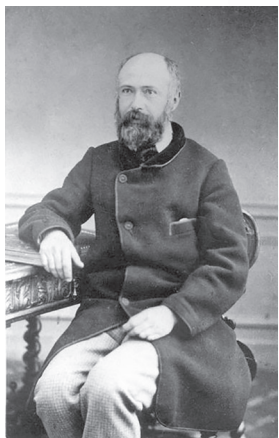


National Pilgrimage of
**THE RELICS OF SAINTS
LOUIS, ZELIE &
THERESE MARTIN**



We welcome
The Little Flower
& her holy family.



Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay
March 2020

A HOLY FAMILY

The saints who are “visiting” Australia are a mother, a father and their daughter. St Louis and St Zelie are the only married couple to have been canonized, and they have a daughter who was called by Pope St Pius X, the greatest saint of the modern times. St Therese, who died in 1897, was a woman of precocious virtue and prayer. She says, “For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy.” She shows us that holiness is simple and hidden, it does not seek recognition but turning away from self to God, it makes within the human heart a place for Jesus.

As is the case with Jesus, holiness and goodness does not exist in a vacuum. It has a context. In Jesus’ case the context was the holy family. Extraordinary goodness does not exist in isolation. If you see a good child, you can generally presume that this goodness comes through the parents. Jesus was taught by Mary and St Joseph. St Therese is the daughter of holiness. The Church recognized that goodness is caught, and so

investigated her parents, and found two saints.

These three saints show us the integrity of virtue and holiness. The path to holiness is the path of struggle and ordinary life. It is carried and lived with love, and dependence on God. They experienced the mercy of the Father and this mercy crafted the way they lived and loved. In this they are of great relevance for us. They have been where we are and have together allowed God to perfect them. Being a family, the Martins prove that the family is the seed ground of holiness and goodness. We can learn from them.

~Most Reverend Gregory Homeming OCD, Bishop of Lismore



WHO IS ST THERESE?

St Thérèse was born in France on 2 January 1873. She was the last of nine children born to Louis and Zélie Martin.

Thérèse lived a very simple and holy life. At age 15, she entered the Carmelite convent in Lisieux to give her whole life to God. She took the religious name Sister Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face. Thérèse had four sisters and they all became nuns as well, dedicating their lives to God.

St Thérèse of Lisieux was made a saint on 17 May 1925 by Pope Pius XI, only 28 years after her death.

Therese is one of the patron saints of aviators, florists, illnesses and mission. She loved the work of mission and wanted to travel to spread the Gospel all over the world and show how Jesus loves all people.

Her feast day is **1 October**.



HOW DID ST. THERESE BECOME KNOWN AS THE “LITTLE FLOWER”?

St Therese loved nature, and often used the imagery of nature to explain how the Divine Presence is everywhere, and how everything is connected in God's loving care and arms. Therese saw herself as “the Little Flower of Jesus” because she was just like the simple wildflowers in forests and fields, unnoticed by the greater population, yet growing and giving glory to God.

In her autobiography, she beautifully explains this spirituality:

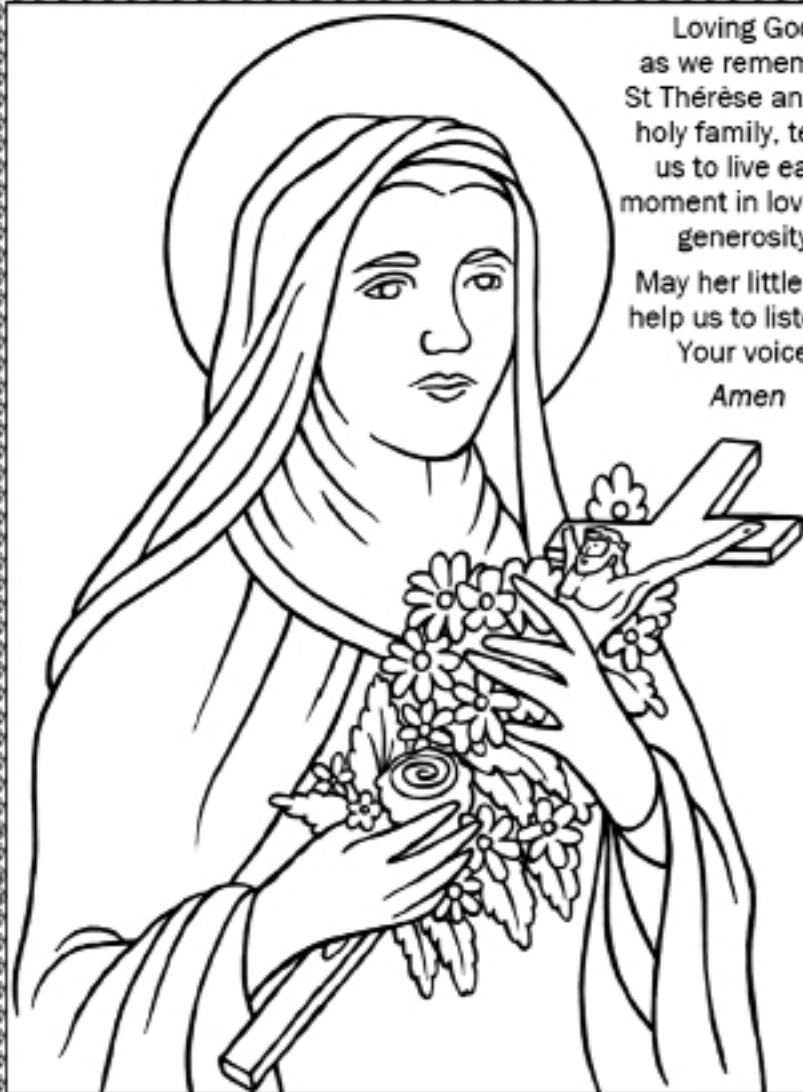
Jesus set before me the book of nature. I understand how all the flowers God has created are beautiful, how the splendour of the rose and the whiteness of the lily do not take away the perfume of the violet or the delightful simplicity of the daisy. I understand that if all flowers wanted to be roses, nature would lose her springtime beauty, and the fields would no longer be decked out with little wildflowers. So it is in the world of souls, Jesus' garden.

He has created smaller ones and those must be content to be daisies or violets destined to give joy to God's glances when He looks down at His feet. Perfection consists in doing His will, in being what He wills us to be.

PRAYER IN MEMORY OF ST THÉRÈSE

**Loving God, as we remember St Thérèse
and her holy family, teach us to live each moment
as missionary disciples in love and generosity.
May her little way lead us to discern your will
in loving surrender to what the Spirit is saying,
and may we know that with you everything is grace.**

Amen.



Loving God,
as we remember
St Thérèse and her
holy family, teach
us to live each
moment in love and
generosity.

May her little way
help us to listen to
Your voice.

Amen

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VENUE	TIME	ACTIVITY
Thursday 5 March		
St Ives Parish Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 263 Mona Vale Rd, St Ives	Arrive 9:00am	9:00am – Relics arrive and are welcomed 8:50am – Veneration 9:30am – Daily Mass 10:30am – Veneration with prayers 5:00pm – Evening Prayer 5:20pm – Rosary 7:30pm – Daily Mass with Bishop Anthony Randazzo <i>Overnight vigil with Sacrament of Penance and prayers</i>
Friday 6 March		
Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 263 Mona Vale Rd, St Ives	Depart 8:00am	6:30am – Daily Mass 7:00am – Veneration 7:30am – Relics are farewelled
The Lakes Parish Church of St Rose, 4 Rose Avenue, Collaroy Plateau	Arrive 10:00am	10:00am – Relics arrive and are welcomed 11:00am – Veneration 11:30am – Mass 12:45pm – Depart
Church of St Joseph, 21 Lagoon St, Narrabeen	Depart 12:45pm Arrive 1:30pm	1:00pm – Visit to RSL chapel 1:30pm – Welcome 2:00pm – Veneration 5:30pm – Evening Prayer 6:00pm – Veneration 7:00pm – Stations of the Cross & Sacrament of Penance <i>Overnight vigil with Night Prayer at 9pm and midnight Mass</i>
Saturday 7 March		
Church of St Joseph, 21 Lagoon St, Narrabeen	Depart 8:15am	7:30am – Morning Prayer 8:00am – Relics are farewelled
Hornsby Cathedral Parish Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, 23 Yardley Avenue, Waitara	Arrive 9:15am	9:15am – Relics arrive and are welcomed 9:30am – Daily Mass 10:00am – Veneration 2:30pm – Korean Daily Mass 5:00pm – Vigil Mass with Bishop Anthony Randazzo 6:00pm – Veneration 8:30pm – Vietnamese Mass <i>Overnight vigil</i>

Itinerary for the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay



VENUE	TIME	ACTIVITY
Sunday 8 March		
<p>Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, 23 Yardley Avenue, Waitara</p> <p>Gosford Parish St Patrick's Church, 76 York St, East Gosford</p> <p>The Entrance Parish Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 239-243 The Entrance Rd, The Entrance</p>	<p>Depart 6.30am</p> <p>Arrive 8.30am</p> <p>Depart 7.30pm</p> <p>Arrive 8.00pm</p>	<p>6:00am – Relics are farewelled</p> <p>9:00am – Relics arrive and are welcomed with Sunday Mass</p> <p>10:00am – Veneration, Rosary and Prayers for the Intercession of St Therese and her parents</p> <p>12:00pm – Filipino Mass</p> <p>1:00pm – Veneration</p> <p>6:00pm – Youth Mass</p> <p>7:00pm – Veneration</p> <p>7:20pm – Relics are farewelled</p> <p>8:00pm – Relics arrive and are welcomed</p> <p>8:00pm – Sunday Mass</p> <p>9:00pm – Rosary</p> <p>10:00pm – Evening Prayer</p> <p>11:00pm – Litany of St Therese</p> <p><i>Overnight vigil with Daily Office and prayers</i></p>
Monday 9 March		
<p>Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 239-243 The Entrance Rd, The Entrance</p>	<p>All day</p> <p>Depart 5:00pm</p>	<p>6:00am – Morning Prayer</p> <p>7:00am – Daily Mass</p> <p>8:00am – Private Veneration</p> <p>9:00am – Daily Mass</p> <p>10:00am – 4:00pm Veneration with Litanies and prayers</p> <p>4:00pm – Evening Prayer</p> <p>4:20pm – Mass with Anointing of the Sick</p> <p>5:00pm – Relics are farewelled</p>

