

# Diocesan News

## ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

June 18.

His Grace the Archbishop returned on Tuesday from a visit to Reefton, where he administered the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The organ at the Sacred Heart Basilica, which experts pronounce as one of the finest in the city, is to be improved by the addition of seven combined pedals.

On the 27th inst., the anniversary of the late Very Rev. Father Lewis, a Requiem Mass will be celebrated at the Sacred Heart Basilica.

It is the general opinion that the Sisters of Mercy have acquired a very fine property through the purchase of Mr. Bannister's land in Sussex square.

The recent mission by Rev. Father Lowham, of the Redemptorist Order, at Kilbirnie, demonstrated the fact that there is a large resident population of Catholics in that suburb.

Kilbirnie has decided to have its first parish social, and arrangements are now being made for the gathering, which is to be held in O'Donnell's Hall on the last Wednesday of this month.

The Very Rev. Father Clune, C.S.S.R., was expected from Auckland early in the week. Father Lowham is to conduct retreats at Dunedin, and Rev. Father Creagh, C.S.S.R., to go on a similar mission to Westland.

The Catholics of Muritai are working hard to make their first parish social, on Wednesday next, a great success. Free passages by boat to the seaside suburb are being provided, and a pleasant outing is expected.

The fifth annual social of the St. Patrick's College Old Boys' Association is to be held in the Sydney Street Schoolroom on Tuesday, June 30. All the necessary arrangements are being made to ensure the gathering being the success of the season.

One of our Catholic young men, Mr. John E. Fitzgerald, of Kaiwarra, has announced himself as a candidate for the newly constituted suburban seat at the coming election. Mr. Fitzgerald, B.A., is a member of the local club, a fluent speaker, and should give a good account of himself.

A meeting is to be held on Sunday evening between representatives of the Hibernian Society and the newly-formed Catholic Club at South Wellington. It is expected that arrangements will be made for the new club securing the use of the club rooms now leased to the Hibernians, and used by them for club purposes.

The well-known Catholic family, Mrs. T. Dwan, sen., and Messrs Thomas and Lamartine Dwan, her sons, have recently obtained from Italy a very fine marble monument, which is now being placed in position over the grave of the late Thomas Dwan, sen. The monument, when finished, will be one of the most artistic at Karori.

## DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

June 15.

I regret to learn that the health of the Very Rev. Father Marnane, S.M., pastor of St. Mary's, Manchester street, still continues extremely unsatisfactory.

The Very Rev. Father Clune, C.S.S.R., opened a Mission at Rangiora on last Sunday. He will probably be engaged in the parish for about a month.

It is intended, weather permitting, to have the usual outdoor procession of the Blessed Sacrament in the Cathedral grounds next Sunday in honour of the feast of Corpus Christi, patronal feast of the Cathedral.

The quarterly ecclesiastical conference of the clergy of the deanery of North Canterbury was held on last Tuesday at Hawarden. In the unavoidable absence of the Very Rev. Dean Ginaty, S.M., V.C., the Ven. Archpriest Le Menant des Chesnais, S.M., presided.

His Lordship the Bishop made an episcopal visitation at Fairlie on Sunday, and also administered the Sacrament of Confirmation. On next Sunday his Lordship will be at Temuka. On the Tuesday following he returns to the city, preparatory to the opening of the new chapel of the Sisters of the Missions, and on next Sunday week the Bishop is to pontificate in the Cathedral on the occasion of the transferred feast day of his Lordship. On the following Sunday he is to be at Geraldine.

A very enjoyable musical and dramatic entertainment, promoted by the Christchurch Catholic Club in aid of the stall-furnishing fund of St. Mary's Church bazaar, Manchester street, was given in the local school hall on last Thursday evening. There was a large attendance, and the various items of a well-arranged programme were evidently fully appreciated. Miss McGillieuddy was an efficient accompanist, and also opened the first and second parts with well-played piano solos, 'Zampa' and 'A Storm at Sea.' Songs were given by Misses Parker and Lena Bryan, Messrs S. Allwright, D. J. Gibson, L. Quinn, B. G. Stevens, and Master Hubert Narby. An amusing musical medley was very capably presented by Mrs. and Mr. D. J. Gibson, and a quartet was given by Messrs J. McGrath, S. Barton, J. McGrath, and A. Hutchinson (members of the Woolston Brass Band). Nearly every item on the programme was awarded the merit of a recall. The second part consisted of a brightly-performed comedy in one act, 'My Lord in Livery,' the various characters being sustained with considerable ability by Misses Bessie Fanning, Imelda McDonald, and K. McDonald, Messrs W. Chaman, Allan B. Young, Frank McDonald, and Master A. McDonald. Mr. Frank McDonald was stage manager, Mr. J. F. Devenport secretary, and Mr. P. C. J. Augarde was responsible for the arrangement of the programme.

## DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(By Telegraph.—From Our Own Correspondent.)

June 15.

The feast of Corpus Christi will be celebrated next Sunday at the Cathedral by solemn High Mass, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Dean Gillan, V.G., has taken the rooms at the Cathedral Presbytery, vacated by Father Holbrook. Much of his time will be spent as administrator at the Cathedral and Saint Benedict's.

The Quarant' Ore begins after the 11 o'clock Mass on Sunday, and terminates at High Mass on Tuesday morning. The preachers will be the Vicar General, and Rev. Fathers Kehoe and Edge. Rev. Father Brennan has been appointed to Saint Benedict's.

Mr. Ormond received a cable message to-day from his son, stating that the latter was ordained priest at Rome last Saturday.

Rev. Father Holbrook left last Saturday morning to take charge of Cambridge. Prior to his departure he received farewells from the Orphans, the children of St. Patrick's Convent Schools. Addresses were presented and read by Misses Leonora Foly and Annie Molloy, at the conclusion of which the little ones presented him with bouquets. A handsome dinner set and a beautiful hand-painted tea set were presented on behalf of the pupils by Rev. Father Murphy, who spoke eulogistically of Father Holbrook's work in the Convent and Sunday Schools. The recipient in felicitous terms thanked the children, and said he carried away the happiest remembrances of the Cathedral schools. The function closed by the children singing a farewell chorus.

At Father Holbrook's invitation, the house-to-house collectors assembled last Friday evening at the presbytery. Short speeches were made by Father Murphy and Mr. M. J. Sheahan, who regretted the departure of a good and zealous priest, who was untiring in his labours; it was duty with him before all else, his own personal comfort being last, with the result that his health broke down, and consequently a change was rendered necessary. Father Holbrook feelingly replied, and urged the collectors to continue their good work, so that when the Bishop returned