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Saintly family arrives in Brisbane

The relics of one of modern history's most popular saints, Thérèse of Lisieux, arrived in Brisbane on Wednesday ahead of the Queensland segment of a national pilgrimage.

After a rocky start, which saw the relics of St Thérèse's parents, Sts Louis and Zélie Martin, [briefly misplaced on a flight from Paris](#), the four-month pilgrimage has already seen thousands of Catholic and spiritual Australians gather to experience the presence of the saints.

'Brisbane Archdiocese has always had a heart for Mission,' said David McGovern, Diocesan Director for Catholic Mission, which is delivering the pilgrimage along with funeral provider InvoCare.

'The return of the relics of St Therese, the patron Saint of Missions, and this time her parents' relics, shows that Catholics in this part of Australia are generous in spirit and practice towards those who display a missionary heart.

'We are humbled that so many parishes across the Archdiocese, some of which bear the name of St Therese, have chosen to host the relics of the trio, affirming both the importance of 'family' and of 'Mission'.'

People can visit the saints at any of the public masses, veneration, liturgies and prayer services planned, including a full weekend at St Stephen's Cathedral in Brisbane from Saturday, February 8.

The relics will spend eleven days touring the Brisbane Archdiocese, before returning to northern New South Wales. Victoria, Tasmania and Western Australia are also on the itinerary.

For more information on the Pilgrimage of St Thérèse and her parents, Sts Louis and Zélie Martin, including the itinerary and prayer resources, please visit catholicmission.org.au/relics

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