

CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

(KNOWN AS “La Madonnella”)

The church dates from the 11th century. It met the spiritual needs of a great number of families living in the neighborhood of the place which, little by little, became the town of Frigidum. (Later on called *Flumen Frigidum*, then *Fiumefreddo*. Since 1860 its name is *Fiumefreddo Bruzio*.)

In the thirteenth century was built the bell tower on the left of the presbytery, and in the second half of the fourteenth century, on the front-top of the tower, was placed a mechanical hammer clock. Today we admire only its carrying structure, because the clock isn't working any more (see page 105 “Orologio dell'Addolorata”).

In the nineteenth century this church was restored on the inside, but, over the last few years, it has been in a very dangerous process of decline. Restoration work on all the churches of Fiumefreddo, has just begun at last; let's hope it will come to an end as soon as possible, in order to enjoy again our fathers' artistry and appreciate their expertness.



Fiumefreddo Bruzio, “La Madonnella”.
A fresco by unknown artist



The pulpit. Wonderful stucco work made by Calabrian plasterers.