

## **Church of Maria SS della Purità (Church of Saint Mary of Purity)**

The church has been built over a period of 40 years, starting in 1866, opposite an ancient chapel consecrated to St Mark the Evangelist, now demolished. The building has a single nave and four lateral altars presenting slender, cantilevered corbels. Significant pieces of art preserved in the interior are a statue of the Virgin Mary, positioned in a niche over the high altar, and other two wooden works, all by sculptor Pietro Croce, stuccoes from master Leonardo Calandra, a precious Cross with an alabaster base. At the end of the Nineteenth Century the ambon and the presbytery underwent refurbishing works. The church has been elevated to parish status 10 August 1918, and since 1950 it is managed by the Rosminian Fathers, which also run the parishes of Fico and Crocevie. The establishment of the latter parishes imposed a splitting up of the original area of jurisdiction of Maria SS della Purità, which also includes the chapels of Caposcale and Casalbianco.

**Location: Via Simone Catalano, 144 Valderice (TP)**