ST MARY MAGDALEN CHURCH, RIWOTO LOOKS SPLENDID IN ITS NEW INCARNATION!



Image above: The Taposa word engraved on the centre aisle means "GENEROSITY", recognising the generosity of Fran Leahy (Sister Fran Barrett's niece), who gave so much to the students and pupils, and to Sr Margo Delaney who helped to set up the first primary school"



Image right: A beautiful statue, placed in a position of honour in the sanctuary of the church, shows Mary as an African woman, presenting her child, Jesus, to the world

Image left: The large, wide entrance door showing Fr Tim Galvin entering the church for the official reopening ceremony, sports a new warm green colour. Does it reflect Fr Tim's love for the fresh green of his native Kerry?!





Above image: The word at the entrance to the Church means FAITH. It is a tribute to the faith of the Taposa people in the parish who, a number of years ago came to the then parish priest, Fr John Marren, asking him to start a school for their children. He asked, "What name should we give the school?" They replied, "St Mary Magdalen School. Mary Magdalen was the first to meet Jesus after his resurrection. This school will mean resurrection for our children, giving them a chance in life". And so began the parish school of St Mary Magdalen. Fr Tim's comment on the word: "This word Faith is a tribute to the faith of the Holy Faith sisters who came to set up the school.



From a small beginning of 32 first class pupils, the school, now administered by sisters from the indigenous congregation of Mary Mother of the Church, has a student body of over a thousand pupils.

Image above: The refurbished sanctuary, where the altar (obscured with a purple cloth in preparation for the ceremonial unveiling) and the lectern, made of fine stone, give a new dignity and respect to the sanctuary area.