

INTERCOLONIAL

The Rev. P. Sheehy, late of St. Vincent's Church, Redfern, has been appointed to St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney.

The Very Rev. Father M. O'Brien, O.S.A., V.G., of the Vicariate Apostolic of Cooktown, has just returned from a 12 months' visit to Ireland and the Continent of Europe.

The Rev. Father P. C. Cregan has been appointed Administrator of St. Mary's Cathedral during the absence of his Eminence the Cardinal and Dean O'Haran in Rome. Father Cregan was Administrator of St. Mary's last year while his Eminence and the Dean were in Europe.

The Sydney 'Freeman's Journal' notes the arrival in New South Wales on a health holiday of the Rev. Father Marnane, S.M., and Mr. John Barrett, of Christchurch. Mr. Barrett, remarks our contemporary, looks an almost youthful giant when it is remembered that as far back as the early sixties he took a patriotic Irishman's part in the promotion of the Irish question on the Maoriland goldfields and elsewhere.

By his will the late Hon. J. T. Toohey, of Sydney, bequeathed £100 to each of the following charitable institutions.—Little Sisters of the Poor, Randwick; Hospital Holy Child, Lewisham; St. Vincent's Home for Destitute Boys, Westmead; St. Joseph's Orphanage, Kincumber, Good Samaritan's Home, Manly; St. Vincent's Hospital; Infant's Home, Ashfield; St. Margaret's Maternity Home; Waitara Foundling Hospital.

The following is a copy of a letter received by his Eminence Cardinal Moran from his Excellency Sir Harry Rawson, Governor of New South Wales, prior to the Cardinal's departure for Rome:—'My Lord Cardinal,—Hearing that your Eminence is about to leave Sydney for Rome, I wish personally to express my sorrow at the cause which is taking you, and the hope that it may please Divine Providence to restore to health his Holiness the Pope, and that he may be spared to the Catholic Church and to the World, for all, no matter how much they may differ in forms of religion, must have a reverence and esteem for one who has for so long and so ably ruled over so large a proportion of the human race. I trust that on your arrival in Rome you may find that his Holiness, in spite of the great age he has attained, has yet years of life before him.'

His Eminence Cardinal Moran and Very Rev. Dean O'Haran joined the R.M.S. Oroya at Melbourne en route for Rome. The Cardinal learned of the Pope's death at one of the wayside stations, and he was deeply affected by the intelligence—a fact which immediately became apparent when the train arrived at Spencer street, and he was welcomed by the Archbishop of Melbourne and Bishops Moore and Corbett. There were a number of prominent clergymen and laymen at the station. The bell of St. Patrick's Cathedral tolled all the morning, and the Papal flag was displayed from the tower. The Cardinal drove with the Archbishop direct to the Port Melbourne pier, and boarded the outgoing vessel. The vessel, flying her flag at half-mast, steamed out of the port a few minutes later. In an interview, which was necessarily of the briefest description, Cardinal Moran said that the announcement of the death of the Pope would make no change in the arrangements which he had made, and consequently he would continue his journey to Rome. Referring more particularly to the death of Leo XIII., he said 'Great as is the sense of the loss felt by Catholics at the death of the Sovereign Pontiff, still they have derived great comfort and consolation from the universal manifestations of esteem and reverence shown during his illness by those who did not owe him spiritual allegiance.'

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CLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

- August 9, Sunday.—Tenth Sunday after Pentecost. St. Emygdus, Bishop and Martyr.
 „ 10, Monday.—St. Lawrence, Martyr.
 „ 11, Tuesday.—St. Sixtus II., Pope and Martyr.
 „ 12, Wednesday.—St. Clare, Virgin.
 „ 13, Thursday.—St. Philomene, Virgin and Martyr.
 „ 14, Friday.—St. Hormisdas, Pope and Confessor.
 „ 15, Saturday.—Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

St. Emygdus, Bishop and Martyr.

St. Emygdus, a native of Rhenish Prussia, was consecrated Bishop of Ascalon by Pope Marcellus. After a saintly life, memorable for the miracles which God wrought through his instrumentality, he was martyred during the persecution of Diocletian.

St. Lawrence, Martyr.

St. Lawrence, deacon and martyr, was born near Huesca, Spain. He was the chief among the seven deacons of the Roman Church. In the year 258 Pope Sixtus was lead out to die, and St. Lawrence stood by, weeping that he could not share his fate. The holy Pope comforted him with the words: 'Do not weep, my son; in three days you will follow me.' This prophecy came true. The prefect of the city knew the rich offerings which the Christians put into the hands of the clergy, and he demanded the treasures of the Roman Church from Lawrence, their guardian. The saint promised, at the end of three days, to show him riches exceeding all the wealth of the empire, and set about collecting the poor, the infirm, and the religious who lived by the alms of the faithful. He then bade the prefect 'see the treasures of the Church.' Christ, whom Lawrence had served in his poor, gave him strength in the conflict which ensued. Roasted over a slow fire, he made sport of his pains. 'I am done enough,' he said, 'eat if you will.' His remains were buried in the Catacombs of Campo Verano. Constantine built over his tomb a basilica, which is one of the fine patriarchal churches and one of the seven principal stations.

St. Sixtus II., Pope and Martyr.

St. Sixtus, a Greek by birth, ruled the Church for about a year. He was beheaded three days before St. Lawrence, in 258.

St. Clare, Virgin.

St. Clare of Assisi, who renounced wealth and rank to embrace the religious state was remarkable for her love of poverty and her devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. She became, under the direction of St. Francis of Assisi, the founder of a very strict religious Order, the members of which practised the most rigorous austerities. She died in her 60th year, A.D. 1253.

St. Philomene, Virgin.

St. Philomene was one of those countless martyrs who sealed their faith with their blood in the persecution of the Roman Emperors. The date and manner of her death are uncertain.

St. Hormisdas, Pope and Confessor.

St. Hormisdas, who was unanimously elected Pope on the death of St. Symmachus, in 514, displayed great energy in propagating the Gospel, and eradicating heresy and schism. He died in 523.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The word assumption is a term employed to-day in the language of the Church to signify the miraculous removal into heaven of the Blessed Virgin Mary, body and soul. Jesus Christ, before dying, having recommended His Mother to St. John, this Apostle took care of her, and it is believed that she followed him to Asia, and finally settled at Ephesus, where she died. The Church honors her death under the name of 'deposition, rest, sleep, passage,' since the beginning of the fifth century, as it appears from a letter of the Ecumenical Council at Ephesus, of the year 431. Since the century following, the faithful commenced to distinguish the Assumption from the other solemnities of the Blessed Virgin. About the end of the seventh century, the belief in her resurrection became current. We find this pointed out under the name of Assumption in the ancient martyrology attributed to St. Jerome, and in the Sacramentaries of Popes St. Gelasius and St. Gregory. The Feast of the Assumption is celebrated on August 15th. In regard to this assumption or resurrection of body and soul of the Blessed Virgin into heaven it is no article of faith, but only a common opinion which it would be rash to contradict.