

The child saints

Each of the memorial stones, including the niche stone, in the garden are named after a child saint.

St. Maria Goretti (1890–1902)

At the age of 11 Maria was attacked by a local man and her injuries led to her death shortly afterwards in hospital. Her compassion for her killer and her concern for her mother and siblings during her final hours soon led to her being canonized in front of one of the largest crowds ever assembled in St. Peter's square.

St. Dominic Savio (1842-1857)

Dominic is the youngest person ever to become a saint without also being a martyr. Even as a young boy, Dominic spent hours in prayer and thanksgiving. He said "I cannot do big things, but I want all I do, even the smallest thing, to be for the greater glory of God. He was a leader and mentor to his peers at his school. Always frail, his poor health led to his being sent home, where he died at the age of 15.

Dominic was canonized by Pius X in 1954.

St. Maria Zhen Xu (circa 1899–1900)

Maria was only 11 years old when, along with four Jesuit priests and at least 52 other lay men, women and children, she was killed while taking refuge in the village church during the Boxer Rebellion in July, 1900. She is numbered amongst the Chinese Martyrs.

Maria was beatified in 1955 by Pope Pius XII and canonized by Pope John Paul II on the Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux, 1 October, 2000

Blessed Jose Luis Sanchez Del Rio (1913–1928)

Jose was 14 years old when he was captured, while fighting with rebel forces, by government soldiers. He was subjected to torture by his captors, who demanded he renounce his Christian faith. He refused and while imprisoned prayed the rosary daily and encouraged fellow prisoners to accept Christ. Jose was executed on 10 February, 1928 and will be canonized by Pope Francis on 16 October, 2016.



St. Thérèse of Lisieux Children and Infants



"Let the little ones come to me

And do not stop them."

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The St. Therese of Lisieux Children and Infant's Memorial Garden

A special place for children



To lose a child is perhaps one of the most painful types of grief. Although death is always saddening, we can accept it more easily when it comes at the end of a long and well-lived life. When a young child dies, not only is there a loss of someone we have loved but there is also a loss of all that might have been. The present is lost by the death of a child, but so is the future.

For this reason, it was decided to create a fitting place in the Columbarium Memorial Garden where families may remember the loss, before or after birth, of a little one. The memorial allows families to place a small memorial plaque for a child who may have passed away in recent times, or at any time in the past. There are also be a few niches where ashes may be interred.

Who may use the Memorial?



As for the Columbarium in general, the Children and Infants memorial garden is for the use only of parishioners of Infant Jesus Parish.

A parishioner is anyone who lives within the parish boundaries or who worships here regularly and has a demonstrated connection to and love of Morley parish.

A plaque may be placed to remember a child who is a family member, by birth or adoption or a step-family member by birth or adoption.



How do I apply? What is the cost?

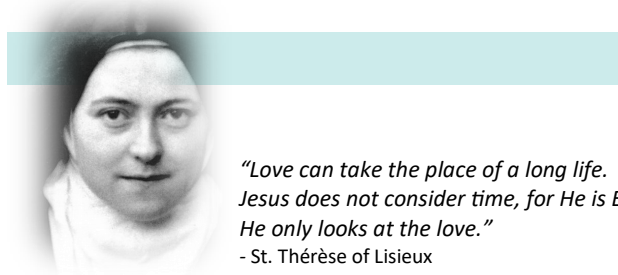


An application form for a memorial plaque or for a niche and niche plaque in the Children and Infant's memorial garden can be obtained from one of the Columbarium committee, by contacting the parish office. The committee are always ready to meet with you to help you through the process.

The cost of a memorial plaque is \$250.00.

The cost of a niche and a niche plaque is \$450.00.

The full fee is paid at the time of application.



*"Love can take the place of a long life.
Jesus does not consider time, for He is Eternal.
He only looks at the love."*

- St. Thérèse of Lisieux