

Newsletter of the Capuchin Mission Office & Padre Pio Centre of Australia PO Box 153 Leichhardt NSW 2040

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## **The Australian Fraternity**



The Capuchin Mission in Timor

#### **Dear Friends and Benefactors**

We wish to **THANK YOU** all our **benefactors**, the **Capuchin Franciscan Friars in Australia**, the secretaries and parishioners of our Capuchin Parishes for your continuous support, and especially for your prayers and donations towards the Capuchin Ministries during the pandemic. In this issue we share the latest news from **Fr. Luan Le** and the **community in Timor**; brief comments about the **student Friars** and the **Ministry to the Poor** in Australia. **The St. Padre Pio piety store** is still operating: visit our website or request a Catalogue.

We will continue to accept <u>orders</u> from our website, through mail, e-mail and telephone.

Be assured our Friars will keep you in the prayers.

Have a Blessed Christmas and a peaceful New Year 2021.



#### The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: The Australian Province



Saint Francis initiated a form of Gospel Life, called a **brotherhood**, and chose to model it on the life of Christ and his disciples. United by faith in God our Father and nourished at the table of the Divine Word and the Eucharist, we love one another, so that the world may see and recognise we are Christ's disciples.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Churches were closed for a time, then reopened with

limited number. As a consequence, Mass attendance has dropped significantly. The **Mass** is our greatest act of Offertory and Praise. The Eucharist is the greatest Thanksgiving.

To all of our supporters: we wish you all the graces of Christmas and a blessed New Year. Be assured our Friars from each Fraternity will continue to keep you in the prayers and offer the Holy Eucharist for you and your loved ones: the Mass.









## THE LATEST NEWS FROM TIMOR

By Fr. Luan Le OFM Cap.

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We share the recent activities of all the Brothers at the Fraternity: a recent picnic with postulants, the celebration of Mass in a small village and a walk to a village in Hatubesilolo to celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady of the Angels of the Portincula.





In September we went with the sisters and students to Our Lady's Shrine in the mountains, in a short trip. We also share group photos with postulants and brothers.

#### THE BUILDING PROJECT IN HATUBESILOLO

by Fr. Luan Le OFM Cap

The building for the "Short Stay Retreat House" is almost completed. It will provide a place to stay for the brothers and locals, during short retreats.

The Timorese Fraternity acknowledges our supporters for the donations received!



#### **STUDENT NEWS**

#### By Fr. Thomas McFadden OFM Cap. 5

During this time of extended lockdown due to the pandemic situation in **Melbourne**, the Capuchin students have been continuing their formation at **St Anthony's**. Unfortunately opportunities for ministry have been restricted, but the brothers continue their classes and their work around the friary and grounds. It has been a time for them to pray for an end to the pandemic and to pray for our friends and benefactors.





On 1st September, a new student started the 2020 Postulancy program at Assumption Friary in Dutton Park, QLD. Isaac is 19 years old and grew up in Toowoomba.

The arrival of a new vocation is not only a great joy for our community but for the whole Province and Church! We thank the Lord continuing to bless our Order.

#### **BECOMING A CAPUCHIN FRIAR?**

Our Friars are inviting Catholic men (18-35) for a possible religious vocation. Contact Fr. John Nguyen (new Vocation Director) at: vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au

#### THE MINISTRY TO THE POOR

Capuchin ministry for the Elderly, lonely and the homeless continues at this difficult time of crisis: Capuchin parishes of Dutton Park and St. Marys at **south Brisbane** provide home delivery food twice a week. In **Sydney**, the Friar's Van provides hot drinks and snacks to homeless, to share God's kindness and compassion. The impact of COVID 19 on the poor and homeless **in Melbourne** has proven to be devastating as most of the charities who offer meals are closed. In **South Melbourne** we have continued to prepare and distribute "food parcels" giving many the possibility of having access to basic food items. We hope and pray that the situation of the virus will improve and restrictions will soon be eased so that we can once again open up our kitchen and welcome back our many guests.

We are sincerely grateful to all the readers of "Sandal Prints" for your generous support of our ministry, both financial and prayerful.



#### 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 Our Lady of Grace Friary, in San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy.

#### Padre Pio is knocking at your door

Why don't you make a subscription to **"The Voice of Padre Pio"**? This is the Saint's official magazine, it will keep you in touch with the events in his shrine and those that take place around the world. **Price for 1-year (6 issues, one is a calendar): \$25.00** 

From Our Store: (Full Catalogue available) OR Visit: www.capuchinfriars.org.au

#### Postage: \$10.00 flat rate

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BIOGRAPHIES	Price (*)
Padre Pio of Pieltrecina, by Fr. Alberto D'Apolito: Memories, experiences, testimonials of a local Capuchin Friar.	\$ 28.00
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Send me your Guardian Angel, by Fr. Alessio Parente: A help to understanding the world of the Angels, by a friar who assisted Padre Pio.	\$ 20.00

## **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 <u>Tax deductible receipts (\*)</u> 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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# **Helping the Holy Souls**

November is the month the Church dedicates to the Holy Souls, and teaches us how we can best help our departed loved ones by our

prayers, by our alms to the poor, by our sacrifices, especially by the holy sacrifice of the Mass.



This year again, our Capuchin Friars will arrange a **Spiritual Bouquet of Masses** to be offered for **the Holy Souls**. You may wish to have your loved ones remembered in these Masses. Be sure to forward us a <u>list of the names</u> to be included in this intention.

#### I would like to make a Mass Offering (Optional) \$.....

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# Christmas Spiritual Bouquet Cards

This Christmas, give your friends and relatives, living and deceased, a remembrance in our Novena of Masses to be offered during the Christmas Season. Each person who receives a card is automatically included in the Masses. The deceased will be included by you sending us your list of names.





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