

INTERCOLONIAL

The Rev. Father P. Piquet, S.M., is expected to arrive in Sydney from Tonga in a few days. He will be accompanied by the Rev. Father A. Marion, S.M., the recently appointed Provincial of the Marists, who was stationed at Levuka.

The Archbishop of Melbourne blessed and opened the new hall, club rooms, etc., at Collingwood a few Sundays ago. Dr. Delany, Coadjutor Bishop of Hobart, was also present. Both prelates spoke on education. The building cost £12,000, and is one of the finest in any suburban parish of Melbourne.

The Very Rev. Father Placid Huault, S.M., late of Meaneer Seminary, who succeeds Rev. Father Gimisty, S.M., in the charge of the Villa Maria parish, Sydney, is a brother of the Rev. Father F. Huault, S.M. (Prosecutor of the Marist Mission), who resides at St. Patrick's, and of the Rev. Father J. Huault, S.M., of Villa Maria.

There was a very large and representative gathering at the council chambers the other evening, says the Inglewood 'Advertiser,' to join in the presentation to the Very Rev. Father O'Hare of a purse of sovereigns subscribed by the people of all denominations throughout a very large portion of the parish over which the rev. gentleman presided in the Catholic interests for so very many years. The assemblage included representatives from the various portions of a wide area, and also comprised many ladies.

Master Neal William Macrossan, of the Christian Brothers' College at Nudgee (says the Brisbane 'Age'), who scored a brilliant pass of seven A's, winning the medal for Greek and the University prize, heading the list of successful candidates in the recent Sydney Junior University Examination, is a son of the late Hon. J. M. Macrossan. This is the first time on record in which this honor has been gained by a student from a Catholic school, though it will be remembered that some few years ago, Neal's brother, Mr. Hugh Macrossan, headed the list of successful Queensland Senior University candidates, and was the first student from a Catholic school to win a Queensland exhibition.

The Melbourne 'Argus' reports that a sensational act of sacrilege was committed at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Chiltern, a few Sundays ago. Immediately after Mass, when the congregation had all left the church but two, a man entered, and, walking to the altar rails, asked in stentorian tones if the parish priest lived there. A young man in the church, thinking 'not the questioner was a messenger on a sick call, answered 'Yes,' when the stranger deliberately hurled a parcel of offensive matter at the crucifix. He then approached the altar, and, taking a candlestick, broke it in two. He was in the act of pulling down a picture from the wall when he was seized, and held until Senior-constable Kane and Mounted-constable Thorne arrived. The man, who gave the name of Frederick Walker, was given in custody. He is 39 years of age, and of medium build. He states that he served a sentence of 14 days' imprisonment at Kyneton for assaulting a priest.

The Very Rev. Father A. Gimisty, S.M., who is in charge of Villa Maria, has been appointed parish priest at St. Patrick's, Church Hill, in place of the late Very Rev. Father Le Rennelet. Father Gimisty (says the 'Catholic Press') is one of the most popular of our priests, and wherever he goes he at once wins the devotion of the people. He has accomplished a great deal of work during the 20 years he has been in Australia. His first charge was that of St. Michael's, Cumberland-street, which has been since resumed by the Government. After a short time he joined the late Father Le Rennelet at St. Patrick's, and there he remained until he was sent to Gladstone, Queensland, about three years ago, to assist the Very Rev. Dean Murlay, S.M. However, Bishop Higgins, who from experience of Father Gimisty's admirable qualities whilst he was acting as Auxiliary-Bishop of Sydney, called him to Rockhampton, and for over a year his labors in the town and district bore good fruit. Whilst he was away he was greatly missed in Sydney, and it might also be said his loss was deplored, and great was the joy of the people when Father Gimisty returned in the early part of 1902 and assumed charge of Villa Maria, becoming Superior of the House on the death of Father Muraire. Before coming to Australia Father Gimisty was for two or three years engaged in different Marist Ecclesiastical Training Colleges in France, and was for a short while Prefect at the large seminary at Senlis, near Paris. The parishioners of St. Patrick's, whilst deeply afflicted by the loss of their late pastor, hailed with joy the announcement that they had been given so worthy a successor to such a worthy predecessor.

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CLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

- August 28, Sunday.—Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost. Feast of the Most Pure Heart of Mary.
 „ 29, Monday.—Beheading of St. John the Baptist.
 „ 30, Tuesday.—St. Fiacre, Confessor.
 „ 31, Wednesday.—St. Raymond Nonnatus, Confessor.
 September 1, Thursday.—St. Louis, Confessor.
 „ 2, Friday.—St. Stephen, King of Hungary.
 „ 3, Saturday.—St. Elizabeth, Queen of Portugal.

St. Fiacre, Confessor.

St. Fiacre was an Irishman, who, having crossed over into France, lived for many years in a solitude not far from the city of Meaux. His life there was most austere—a continued exercise of prayer and heavenly contemplation, which he interrupted only to afford relief to the poor, or to attend to those who, led by the fame of his sanctity, came to seek his advice. After his death, in 670, his tomb became famous for numerous miracles, and was resorted to by pilgrims from all parts of France.

St. Raymond Nonnatus, Confessor.

According to the rule laid down by Christ that Christian proves himself His most faithful disciple, and gives the surest proof of his love of God, who most perfectly loves his neighbor for God's sake. Judged by this test of true sanctity, St. Raymond should rank high among the saints. Born in Spain, in 1204, he gave not only his property but all his liberty, and even exposed himself to the most cruel torments, and risked his very life in order to promote the spiritual welfare, and accomplish the redemption of Christians held in captivity by the Moors. After a life wholly spent in the service of his neighbor, he died near Barcelona in 1240.

St. Louis, Confessor.

St. Louis was King of France, and it may be truly said that country never enjoyed the blessing of a wiser or more virtuous ruler. Though his life in the midst of his court was that of a perfect religious, he never neglected the affairs of Government, the public duties of his position, or the wants of his people. His alms deeds were unbounded, and one of his greatest pleasures was ministering to the sick in the public hospitals. St. Louis died in 1270, at the age of 55.

St. Stephen, King of Hungary.

One of the first acts of St. Stephen, King of Hungary, on ascending the throne was to unite himself to Latin Christendom. By his marriage with Gisela, the sister of Emperor Henry II., he became closely connected with Catholic Germany, whose civilisation he sought, by every means, to introduce among his subjects. Assisted by German and Bohemian priests, Stephen succeeded in extending the Christian religion over the whole kingdom; throughout the land churches and monasteries rose. He sent an embassy to Pope Sylvester II., and received from him the present of a royal crown and a papal edict empowering him to regulate the ecclesiastical affairs of his realm. His religious zeal gained him the title of 'Apostolic King' from Pope Sylvester II., with the right of having the cross borne before him.

St. Elizabeth, Queen of Portugal.

St. Elizabeth, Queen of Portugal, was a daughter of Pedro III., of Arragon, being named after her aunt, St. Elizabeth of Hungary. At 12 years of age she was given in marriage to Denis, King of Portugal, and from being a holy child became a saintly wife. Her husband caused her much sorrow, both by his unfounded jealousy and by his infidelity to her. Her patience and the wonderful charity with which she ever cherished the children of her rivals, completely won the king from his evil ways and he became a devoted husband and a truly Christian king. She built many charitable institutions and religious houses, among others a convent of Poor Clares. After her husband's death she wished to enter this Order, but being dissuaded by her people, she took the habit of the Third Order of St. Francis, and spent the rest of her life in redoubled austerities and almsgiving.

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