, to all benefactors and friends.

Daniela Santillan, Secretary.

THE CAPUCHIN MISSION IN TIMOR

By Fr. Luan Le OFM Cap.

Visiting the villages in Lalimlau mountain

Last March, some altar servers and parents come together to visit the isolated villages in Lalimlau. It takes us around two hours of walking and climbing to reach the remote areas at the top of the mountain.





THE COMPLETION OF THE CHAPEL IN HATUBESILOLO By Fr. Luan Le OFM Cap.

Thanks to all our benefactors in Australia for generous donations received. The new chapel is completed, there is a pumping system installed (1000 m. long and 100m. unevenness) to provide fresh water to the village. Special thanks to: **Good Shepherd Parish and School (Plumpton), St. Francis School, Capuchin Friars, St. Bernadette's Parish (Seven Hills).**



EASTER CELEBRATIONS IN TIBAR

By Fr. Luan Le OFM Cap.

We had a blackout for three days during Holy Week; however, many people participated in Easter celebrations.



NEW POSTULANTS JOINED OUR FRATERNITY AT TIBAR

By Fr. Luan Le OFM Cap.

Eight young men joined our fraternity at Tibar. We did a pilgrimage walk to prepare the aspirants to enter the postulancy program. It was a 13 km walking to Hatubesilolo village. Please keep these new members in your prayers.



AUSTRALIAN POST NOVICES VISITED TIMOR

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By Fr. James Grant OFM Cap.

As part of the formation program for our friars, the Australian Province sends its Post Novices to East Timor to allow them to be immersed in another Capuchin Province and reality.

This year I accompanied Brothers Christopher Maher and Matthew Timonera and from the moment we arrived at each of our two friaries, we were greeted with wonderful brotherly affection which included a traditional weaved Timorese cloth being placed around our necks and the beautiful harmonised voices of the Timorese Postulants, Novices and friars.

Over the 10 days, the communities in Tibar and Laleia generously allowed us to be immersed into the activities and ministries of the friars as well as the program of the students. This is most certainly a rich experience for our Post Novices, not least because it is located in a materially poor yet, in many ways, spiritually rich country. I am sure that Brothers Christopher and Matthew will be able to draw deeply upon this experience as I have done ever since I visited as a Post Novice 10 years ago.



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Last March Pope Francis visited Pietrelcina and San Giovanni Rotondo. He met the faithful, the infirm, the clergy and religious and he celebrated Mass in the St. Pio church. It was a day of intense spiritual communion and fervour. He visited the places of Padre Pio and the Home for the Relief of Suffering (**La Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza**).

These photos were published in the magazines "La Casa" (April 2018) and "The Voice of Padre Pio" (June-July 2018). Please contact our centre for more details.



How to Start a Padre Pio Prayer Group



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Are you interested in forming a Padre Pio Prayer Group in your Parish? Please contact our office for more information. We will help you in registering your group in “**La Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza**” the official prayer group in San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy, who assists all groups around the world.

**GRUPPI
DI PREGHIERA
DI PADRE PIO**

Spiritual Children of Padre Pio

Please contact our Centre, we will be pleased to send you the conditions necessary to become Spiritual Children of Padre Pio. All registered names are sent to the Capuchin Friars in Our Lady of Grace Friary, in San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy.

ST. PADRE PIO MASS AND VENERATION OF RELICS IN AUSTRALIA

This year an Italian Capuchin will join our friars in the Masses to be celebrated in different cities around Australia: **Fr. Gianmaria Di Giorgio OFM Cap (*)** will bring a relic of the saint for veneration. Please contact each parish for further information.

(*) St. Francis Parish, 59 Newton Rd, Newton (SA). From September 17 to 19.

Phone: (08) 8337 3849. Email: newtonparish@bigpond.com

(*) St. Mary's Cathedral, Victoria Square, Perth (WA). From September 20 to 28.

Phone: (08) 9223 1351. Email: cathedral@perthcatholic.org.au

(*) St. Anthony's Friary, 182 Power St, Hawthorn (VIC). From September 29 to October 1. Phone: (03) 9819 3775. Email: stanthonyhawthorn@gmail.com

Dear St. Padre Pio devotees in NSW:

The Padre Pio Centre of Australia kindly invite you to celebrate with us the **Memorial Feast of Saint Pio of Pietrecina: Mass and Veneration of Relics** on **Sunday 23rd. September 2018, 11:00 am.** at **St. Fiacre's Church, 96 Catherine St, Leichhardt NSW.**
Ph: (02) 9569-1880. Email: padrepio@capuchinfriars.org.au

Visit us and venerate the two relics of the Saint in our office:

96 Catherine St. (Capuchin Friary), Leichhardt, NSW. Monday to Friday, 9:00 to 12:00

MAKE A DONATION

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As we mentioned, **Fr. Luan Le OFM Cap** will continue working in the preparation of young Capuchin students for religious life and Priesthood. The Mission Office assists the students and Fr. Luan in his work by donating **20,000 dollars** every year. In supporting them you become part of their missionary work.

You can assist the Capuchin friars in other ministries; you can contribute towards:

- the promotion of the devotion of St. Padre Pio in Australia
- the Ministry to the Poor and Marginalised
- the Education of our Student Friars

Please contact us for Tax deductible receipts or visit **www.capuchinfriars.org.au**

REMEMBER THE CAPUCHIN FRIARS IN YOUR WILL

You can include the Capuchin Friars in your last Will and Testament. If you wish to leave money or some gift to support the Missions or other ministries, we can send you information.

BECOMING A CAPUCHIN FRIAR?

Our Friars are inviting single Catholic men (18-35) to participate for a weekend of discernment a possible religious vocation. Contact Fr. Thomas McFadden, the Vocation Director at: **vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au**

VOLUNTEERING YOUR TIME ?

If you want to volunteer your time to the Missions or other ministries, contact us:

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