

INTERCOLONIAL

The Very Rev. Father Campion, priest in charge of the Parkes district, is about to take a 12 months' holiday in Ireland.

The Very Rev. Father Le Rennelet, S.M., has been appointed by his Eminence Cardinal Moran a member of the Diocesan Council.

A very beautiful statue of St. Patrick has been placed in the sanctuary of St. Francis's Church, Melbourne. It was imported by Messrs. Louis Gille and Co. to the order of the Very Rev. W. J. Quilter.

The Rev. Father P. B. Lawler, O.F.M., who was for many years in charge of St. Francis's Church, Paddington, has been appointed to the charge of St. Joseph's, Woollahra.

The Rev. Father Brosnan, M.A., Professor at St. Patrick's College, Manly, has gone to Ireland. During the past two years Father Brosnan has been in poor health.

The Rev. Father P. M. Ryan, who had been two years in the old country in charge of a parish in the archdiocese of Westminster, has returned to Sydney. He went away very ill, and his friends are delighted to find that he is now in magnificent health and looking quite a young man again.

His Eminence Cardinal Moran has made the following changes in the archdiocese of Sydney:—The Rev. Father Moore, of St. Francis', Haymarket, has been appointed to the charge of the parish of Milton; the Rev. Father Malone, who has just returned from an extended trip through Europe, has been appointed to assist the Rev. Father Holland at Nowra.

With unfeigned pleasure our readers (says the 'Freeman's Journal') will learn that the Rev. Father John, C.P., who was driven by overwork—and the will of his Superior—to take a rest for some time amidst the nerve-soothing quiet of the Monastery, Goulburn, has almost recovered his former health. It is probable he will be shortly once more on the mission.

The Rev. M. P. Malone, formerly attached to the Sacred Heart Church, Darlinghurst, and chaplain of St. Vincent's Hospital has returned to Sydney after three years' absence. Father Malone, who left here in impaired health, returns to the archdiocese very much improved by his vacation, which was spent between residence in Ireland and travel in Europe and America.

In view of the fact that the Irish delegation to Australia has been postponed, the Sydney Home Rule committee are circulating committees in the country urging that all subscriptions in hand should be forwarded to the Sydney fund so that they may be able to remit to London as large an amount as possible.

The Catholics of the Armidale diocese are making great preparations for the consecration of the new Coadjutor-Bishop (Mfr. O'Connor), which will take place on May 3. They intend to mark the event in a practical way by presenting him with a handsome testimonial in the shape of a purse of sovereigns and an illuminated address.

A Brisbane correspondent, writing of the destructive cyclone that visited Townsville a few weeks ago, says that the terrible gale sent the non flying off the roof of the new Sacred Heart Church like so much tissue paper, and the rain has considerably stained and otherwise damaged the ceiling. Every Catholic building at Bowen, with the exception of the convent, was levelled to the ground, and the new Catholic Church at Ayr, recently erected at a cost of £700, and on which there is still a considerable debt, met a like fate.

It has not yet been decided (says the 'Freeman's Journal') by the parishioners of Villa Maria what form the proposed memorial to the late Father Muraire will assume. A number of parishioners are in favor of enlarging the church, which is every year becoming less adequate to the increasing Catholic population. This, if practical, would seem a graceful way of commemorating the work of the late parish priest, who spent long hours in meditation and prayer beside its altar.

Referring to the Dill Macky riots the 'Temora Star' has the following:—For 20 years or more, Temora has been peacefully at rest, and the absence of sectarian strife was one of its proud boasts; but, alas, the discord note has been struck, and the peace that has so long been with us, is likely to be of the past. This is to be regretted, inasmuch that it rises up unnecessary strife in our community, which will take time to overcome. The evil effects of sectarianism is only too apparent at Wyalong, and why should we be hurled into the vortex of unrest through the views of extreme sectarians. The visit of Dr. Macky acted like a match in a keg of gunpowder, and we foresaw this long before his advent. The rioting on Friday last did not eventuate from one particular denomination, because youths of all religions took a free hand in the bombardment of the meeting place. Let us hope that last Friday night's riot will be the first and last to be witnessed in Temora.

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GLEANNINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR.

- April 26, Sunday.—Second Sunday after Easter. Saints Cletus and Marcellinus, Popes and Martyrs.
 „ 27, Monday.—St. Anastasius I., Pope and Confessor.
 „ 28, Tuesday.—St. Paul of the Cross, Confessor.
 „ 29, Wednesday.—St. Peter, of Verona, Martyr.
 „ 30, Thursday.—St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin.
 May 1, Friday.—Saints Philip and James, Apostles.
 „ 2, Saturday.—St. Athanasius, Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor.

Sts. Cletus and Marcellinus, Popes and Martyrs.

St. Cletus, the third Bishop of Rome, suffered martyrdom under Domitian about the year 89. St. Marcellinus occupied the throne of St. Peter during a period of eight years. He died in 304, after having endured many sufferings for the Faith in the cruel persecution of Diocletian.

St. Anastasius I., Pope and Confessor.

St. Anastasius, a Roman by birth, held the Pontifical office from 398 to 401. St. Jerome refers to him in terms of high commendation and declares him to have been 'a man of holy life, endowed with an apostolic solicitude and zeal.'

St. Paul of the Cross.

St. Paul was born near Genoa, in Italy. From childhood he showed a special devotion to the Passion of Christ. He founded the Congregation of the Passion, the members of which, besides the usual three vows, make a fourth—that they will do their utmost to keep alive in the hearts of the faithful the memory of our Lord's Passion. St. Paul died in Rome in 1775.

St. Peter of Verona, Martyr.

St. Peter was born at Verona, in Italy. At the age of 15 he was received into the Dominican Order by the great St. Dominic. To a profound humility he joined exceptional talents. He was very successful as a preacher, and in particular brought about the conversion of many Manichaean heretics, a sect which was still very numerous in the neighborhood of Milan. He met his death at the hands of some sectarians who, remaining obstinate in their heresy, were enraged at his successful efforts to propagate the genuine teaching of Christ, A.D. 1252.

St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin.

St. Catherine was born at Siena on March 25, 1347, and died at Rome, April 30, 1380. She entered the Dominican Order about 1364. Her spirit, eloquence, austerity, zeal, ecstasies, and revelations soon rendered her name famous. Catherine played an important political role. In the war which the united Guelphs and Ghibellines made on Pope Gregory XI., she retained the cities of Arezzo, Lucca, and Siena for the Pope. After that she went to Avignon to see the Sovereign Pontiff, reconciled him with the Florentines, and induced him to return to Rome. She was canonised by Pius II. in 1461.

St. Athanasius.

St. Athanasius, surnamed the Great, the greatest luminary among the Oriental Doctors, was the defender of the Church against the Arian heresy. He was born at Alexandria, about the year 296, ordained deacon in 319, and was chosen by Alexander, his bishop, to accompany him to the Council of Nice. To his acuteness, learning, and eloquence in that Council was principally owing the condemnation of Arianism. On the death of Alexander in 328 Athanasius became Patriarch of Alexandria, and during 45 years he withstood, often almost alone, the whole brunt of the Arian assault. He stood unmoved against four Roman emperors, was banished five times, was the butt of every wrong and calumny the Arians could devise, and lived in constant peril of death. Firm and unbending in defence of the Catholic faith, he merited the honorable title of 'Father of Orthodoxy.' He closed his stormy life in peace in 373. With few exceptions, the numerous works of St. Athanasius have an apologetical and polemical tenor, having been written in defence of Catholicity against paganism and heresy. His dictation and style are clear, full of deep sense, strength, and solid reasoning. The first of his works are his two discourses, 'Against the Gentiles' and 'On the Incarnation, which form one work addressed to a convert from heathenism, and which were written before the Arian controversy had broken out. Most of his other works have a direct bearing upon that heresy. St. Athanasius is, however, not the author of the famous Creed bearing his name, as it was compiled in Latin in the fifth or sixth century.

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