

At the Month's Mind of the late Very Rev. Father Marnane at St. Mary's Church, Manchester street, his Lordship the Bishop presided at the throne, and gave the absolution at the conclusion of the Mass of Requiem, which was celebrated by the Very Rev. Dean O'Donnell (Ashburton). An eloquent panegyric of the late pastor was preached by the Rev. Father Cooney (Lyttelton). Most of the Canterbury clergy were present, and the parishioners attended in fairly large numbers.

The impressive ceremony of ordination that took place last Sunday was (said his Lordship the Bishop in the course of a sermon on Sunday) the first of the kind in the Cathedral, and the next day would witness a sight not previously seen in the diocese, when at half-past 7 in the morning the three newly-ordained priests would offer up the Holy Sacrifice for the first time, at the high altar, in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart and the Chapel of the Blessed Virgin respectively.

The impressive ceremonies of ordination in Holy Orders, which were commenced in the Cathedral on last Sunday week were continued with the customary solemnities on Saturday last, the feast of the Assumption, when three candidates were ordained to the diaconate. On Sunday there was Pontifical High Mass. His Lordship the Bishop was celebrant, the Very Rev. Dean Ginaty, S.M., V.G., assistant priest, the Rev. Dr. Kennedy and Rev. Father O'Hare deacons at the throne, the Rev. Fathers Moloney, S.M., and Peoples, S.M., deacon and subdeacon respectively of the Mass, the Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., master of ceremonies, the Rev. Father Cooney (Lyttelton) assistant master of ceremonies, and the Rev. Father Nouyoux, M.S.H., attendant priest on the newly ordained. His Lordship the Bishop, in brief but appropriate terms, addressed the very large congregation on the imposing ceremonies being witnessed, and for which they were previously prepared by his Lordship's more exhaustive sermon on Sunday night week. There was Pontifical Vespers in the evening, at which the Bishop officiated. The Very Rev. Dean Ginaty, S.M., was assistant priest, and the attendant priests were two of the newly-ordained Fathers. An instructive sermon was preached by the Rev. Father Nouyoux, M.S.H., on devotion to the Sacred Heart, combined with some useful lessons on the proper observance of other religious duties.

At St. Agnes' Church, Halswell, on Sunday, it being the last occasion on which the Rev. Father Peoples would officiate prior to his departure from Christchurch, an appeal made by him to liquidate a liability on the church and school property was responded to so generously that the congregation now enjoy a freedom from debt. At the conclusion of Mass Father Peoples unexpectedly found himself the guest of the residents at a farewell gathering, when Mr. M. A. Kenny, on behalf of the parishioners, presented him with a purse of sovereigns. In returning grateful thanks Father Peoples expressed appreciation of the kindness always extended to him, and the ready and willing response to all efforts made by him for the spiritual and material advancement of the people and district. At the Sacred Heart Church, Addington, the congregation of which is possessed of a very fine property with new church and school buildings, it was also Father Peoples' good fortune to announce the liquidation of all liabilities, and to hand in the last bank receipt, representing £400. This is mainly due to the result of the recent successful bazaar. Whilst congratulating the parishioners on their freedom from debt, he said that as a small community they were worthy of special mention, inasmuch as during the past three years they had raised over £500 for parochial requirements. On Sunday afternoon Father Peoples was asked by the congregation to meet them. There was a very large and representative gathering. Speeches of an eulogistic nature were made, with expressions of sincere regret at parting with one whose ministrations had been so devoted and acceptable. He was presented with a substantial purse of sovereigns. Father Peoples acknowledged the gift in feeling terms, and expressed gratification at the manifestation of so much kindly feeling towards him.

Last week the pupils of the Sacred Heart Convent High School tendered a musical entertainment as a farewell to the Rev. Father Peoples, and took the opportunity of making him a pleasing presentation. The Sisters of the Missions at Halswell and Addington also, together with their pupils at the several schools, similarly honored him.

The Living Floral Carnival, promoted in the interests of St. Mary's parish, Christchurch North, was most auspiciously inaugurated at the Art Gallery on last Tuesday evening in the presence of a crowded audience. The formal opening was

announced by Mr. C. M. Gray, M.P., who in appropriate terms referred to the growth of the parish and its ever increasing requirements. He spoke also of the late Father Marnane in appreciative words, which evidently met with the sympathy of his hearers. In introducing Mr. Gray, the Very Rev. Dean Ginaty, S.M., V.G., rector of St. Mary's, apologised for the unavoidable absence of his Lordship the Bishop, owing to another important engagement. The Very Rev. Dean also alluded to his devoted predecessor as parish priest of St. Mary's, and the efforts he had made in initiating the carnival. He trusted that the success of the venture, hoped for by the late Father Marnane, would be realised to the full, and that at its conclusion the existing liabilities on the parish would also be numbered among the things of the past.

The spectacular display arranged by Mr. Fred Wauchop was given with complete success, and proved quite up to the high expectations formed of it. This included the game of euchre, performed by young ladies and youths, costumed to represent the various cards in a pack, and interspersed with dances, marches, and picturesque groupings. Mr. H. Rossiter conducts an efficient orchestra, and quite a number of novelties are introduced by Mr. W. Densem.

The stalls for the bazaar portion of the carnival are tastefully designed and adorned. In keeping with the idea conveyed in the title, the name of a flower is allotted to each, and the young lady assistants are costumed to represent those with which they are directly associated. The various stalls and stallholders are as follow:—The Rose, Mrs. Watson; 'Forget-me-not,' Miss Somerville; 'Daisy,' Mrs. Lance; 'Daffodil,' Mrs. W. Hayward, jun., and Nurse Wall; 'Fuschia,' Mrs. Donohue and Mrs. Grealy; 'Poppy,' Mrs. Mullin and Mrs. Holmes; 'Chrysanthemum' (tea and supper rooms), Mrs. W. Dobbs. Mr. Wm. Hayward, jun., is chairman of the committee and manager, and Mr. Aspell is the energetic secretary. His Lordship the Bishop attended later in the evening and evinced much interest in the proceedings. Among the clergy present at the opening were the Rev. Fathers Cooney (Lyttelton), Kerley (Timaru), Moloney and Hoare (St. Mary's). With splendid weather prevailing crowded audiences and excellent business have resulted throughout the week.

Timaru

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The Celtic Football Club's fourth grade team, by defeating Temuka on Thursday last by 8 points to 6, won the competition for this season in their grade.

The Rev. Father Schaefer, who has been relieving here lately, during the temporary absence of the Rev. Father Kerley, was entertained by the choir prior to his departure, and given a tangible token of the esteem in which he is held by that body. The Rev. Father took an active interest in church music during his short stay in Timaru.

A successful concert was given in the public hall, St. Andrews, on Thursday evening last in aid of the church funds. The lengthy and well-arranged programme was well received by the large audience, many of the numbers having to be repeated. Rev. Father Tubman presided, and Rev. Fathers Le Floch and McDonald were also present. Miss E. Dennehy acted as accompanist, and also rendered an enjoyable pianoforte solo. Among the contributors were the Misses V. Dennehy, McGrath, Shine, Lyall, and Mrs. Foxon, Messrs. C. Healy, St. Clair, Hawkes, McKennah, and Geaney. Rev. Father McDonald added a violin solo, and Mr. St. Clair a flute solo, both gentlemen getting excellent receptions for their items. The St. Andrews Church Committee, an energetic body, gained further kudos from this concert by the perfection of their arrangements.

Greymouth

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August 12.

The reception of two young ladies into the Order of Mercy took place at St. Patrick's Church on Sunday evening, August 9. The young ladies were Miss Joan O'Reilly (Sister M. Stanislaus), of Greymouth, and Miss Mary Carew (Sister M. Joseph), late of Tipperary, Ireland, and niece of Very Rev. Dean Carew. At 7 p.m. a procession consisting of acolytes, cross-bearer, and the Sisters of Mercy entered the church while the full choir sang the 'O Gloriosa Virginum.' Last in the procession came the Novices-elect. Four little girls, Misses Kathleen Hannan,

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