



NATIONAL  
PILGRIMAGE  
OF THE  
RELICS

*Saints*

THÉRÈSE  
ZÉLIE  
LOUIS

Parish Guide





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**LIFE, FAMILY  
AND OUTREACH**  
ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY



# *Introduction*

For the first time in nearly 20 years, the relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux, one of the most popular Saints of modern times, will visit Australia on a four-month pilgrimage along with the major relics of her parents, Saints Louis and Zélie Martin.

From February to May 2020, the family's relics will travel across the country to 17 dioceses in city and rural areas, with major opportunities for devotees in Sydney.

The pilgrimage is being coordinated by Catholic Mission, in partnership with InvoCare, and will link with InvoCare's funeral homes, including WN Bull Funerals and Guardian Funerals in Sydney.







Known as the Little Flower of Jesus, St Thérèse is the Patron Saint of Missionaries. Her relics last came to Australia in 2002 where they were met with an outpouring of admiration among the faithful in Sydney. “The plan at St Mary’s Cathedral was to have a Mass and about three hours of veneration,” recalls Fr Brian Lucas, the National Director of Catholic Mission Australia. “As it happened, more than 20,000 people passed through the Cathedral, which remained open for 36 hours straight. There were also 400,000 people who venerated the relics nationally.” Fr Lucas believes the pilgrimage will be a powerful moment of connection between Australians and an immensely popular and beloved Saint.

“I think the great legacy of St Thérèse of Lisieux is the example she gave through her writings of her connectedness to God,” he said. “Her struggle with weakness but her fierce determination to be loyal and faithful to God’s will is the legacy that everyone can participate in.”

The realisation of the simplicity of her message will give people a firm foundation for their own spiritual journey.

“The pilgrimage of the relics in 2020 will be an opportunity for Australians to come together, to have that sense of belonging, and to find inspiration in the life of St Thérèse and her parents,” said Fr Lucas.

# Itinerary for the catholic Archdiocese of Sydney

Date	Morning	Evening
Sat 01 Feb 2020	<b>St Mary's Cathedral</b> St Mary's Rd, Sydney Ph: 9220 0400 <a href="mailto:helen.morassut@stmaryscathedral.org.au">helen.morassut@stmaryscathedral.org.au</a> <i>Arrival: 4:30 pm</i>	<b>St Mary's Cathedral</b> All-night Vigil
Sun 02 Feb 2020	<b>St Mary's Cathedral</b> <i>Departure: 4:00 pm</i>	<b>St Michael's Catholic Church</b> 26 Margaret St, Belfield Ph: 9642 2736 <a href="mailto:secretarystmichaelsbelfield@gmail.com">secretarystmichaelsbelfield@gmail.com</a> <i>Arrival: 5:00 pm</i> All-night Vigil
Mon 03 Feb 2020	<i>Departure: 7:00 am</i> *** <b>St Aloysius Gonzaga Catholic Church</b> 18 Giddings Avenue, Cronulla Ph: 8522 0300 <a href="mailto:admin@stalcron.org.au">admin@stalcron.org.au</a> <i>Arrival: 8:00 am</i> <i>Departure: 1:00 pm</i> Schools: <b>St Aloysius Primary</b> <b>St Francis de Sales Primary</b> <b>De La Salle College</b>	<b>Holy Family Catholic Church</b> 1D Anzac Rd, Menai Ph: 9543 2677 <a href="mailto:menaihfp@bigpond.net.au">menaihfp@bigpond.net.au</a> <i>Arrival: 2:00 pm</i> <i>Departure: 9:00 pm</i> Schools: <b>Holy Family Primary</b> <b>Aquinas College</b>
Tues 04 Feb 2020	<b>Mary Immaculate Catholic Church</b> 110 Mimosa Rd, Bossley Park Ph: 9604 8927 <a href="mailto:admin@mibp.org.au">admin@mibp.org.au</a> <i>Arrival: 8:00 am</i> <i>Departure: 2:00 pm</i> Schools: <b>Mary Immaculate Primary;</b> <b>Mary MacKillop College</b>	<b>St Joseph's Catholic Church</b> 2 Missenden Rd, Camperdown Ph: 9557 1181 <a href="mailto:stjocamper@gmail.com">stjocamper@gmail.com</a> <i>Arrival: 4:30 pm</i> All-night Vigil
March		
Tues 10 March 2020	<b>St Thérèse Catholic Church,</b> 45 Sutherland Rd, Mascot Ph: 9667 3040 <a href="mailto:sttherese@ozemail.com.au">sttherese@ozemail.com.au</a> <i>Arrival: 6:30 am</i> <i>Departure: 4:00 pm</i> Schools: <b>St Thérèse Primary;</b> <b>Our Lady of Mt Carmel Primary</b> (visiting between 10 and 11 am)	<b>St Thérèse Catholic Church,</b> 125 Cartwright Ave, Sadleir Ph: 8783 8937 <a href="mailto:st_therese@bigpond.com">st_therese@bigpond.com</a> <i>Arrival: 5:30 pm</i> All-night Vigil Schools: <b>St Thérèse Primary,</b> <b>Our Lady of Mt Carmel Primary;</b> <b>Good Samaritan College</b>
Wed 11 March 2020	<i>Departure: 10:30 am</i> *** <b>Our Lady of Victories</b> 1788 The Horsley Drive, Horsley Park Ph: 9620 1242 <a href="mailto:parish@ourladyofvictories.org.au">parish@ourladyofvictories.org.au</a> <i>Arrival: 11 am</i> Schools: <b>Marian Primary</b>	<i>Departure: 4:00 pm</i> *** <b>St Thomas the Apostle Chaldean Catholic Church</b> 66-78 Quarry Rd, Bossley Park Ph: 9823 1800 <a href="mailto:st.thomasparish@hotmail.com">st.thomasparish@hotmail.com</a> <i>Arrival: 5:00 pm</i> <i>Departure: 12:00 am</i>

Date	Morning	Evening
Thurs 12 March 2020	<b>University of Notre Dame Australia</b> 128-140 Broadway, Chippendale 8204 4452 Andreavelarde@nd.edu.au <i>Arrival: 10:00 am</i> <i>Departure: 2:00 pm</i>	<b>Maternal Heart of Mary Catholic Church</b> Charles O'Neil Way, Lewisham 9572 9694 sydney@fssp.net <i>Arrival: 3:00 pm</i> All-night Vigil Schools: <b>Eileen O'Connor College;</b> <b>Christian Brothers High School</b>
Fri 13 March 2020	<i>Departure: 7:00 am</i> *** <b>Australian Catholic University, Strathfield Campus</b> 25a Barker Rd, Strathfield 0406 733 631 Jean-claude.attieh@acu.edu.au <i>Arrival: 8:00 am</i> <i>Departure: 1:00 pm</i>	<b>Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church</b> 18 Vine St, Fairfield 9724 5997 admin@olrfairfield.org.au <i>Arrival: 3:00 pm</i> <i>Departure: 9:00 pm</i> Schools: <b>Our Lady of the Rosary Primary;</b> <b>Patrician Brothers;</b> <b>Mary MacKillop College</b>
Sat 14 March 2020	<b>Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church</b> 59 Bradleys Head Rd, Clifton Gardens 8969 3200 secretary@shnparish.org.au <i>Arrival: 7:00 am</i> <i>Departure: 1:00 pm</i>	<b>St Joachim's Catholic Church</b> 2 Mills St, Lidcombe 0429 941 751 Chris.lee@sydneycatholic.org <i>Arrival: 2:30 pm</i> All-night Vigil
Sun 15 March 2020	<i>Departure: 6:00 am</i> *** <b>St Thérèse Catholic Church</b> 11 Harvey Ave, Padstow 9774 1864 sdebono@optusnet.com.au <i>Arrival: 7:00 am</i> <i>Departure: 1:00 pm</i>	<b>Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church</b> 389 Port Hacking Rd, Caringbah 9524 7283 olofcar@bigpond.net.au <i>Arrival: 3:00 pm</i> <i>Departure: 9:00 pm</i>
Mon 16 March 2020	<b>St Peter Chanel Catholic Church</b> 60 Kingsland Rd, Regents Park (Berala) 9644 7787 info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au <i>Arrival: 8:30 am</i> Departure: 4:00 pm Schools: <b>St Peter Chanel Primary;</b> <b>Trinity College</b>	<b>The Korean Martyrs &amp; St Stanislaus Catholic Church</b> Asquith St, North Auburn (Silverwater) 9748 0524 <i>Arrival: 5:00 pm</i> <i>Departure: 11:00 pm</i>
Tue 17 March 2020	<b>St Charles Borromeo Catholic Church</b> 582 Victoria Rd, Ryde 9807 2966 office@rgcp.org.au <i>Arrival: 8:00 am</i> <i>Departure: 3:00 pm</i> Schools: <b>St Charles Primary;</b> <b>Our Lady Queen of Peace Primary; Holy Cross College</b>	<b>St Kevin's Catholic Church</b> 36 Hillview Rd, Eastwood 9874 2533 parish@stkevinseastwood.org.au <i>Arrival: 4:00 pm</i> All-night Vigil
Wed 18 March 2020	<i>Departure: 5:00 am</i> *** All Saints Catholic Church 53 Bigge St, Liverpool 9602 8466 allsaint@bigpond.net.au <i>Arrival: 6:00 am</i> <i>Departure 7:00 am 19/03</i>	All Saints Catholic Church All-night Vigil Schools: <b>All Saints Primary; All Saints College;</b> <b>St Joseph's Primary; St Francis Xavier Primary</b>

# About SAINTS THÉRÈSE, LOUIS & ZÉLIE

*We desire earnestly that all the Faithful of Christ should render themselves worthy of partaking in the abundant profusion of graces resulting from the intercession of "little Thérèse." But we desire much more earnestly that all the faithful should study her in order to copy her, becoming children themselves, since otherwise they cannot, according to the oracle of the Master, arrive at the Kingdom of Heaven.*

Homily of Pope Pius XI at the Canonisation of St Thérèse,  
17 May 1925



## Saint Thérèse of Lisieux

Generations of Catholics have admired this Saint, referred to as the "Little Flower", and found in her short life more inspiration for their own lives than in volumes by theologians.

Thérèse was born in France in 1873, and died when she was 24, after having lived as a cloistered Carmelite for less than 10 years. She never went on missions, never founded a religious order, and never performed any explicitly great works.

The only book of hers, published after her death, was a brief edited version of her journal, *Story of a Soul*. Collections of her letters and restored versions of her journals have been recently re-published. Within just 28 years of her death, the public demand was so great that she was canonised.

In 1997 she was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church by Pope Saint John Paul II.



Thérèse in 1886, age 13



## Saint Zélie Martin



Zélie Guerin (1831 - 1877) was a lace maker. Born into a military family, Zélie described her childhood and youth as “dismal”. Her mother and father showed her little affection. As a young lady, she sought unsuccessfully to enter the religious life. Zélie then learned the Alençon lace-making technique and soon mastered this painstaking craft. Richly talented, creative, eager and endowed with common sense, she started her own business and became quite successful.

Notable as these achievements were, Zélie was yet to reveal the depths of the strength, faith and courage she possessed until she wholeheartedly undertook her life as a wife and mother.

*Louis and Zélie understood that they could sanctify themselves not despite marriage but through, in, and by marriage, and that their nuptials would be considered as the starting point for a rising [to sanctity] together.*

*Today the Church does not only admire the holiness of these children of Normandy, a gift for all, but She is reflected in this Blessed couple who contribute to make more splendid and beautiful the gown of a bride married in the Church. She doesn't only admire the holiness of their life; she recognises in this couple the eminent holiness of the institution of conjugal love as conceived by the Creator himself.*

*The conjugal love of Louis and Zélie Martin is a pure reverberation of the love of Christ for his Church, but it is also a pure reverberation of the love “resplendent, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but holy and immaculate” (Ephesians 5:27) in the manner that the Church loves her spouse: the Christ.*

Homily of Cardinal José Saraiva Martins, at the beatification of Louis and Zélie Martin, Lisieux, World Day of Missions, October 19, 2008

## Saint Louis Martin



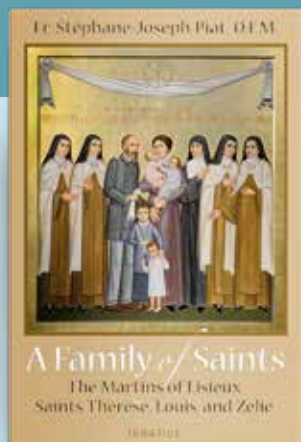
Louis Martin (1823 - 1894) was a watchmaker by trade. He also skillfully managed his wife's lace business and was also born into a family of soldiers. Louis absorbed the sense of order and discipline that army life engenders, but his temperament tended toward things of the spirit.

At age 22, young Louis sought to enter religious life at the monastery of the Augustinian Canons of the Great St Bernard Hospice in the Alps. The Abbot insisted the young candidate learn Latin, which he found extremely challenging, and he eventually had to leave the monastery due to illness.

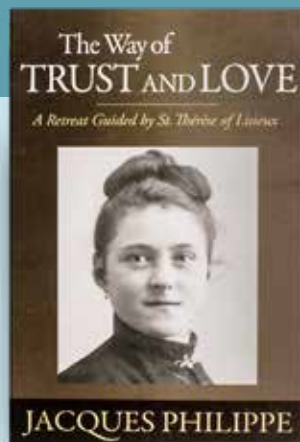
Fortunately, Louis' desire for holiness was realised through his love for his wife, his redemptive suffering, and his later years as a single father following Zélie's death.

He is now venerated as a Patron Saint of mental health issues due to his struggles with dementia toward the end of his life.

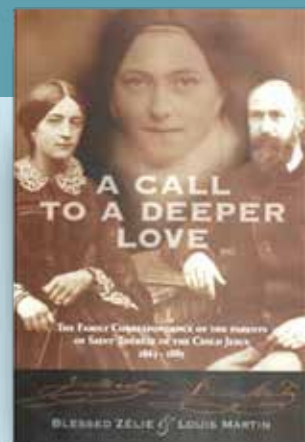
# RECOMMENDED *Reading*



**A Family of Saints:**  
*The Martins of Lisieux*  
Fr Stéphane-Joseph Piat



**The Way of Trust and Love:**  
*A Retreat Guided by St Thérèse of Lisieux*  
Fr Jacques Philippe



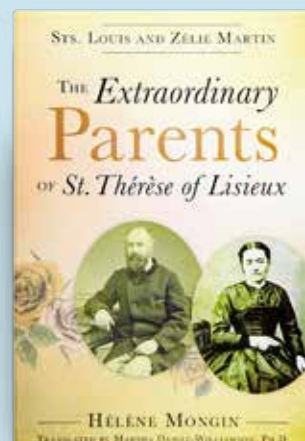
**A Call to a Deeper Love:**  
*The Family Correspondence of the Parents of St Thérèse of the Child Jesus*



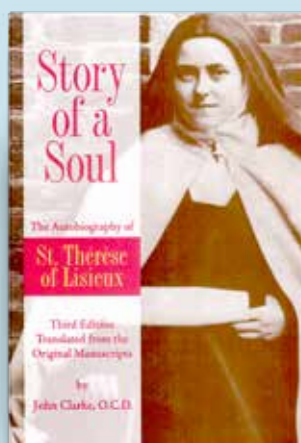
**33 Days to Merciful Love:**  
*Do-It-Yourself Retreat in Preparation for Consecration to Divine Mercy*  
Fr Michael E. Gaitley, MIC



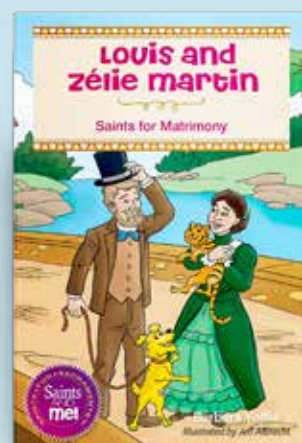
**I Believe in Love:**  
*A Personal Retreat Based on the Teaching of St Thérèse of Lisieux*  
Fr Jean C.J. D'elbee



**The Extraordinary Parents of St Thérèse of Lisieux:**  
*Sts Louis & Zélie Martin*  
Helene Mongin



**The Story of a Soul:**  
*The Autobiography of the Little Flower*



**Louis and Zélie Martin:**  
*Saints for Matrimony*  
Barbara Yoffie and Jeff Albrecht



# A CATHOLIC UNDERSTANDING OF *Relics*

*"The religious sense of the Christian People has always found expression in various forms of piety... such as the veneration of relics...these expressions extend the liturgical life of the Church, but do not replace it."*

Catechism of the Catholic Church 1674-1675

The word relic comes from the Latin *relinquo*, literally meaning 'I leave' or 'I abandon'. A relic is a piece of the body of a Saint, an item owned or used by the Saint, or an object which has been touched to the tomb of a Saint. Traditionally, a piece of the body of a Saint, especially that of a Martyr, may be with the permission of the local ecclesiastical authority used in solemn processions recalling the specific holy person.

## Veneration of Relics

Isn't the veneration of relics optional for Catholics? Must the Catholic faithful really esteem the bodies of the Saints? In the 16th Century, the Council of Trent responded to the claims of the reformers that both the veneration of the Saints and their relics is contrary to Sacred Scripture. The Council taught: "Also the holy bodies of the holy Martyrs and of the others who dwell with Christ . . . are to be honoured by the faithful."

## Relics in Sacred Scripture

There are several scriptural passages that support the veneration of relics. For example, the Israelites took Joseph's bones when they departed Egypt (*Ex. 13:19*). The bones of Elisha came in contact with a dead person who then was raised to life (*2 Kings 13:21*). The same Elisha took the mantle of Elijah and fashioned a miracle with it (*2 Kings 2:13*). The Christians of Ephesus, by using handkerchiefs and cloths touched to St Paul's skin, affected the healing of the sick (*Acts 19:12*).

## Communion of Saints

To venerate the relics of the Saints is a profession of belief in several doctrines of the Catholic faith:

1. The belief in everlasting life for those who have obediently witnessed to Christ and His Holy Gospel here on earth.
2. The truth of the resurrection of the body for all persons on the last day.
3. The doctrine of the splendour of the human body and the respect which all should show toward the bodies of both the living and the deceased.
4. The belief in the special intercessory power which the Saints enjoy in heaven because of their intimate relationship with Christ the King.
5. Because of our connection in the communion of Saints: we as members of the Church militant or pilgrim Church, they as members of the Church triumphant.

The relics of the Saints and their veneration is another in the long line of treasures which Jesus Christ has given to His chaste bride, the Church. These relics summon us to appreciate more profoundly not only the heroic men and women, boys and girls who have served the Master so selflessly and generously, but especially the love and mercy of the Almighty who called these His followers to the bliss of unending life in His eternal kingdom.

*Text taken from Fr Charles Mangan at [www.catholiceducation.org](http://www.catholiceducation.org)*

## Classification of Relics

There are three classes of sacred relics:

1. The first-class is a part of the Saint's body (*It is this type which is placed in an altar stone*).
2. The second-class is a piece of the Saint's clothing or something used by the Saint.
3. The third-class is an object that is touched to a first or second-class relic.



# SPECIFICATIONS OF THE *Relics*

## How many Reliquaries will be arriving?

There are two reliquaries.

1 x St Thérèse and

1 x Sts Louis and Zélie Martin

## Weight and dimensions of the relics:

### St Thérèse

Total width of tray plus fixed handles: 95 cm

Total length of tray plus fixed handles: 1.5 m

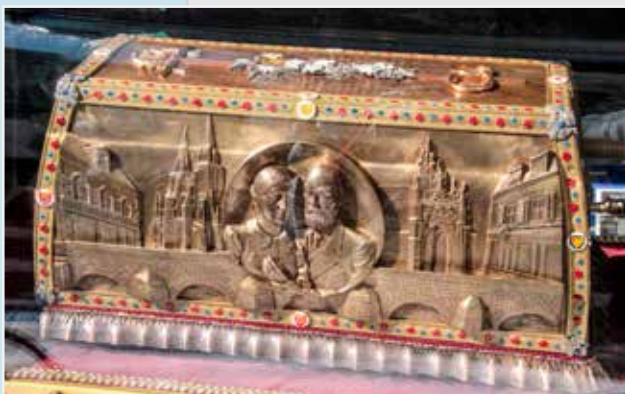
Height of protective shell/canopy: 85 cm

Thickness of wooden base: 8 cm

Weight of reliquary (only): 132 kgs



Reliquary of St Thérèse



Reliquary of Sts Louis & Zélie

### Parents

Total width of tray plus fixed handles: 61 cm

Total length of tray plus fixed handles:  
(handles concealed in base) 1.05 m

(handles extended from base) 1.73 m

Height of protective shell/canopy: 47 cm

Weight of reliquary (only): 90 kg

*More detailed inquiries about the specifications of the relics can be directed to*  
[warwick.hansen@hansenandcofunerals.com.au](mailto:warwick.hansen@hansenandcofunerals.com.au)





Detail of the reliquary of Sts Louis & Zélie



# TRANSPORTATION OF THE *Relics*

## How they are carried

The relics will arrive in a single funeral hearse from WN Bull Funerals

wnbull@wnbull.com or (02) 9519 5344.

- Be sure to have at least four strong men to carry the reliquaries in a welcome or farewell procession
- Consider the specifications and weight of the reliquaries when selecting a table or platform on which they can rest
- The parents' reliquary is the smaller and lighter of the two. For the purposes of public veneration each reliquary should be placed on two sturdy tables that are able to comfortably carry 132 and 90 kilograms respectively, or one large table that can comfortably carry 222 kilograms.



## Parish Team

Consider forming a team in your parish to help coordinate and delegate all tasks pertaining to the visit of the relics, including:

- Promotion – by posting on the parish Facebook page if you have one and including details on the parish website
- Collaboration with local Catholic School(s)
- Welcoming and/or farewell ceremonies or processions
- Liturgy

## Veneration: process & requirements

- The normative way to venerate the relics is for the faithful to approach the reliquaries, and prayerfully touch them with one hand. An altar server or other appropriate volunteer then wipes where the reliquary case was touched.
- Parishes may also opt for a time of silent veneration, whereby the faithful may simply kneel before the relics in the pews. Part of this may be accompanied by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.



## Collaboration with Local Schools



**Sydney  
Catholic  
Schools**

It is key to the success of the relics pilgrimage, that parishes seek to collaborate with all Catholic primary and secondary schools in their immediate area. Anthony Cleary, Director of Religious Education and Evangelisation at Sydney Catholic Schools, has informed Principals of the date and time of the relics' itinerary and schools have now placed these details in their Master Calendar for 2020.

Louisa Cataldo from Sydney Catholic Schools is available for a conversation on how schools can best contribute to this most special occasion.

### CONTACT DETAILS

#### **Louisa Cataldo**

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Religious Education and Evangelisation  
38 Renwick Street  
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**m:** 0407 897 910

The faithful will often reverently touch and kneel before relics in order to show the appropriate veneration.



# IMAGE Gallery



8 Year old Thérèse d: 1881



15 Year old Thérèse d: April 1888



Soon after Thérèse's death d: Oct 1st, 1897



Tapestry of Blessed Louis and Zélie Martin used for their canonisation, d: Oct. 18, 2015



Thérèse was dressed as Joan of Arc in her own play of Joan of Arc d: Jan 21st, 1895

# SUGGESTED PARISH RECEPTION OF *Relics*

The following resources have been made available from Catholic Mission

## Celebration Of The Eucharist and Ceremony Of Welcome For Relics Of St Thérèse Of Lisieux And Her Parents

**1 -** Reception of Relics at Church Door by Clergy and Servers. Where possible, representative members of the parish community such as student and parent bodies may also be involved here.

**2 -** Procession with Relics to Sanctuary with Entrance Hymn of Welcome

*Examples:*

**By All Your Saints Still Striving**  
(CWBII 423)

*(New addition) for 2nd Verse:*

We praise you, Lord, and thank you  
For saints whose lives speak truth  
Of family so united  
Beyond the bounds of time.  
St Thérèse, Beloved of Jesus,  
Your parents, bless us too.  
By walking in their footsteps  
We give you praise anew.

**For more music options, please see below.**

**3 -** Enthronement and Incensation of Relics at front of Sanctuary for Veneration after

**4 -** Mass follows for Memorial of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church (Roman Missal, p.1021). For Readings, see Ceremony below.

**Entrance Antiphon** *cf. Deut 32:10-12*

The Lord led her and taught her,  
And kept her as the apple of his eye  
Like an eagle spreading its wings  
He took her up and bore her on his shoulders  
The Lord alone was her guide.

**Collect**

O God, who open your Kingdom  
To those who are humble and to little ones,  
Lead us to follow trustingly in the little way  
of Saint Thérèse,  
So that through her intercession  
We may see your eternal glory revealed.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity  
of the Holy Spirit,  
One God, for ever and ever.

**Intercessory Prayers**

Please see Non-Eucharistic rite below.

**Prayer over the Offerings**

As we proclaim your wonders in Saint  
Thérèse, O Lord,  
We humbly implore your majesty,  
That, as her merits were pleasing to you,  
So, too, our dutiful service may find favour in  
your sight.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Communion Antiphon**

*Mt 18:3*

Thus says the Lord:  
Unless you turn and become like children,  
You will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

**Prayer after Communion**

May the Sacrament we received, O Lord,  
Kindle in us the force of that love  
With which Saint Thérèse dedicated herself  
to you  
And longed to obtain your mercy for all.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**5 -** Concluding Rites of Mass (as normal)

**6 -** Prayer before Relics (with Prayer Box for Intentions)

**7 -** Ceremony of Farewell of Relics

*For music options, please see next page*

# Non-Eucharistic Ceremony with Liturgy of the Word

**1 -** Reception of Relics at Church Door by Clergy & Servers.

**2 -** Procession with Relics to Sanctuary with Entrance Hymn of Welcome

*Examples:*

**By All Your Saints Still Striving**

(CWBII 423) as previous

**For more music options, please see below.**

**3 -** Enthronement and Incensation of Relics at front of Sanctuary for Veneration after

## **4 - Entrance Antiphon**

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah 66:10:14**

*Now towards her I send flowing peace,  
like a river.*

Rejoice, Jerusalem,

Be glad for her, all you who love her!

Rejoice, rejoice for her,

All you who mourned her!

That you may be suckled, filled,

From her consoling breast,

That you may savour with delight

Her glorious breasts.

For thus says the Lord:

Now towards her I send flowing

Peace, like a river,

And like a stream in spate

The glory of the nations.

At her breast will her nurselings be carried

And fondled in her lap.

Like a son comforted by his mother

Will I comfort you.

(And by Jerusalem you will be comforted.)

At the sight your heart will rejoice,

And your bones flourish like the grass.

To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

The word of the Lord.

**℟️ Thanks be to God.**

## **5 - Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 130**

**℟️** *In you, Lord, I have found my peace.*

O Lord, my heart is not proud

Nor haughty my eyes.

I have not gone after things too great

Nor marvels beyond me. **℟️**

Truly I have set my soul

In silence and peace.

A weaned child on its mother's breast,

Even so is my soul. **℟️**

O Israel, hope in the Lord

Both now and forever. **℟️**

## **6 - Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Blessed are you, Father,  
Lord of heaven and earth;**

*(cf. Mt 11:25).*

You have revealed to little ones the  
mysteries of the kingdom.

**Alleluia!**

## **7 - Gospel**

**A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Matthew**

**18:1-5**

*Unless you have the genuineness of little  
children, you will not enter the kingdom  
of God.*

The disciples came to Jesus and said, 'Who is  
the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?' So  
he called a little child to him and set the child  
in front of them.

Then he said, 'I tell you solemnly, unless you  
change and become like little children you  
will never enter the kingdom of heaven. And  
so, the one who makes himself as little as this  
little child is the greatest in the kingdom of  
heaven. Anyone who welcomes a little child  
like this in my name welcomes me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**℟️ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **8 - Homily**

## **9 - General Intercessions**

**Set 1:**

**Celebrant:** We rejoice in the presence of  
St Thérèse and her saintly parents, St Louis  
& St Zélie, as with them we celebrate the  
Paschal Mysteries and share Christ's hope of  
life and glory.

**Reader:** For the Church and her leaders  
of today, for Pope Francis, Archbishop/  
Bishop (N. ) and all our Bishops, the priests  
who carry responsibility: we pray for light  
and guidance, for understanding and  
compassion in our mission to the world.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**℟️ Lord hear our prayer**



**Reader:** For all families, that they may be inspired by the example of this family and be signs of love and hope to others.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**✠ Lord hear our prayer**

**Reader:** For the little ones, the children who depend on the love and care of others, that they may grow up in security and peace protected from harm and fear.

Let us pray to the Lord.

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**Reader:** For our youth, that they may be inspired by the heroism of the Saints to live the Gospel message in truth and love, with the joy and confidence which faith gives them.

Let us pray to the Lord.

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**Reader:** For those who suffer physically and mentally, for those living in poverty and hardship and for those left on the margins of society, that they may be supported and comforted by our caring.

Let us pray to the Lord.

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or

**Set 2:**

**Celebrant:** Let us pray to God, our almighty Father, for His Church and for all people in their needs.

**Reader:** May these Saints who are present with us now, intercede for the Church, for Pope Francis and Archbishop/Bishop (N.), for the Bishops of Australia, and for the whole Church throughout the country in this important year of the Plenary Council.

Let us pray to the Lord.

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**Reader:** May we be inspired by the example of St Thérèse and her Parents, St Louis & St Zélie, to give ourselves in generous love to one another, mindful of the good of all.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**✠ Lord hear our prayer**

**Reader:** May we be faithful witnesses of truth, trusting in God's goodness and may our world be strengthened in justice.

Let us pray to the Lord.

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**Reader:** May we bear one another's burdens in a spirit of love so that those we meet may see Christ's image and know God's ways.

Let us pray to the Lord.

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**Reader:** May we be filled with a missionary spirit to carry the Gospel message of hope to our homes and workplaces, especially to the neglected, suffering and poverty-stricken members of society.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**✠ Lord hear our prayer**

**Reader:** May our dear ones who have gone before us, see the Father's Face in the fullness of glory and peace, rejoicing in the company of the Saints.

Let us pray to the Lord.

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**Our Father**

*(omitted if prayers used during Mass)*

**Celebrant:** God our Father, you promised your kingdom to those who are willing to become like little children. Help us to learn the simplicity of St Thérèse and love one another as her parents have given us example, so that by their prayers we may come to know you in fullness of joy.

Through Christ Our Lord.

**✠ Amen**

or

**Set 3:**

**Celebrant:** Most gracious Father, today as we honour St Thérèse and her parents St Louis and St Zélie, we beg you to look with compassion on the petitions we entrust to your Love.

**Reader:** We pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis, for our Archbishop/Bishop (N. ), and for all Bishops, Priests and people of Australia in this year of the Plenary Council.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**✠ Lord hear our prayer**

**Reader:** We pray for peace in our troubled world: may we be instruments of peace in our homes and cities and may peace be fostered between all peoples and nations.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**✠ Lord hear our prayer**

**Reader:** We pray, that this family who discovered the depths of God's merciful love, will obtain for us the grace to open our hearts to the needs of our brothers and sisters, especially the poor and needy. Let us pray to the Lord.

**R: Lord hear our prayer**

**Reader:** We pray for all who are suffering from illness or depression, for the frail and elderly and those who feel lost and abandoned: may each one receive healing and comfort through the intercession of our Saints.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**R: Lord hear our prayer**

**Our Father**

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**Celebrant:** Loving Father, You have given us these Saints to show us the ways of confidence and love. We come now in trust asking that you hear our prayers and grant us your blessings.

Through Christ Our Lord.

**R: Amen**

**10 - Litany of Saints**

**11 - Blessing**

**12 - Veneration of Relics with Box for Prayer Intentions**

**13 - Dismissal**

**14 - Ceremony of Farewell with Appropriate Music (see above)**

## Suggested Liturgical Music

- A New Commandment CWBII 443
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A sign and light of love,  
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We pray that here, as in all the countries you have visited, you may continue the wonders of grace you have worked for so many people. Fulfil your promise of spending your heaven in doing good on earth, so that we too, may give thanks to God with joy for the wonders He has done on earth at your request, and praise Him for the love He poured out on you in life and after your death.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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### Prayer from the liturgy for St Louis & St Zélie

O God who gave St Louis and St Zélie the grace to lead a life of holiness as Christian spouses and parents, grant that, through their intercession and example, we may be able to love and serve you faithfully, living our own vocation worthily.

Through Our Lord Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

### Prayer for the Feast of St Thérèse

God our Father, you have promised your kingdom to those who are willing to become like little children.

Help us to follow the way of St Thérèse with confidence so that by her prayers we may come to know your eternal glory.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the Holy Spirit forever. Amen.



## FURTHER *Resources*

### Prayer to obtain the Spirit of St Thérèse

*O GOD of merciful love, you have never failed your people in any age, but have always raised up saints as lamps to their feet on the road to salvation.*

*We thank you for the waterfall of grace you poured down on St Thérèse of Lisieux. Because she really believed the Gospel she understood it, and you have endowed her with the gift of unfolding its riches for us in our own day.*

*For this we thank you most sincerely, and we ask for the perseverance to follow the "little way" of holiness that you yourself revealed to her.*

*Teach us to give up our unrealistic dreams of heroism and settle down to the task of being ourselves and accepting what we are. Help us want your will and nothing else - nothing at all, Lord. Help us find it in the real world of every day's here and now.*

*Convince us that the present moment with its light and darkness, its highs and lows, its joys and sorrows, is nothing else than your own dwelling place, your very temple into which you call us to be loved and to love: to love you and to love our brothers and sisters ... and not least of all to love our own poor, wonderful selves.*

*We ask this through your own dear Son, Our Lord Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the joyous embrace of the Holy Spirit, one God for always and forever. Amen.*

**- Bishop Patrick V. Ahern**



Visit the [Carmelite Website](http://www.carmelites.info) to find

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Carmelite Monastery, Kew

Carmelite Centre, Middle Park

The **Carmelite** website gives further details of the lives of St Louis & St Zélie Martin, Parents of St Thérèse of Lisieux

Also given is Pope Francis' Homily at the Canonisation Mass in 2015 and the Homily at the Beatification ceremony.

Pope Francis' comments on the readings of that day, refer to Isaiah 53: 10-11 and the mission of salvation.

"The Servant is not a remarkable person but one who suffers and is despised. The Gospel stresses that it is not the greatest but the little ones who are truly great and Jesus

Himself is the Servant of the Lord. It is the joy of quiet service and we see how Louis and Zélie serve in family life day by day, creating an environment of faith and love which nurtured the vocations of their daughters, among them St Thérèse.

The whole understanding of the Little Way lived and taught by St Thérèse was learnt in the family. Thérèse's parents were models of holiness in their own right. From them she learnt the power of prayer, fidelity and love, generosity and selflessness, trust and confidence and a great missionary spirit that embraced the world."

*The site of the Irish Province of Carmelites shows details of the Visit of the Relics to Ireland in 2018. The relics also visited Scandinavia in November that year.*

*See also: [www.Thérèseoflisieux.org](http://www.Thérèseoflisieux.org)*

## Suggested Scripture Readings

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These are all texts which St Thérèse uses in her own writings. Her autobiography, *The Story of a Soul*, is threaded together by many extracts from Scripture, especially from the Gospels which she knew almost by heart.

**Deuteronomy** 32:10-12

*(Protected by the Lord)*

**Tobit** 12:7 *(the secret of the King)*

**Isaiah** 52:13 - 53:12 *(suffering)*

**Isaiah** 61: 10 - 62: 3 *(bridal theme)*

**Song of Songs** esp. Ch 1 & 2 *(Bridal love)*

**Matthew** 6: 3-4 *(almsgiving in secret)*

**Matthew** 18:3 *(to become as little children)*

**Luke** 6: 27 - 35

*(treating enemies with good will)*

**Luke** 15: 4-7 *(Good Shepherd & lost ones)*

**Luke** 15: 32 *(the lost son)*

**John** 15: 1 -17 *(Union & Love)*

**John** 17: 1 - 26 *(Priestly Prayer)*

**1 Cor** 12: 4-31 *(Unity of the Church)*

**1 Cor** 13: 1-13 *(Love)*

**Rom** 8: 14-27 *(our destiny)*

## Online Resources

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The following links show videos to help inspire your parish with ideas of how to make the best of your time with the beloved Saints.

### **Catholic Mission's official resource hub for the pilgrimage**

[www.catholicmission.org.au/relics-of-saint-th%C3%A9r%C3%A8se-of-lisieux](http://www.catholicmission.org.au/relics-of-saint-th%C3%A9r%C3%A8se-of-lisieux)

### **Some useful YouTube videos demonstrate how other countries have welcomed the relics**

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=DQLla7Z8aW0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DQLla7Z8aW0)

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Statue of St Thérèse  
*St Thérèse Catholic Church, Sadleir, Sydney*



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