

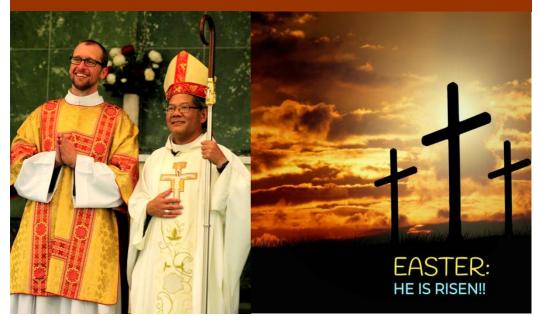
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Newsletter of the Capuchin Mission Office PO Box 153 Leichhardt NSW 2040

March 2022



THE AUSTRALIAN CAPUCHIN PROVINCE





For our Lenten journey in 2022, Pope Francis invites us to reflect on Saint Paul's exhortation to the Galatians: "Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all" (Gal 6:9-10).

Lent is a favourable time for personal and community renewal, as it leads us to the paschal mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ."

As we prepare this newsletter, we acknowledge the tragic event of the war in Ukraine. The Capuchins are being there for the last 26 years; there are seven fraternities and 36 Friars who have decided to remain there to offer their support to everyone. We invite all to unite in our prayers for peace in Ukraine and in the world.

We also witness the extreme weather and tragic unfolding crisis in southern Queensland and northern New South Wales. Those areas have been affected by the heaviest inundation in decades, lives have been lost and properties damaged. We encourage our supporters to help and pray for the Australian communities as well.

Despite the challenges that face the church and world today, there are also opportunities amid the difficulties. We wish to encourage one another in a spirit of fraternal solidarity to take up the invitations that the Holy Spirit presents to us with eagerness, humility, and passion.

<u>You can support our Missionaries</u> in the spreading of the Gospel and reaching out the poorest in remotes areas of the world. There are different ways to give:

- Seraphic Mass Association: a practical way to offer prayers by sending a Mass Card for the deceased or the living on all occasions (birthdays, anniversaries, healing).
- Seasonal Cards and Novena of Masses: by sending our cards to friends and relatives, you may include them in the series of nine Masses our friars celebrate yearly for Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, St. Padre Pio and Christmas.
- Masses for your intentions: you can ask our Friars to offer a Mass by sending your particular intentions. A free will offering will be greatly appreciated.

Oncoming Novena of Masses: Easter (April, 17-25) and Mother's Day (May, 8-16)

Our piety store is still operating. Please visit our website or contact our office.

In this edition, we include updates of the <u>Australian Province</u>, the activities from our Friars and volunteers during the last six months.

Magazine Revision: Br. Stephen Tran OFM Cap (Director) Magazine Edition: Daniela Santillan (Secretary) Let's hope the resurrection of the risen Christ will bring a great light to our world. Please be assured of our ongoing prayers for you and your loved ones. May God Bless you and keep you safe.

iWitness Conference 2021 - https://www.facebook.com/friarsvan



We, Capuchin Friars were invited to the **iWitness Conference 2021**, an event that brought almost 200 young men and women together sharing, learning, and nurturing their faith. Among them were Priests, Religious men, and women. It was a beautiful weekend of talks, prayers, games, Adoration, Reconciliation, Holy Eucharistic celebrations and fraternal fellowship among all who were present. A very special thanks

to EUROESPRESSO MACHINE COMPANY PTY LTD, https://www.euroespresso.com.au/ who sponsored and provided us with the most amazing coffee beans. Thank you to all those who gave donations for the coffees. Funds raised were used for the Friars' Van ministry.

The Friars' Van Christmas Appeal 2021

Special thanks to the parishioners of St. Fiacre and Immaculate Conception Church, Leichhardt (Fr. Pio Hendi OFM Cap., PP); The parishioners of the Good Shepherd Parish Plumpton (Fr. Vincy D'Costa OFM Cap., PP) for the generous support and kind donations of the non-perishable food and other items. To the St. Fiacre's Catholic Primary School (students, parents, and teachers; Juliana Bates, Family Educator) for the chocolates and Christmas sweets.

We were able to prepare around 100 Christmas Parcels to help the brothers and sisters in Christ who we served at the Friars' Van ministry site. Thank you once again to all those who had generously responded to our Christmas Appeal 2021.







2022 - Australian Ministries Resume

During February two important ministries resumed their activities: **The Friars' Van in Sydney** and **St Francis Table Kitchen in Dutton Park (QLD).** Thank you to our volunteers and donors! It's good to be back onsite again, assisting and serving those in need.

Thank you to all those who attended the Induction Program in Sydney, to our fantastic group of young volunteers who served at the **Friars' Van**. Warm drinks, chocolate bars, biscuits, non-perishable food items were well received. Sharing and listening to some personal stories of our brothers and sisters in Christ - A humbling experience to listen to an open soul. We keep in our prayers those we have met and served.



On the second Monday of February the **St. Francis Table Kitchen** reopened with our first official cookout for home deliveries. One additional objective this year for the Ministry is to adopt healthcare workers in our local community and see if we can assist them during these challenging times. Our eager and dedicated volunteers were excited to gather today to assist. With specific roles designated and tasks assigned, the team whipped up 65 meals for deliveries. https://www.facebook.com/duttonparkwestendcatholicparish/



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NEWS FROM OUR STUDENT FRIARS

After a long period of restrictions due to the pandemic, our Friars in Australia had the opportunity to gather in Sydney. It was a joyful occasion when they renewed their fraternal life as a community. During the Chapter, on the evening of 23 February 2022, **Br Christopher Maher OFM Cap** was ordained to the **Diaconate** by **Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv** of the Diocese of Parramatta in the presence of the Capuchin Friars, his family, and friends.

Congratulations Deacon Br Christopher!

"Let this be your guide: Jesus came to serve and not to be served." Bishop Vincent Long Nguyen OFM Conv



Our Aussie Novice, **Br Isaac Webb OFM Cap** continues his formation at San Lorenzo Seminary in California (USA). This is a time primarily focused on the contemplative aspect of the Capuchin Franciscan charism. He also takes part in a regular schedule of communal prayer, classes, manual labor, and ministry in the local community.





Here is a photo of **Br Matthew Timonera OFM Cap** working on a leather cover. Br Matthew is a student, currently resides in the Leichhardt Fraternity and ministers on the weekends in Plumpton.

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Please keep all our men in Formation in your prayers and we thank you for your continued support through your donations to enable us to help them in their journey as Capuchin Brothers and Priests ministering in the Church.

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THE SERAPHIC MASS ASSOCIATION

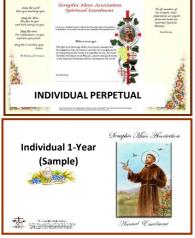
The SMA was founded in 1899, under the patronage of St.Fidelis, a Capuchin missionary priest and the first martyr of the Propagation of the faith. The aim of the Association is to meet the material needs of foreign missions operated by the Capuchin Friars.

What does Membership in the SMA mean?

As a partner in the missionary work of the Capuchins, you are remembered daily in the Masses, prayers and good works of the Friars and those you enrol are also remembered in this way. Supporting the Seraphic Mass Association is a practical way of sharing in the life and ministry of the Capuchin Friars around the world.

SMA Conditions of Membership

Membership in the SMA maybe either, **Perpetual** (forever) or **Annual** (1-year). Enrolments of a living or deceased person, for **Individuals** or a **Family** (parents & children). A **Membership Certificate** is extended to the members.



<u>Suggested offerings (membership card & postage)</u>

- Individual Perpetual (21x29 cm): \$20
- Individual 1-Year Membership (21x14 cm): \$10
- Family Perpetual Membership (21x29 cm): \$35
- Family 1-Year Membership (21x29 cm): \$17

Offerings can be made by: cash/cheque/deposit in Commonwealth Bank of Australia Capuchin Friars BSB No: 062005 Account No: 11055931 For credit card donations: please contact us.

<u>Details for Enrolments</u> can be sent by mail, email or on-line:

Name/s for enrolment (Indicate: living /deceased) Enrolled by: Who is offering the enrolment Address to be posted (e-cards available) Contact us for all artworks available.



Mail: POBox 153, Leichhardt NSW 2040 *E-mail:* mission@capuchinfriars.org.au *On-line:* www.capuchinfriars.org.au *Phone:* (02) 9569 1880 or 0480 161 411

The offering made for enrolments is not for Spiritual Benefits derived from the Association, but it is a free-will offering made for the purpose of supporting the Capuchin Missions.



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How to Start a Padre Pio Prayer Group

If you are interested in forming a Padre Pio Prayer Group in your Parish, please contact our office for more information.

Spiritual Children of Padre Pio

Please contact our Centre regarding the conditions necessary to become Spiritual Children of Padre Pio. All registered names are sent to the Capuchin Friars in Italy.

<u>Selected Books</u>: The "Edizioni Padre Pio da Pieltrecina" is the Publishing House of the Capuchin Friars of San Giovanni Rotondo (Italy).



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BLO GRAPHIES	Price (*)
Padre Pio of Pieltrecina, by Fr. Alberto D'Apolito: Memories, experiences, testimonials of a local Capuchin Friar.	\$ 28.00
Everybody's cyrenean, by Fr. Alessandro of Ripabottoni: The official Cause of Canonisation bi- ography of the Friar.	\$ 36.00
A biographical profile, by Fr. Alessandro of Ripabottoni: A concise biography of St. Padre Pio.	\$ 15.00
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The Holy Souls, <i>by Fr. Alessio Parente:</i> Written by a friar able to witness the supernatural world that surrounded Padre Pio's encounters with the Holy Souls.	\$ 20.00
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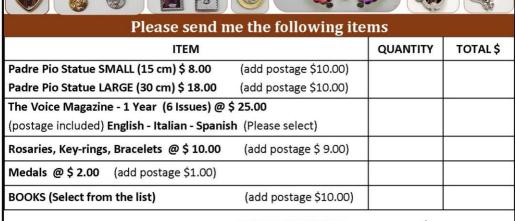


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Padre Pio Statue





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This **Easter** give your friends and relatives a remembrance in our **Novena of Masses** to be offered during the **Easter Season**. Each person who receives a card is automatically included in the Novena of Masses. The deceased will be included by you sending us your list of names. The cards may be obtained by forwarding us this completed form.



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PACK of 5 Cards \$13 (per pack, postage included)			
INDIVIDUAL Cards \$ 3 ea. (postage included)			
General Donation (Optional)	\$	\$	
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"I'm so grateful! Selamat tinggal! (Goodbye)"

In December, last year, *Fr. Pionius Hendi OFM Cap.* returned to Indonesia, after serving in the Capuchin Province of Australia for almost ten years.

Upon his return, he will take up his new appointment as Provincial Secretary for the Province of Pontianak, Indonesia. We thank him for all the good he has done in rebuilding the Church in Australia.

Virtual Pilgrimage in the Holy Land

While the pandemic is still preventing us from travel, we offer you an invitation to make a *virtual pilgrimage to the Holy Land*. A series of photos were taken by *Br. Pawel Teperski OFM Cap.* By scanning the QR code you can access the International Capuchin

Magazine (BICI) and find photo galleries, organized according to the various locations to facilitate the journey.





OUR EASTER BLESSINGS

On behalf of the *Capuchin Franciscan Friars*, we wish you a renewed faith in life and may the Spirit of the Risen Christ live within you now and always. *Have a Blessed Easter!*

Be assured you will be included in the prayers during the *Novena of Masses* offered for your intentions.

Blessings to all Mums in Australia and Happy Mother's Day!

MAKE A DONATION

You can assist the Capuchin Friars in their ministries and contribute towards:

- the Seraphic Mass Association, an offering of prayers for everyone
- 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

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



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