

INTERCOLONIAL

Latest advices state that the Very Rev. Dean Phelan, of Melbourne, is rapidly recovering from his severe illness.

His Grace Archbishop Dunne sent a letter of condolence to Archdeacon David, administrator of the diocese, on the death of the late Protestant Bishop of Brisbane, Right Rev. Dr. Webber.

The Rev. P. Rafferty, who was transferred from South Melbourne to Kilmore, has been presented with a purse of sovereigns and an address by his late parishioners.

St. Anthony's Convent, Coolgardie, which has been erected at a cost of £8000 for the Sisters of Mercy, was opened on Sunday, August 2, by Bishop Gibney, of Perth.

The Right Rev. Mgr. O'Hea, of Melbourne, is seriously ill, his advanced years and consequent infirmities rendering his ultimate recovery unlikely.

The Very Rev. J. J. Herbert, of Mortlake and Terang, diocese of Ballarat, who has just returned from a 12 months' holiday in Europe, was given a warm welcome home by his people in Terang. The Terang branch of the H.A.C.B.S. presented him with a handsome illuminated address.

A letter has been received in Sandhurst from his Lordship the Most Rev. Dr. Reville, O.S.A., from his native county of Wexford. He was, at the time of writing, in good health, and stated that he was then about to visit Kerry, where he would spend the month of August.

A centenarian, Mrs. Bridget Moore, who resided at Redan, Ballarat died recently. She was a native of County Clare, Ireland, and arrived in the State 30 years ago. Until recently the deceased regularly walked 2½ miles every Sunday to Mass.

A striking feature of the imposing Requiem in the Cathedral for the late Pope (writes a Melbourne correspondent) was the cosmopolitan character of the congregation estimated at from 8000 to 10,000. The great and good Pontiff, whom all the world loved, gloried in the title of the father and friend of the toiling masses, and that he held a deep place in their hearts let that great gathering and the thousand and one others the wide world over bear testimony. The secular leading papers are forcibly impressed by the non-Catholic tributes to Leo's memory, and remark that a generation ago such a remarkable fact could scarcely have happened.

Signora Majeroni, the talented and popular actress, so well known to Melbourne playgoers (says the 'Advocate'), expired at her residence, Carlton, August 8. The gifted artist first appeared on the Melbourne stage in October, 1875. She and her late husband were amongst the leaders in the Ristori Dramatic Company. Her two sons have embraced the theatrical profession. In her public and private life, the eminent artist was highly respected. Signora Majeroni received the last rites of the Church.

...The Rev. J. J. Fogarty, who, through ill-health and climatic influence, has been compelled to resign the charge of the Berrigan parish, was the recipient of a touching farewell from his parishioners of Berrigan Tocumwal, Barogga, and Savernake. The presentations took the form of an address and purse of sovereigns. Father Fogarty was in charge of the mission for three years, and effected many improvements to the church property, besides winning esteem and popularity among all classes.

At the Provincial Chapter of the Calced Carmelites, Dublin, the Prior of the Port Melbourne Monastery (Very Rev. T. Kelly, O.C.C.) was elected Prior and President of Terenure College, County Dublin, and the Very Rev. P. O'Dwyer, Prior of the Adelaide community. The Very Rev. P. Magennis, succeeds Prior Kelly at Port Melbourne. The parishioners are organising a joint testimonial to the rev. gentlemen who will soon leave for their new spheres of labor in the cause of education and religion. Since his appointment to the Port Melbourne Priory, in succession to Prior Butler, Dr. Kelly made strenuous efforts to liquidate a debt of £10,000 on the mission of Port Melbourne and Middle Park. His efforts were backed not only by the parishioners but likewise by priests and people throughout Victoria. The debt has now been reduced to modest proportions, and very liberal terms have been obtained from the bank which advanced the capital.

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CLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

- August 30, Sunday.—Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost. St. Fiacre, Confessor.
 „ 31, Monday.—St. Raymond Nonnatus, Confessor.
 September 1, Tuesday.—St. Ludovicus, Confessor.
 „ 2, Wednesday.—St. Stephen of Hungary, King.
 „ 3, Thursday.—St. Elizabeth of Portugal, Queen.
 „ 4, Friday.—St. Rose of Viterbo, Virgin.
 „ 5, Saturday.—St. Lawrence Justinian, Bishop and Confessor.

St. Fiacre, Confessor.

St. Fiacre was an Irishman, who, having crossed over into France, lived for many years in a solitude not far from the city of Meaux. His life there was most austere—a continued exercise of prayer and heavenly contemplation, which he interrupted only to afford relief to the poor, or to attend to those who, led by the fame of his sanctity, came to seek his advice. After his death, in 670, his tomb became famous for numerous miracles, and was resorted to by pilgrims from all parts of France.

St. Raymond Nonnatus, Confessor.

According to the rule laid down by Christ that Christian proves himself His most faithful disciple, and gives the surest proof of his love of God, who most perfectly loves his neighbor for God's sake. Judged by this test of true sanctity, St. Raymond should rank high among the saints. Born in Spain, in 1204, he gave not only his property but all his liberty, and even exposed himself to the most cruel torments, and risked his very life in order to promote the spiritual welfare, and accomplish the redemption of Christians held in captivity by the Moors. After a life wholly spent in the service of his neighbor, he died near Barcelona in 1240.

St. Stephen, King of Hungary.

One of the first acts of St. Stephen, King of Hungary, on ascending the throne was to unite himself to Latin Christendom. By his marriage with Gisela, the sister of Emperor Henry II., he became closely connected with Catholic Germany, whose civilisation he sought, by every means, to introduce among his subjects. Assisted by German and Bohemian priests, Stephen succeeded in extending the Christian religion over the whole kingdom; throughout the land churches and monasteries rose. He sent an embassy to Pope Sylvester II., and received from him the present of a royal crown and a papal edict empowering him to regulate the ecclesiastical affairs of his realm. His religious zeal gained him the title of 'Apostolic King' from Pope Sylvester II., with the right of having the cross borne before him.

St. Elizabeth, Queen of Portugal.

St. Elizabeth, Queen of Portugal, was a daughter of Pedro III., of Arragon, being named after her aunt, St. Elizabeth of Hungary. At 12 years of age she was given in marriage to Denis, King of Portugal, and from being a holy child became a saintly wife. Her husband caused her much sorrow, both by his unfounded jealousy and by his infidelity to her. Her patience and the wonderful charity with which she ever cherished the children of her rivals, completely won the king from his evil ways, and he became a devoted husband and a truly Christian king. She built many charitable institutions and religious houses, among others a convent of Poor Clares. After her husband's death she wished to enter this Order; but being dissuaded by her people, she took the habit of the Third Order of St. Francis, and spent the rest of her life in redoubled austerities and almsgiving.

St. Lawrence Justinian, Bishop and Confessor.

St. Lawrence Justinian, who was the first Patriarch of Venice, was born in that city about the year 1380. He was General of the Canons Regular of the Congregation of St. George, was appointed Bishop of Venice in 1433, and Patriarch in 1451. He built at Venice 10 churches and several monasteries.

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