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Staying Connected while Physically Distant

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The relics of **St. Thérèse of Lisieux** and her parents have been in Canberra at the Carmelite Monastery.

Thérèse longed to be a missionary during her life but her health was never good enough. However, along with St Francis Xavier she is the patron saint of Missions. Her relics are with us now at a time when people desperately need encouragement to do the small things well, her "Little Way". She loved roses- she would love our rose gardens! St. Therese promised to spend her heaven in doing good upon earth. Isn't it great that she is here at such a challenging time! Submitted by Rosemary de Bear

Pilgrimage of St Thérèse of Lisieux and her parents Sts Louis and Zélie Martin – has been cancelled due to COVID-19

The relics will repose under the care of the Carmelite Sisters pending their return to Lisieux. In the event that an opportunity presents for some live streaming from the convent, possibly over the Easter triduum, this will be announced.

Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, the French Carmelite nun who made the simple things of life the seedbed of her sanctity, was also one of the first women who declared her desire to be a priest. "Since I cannot be a priest on earth," she wrote, "I would prefer to go to heaven." God, who had no place for inequities in heaven, would in due time, she knew, bring to ripeness the spiritual gifts of women.

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Today's Gospel John 8: 31-42



Celebrating Easter - 2020

I have been with St. John's since our inaugural Mass with Father Harry Morrissey in what was then Higgins Primary School and our Easter Triduum Services have been many and varied. 2020's will be the most varied - it won't be!! Simply, how to celebrate Easter without Church attendance on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil ... a discipline many of us began as young children so many, many years ago?

It will seem so different.

Submitted by, Pamela Blackwell

If the only prayer
you ever say
in your life
is thank you
It will be enough.
(Meister Eckhart)

Submitted by Elaine Laycock