

Schools: Visiting St Thérèse in Lancaster

Tuesday 29th September 2009

Special provision is being made for school groups wishing to come to the Cathedral during the visit of the relics of St Thérèse. School groups will have their own dedicated access and educational programme running on Tuesday 29th September. There is a limited number of spaces and booking is essential.

What the visit includes

A typical visit would last up to two hours and would include the following activities/opportunities:

Arrival (Cathedral Primary School)

opportunity to use child-friendly toilets and get a drink

Introduction (Diocesan Education Centre)

a short session about St Thérèse, intended to set the mood for the visit to the Cathedral

A visit to the relics (Cathedral)

School groups will be given priority over anyone else queuing to visit the relics. Children will be able to see and touch the reliquary, and a short prayer service will be provided for groups to use (led by a teacher/chaplain).

Afterwards the children will be able to light a candle while praying for someone. This will be in a dedicated part of the Cathedral. Supervision must be provided by the visiting school, and children will be asked to bring with them 20p as their contribution to the cost of the candle.

Workshops (Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Cathedral Primary School)

Two workshops are being organised for Primary Schools:

A visit to a 'Carmelite cell': here the children would have a chance to talk to someone 'hot-seating' as a Carmelite contemporary of St Thérèse. They could see what the cell (bedroom/study) looks like and ask questions about St Thérèse and about Carmelite life.

Make a rose: using appropriate materials children will be able to make a rose upon which they may wish to write a short prayer.

Departure

Children will have the opportunity to use the toilets again before departure.

Other needs

Some groups may need other facilities, e.g. a space to eat lunch. Please discuss your requirements with us and we will endeavour to provide for your needs.

Risk Assessment

We have arranged the School Visits Programme to ensure that the risk to everyone involved is minimal. Groups will not need to leave the Cathedral site or cross any roads/car parks during their visit. A full risk assessment will be provided in advance for all visiting school groups.

Contact us for more information or to arrange a visit:

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The Visit Programme; Visiting at other times

The above schools programme will only run on Tuesday 29th September. If you cannot arrange a visit on this day, you could perhaps bring a group for the arrival of the relics (Monday 28th at 4pm) or for their departure (Wednesday 30th at 11am). The full programme can be found overleaf. Please contact us using the details above if you'd like to know more.



Cathedral Church of St Peter, Lancaster

**PROGRAMME OF EVENTS DURING THE
THE VISIT OF RELICS OF ST THERESE
28th - 30th SEPTEMBER 2009**



Monday 28th September

4:00pm Liturgy of welcome (The relics will be received by Bishop Campbell)

6:00pm Sung Vespers

7:30pm Sung Mass (Bishop Campbell will preside and preach)

9:00pm Sung Compline

Vigil for religious and clergy ending with Mass 6:00am followed by breakfast in the Social Centre.

(NB -This vigil and that on Tuesday night for the Youth **are open to everyone.**)

Tuesday 29th September

7:00am Office of Readings

8:30am Morning Prayer

12noon Angelus and Midday prayer

12:15pm Mass

6:00pm Sung Vespers

7:30pm Sung Mass (Bishop Campbell will preside and there will be a guest preacher)

9:00pm Sung Compline

Vigil for the youth ending with Mass 6:00am followed by breakfast in the Social Centre.

Wednesday 30th September

7:00am Office of Readings

8:30am Morning Prayer

9:30am Sung Mass (Bishop Campbell will preside and preach)

11:00am Departure of the relics (Bishop Campbell)

All the public Liturgies will be proper to St Therese

Those priests wishing to **concelebrate** please let the Cathedral office know that you are coming – for seating arrangements – please bring an alb and white stole. (Canons, and Honorary Canons, please let the Office know if you intend to concelebrate)

For the **Liturgy of the Hours** – sheets will be provided. Priests or deacons, who would like to sit in choir (cassock and cotta) are welcome; again for seating arrangements please let the Cathedral office know you're coming. (Canons, and Honorary Canons, please let the Office know if you intend to sit in choir)

In and around the Cathedral:

- A Life of Therese – short film loop – will be continually shown; catechists will also be on site
- St Thérèse Garden open throughout the visit
- Confessions will be available throughout the visit
- Devotions: resources for visiting parish groups and individuals will be available
- Hospitality/light refreshments will be offered throughout
- Information about Missionary works and activities will be on display
- A relevant bookstand will be available
- A programme of activities for school groups will be provided (booking for this is essential)

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