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VISIT of the RELICS of St. Thérèse of Lisieux to WALES

On Tuesday 22nd September all roads in Wales (well at least from most parishes in the Archdiocese of Cardiff, and many in the Diocese of Menevia) led to St. David's Metropolitan Cathedral, Cardiff, for the Reception and Veneration of the Relics of St. Thérèse of Lisieux.

The relics had visited many countries in the world and had always attracted large crowds. Wales was no exception. The relics had come at the request of the Bishops of England and Wales, aware of the many blessings that have resulted from similar visits to other parts of the world.

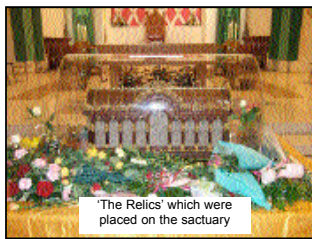
Born Thérèse Martin in Alençon, France on 2nd January 1873, she entered the Carmelite Monastery at Lisieux at age 15 and took the name 'Sister Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face'. She died on 30th September 1897 saying *"I'm not dying, I'm entering into Life"*

Canonised in 1925, she was declared Patroness of the Missions in 1927, and a Doctor of the Church in 1997.

Many were in the cathedral from mid-morning for the 'Mass for Vocations to the Priesthood' which took place before a packed cathedral at 12.45 pm, and was followed by, first, 'Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament' until 3.15pm, and then the 'Solemn Liturgy for the Reception of the Relics' - which were carried in by six male bearers, preceded by torch and flag bearers, the Clergy and the three Bishops of the Welsh Province - Archbishop Peter Smith of Cardiff, Bishop Thomas Matthew Burns of Menevia and Bishop Edwin Regan of Wrexham.



above - the packed cathedral



"The Relics" which were placed on the sanctuary

place 'Sequence of Readings and Meditations', 'Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament', 'Solemn Benediction', the 'Night Prayer of the Church' with the 'Sacrament of Reconciliation' being available by several priest most of the time.

The cathedral was closed to the public at midnight but was open again from 7.00am on the Wednesday with the 'Office of readings', 'Morning Prayer of the Church' before the mid-day 'Mass for Evangelisation' and finally the 'Solemn Liturgy for the departure of the Relics' at 1.00pm.



above and right - the veneration of the Relics



The veneration of the relics by the faithful then took place until just before the commencement of the 'Mass for Evangelisation' at

6.00pm. Large crowds had now gathered both inside and outside the cathedral and it took the best part of an hour to get from the cathedral entrance to where the relics had been placed at the front of the sanctuary.

The cathedral was open for the veneration until midnight, during which took



above - the Bishops of the three Welsh diocese

and - on right the 'Bishop's procession', led by the Papal Knights of the Archdiocese



and - below: view taken during the 'Mass for Evangelisation' - the casket containing the relics being seen on the right (unfortunately partly obscured by one of the Cathedral Choir



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