

The collection for the Holy Places in Palestine will take place on the first Sunday in October, or on the Sunday or Sundays following, when there are two or more churches in the district.

The clergy are requested to read these regulations from the several altars as soon as possible, and to cause a copy of them to be placed in a conspicuous place in their respective churches and chapels.

✠ FRANCIS,
Archbishop of Wellington.

Wellington, February 15th, 1901.

DIocese of Christchurch.

In virtue of special faculties received from the Holy See, we hereby grant the following dispensations:—

1st.—Permission for the use of flesh meat, at dinner only, on all Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, and also on all Saturdays except one, that is the second Saturday during Lent and Monday in Holy Week.

2nd.—Lard and dripping may be used after the manner of butter, at dinner, on days of fast and abstinence during Lent, and also throughout the year, with the exception of the first and last Wednesdays of Lent and Good Friday.

3rd.—White meats—such as butter, milk, cheese, and eggs—are allowed on all days at dinner and collation, with the exception of Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. A little milk is always allowed in tea, coffee, or other beverage.

4th.—For those who, though not bound to fast, are bound to abstain: the kinds of food which are allowed at their chief meal to those who are bound to fast are allowed at all times to those who are not so bound.

5th.—Fish and flesh are not allowed at the same meal during Lent.

There is neither fast nor abstinence on Sunday in Lent.

All who have completed their 21st year are bound to fast and abstain—unless excused by the state of their health or the nature of their employment—according to the regulations stated above; and all who have arrived at the use of reason, though not bound to fast before the completion of their 21st year, are nevertheless bound to abstain from the use of flesh meats on the days appointed—unless exempted for a legitimate cause of which the respective pastors are the judges.

All who have arrived at the years of discretion are bound to go to Communion within Easter time, which, in this diocese, commences on Ash Wednesday and ends on the Octave of SS. Peter and Paul.

The collection for the Holy Places will take place on Good Friday.

The collection for the Seminary Fund will be held on Whit Sunday, or on the Sunday or Sundays following, when there are two or more churches in the district.

The collection for the Diocesan Charities will take place on the first Sunday in October, or on the Sunday or Sundays following, when there are two or more churches in the district.

The collection for Peter's Pence on the Sunday within the Octave of the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul.

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✠ JOHN JOSEPH,
Bishop of Christchurch.

Christchurch, Eve of Quinquagesima Sunday, February 16, 1901.

DIocese of Dunedin.

Whilst the law of the Lenten fast remains in full vigor the following regulations are made in virtue of powers received from the Apostolic See and by special indulgent granted to all the bishops of New Zealand on the 15th March, 1898, for ten years:—

1. Flesh meat is allowed at dinner on all days in Lent except Wednesdays and Fridays, the Saturday in Ember Week (March 2), and the Monday in Holy Week.

2. On fasting days a little refectio is allowed in the morning and a collation in the evening, at which (except on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday) butter, cheese, and milk, in moderation, may be used.

3. Eggs may be used at dinner on all days except Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

4. Lard and dripping may be used instead of butter whenever butter is allowed.

5. Fish and flesh meat cannot be used at the same meal during Lent.

6. Persons who are not bound to fast may eat flesh meat at every meal on those days on which flesh meat is allowed at the principal meal.

7. There is neither fast nor abstinence on Sundays in Lent.

8. Persons not twenty-one years old, as well as those advanced in old age, and all those who are unable to fast on account of sickness or hard labor, etc., are exempted from the general obligation of fasting.

9. We hereby authorise priests having care of souls, and confessors to grant to the faithful such further dispensations as may be deemed necessary according to the circumstances of each case.

All who have arrived at the years of discretion are bound to go to Communion within Easter time, which in this diocese commences on Ash Wednesday and ends on the octave of the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul.

A collection for the Seminary Fund will be made on the second Sunday in Lent, where a priest officiates, and in other churches as soon after as possible. The collection for the Pope will be made in each church on some Sunday before the end of September next and for the Aborigines and Holy Places on some convenient day.

✠ MICHAEL VERDON,
Bishop of Dunedin.

WANGANUI.

(From our own correspondent.)

February 14.

This has been a week of unusual excitement here. On Monday last 300 officers and men of the Imperial Contingent visited Wanganui and were entertained at a monster garden party on the beautiful grounds of the Wanganui Jockey Club. The men were accorded a splendid reception, the Maoris assisting materially towards its success by performing some of their quaint native dances. Afterwards a committee of the leading ladies in town dispensed afternoon tea to the soldiers. Mr. Hatrick (the Mayor) and his committee deserve great praise for the arrangements made for billeting the men. The departure was timed for 8.30 on Tuesday morning when, despite the early hour, a large crowd gathered to obtain a last glimpse of these doughty representatives of the Old Land. Dean Kirk entertained three of the chaplains—Father Foran and Revs. Townend and Chapman—at the presbytery, and afterwards drove the two first-mentioned gentlemen round to see the chief beauty spots of the town.

As soon as the visit came to an end the Drill Hall, where many of the men were billeted, was got ready for the great Imperial bazaar, organised by the ladies of the parish for the purpose of providing funds to pay off the balance of the debt on the enlargement of the church. The opening night (Wednesday) was a great success. It was (says the *Chronicle*) organised by the ladies of the local Catholic community. The doors were opened at seven o'clock, and at 7.30, the hour announced for the official opening of the bazaar, the Drill Hall was filled. The bazaar was opened by his Worship the Mayor, who was introduced by the Very Rev. Dean Kirk. In the course of a very pleasing speech, Mr. Hatrick said he had to thank the Very Rev. Dean Kirk for the great compliment and courtesy which he had extended to him by inviting him to open this splendid bazaar and sale of work. His Worship said that he could assure the Dean that it afforded him very great pleasure, not only as Mayor of Wanganui, but as plain Mr. Hatrick, to assist him and the Catholic people of Wanganui in the small way in which he had been called upon to do. He (Mr. Hatrick) felt very happy when, on taking up the newspaper that day, he saw that Dean Kirk had entertained at his house the chaplains of the various denominations with the troops who had just visited Wanganui. He (Mr. Hatrick) was glad to see that we were living in a cosmopolitan Colony and in a cosmopolitan town. Shakespeare had said that a man in his time played many parts, and Mr. Hatrick jokingly remarked that England's bard must have had the Mayor of Wanganui in his mind when he wrote those words. During the time the speaker had been Mayor he had opened the Opera House, sent away a contingent, received Imperial troops, proclaimed a king, and had been presented with a silver cradle. He ventured to say that it would be many years, perhaps never, before a man would again have such a record. Mr. Hatrick then paid a compliment to the ladies, who, as he could see by the appearance of the hall, had taken a very great deal of trouble. The object of the bazaar was one which he considered could not be bettered. He thought churches should be out of debt, but they had a happy knack of running into it. No sooner did a church become free than the congregation wished the building enlarged. However, the wish for enlargement was in sympathy with the general progress of the town, and he hoped it would long be continued. Mr. Hatrick then referred to the good work done by the ladies in connection with the recent reception of the Imperial troops. The committee, he said, were in a quandary as to what to do with the representatives of the grand old British Army. They went to the ladies and explained the position, and asked how they were to get out of the difficulty. The ladies said they would take the whole responsibility. They did so, and they carried out their contract in a most excellent manner. The ladies responsible for the present bazaar deserved great success, and after expressing the wish that they would meet with that success, his Worship declared the bazaar open.

His Worship, whose address was received with applause, was heartily thanked by Mr. T. Lloyd, on behalf of the Very Rev. Dean Kirk.

To return to the bazaar proper, it may safely be said that more prettily-arranged stalls have seldom been seen in Wanganui. The stalls numbered seven, and each represented a particular nationality, the draping of the stalls and the costumes of the young lady attendants indicating by their style and color the particular nation represented. In addition to the stalls being most attractive in appearance, they were also most bountifully provided with excellent articles of art and fancy work.

The following ladies and assistants were in charge of the respective stalls.

Empire Kiosk—Mesdames Noble-Beasley, T. O'Neil, and P. O'Neil, assisted by Misses O'Neill (3), Noble-Beasley (2), Meehan, Whelan (3).

'St. George for Merry England'—Mesdames A. E. Kitchen, Mayer, Connolly, and Miss Northcote, assisted by Mrs. Cleary and Misses Turchich, A. Willis, Burke, Spiller, Chappell, and M. O'Neil.

India—Mesdames Dwyer, E. Cullinane, Dempsey, and Hartshorn, assisted by Misses Dempsey (2), Carrigan, Leydon, Fraser, Gilligan, Forder (2), Pilot, and C. Blythe.