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The Capuchin Mission in Timor



St. Padre Pio Feast Day in Australia



Dear Friends,

We wish to thank you all for your continuous support, for your prayers and generous donations towards the Capuchin Ministries.

In this issue we share the latest news and missionary work of the Capuchins in Timor. As we mentioned in August newsletter, we were more than blessed to meet all the devotees around the country in the **Veneration of Relics & Memorial Feast Day Mass** in honour of **St. Padre Pio of Pietrecina**.

After two years of hard work, **Fr. Luan Le and the Timorese community** finished the building of the new chapel, installation of water pump and water tank in Hatubesilolo. We include news about our **student friars in Australia**, a brief presentation of new postulants and novices.

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

Special thanks to **Fr. Gianmaria Di Giorgio** from Italy, to **Jamie O' Brien** from Perth Archdiocese, to the **Capuchin Franciscan Friars in Australia**, to the secretaries and parishioners, and especially to our benefactors and friends.

Have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year 2019! **Daniela Santillan, Secretary**

FEAST OF ST. CLARE IN TIBAR By Fr. Luan Le OFM Cap.

Last 11th August, twelve Franciscan congregations gathered at Tibar for the celebration of the feast of St. Clare; after Mass there were many activities and plays (poetry, dramas, song and dances) and, of course, we had lunch together.



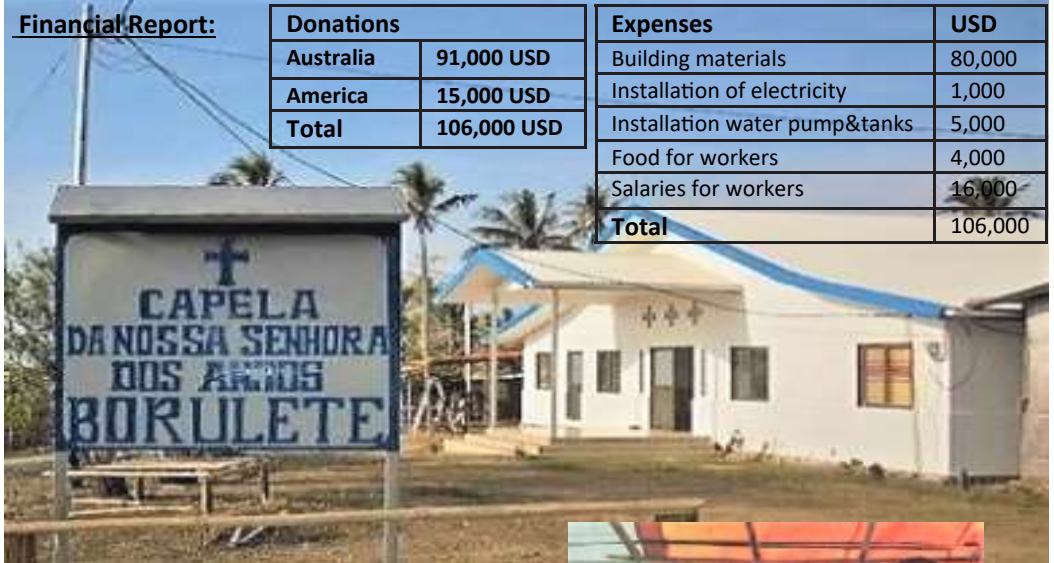
FIRST MASS IN THE NEW CHAPEL IN HATUBESILOLO

By Fr. Luan Le OFM Cap.



After almost two years under extremely difficult conditions (bad roads, expensive transport of materials, lack of water and electricity and also insufficient labourers) we have succeeded to finish the chapel and install a water pump and a tank.

| Financial Report: | Donations | | Expenses | | USD |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------|-----|
| | Australia | 91,000 USD | Building materials | 80,000 | |
| America | 15,000 USD | Installation of electricity | 1,000 | | |
| Total | 106,000 USD | Installation water pump&tanks | 5,000 | | |
| | | Food for workers | 4,000 | | |
| | | Salaries for workers | 16,000 | | |
| | | Total | 106,000 | | |



FIRST MASS IN THE NEW CHAPEL IN HATUBESILOLO (Cont.)

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Celebrations started on 7th September, we visited isolated villages in the morning and celebrated Thanksgiving Mass in the afternoon. The day after, the Feast of Mother Mary's Birth, we started the inauguration of the chapel. Around 400 people joined us. According to Timorese traditions, the elders welcomed the priests with songs and dances.

After Mass we had a procession, with the statue of Our Lady waking towards the new grotto, next to the water tank.



Franciscan sisters joined us for a pastoral visit to Ermera, about one-hour waking and climbing under hot weather. Many people received the sacrament of baptism; we prayed and blessed their houses as well.




ST. PADRE PIO MASS AND VENERATION OF RELICS IN AUSTRALIA

During last month, **Fr. Gianmaria Di Giorgio OFM Cap** from Italy visited Australia in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of Padre Pio's permanent stigmata apparition on 20 September 1918, and the 50th anniversary of his death on 23 September 1968. Father Gianmaria brought a **first class relic** that include a pair of Padre Pio's gloves, his hair, a piece of his nail, a scab from the stigmata, and a linen cloth that was used to wipe the blood from his side wound.

From 17th to 19th September in Adelaide and, from 29th September to 1st October in Melbourne, **Fr. Gianmaria** concelebrated Masses and blessed the devotees with the relics, together with our **Capuchin Friars**.

From 20th to 28th September in Perth **Fr. Gianmaria** concelebrated Masses with local priests at the Cathedral. He joined **Arch. Emeritus Barry Hickey** on 23rd September, the St. Padre Pio Feast Day Mass.



 St Padre Pio Centre of Australia

We acknowledge the following for the photos: **Jamie O'Brien** from Perth Cathedral, **Fr. John Nguyen**, **Br. Stephen Tran**, **Josie Prestia** from St. Francis Parish (Adelaide), and **Fr. Julian Messina** from St. Anthony's Friary (Melbourne).

150 SAINT PIO OF PIETRELCINA
1843-1908
ANNIVERSARY OF THE STIGMATA
APPRECIARY OF HIS BIRTH IN HEAVEN
1943-2018



In Sydney, Fr. John Cooper celebrated Feast Day Mass at St. Fiacre's Church on 23rd September. He blessed devotees with relics (Padre Pio's glove and a piece of cloth with his blood).



We wish to thank all the supporters for the donations we received, it helps the Order with the formation costs of all the students.

We give thanks to God as two new young Australians will start one year of Postulancy with the friars in Brisbane. Another five Capuchin novices were invested in the habit last July. After completing their Postulancy and discernment with the Capuchins here in Australia, they have begun their Novitiate – which is a year-long program of formation and discernment done in USA.

(Find more at: www.capuchin.org.au)



Five novices in USA, with Fr. Robert Stewart OFM Cap. (Novice director, first-left).



Two new postulants Gary Rego and Tony Duin, with Fr. James Grant OFM Cap. (middle).

MAKE A DONATION

You can assist the Capuchin friars in their ministries and 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

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, we can send you information.

OUR CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



On behalf of the **Capuchin Franciscan Friars**, we acknowledge our friends for your continuous prayers and support; and wish you all the graces of **Christmas**.

Be assured you will be included in the Spiritual Bouquet of a **Novena of Masses** offered for your intentions and loved ones.

All the Blessings for the **New Year 2019!**