

INTERCOLONIAL

Rev. Father O'Leary, of Rosalie (Q.), has been presented with a handsome gold watch by his parishioners. Father O'Leary took Father Lee's place during his latter's absence in the old country.

The presbytery at Parkes is to be added to and handed over as a convent to the Sisters, whose old home is deemed unsuitable. A new presbytery will probably be erected nearer to the church.

A special edition of the report of the Second Australasian Catholic Congress has been forwarded to the Vatican archives. It was printed and published at the 'Advocate' printing office, the medical section being included. The Sisters of the Good Shepherd, Abbotsford, covered it with elegant white water-wave silk, and embellished the cover with gold and scarlet ecclesiastical designs. The volume is enclosed in a handsome morocco case, with lock and key.

Four large estates, the aggregate value of which totalled nearly £330,000, paid 10 per cent. death dues to the Victorian Treasury the other day. That of James Russell, of Carnham, grazier, was set down at £118,759; that of the late John Robertson, of Skene, grazier, was valued at £116,559; that of the late John Connell, of Dunster House, Mark Lane, London, and of Melbourne and Sydney, merchant, was certified for duty at £63,660, and that of the late Francis Thomas Warren, Port Melbourne, was valued at £30,657.

The battle of the Bible in public schools is being waged in Melbourne by the routed advocates of proselytising the State scholars. Archbishop Carr has shown clearly that the Catholic attitude was supported by the great majority at the ballot-box. His Grace pertinently asks: 'If at present the fundamental truths of Christianity were denied, it was not by the Catholic people, and if ministers could be said to deny the virgin birth of Christ and other recognised doctrines, what must be said of the teachers to whom was committed the instruction of the children?'

The Bishop of Wilcannia, Right Rev. Dr. Dunne, has fixed Sunday, July 2, as the date of the opening of the new Pro-Cathedral at Broken Hill. His Lordship expects a number of distinguished visitors, including His Eminence Cardinal Moran, the Archbishop of Melbourne, the Bishop of Ballarat (Dr. Higgins), the venerable Bishop of Maitland (Dr. Murray), and the Bishop of Sale (Dr. Corlett). A trial of electric lighting installation was made recently in the presence of the Bishop, and proved highly satisfactory. Upwards of 60 lights are used in the illumination, and the interior shows to great advantage under their effects. It is estimated that the Cathedral can seat 1200 to 1300 people.

The diocese of Ballarat at date of latest ecclesiastical returns had a Catholic population of nearly 60,000, with 129 churches, 61 priests, 18 Christian Brothers, and 257 nuns of various Orders. Among the clergy are nine Redemptorist Fathers at St. Mary's, Wendouree, who give retreats and missions. Among its charitable institutions is Nazareth House, Ballarat, in charge of the Poor Sisters of Nazareth, established in 1888. Into it are received aged poor, and orphan and neglected children, without distinction of creed, the number of inmates at date of annual return being 310. Another notably successful and vigorous body is the Cathedral Altar Society. Its receipts last year amounted to £228 2s 7d. and during the six years it has been in existence it has collected £1330 9s 9d, which has been expended in decorating and beautifying the interior of the Cathedral.

Prior to his departure from Rockhampton his Lordship Bishop Higgins opened a bazaar for the reduction of the Cathedral debt. For the sake of opening this he postponed his departure for some days. To use his own words—'There were few Church interests in this diocese which enlisted a larger share of my sympathy,' and, we might add, perhaps none dearer to his heart. His Lordship appealed to the vast audience to help the good ladies who had labored so untiringly to make the bazaar a success, and who would dispose of their valuable goods 'on the most reasonable terms.' The Cathedral was begun thirteen years ago. Since then £24,131 had been expended on the material building and 3307 8s 4d on the interior ornamentation. Four thousand five hundred pounds still remained due, and to meet this the bazaar was organised. 'My first public address to my people,' continued his Lordship, 'after my introduction to this diocese was an appeal on behalf of St. Joseph's Cathedral, and my last parting words are spoken to you to-night in support of the same cause. I have delayed my departure for the express purpose of being here to-night and giving my lady friends all the assistance I can in their noble efforts.'

Friends at Court

GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

June 18, Sunday.—Trinity Sunday.

- " 19, Monday.—St. Juliana Falconieri, Virgin.
- " 20, Tuesday.—St. Silverius, Pope and Martyr.
- " 21, Wednesday.—St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Confessor.
- " 22, Thursday.—Feast of Corpus Christi.
- " 23, Friday.—St. Mark the Evangelist.
- " 24, Saturday.—St. John the Baptist.

Trinity Sunday.

To-day we are not asked to imitate the virtues of some saint, or to contemplate the merciful dealings of God with man. We are taken up, as it were, into the Holy of Holies, and invited to gaze on the radiant perfection of God as the Blessed see Him—one God in three Divine Persons. Until the fourteenth century this feast was not generally celebrated in the Church, for the reason that all the festivals in the Christian religion are truly festivals of the Holy Trinity, since they are only means to honor the Blessed Trinity and steps to raise us to it as the true and only term of our worship. As Pope Alexander writes, in the eleventh century:—**'The Roman Church has no particular festival of the Trinity, because she honors it every day, and every hour of the day; all her offices containing its praises and concluding with a tribute of glory to it.'**

St. Juliana Falconieri, Virgin.

St. Juliana was a native of Florence. Having, while still a child, lost her father, she found a second father in her uncle, St. Alexis Falconieri, one of the founders of the Servite Order. She is celebrated for her devotion to the adorable Sacrament of the Altar and to the Mother of God. Like so many other saints, she was singularly successful in reconciling enemies and reclaiming sinners. She died at an advanced age in 1340.

St. Silverius, Pope and Martyr.

St. Silverius, by his refusal to favor the Eutychian heretics, excited the enmity of the Empress Theodora, who procured his banishment to Patris, in Asia Minor. He owed his release to the efforts of the Bishop of the place, who remonstrated with the Emperor Justinian over the indignity offered to the Vicar of Christ. 'There are,' he urged, 'many kings in the world, but only one Pope over the Church of the whole world.' Having again fallen into the hands of his enemies, St. Silverius died from hard usage, or, according to some, was put to a violent death, A.D. 538.

St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Confessor.

St. Aloysius Gonzaga was born at Castiglione, Lombardy, in 1568, and died at Rome in 1591. He was the son of Ferdinand of Gonzaga, Marquis of Castiglione, prince of the Holy Roman Empire, and was page at the Court of Philip II. He entered a novitiate of the Jesuits (1587) at Rome, died of a slow fever contracted in taking care of those afflicted with the disease. He was canonised by Benedict XIII. in 1726. He is the patron saint of youth.

Corpus Christi.

The first mention we have in history of the solemnity of a feast of Corpus Christi is in 1246, when Robert, Bishop of Liege, made arrangements to introduce it into his diocese, but death prevented his intention being carried into effect. After the Bishop's death the Cardinal Legate Hugh undertook to carry out his directions, and celebrated the festival for the first time in the year 1217, in the church of St. Martin at Liege. Several bishops followed his example, and the festival was observed in many dioceses, before Urban IV., in 1261, finally ordered the celebration by the whole Church. This order was confirmed by Clement V. at the Council of Vienna in 1311, and the Thursday after the octave of Pentecost appointed for its celebration. In 1317 Pope John XXII instituted the solemn procession.

St. John the Baptist.

St. John the Baptist, the precursor of the Messiah, was born six months before Jesus Christ, and was the son of Zacharias and Elizabeth. He was the last representative of the Prophets of the Old Covenant; his work was to announce the way for and to prepare the advent of the promised Messiah. John was put to death by the order of Herod, at the instigation of Herodias, whose licentiousness he had the boldness to reprove.

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