

must be separate and distinct visits. Persons who wish to make two or three visits in succession must leave the church after each visit, though they may return immediately to make the next visit.

During each visit prayers should be said for the liberty and exaltation of the Catholic Church and the Apostolic See, for the extirpation of heresies and the conversion of all who are in error, for the concord of Christian princes and the peace and unity of all the Faithful, and according to the intention of the Holy Father. No special form of prayer is required. The Our Father and Hail Mary repeated five times during each visit, or some equivalent prayers, will suffice.

Persons who are legitimately prevented from performing any of the prescribed works should apply for direction to their Confessors, who, in such cases, are empowered to commute the works enjoined by the Holy Father for other works of piety.

Children may be dispensed by their Confessors from receiving Holy Communion if they have not yet been admitted to receive it.

The Indulgence of the Jubilee can be gained once only, and may be applied in suffrage for the souls which have passed from this life united in charity with God.

During this time of Jubilee we still enjoy the privilege of gaining all other indulgences, not excepting Plenary indulgences, which have been granted by the Holy See.

Our Holy Father says in conclusion: 'We close these letters, Venerable Brethren, by manifesting anew the great hope we earnestly cherish that through this extraordinary gift of Jubilee granted by Us under the auspices of the Immaculate Virgin, large numbers of those who are unhappily separated from Jesus Christ may return to Him, and that love of virtue and fervor of devotion may flourish anew among the Christian people. Fifty years ago, when Pius IX proclaimed as an article of faith the Immaculate Conception of the Most Blessed Mother of Christ, it seemed, as we have already said, as if an incredible wealth of grace was poured out upon the earth and with the increase of confidence in the Virgin Mother of God the old religious spirit of the people was everywhere augmented. Is it forbidden us to hope for still greater things for the future?'

We sincerely trust, Dearly Beloved in Christ, that the hopes of our Holy Father will be fully realised. Let us join, then, with the Faithful spread over the face of the earth, in performing the works enjoined by the Vicar of Christ. Our prayers ascending to heaven in union with the prayers of our Catholic Brethren, and presented to our Divine Lord by His Immaculate Mother cannot fail to be efficacious; they will assuredly obtain for us abundant graces and blessings. Let us earnestly pray for the welfare of our Holy Church. We are indeed passing through disastrous times. The Church is assailed on all sides by powerful enemies. With united voices let us cry out in the words of the Psalmist: 'Let God arise and let His enemies be scattered, and let them that hate Him flee from before His face.' May those who assail His holy religion be covered with confusion, and may truth and justice triumph on earth.

We desire, Dearly Beloved in Christ, that the Feast of the Immaculate Conception this year will be kept as a day of very special devotion, and that all who can will assist at Solemn Mass, and at devotions consisting of the Rosary and Litany of the Blessed Virgin to be followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and the Te Deum.

As an immediate preparation for the Feast, there will be a solemn triduum in the principal church of each parish of the diocese on 5th, 6th, and 7th December. The devotions will consist of the Rosary and the Litany of the Blessed Virgin, and a short instruction, to be followed where possible by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The Faithful who cannot assist at the devotions in a church are earnestly exhorted to make the triduum in their own homes by reciting the Rosary and the Litany and some prayers in honor of the Blessed Virgin.

From 8th September to the 8th December the Collect taken from the Mass of the Immaculate Conception will be said as 'oratio imperata' at Mass whenever the rubric will permit.

The Encyclical letter of our Holy Father Pius X, which accompanies this letter will be read in each church of this diocese on some Sunday before the end of November.

This letter will be read and afterwards placed in a conspicuous place in every church and chapel of the diocese.

✠ MICHAEL VERDON,

Bishop of Dunedin.

St. Joseph's Cathedral, Dunedin.

1st September, 1904.

Diocesan News

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

September 5.

The Catholic Club recently met the Chester street Fire Brigade representatives at a billiard tournament in the rooms of the former, and secured a victory.

A Solemn Requiem Mass will be celebrated in St. Joseph's Church, Temuka, on Tuesday morning for the repose of the soul of the late Rev. Father Fauvel. His Lordship the Bishop will preside, and most of the clergy of Canterbury are likely to be present.

The Rev. Mr. North (Baptist) came all the way from Oamaru to tell the people of Christchurch, during the course of a lecture recently delivered and reported in the local 'Press,' that the Catholics of this city were building their Cathedral by the aid of 'gambling'! The Christianity, as practised by the Rev. Mr. North and a few others of his kind, is truly a strange mixture.

At Vespers in the Pro-Cathedral on Sunday evening his Lordship the Bishop announced that he had just received an urgent telegram conveying the sad intelligence of the death that morning at Napier of the Very Rev. Father Yardin, S.M., at the great age of 81 years. The Bishop referred to the high position held by the deceased priest in the Society of Mary, and to his long, arduous, and eminently fruitful missionary career in the Colony. As a recessional the organist, Miss Katie Young, played the Dead March from 'Saul' out of respect for the departed.—R.I.P.

The old school building at Halswell, which has done duty for many years and has lately been supplanted by the new structure opened on Sunday, has a rather interesting history. Originally a Wesleyan chapel at Takapu, it was long ago purchased by the Catholic body and removed to Halswell, where for years it did duty as a church. Eventually becoming too small for the purpose it was again shifted to make room for a new church and turned into a school. Increased accommodation being again necessary, the old building was once more removed back to allow room for the new. It still forms part of the main building and likely to be of use for years yet. The Church property at Halswell has been improved generally owing to the willing labors of the parishioners, the pride they take in the surroundings, and their up-to-date methods. Quite a substantial sum has been raised and expended in recent years, with the result that in religious and educational facilities few country districts are better equipped.

A complimentary social was tendered by the Catholic Club on last Tuesday evening in their rooms to Mr. Arthur O'Brien, manager of the British football team, and Messrs. E. T. Harper and B. Fanning, local representative players. The chair was occupied by Sir George Clifford, and among those present were his Lordship the Bishop, the clergy of the Pro-Cathedral and St. Mary's, and Rev. Bro. Basil. The chairman apologised for the absence of Mr. Duncan, explaining that he had been prevented from attending by the death of a sturdy and excellent colonist, his uncle, Mr. William Boag. Sir George Clifford went on to say that he wished on behalf of the gathering to greet Mr. O'Brien, who had won distinction not only in the football field, but in other respects, notably in medicine. He also complimented Messrs. Harper and Fanning, playfully adding that Great Britain had had to secure New Zealand recruits, Messrs. O'Brien and McEvedy, before invading Australasia.

Bishop Grimes supplemented the chairman's references to Mr. O'Brien, and said no one was prouder than he of Mr. O'Brien's success in the medical profession.

Mr. O'Brien thanked those present for the warmth of their welcome and the honor paid him by such a representative Catholic gathering. Turning to football, he said that he thought the game was taken rather too seriously in New Zealand. It seemed to be an all-absorbing topic of conversation, to the detriment of higher things.

Messrs. Harper and Fanning briefly acknowledged the compliments paid them by the chairman. Mr. Harper explained that Mr. O'Brien and he had learned their football together at St. Patrick's College.

During the evening an excellently arranged musical programme, under the direction of Mr. H. Rossiter, was contributed to by the Rev. Fathers Mahony and O'Connell (songs), Rev. Father McDonald (violin solo), Mr. W. Googhegham (saxophone solo), and Messrs. E. McNamara, J. F. Shanley, G. J. Fama, G. Hayward, A. O'Brien, J. R. Hayward, and J. Medhurst. Light refreshments were also dispensed. Later in the week Mr. A. O'Brien and a party of friends were entertained

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