

INTERCOLONIAL

Sunday, May 24, was the centenary of the first Mass celebrated in Parramatta.

The Rev. Father George Robinson, of Camberwell, Victoria, has left on a trip to the United States and Europe. He will be back in August.

The Rev. Father Campion, of Parkes, and the Rev. Father O'Driscoll, of Bungendore, have gone on a trip to Ireland.

The Very Rev. Dean O'Keeffe, of Yass, is going on a few months' holiday. During his absence the Rev. T. J. Cleary, of Burrowa, will be administrator of Yass, and Father E. Laide goes from Yass to Burrowa to replace Father Cleary.

The 'Freeman's Journal,' referring to the South Sea Islands' excursion, says that there will be as many, if not more, tourists from Victoria as from New South Wales. Tasmania, New Zealand, and Queensland are all represented in the list of passengers already booked.

A few Sundays ago the Archbishop of Melbourne laid the memorial stone of St. Joseph's new presbytery, Collingwood, to cost £3000. The collection taken up at the ceremony reached the handsome sum of £400, which included £25 from the Archbishop and a similar amount from Rev. Father O'Brien, pastor of the parish.

On Sunday, May 24, the Right Rev. Dr. Corbett, Bishop of Sale, opened a new Catholic church at Morwell. The total cost of the sacred edifice was £3000, two-thirds of which had been received before the opening. A sum of £360 was received at the ceremony.

The hon. secretaries of the Home Rule Fund Executive, Sydney, have received a letter from Mr. John Redmond, in which he says:—'By the end of the session when we know the fate of the Land Bill, we will be in a better position to decide on the advisability of sending a delegation of our members to Australia. Meantime, please accept the assurance of our deep gratitude for the assistance that you have already given to us.'

The Marist Fathers are having a new schooner built in Sydney to replace the *Eclipse*, which was wrecked some months ago in the South Sea Islands. The new craft, which will not be quite so large as the *Eclipse*, is being erected at Blue's Point, North Sydney, from plans by Captain Grainger. It is expected she will be completed in two months.

His Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Dunne (Bishop of Bathurst) has lately been in poor health, and, speaking at the laying of the foundation stone of the new presbytery at Bathurst, he said he made this strong appeal—perhaps it might be the final appeal—as his health was getting very shattered lately, and he did not know how long he might hold out, and when he would have to take the place occupied by his late predecessor. But as long as God spared him he would work for the advancement of religion. He was as ill as he could be, and had been ordered not to speak. But for this he would have sought to speak with such force as to galvanise the people into enthusiasm.

The death of the late Monsignor Rigney recalls an incident, perhaps long-forgotten, but which at the time caused some amusement amongst the Dean's circle of friends, especially when the priest told the story as against himself. One day while engaged superintending the erection of the Wollongong church he fell from a height and injured one of his legs. A little lad who was running about the place at the time (A. Sheehy), afterwards Archpriest Sheehy, was despatched in hot haste to the chemist for a preparation. In breathless haste the lad rushed into the chemist's shop (doctors were then an unknown quality in Wollongong), and startled the chemist by demanding to be forthwith served with 'A yaid of sticking-plaster for Dean Rigney's leg.'

At a meeting of the parishioners of St. Patrick's, Parramatta, and the districts in which the late Monsignor Rigney had ministered, it was decided that the memorial should take the form of a bell to be erected in the tower of St. Patrick's Church. It was also arranged to renovate the Mortuary Chapel in the Parramatta North Cemetery, where rest the remains of the deceased prelate, together with those of the late Dean Coffey and the late Rev. Father McCarthy. A suitable memorial tablet is to be placed in the front of the chapel, or in St. Patrick's Church opposite the tablet to the memory of the late Dean Coffey, in further commemoration of the late Monsignor.

Apocryphal of the recent visit of his Grace Archbishop Kelly to Hartley, the first Catholic Church was erected there in 1839 by the Rev. Father W. R. Ullathorne (afterwards Archbishop). The first priest stationed there was the Rev. Father Hand, who presided over the mission in the penal days until death. He was succeeded by the Rev. Father Peter O'Farrell, after him came the Rev. Father John Grant, who was afterwards Dean of Bathurst, where he died in 1863. The late Rev. Father Phealan succeeded Mr. Grant, and it is to Rev. Father Phealan that the progress of religion during a period of 20 years is principally ascribed. Rev. Father Phealan was removed to St. Mary's, near Penrith, in 1876, where he died a few years ago. The Rev. Father Birch, now at Bungendore, succeeded Rev. Father Phealan in 1876, and remained until 1880, when the Rev. Father J. J. Garvey was appointed P.P., and after his death came the Rev. Father P. Ryan, who was the last resident pastor.

Friends at Court

GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR.

- June 14, Sunday.—Second Sunday after Pentecost. St. Basil, Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor.
 „ 15, Monday.—St. John of Facundo, Confessor.
 „ 16, Tuesday.—St. Antoninus, Bishop and Confessor.
 „ 17, Wednesday.—St. Paschal I., Pope and Confessor.
 „ 18, Thursday.—Octave of Corpus Christi.
 „ 19, Friday.—Feast of the Sacred Heart.
 „ 20, Saturday.—St. Silverius, Pope and Martyr.

St. Basil, Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor.

St. Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia, was born at Caesarea about the year 330. Two of his brothers, Gregory and Peter, became bishops, the former of Nyssa, the latter of Sebaste, and are also honored by the Church as saints. Basil studied with great success at Athens, where he became intimate with Gregory Nazianzen. The two friends vied with each other both in learning and in the practice of virtue. 'We know but two streets in the city,' said Gregory, 'the one leading to the church and the other leading to the schools.' They remained at Athens four or five years, where they also made the acquaintance of Julian, who afterwards earned the evil name of apostate. Having received baptism in 357, Basil visited the monastic institutions of Syria and Egypt, and founded several monasteries in Pontus and Cappadocia. He became Father of monasticism in the East. The Basilians are to this day the principal religious Order in the Oriental Church. In 364 Basil was ordained priest by Bishop Eusebius, successor of Dianius, and on the death of that prelate, was chosen Bishop of Caesarea, in 370. He was an instrument in the hand of God for beating back the Arian and Macedonian heresies in the East. His energy and zeal, learning and eloquence, and the exceeding austerity and holiness of his life, have gained for him the reputation of one of the greatest bishops of the Church, and his character and works have earned for him the surname 'Great.' Basil died in 379. His works are of a theological or an ascetical and ethical character, and embrace also sermons and commentaries.

St. Antoninus, Bishop and Confessor.

St. Antoninus, who was a native of Florence, became at an early age a member of the Order of St. Dominic. At the invitation of Pope Eugene IV., he assisted at the General Council of Florence. Elected Archbishop of Florence, he gave a signal example of Christian charity on the occasion of a pestilence which raged in that city during a whole year. St. Antoninus died in 1459.

St. Paschal I., Pope and Confessor.

St. Paschal became Pope in 817, and during a pontificate of nearly eight years he manifested great energy in building churches, hospices, and convents, and in restoring and beautifying the sacred edifices which already existed. He was also solicitous in providing for the wants of the Greek Christians whom the persecutions of the Iconoclasts had driven from the East.

St. Silverius, Pope and Confessor.

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.

At this season everybody is liable to Coughs and Colds. Avoid all danger by taking TUSSICURA.—***

Mr. A. Sligo, the well-known bookseller, of George street, Dunedin, notifies our readers that he has just opened up an extensive stock of Catholic prayer books, in cloth, leather, and superior bindings, at prices to suit the requirements of all patrons....

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You may be TOO LATE to take part in the first distribution, but you can START EARLY for the next, which closes on 30th November next. In these distributions the smallest consumer has a chance, as coupons not sent in for present distribution can be saved and sent in for the next, or any future one. Bonuses distributed on 31st May and 30th November in each year. Remember "Kosie" Tea is sold at 1s 6d, 1s 9d and 2s. GOLDEN TIPS, a specially choice high-grown Tea, at 2s 6d.—***