

Heart) at the Church of the Sacred Heart, North-East Valley. Solemn High Mass will be celebrated at 9 o'clock, at the conclusion of which there will be a procession, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and in the evening, after the usual devotions, a sermon will be preached, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament given. Masses will be celebrated at 7 and 9 o'clock on Saturday morning, and at the usual hours (8.30 and 11 o'clock) on Sunday. The members of St. Joseph's and St. Patrick's branches of the Hibernian Society, in regalia, are to attend the early Mass on Sunday morning, and to approach the Holy Table in a body. After Mass, the Hibernians will be entertained to breakfast in the Sacred Heart Schoolroom by the members of the Children of Mary Sodality. The Quarant' Ore will be solemnly closed on Sunday evening.

THE LATE MRS. JOHANNA O'SHEA

OBSEQUIES AT HAWERA.

(By telegraph from an esteemed correspondent.)

The funeral of the late Mrs. Johanna O'Shea, mother of the Coadjutor-Archbishop of Wellington, was one of the most impressive that have taken place in Hawera. After a short illness, Mrs. O'Shea passed away at the patriarchal age of 85 years, having had the happiness of receiving the last Sacraments at the hands of her son (Archbishop O'Shea). For close upon 50 years she was a pious, zealous, and devoted parishioner of St. Joseph's, Hawera. She was ever the right hand of the priest, and, when in her declining years she was unable to render active assistance, she gave, without stint, the aid of her sympathy and prayers. That this was appreciated by the parishioners was evidenced by the large congregations that attended the ceremonies of her burial. On Thursday evening Matins for the Dead were recited, and on Friday morning the Requiem was sung by his Grace Archbishop O'Shea, attended by a large number of priests from Wellington, Hawke's Bay, and the more neighboring districts. His Grace Archbishop Redwood, the venerable Metropolitan, who was attended at the throne by the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy and Dean McKeena, preached a very touching panegyric, recounting incidents of the practical faith of the deceased, which moved the congregation to tears. She had deserved well of the Church (said his Grace), having given one child who would be future Metropolitan of New Zealand, another who was head of a religious community of women in the archdiocese, and a third who was looked up to for his mental, civic, and moral qualities by the people of the district where he lived. The incidental music of the Mass and at the graveside was devotionally sung by the choir of St. Joseph's Church, assisted by the priests. The body was laid to rest beside that of her husband on the anniversary day of their marriage, and on the eighteenth anniversary of his burial. May they both rest in peace.

DIocese OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

June 20.

His Lordship Bishop Cleary has recovered sufficiently from his recent illness to allow of his departure from the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, where he has been a patient for the past few weeks. His Lordship left the hospital yesterday morning.

The Right Rev. Mgr. Gillan entered the Mater Misericordiae Hospital as a patient on last Saturday, and hopes to be able to leave to-morrow.

Sister M. Damien, of the Order of Sisters of St. Joseph, is a patient at the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, where she underwent an operation yesterday, and is now progressing as favorably as can be expected.

His Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Brodie, Bishop of Christchurch, arrived here on the 17th inst., and is the guest of the Right Rev. Dr. Cleary at the Bishop's Palace, Ponsonby.

On last Tuesday evening the Very Rev. Chancellor Holbrook addressed the Men's Confraternity of the Cathedral. He gave an interesting discourse on the famous scientist, Galileo.

At the Sacred Heart Church, Ponsonby, on Sunday last, 20 aspirants to the Sodality of the Children of Mary were consecrated as members, and 10 were received into the sodality by Father Carran, Adm.

The Provincial of the Sisters of St. Joseph (Sister Mary Laurencia) has returned to Auckland, after an absence of two months, during which time she has been visiting the various convents of the Order in the south.

There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 11 o'clock Mass at St. Benedict's Church, Newton, on last Sunday, with the usual Procession, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the evening.

We are pleased to welcome back Messrs. J. Foy and A. Blomley from active service. Both are of St. Benedict's parish, and in the past helped considerably in parochial undertakings. They held the positions of secretary of the School Committee and organiser of the Boys' Club, respectively, while being active members of the choir and of St. Benedict's Young Men's Club.

Great credit is due to the people of the Cathedral and St. Benedict's parishes for the generous manner in which they responded to the appeals on behalf of the Maori missions, made recently by Father Bowen. The total sum collected on the two Sundays runs into three figures.

Being in need of funds, the Catholic Women's Hostel Committee some time ago decided to promote a series of socials in St. Benedict's Hall. The first of these was held about the beginning of May, and was very successful. Their next social is to be held on July 2, and preparations are now well advanced to ensure an enjoyable and successful gathering.

A bazaar, in aid of the local church and convent, was held at Ellerslie, opening on June 2, and closing on June 7. Owing to the unavoidable absence through illness of his Lordship Bishop Cleary, the bazaar was formally opened by the Very Rev. Dean Cahill, of Parnell. Illness was also the cause of the absence of the parish priest, Right Rev. Mgr. Hackett. The bazaar resulted in a profit of about £270. As the art union in connection with the bazaar will not be drawn till October, the prospects are that the total net result will be well over £300. The stall-holders were:—Mesdames Armstrong, Boyes, Coleman, and Tooman. To them, their assistants, and others who helped so well towards the success of the bazaar great credit is due. Special thanks are also due to Messrs. G. Tooman (secretary), Armstrong (treasurer), M. Kelly, J. Leslie, Boyes, McCabe, and Jenyns. The result is especially gratifying by the fact, that the attendance being small, the same people were appealed to time after time.

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