

## INTERCOLONIAL

A fine new brick church at Mentone was solemnly blessed and opened by his Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne on Sunday, June 10. The dedicatory discourse was delivered by the Very Rev. M. J. Maher, C.M.

The death has occurred, at a ripe old age, of Sister Zoe, of St. Joseph's Convent, Albany. She was the last of the band of four Sisters who arrived in Fremantle 51 years ago from Dijon, in France.

The death has occurred at the age of 85 years of Mr. Patrick O'Day, one of the few remaining pioneers of Ballarat. Deceased, who for many years carried on business at Brown Hill, was the father of Councillor O'Day, of the Bungaree shire.

The Sydney Labor Council has recorded its appreciation of the lifelong service rendered the cause of Labor by the late Mr. Michael Davitt. This fact has been reported to Mr. W. C. Steadman, secretary of the Trades Union Congress committee in London.

Sister Matthias, one of the oldest members of the Sisters of St. Joseph, died at the convent, Port Adelaide, on June 2. She had been stationed at Port Adelaide for many years, and had previously had charge of the school at Balaklava. Sister Matthias was a great favorite, and her death is much regretted.

The Ven. Archpriest Sheehy, on the occasion of his retirement from the sacred ministry, was entertained at a banquet at Audley, National Park, by the priests, regular and secular, of the archdiocese. His Eminence the Cardinal presided, and presented the guest with a beautifully illuminated address on behalf of his confreres.

About sixty of the ladies of St. Mary's congregation, Mudgee, entertained Miss Halley, niece of the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Donovan, who is leaving the town with her uncle for Sydney, at a complimentary tea. She was presented with a gold diamond bangle and an address, in which complimentary reference was made to her work on behalf of the Church. The presentation was made by Mrs. E. Daly.

To mark the twenty-first year of the Rev. Father John Foley's ministration in the Manning district, his parishioners entertained him at a complimentary social and made him a handsome presentation. The proceedings took place at Taree, representatives being present from the various centres. Mr. D. A. McDonnell was chairman, and, after a musical programme had been performed, he read several communications, notably from the Right Rev. Dr. Dwyer, Coadjutor-Bishop of Maitland, Canon Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. McGrath, and Mrs. Stone. The address was couched in most eulogistic terms, and spoke of Father Foley's devoted ministry. The accompanying purse contained 85 sovereigns.

The Rev. P. J. Dowling, C.M., lecturer to the Technological Department in Ireland (says the Sydney 'Freeman's Journal'), was a well-known figure in this State a few years ago. It was he who, as vice-president of St. Stanislaus' College, Bathurst, betook himself, his oxy-hydrogen lantern, and his genial and eloquent persuasiveness, to various centres of population, and by means of lectures equipped the college with its splendid physics hall, which is second to none in Australia, and is presided over by a priest-scientist in the person of Father Slattery, C.M., second to few in the world. It was largely owing to Father Dowling's successful efforts that Father Slattery was able to achieve the distinction of first introducing the Rontgen Rays to Australia, and first also to give practical demonstration from 'the hill' of Marconi's wireless telegraphy.

On Sunday, June 3, an impressive ceremony took place at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne, when his Grace the Archbishop formally unveiled and blessed the handsome new stained-glass windows that have recently been erected in the clerestory and side chapels. Those in the clerestory—five in number—have for their subjects St. Peter receiving the keys, St. Patrick and St. Brigid, St. Columba and St. Columbanus, St. Francis Assisi, and St. Finbar and St. Malachy. The first three have been erected by the Misses Tobin, St. Kilda, at a total cost of £180. and the fourth window, which also cost £60, is the gift of Mr. and Mrs. J. Newman, East Melbourne. The two windows in St. Joseph's chapel are donated by Mr. and Mrs. D. Slattery, East Melbourne. The donors of the window previously erected there, and in St. Brigid's chapel two handsome windows are the gift of the Very Rev. Father Quilter, St. Francis', the third being erected by Mr. P. Sheppard, East Melbourne. An anonymous donor is responsible for the beautiful window in St. Thomas' chapel, and all the windows represent a total cost of £780.

## Friends at Court

## CLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

June 24, Sunday.—Third Sunday after Pentecost. St. John the Baptist.  
 " 25, Monday.—St. Gallican, Martyr.  
 " 26, Tuesday.—SS. John and Paul, Martyrs.  
 " 27, Wednesday.—St. William, Abbot.  
 " 28, Thursday.—St. Leo II., Pope and Confessor.  
 " 29, Friday.—SS. Peter and Paul, Apostles.  
 " 30, Saturday.—Commemoration of St. Paul, Apostle.

## St. John the Baptist.

St. John the Baptist, the precursor of the Messiah, was born six months before Jesus Christ, and was the son of Zacharias and Elizabeth. He was the last representative of the Prophets of the Old Covenant; his work was to announce the way for and to prepare the advent of the promised Messiah. John was put to death by the order of Herod, at the instigation of Herodias, whose licentiousness he had the boldness to reprove.

## St. Gallican, Martyr.

St. Gallican, a Roman officer of high rank, resigned his position in order to devote himself to the service of the sick poor. He received the crown of martyrdom at Alexandria, in Egypt, during the reign of Julian the Apostate, about the year 362.

## SS. John and Paul, Martyrs.

Like St. Gallican, these two Roman officers were martyred during the reign of Julian the Apostate. Their names have always been famous in the Church, but only scanty records have been preserved of their lives and sufferings.

## St. William, Abbot.

St. William, a native of Northern Italy, inspired with the desire of leading a penitential life, retired to a lonely spot named Monte Vergine, near Benevento. Having been followed by many persons desirous to place their souls under his guidance, he established a religious congregation, which was afterwards united to the Benedictine Order. St. William died in 1142.

## St. Leo II., Pope and Confessor.

St. Leo was a Sicilian by birth. During a short pontificate of nineteen months he enacted many wise and useful laws for the reform of discipline and the regulation of Divine worship. St. Leo passed to a better life A.D. 683.

## SS. Peter and Paul, Apostles.

St. Peter was known originally as Simon Barjona—that is, Simon, son of John. The name Peter, which means rock, was given to him by our Divine Lord to signify that he was to be the solid foundation of Christ's future Church. 'I say to thee,' said Christ, 'that thou art Peter (that is, Rock), and upon this rock I will build My Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it,' etc. This solemn promise of Christ was fulfilled after His Resurrection, when He said to St. Peter, 'Feed My lambs, feed My sheep,' words which, in the figurative language of the East, signify the exercise of supreme power over the Church. The principal events in the life of St. Peter—his imprisonment, his government of the Church from Antioch, and finally from Rome—are commemorated by special feasts. Today we consider more particularly the glorious death by which he atoned for his former denial of his Divine Master. St. Peter was crucified at Rome, under the Emperor Nero, about the year 67. St. Paul is associated with St. Peter in this day's solemnity because, after having labored with him for the conversion of Rome, he received the crown of martyrdom on the same day.

## Commemoration of St. Paul, Apostle.

The miraculous conversion of St. Paul is commemorated on January 25. After his baptism he spent three years preparing himself in solitude and prayer for the work of the Apostolate. At the end of that time he proceeded to Jerusalem to confer with St. Peter. During his stay in the Holy City he preached in the synagogues with such success that the fanatical Jews endeavored to take away his life. The missionary career on which he thus entered terminated only with his death.

Tell us not our days are numbered;  
 That nothing on this earth can save  
 Us,—by coughs and colds encumbered,  
 Struggling for mastery o'er the grave.  
 To the rescue comes undaunted,  
 Life's panacea, strong and pure,  
 Striking home the truth that's vaunted  
 Of the WOODS' GREAT PEPPERMINT CURE.