

EASTER SUNDAY.

On Easter Sunday morning Masses were celebrated at 6.30, 7.30, 9, and Solemn High Mass at 11 o'clock. Very large numbers approached the Holy Table at the early Masses. At the High Mass Rev. Father Kaveney was celebrant, Rev. Dr. Kelly deacon, Rev. F. Skinner subdeacon, and Very Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., master of ceremonies. The music was Gounod's Third Mass. The choir also rendered the "Ecce Sacerdos Magnus," "Victime Paschali," and "Haec Dies." Mrs. Fraher sang Rossini's "O Salutaris." Mr. A. Vallis was organist, and Signor Squariso conducted. A sermon on the Resurrection was preached by Very Rev. Father Coffey. At the conclusion of Mass there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and many attended at the Cathedral during the afternoon in Adoration. After Compline in the evening a sermon on the day's festival was preached by Father Coffey, and was followed by procession and Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The profuse and tasteful altar decorations, and illuminations in the evening, reflected great credit on the ladies who render such devoted service in this regard.

Addressing the congregations both morning and evening at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday, the Very Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., tendered his best wishes for all the blessings of a happy, joyous Easter. Masses were celebrated on Easter Sunday at the suburban churches of St. Joseph's Cathedral parish—Sacred Heart Church, North-East Valley, St. Francis Xavier's Church, Mornington, and Church of the Immaculate Conception, Kaikorai.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

April 5.

The ceremonies of Holy Week were observed in their entirety at St. Mary's Church, Manchester Street. The Solemn Office of Tenebrae was chanted on Wednesday, Holy Thursday, and Good Friday evenings, the Lamentations being sung by Fathers Seymour, S.M., Moloney, S.M., Dowling, S.M., and Stewart, S.M. There was Solemn High Mass on Holy Thursday, Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M., being celebrant, Father Seymour deacon, and Father Roche subdeacon. The Altar of Repose was prepared and tastefully decorated by Mrs. Walter Clifford and Miss Holley. The deacons of the Passion on Good Friday morning were Fathers Dowling, Stewart, and Seymour. Veneration of the Cross was followed by Mass of the Pre-sanctified, Very Rev. Dean Regnault being celebrant. There was a crowded congregation. An impressive sermon on the Passion was preached in the evening by Father Stewart. A watch before the Altar of Repose was kept up on Thursday night and Good Friday morning by men of the congregation. Four Masses were celebrated on Easter Sunday morning, all of which were numerously attended, the greater portion approaching the Holy Table at the early Masses. There was Solemn High Mass at 11 o'clock, the Very Rev. Dean Regnault being celebrant, and Fathers Stewart and Roche deacon and subdeacon, respectively. The music of the Mass was Loesh's Mass of St. Elizabeth, capably rendered by the choir, conducted by Mr. W. T. Ward. At Vespers Father Dowling preached a fine discourse on the lesson conveyed in the Resurrection. The sanctuary and high altar were effectively decorated by the members of the Altar Society and Children of Mary.

Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M., on Sunday, in wishing the blessings of Easter, on behalf of himself and fellow-priests, to the congregation, expressed his appreciation of the work done during Holy Week by the choir, sodalities and societies of the parish.

His Lordship the Bishop entertained the Cathedral Choir on Sunday evening at the episcopal residence. He thanked the members for their attention to practice and for the pains taken to make the ceremonies of Holy Week devotional. Bishop Brodie made special reference to Mr. Bunz, the conductor, and congratulated him on the success attending his efforts. Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy supplemented the Bishop's remarks, and Mr. Bunz replied on behalf of the choir.

Holy Week commenced in the Cathedral, Barbadoes Street, on Palm Sunday, with the blessing and distribution of palms. The ceremonies were continued on Wednesday night by the singing of the Office of Tenebrae. On Holy Thursday there was a Solemn Pontifical High Mass and Consecration of the Holy Oils by his Lordship the Bishop. At the conclusion of the Mass the Blessed Sacrament was carried in procession to the Altar of Repose, where Adoration was continued during the remainder of the day and during the night. In the evening Tenebrae was again

sung, and was followed by a sermon on the Holy Eucharist, preached by the Rev. Father Andersen, who emphasised the great dignity conferred on the faithful by the gift of the Real Presence. On Good Friday his Lordship the Bishop celebrated the Mass of the Pre-sanctified, during which the Veneration of the Cross took place. A most impressive feature of the morning service was the singing of the Passion by the Rev. Fathers Cooney, Long, and Andersen. At 3 p.m. the Stations of the Cross were made. In the evening the Office of Tenebrae was sung for the last time, and was followed by a sermon on the Passion preached by the Rev. Father Long. During the week all services were attended by large congregations.

On Saturday morning the Blessing of the Paschal Candle, the Fire, and the Baptismal Font took place, after which the Solemn Mass of Easter Eve was celebrated. Father Murphy was celebrant, Father Long deacon, Father Andersen subdeacon, and Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy, Adm., master of ceremonies. On Easter Sunday Masses were celebrated at 7.30, 9.30, and 11. There was Solemn Pontifical Mass at 11 o'clock, his Lordship Bishop Brodie being celebrant, Father Farthing deacon, and Father Collins subdeacon. Father Bonetto was assistant priest. The music of the Mass was Gounod's "Messe Solennelle," capably rendered by the choir under Mr. Bunz. At the conclusion of the Mass, his Lordship imparted the Papal Blessing, and, in expressing to the congregation his best wishes for the Easter Festival, thanked the choir, the sacristan, the Marist Brothers and Sisters, and others for the splendid assistance rendered during the services of Holy Week. The congregations throughout were very large, and large numbers approached the Holy Table. In the evening at 7 o'clock Pontifical Vespers were sung. The Rev. Father Collins was assisted by Fathers Long and Bonetto, his Lordship the Bishop occupying the throne. The sermon by Dr. Brodie was an eloquent discourse on the text "If Christ be not risen from the dead, then is our preaching in vain."

THE FATE OF ST. ENDA'S COLLEGE.

Miss Alice O'Reilly, of New York, who paid a visit to Ireland last year, went to see Mrs. Pearse at St. Enda's College on November 6. She was greatly impressed by the mother of the martyred Pearse. "I cannot compare her to anyone I ever met before," she says. "With all reverence she reminds me of the Mother of God who gave her Blessed Son to save the world. She is one of the most beautiful characters imaginable."

Readers will remember (says the *Brooklyn Tablet*) that St. Enda's College was occupied for a time by English soldiers. How they treated the place we learn from Miss O'Reilly. She went round the place with Mehaul, the old gardener, who showed her the altar and statues of the Blessed Virgin, St. Joseph, St. Anthony, and the Sacred Heart desecrated and destroyed by the military. "Mrs. Pearse," she tells us, "paid £50 herself to repair the school alone, but the greenhouses and statuary are destroyed beyond repair. The latter were hacked by bayonets and trampled underfoot by soldiers."

This is not ancient history, my masters, but the history of our own time. Do you wonder that our boys did not like the "Tommy's"?

Miss O'Reilly's remarks about St. Enda's should interest our readers. "There are 25 pupils in the school," she says, "all splendid boys. There are 50 acres of fine fertile land attached to the college and they have a couple of cows and some pigs. But the place must be bought out before July, 1920, or be put up to public auction. . . . One of the teachers in St. Enda's taught there without salary for a whole year, just for love of the work, and the devotion shown to the ideals of Padraic Pearse by all connected with the school is really a wonderful thing."

It is to be hoped that the "Save St. Enda's Fund" will enable Mrs. Pearse to buy out the place and continue the college as a memorial of the first President of the Irish nation. Eamon de Valera is often referred to as the first President of the Irish nation, but he is the second. Padraic Pearse was the first, and the English foolishly imagined that when they murdered him there would never be another. Pearse died that Ireland might live, and Ireland will live. French and Macpherson may raid and raid, arrest and arrest, murder and murder, but they cannot destroy Irish nationality. The Irish people in establishing self-determination took a step from which no power on earth can make them recede.

Music is a kind of inarticulate speech which leads up to the edge of the infinite and lets us for moments gaze into it.