

A Touch of Timor Leste



Mary MacKillop, Australia's first canonised Saint, has left a legacy of teaching and support for those in need.

This important work is still being carried out today. More than six hundred Sisters of Saint Joseph are actively living in communities throughout Australia, Aotearoa New Zealand, Ireland, Peru, /Brazil and Timor Leste.

Mary MacKillop Place is an oasis in the midst of the business district of North Sydney – a place of pilgrimage, inclusion, warmth and welcome. It offers a Chapel, where St Mary MacKillop is buried, Museum, Café and Gift Shop as well as Accommodation and Conference facilities.

Towards the end of 2021 we will be opening a brand new, 51-room accommodation facility, "Anderledy Lodge".

This has afforded us the opportunity to develop a new and exciting initiative

"A Touch of Timor Leste"

Our initiative will support the women of Timor Leste and continue the work of the Sisters of Saint Joseph, begun in 1994, at the request of Bishop Carlos Belo.

We invite you to join with the Sisters in this initiative and its continuation into the future.

OUR INITIATIVE

"A Touch of Timor Leste"

All the beds in the newly built Anderledy Lodge will be decorated with "Tais" in the form of bed runners and cushions sourced directly from Timor Leste.

What is "Tais" (Ti-esh)?

Tais is a cloth woven from cotton on back-strap looms solely by Timorese women. The technique of Tais weaving has been passed on from generation to generation. It is a symbol of Timor Leste's tradition and cultural identity.

Tais have been worn by Timorese men and women as a wraparound garment; used for ceremonial adornment and, more recently, are being used for home décor or fashion apparel and accessories such as table runners, cushion covers, handbags, scarves and belts.



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WITH WHOM ARE WE COLLABORATING?

We are collaborating with the Alola Foundation (Fundasaun Alola) which is based in Timor Leste. Alola was established in 2001 by Kirsty Sword Gusmao, the former first lady of Timor Leste.

<https://www.alolafoundation.org>

WHY ALOLA?

Because we share the same values as Alola:

The education of children

Economic empowerment of women

Promoting the human rights of women

Maternal and Child Health.

HOW ARE WE SOURCING THE TAIS?

Alola works with local and talented Timorese women to weave the Tais and make items for home décor, fashion apparel and accessories.



By sponsoring Tais, you will help women like Angelina to improve their quality of life and help them to continue this traditional technique of Tais weaving and prevent it from becoming extinct.

HOW TO DONATE

Credit Card: via website

<https://www.marymackillopplace.org.au/about-us/support-our-work/donation/>

Reference: "A Touch of Timor Leste"

OR Email: Financial.controller@mmp.org.au

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THANK YOU

Your contribution to continuing the legacy of Mary MacKillop and the Sisters of Saint Joseph is greatly appreciated.

Gratitude is the memory of the heart

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