



Pilgrimage of the Relics of Sts. Therese, Louis and Zelig Martin next door



On the 12th & 13th February, the Carmelite Community welcomed the relics of St Therese of Lisieux and her parents, Sts. Louis and Zelig Martin, the first couple canonised together. There were times for prayer, liturgy, reflection and veneration, giving the sisters and visitors time to engage with the story and holiness of these saints. The Carmelite Sisters welcomed the relics as they would members of their family, with warmth and affection. Students from Carmel College carried the relics to the vehicles transporting them to Burleigh Heads amidst heavy rains. Thousands of adults and school children took the opportunity to connect with the spirituality of this saintly family, whose witness reminds us of the vital role family plays in the nurture of the Catholic faith, during the Archdiocesan visit to 12 parishes / communities from 6-15 February.

Loving God, as we remember St. Therese 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. (Prayer for the 2020 Pilgrimage).

Donors needed to fund proposed new St. Therese garden space



Artistic Impression of the St. Therese garden – design still in process

Plans for a special space dedicated to St. Therese of Lisieux are underway. It has long been felt that the spirituality of the 'Doctor of Love' a title coined by St. Pope John Paul II, when he proclaimed St. Therese a Doctor of the Church in 1997, needs to be made visible to Centre guests.

The Church has recognised the genius of St. Therese's 'Little Way' of holiness and this garden space will invite guests to spend some time contemplating how through doing the simple things of life well, God can do extraordinary things.

If you would like to make a donation to this project please contact Mike Humphrys, the Centre Coordinator on Ph. 32864011.

Aunty Joan Hendriks, Quandamooka Elder and Educator 1936–2020



Aunty Joan has been a great supporter of Santa Teresa and is pictured (left) with Aunty Rose at the Official Opening in October 2009 giving the Welcome to Country. She joined us last October for our 10th anniversary Mass and has been a regular guest at STSC.

Aunty Joan advised us with appropriate names for the Moongalba (sitting down) verandah and Quandamooka Place (below the chapel) as well as wording for our acknowledgment plaque and artworks of her beloved Quandamooka land and people. We are grateful for her gracious, yet passionate advocacy for First Nations people. She has left an incredible legacy as an educator and friend. May the Creator Spirit welcome her.

New Evangelisation Brisbane Executive Director



Deacon Peter Pellican has been appointed Executive Director of Evangelisation Brisbane. Previously, Private Secretary to the Archbishop, Peter brings a passion for evangelisation and a desire to see the Church become more mission focused. He believes that Santa Teresa can help people to encounter Christ and be renewed in their relationship with Jesus. Welcome Peter.



Wisdoms from Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits and author of the Spiritual Exercises



Groups visiting STSC during January and February



Some visiting groups include:

- ◆ Youth Leaders Retreat (pictured)
- ◆ Staff from 5 schools
- ◆ Arrow Christian Leadership
- ◆ Carmelite seminarians
- ◆ Clergy, Life & Ministry
- ◆ Evangelisation Brisbane staff
- ◆ Neo-Catechumenal Community
- ◆ Presentation Sisters
- ◆ Faber Centre
- ◆ Edmund Rice Education
- ◆ Catholic Education Council
- ◆ Centacare Soul Space
- ◆ BCE Spiritual Formation
- ◆ Plenary Council Team

Fees for 2020

Due to increased costs, the overnight fee has now been set at \$160 pp. (\$5 increase) while the day costs remain the same \$40 (menu 1) and \$50 (menu 2). These fees are generously subsidised by the Archdiocese to keep them as low as possible.

Booking enquiries can be made online at:
www.santateresa.org.au



Contact us soon to organise your 2020 stay with us.

Whether it is a day, an overnight, a weekend or an extended stay, come and experience the beauty and peace of this special place.

Blessings,
Mike Humphrys (Coordinator)