

Missions to be conducted at Grey Lynn and Avondale parishes towards the end of this month and during May have been arranged for.

The pupils of the Catholic schools in the city and suburbs are taking part in the children's display to be given in the Auckland Domain to welcome the Prince of Wales. All are now busily engaged in the preparations for the occasion.

The M.B.O.B. Football Club promises to be very strong this year. There will be at least one team for each grade, and the seniors especially are very enthusiastic over their chances. There is only one M.B.O.B. Football Club in Auckland—that playing Rugby.

On Good Friday evening his Lordship Bishop Cleary's discourse at St. Patrick's Cathedral was a meditation on the "Misereere," which was listened to with wrapt attention. On Saturday morning Father Forde, Adm., was the celebrant of the Mass, Father O'Sullivan was deacon, Father Buckley subdeacon, and Father Bradley master of ceremonies.

Rev. M. O'Ryan (late of St. Mary's, West Melbourne) and Rev. W. O'Sullivan (late of Carlton, Melbourne) were guests at the Cathedral Presbytery last week, and were most helpful in the ceremonies of Holy Week. They left en route for Ireland by the Makura on Tuesday last. Rev. Father Donnelly, of Milton, Goulburn diocese, was a passenger by the same steamer.

Rev. Father Hannigan, C.S.S.R., is at present giving a retreat to the students at the Sacred Heart College, Ponsonby, and on its conclusion will give a retreat at the Home for Aged Poor, under the care of the Little Sisters, Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby; following this, retreats will be given to the boys at Takapuna Orphanage and the girls at the Pah Orphanage, Onehunga.

A Napier M.B.O.B. junior football team played a local M.B.O.B. junior team in Auckland on Easter Monday. The game resulted in a win for Auckland by 11 points to 6. The visitors proved to be a fine team, and their conduct was the subject of much favorable comment. Mr. F. Tyne and his team are to be congratulated on the excellent impression they made on the people of the northern city.

His Lordship the Bishop pontificated at High Mass on Easter Sunday. The Cathedral Choir, under the very able conductorship of Mr. Leo Whittaker, A.T.C.L., gave an excellent rendering of Mercadante's Mass in B flat. The rendering of "Victimae Paschale," "Ince Dies," and the "Hallelujah Chorus" deserve special mention, as does also an "Ave Maria" (Kahn) which was very devotionally sung by Mr. Hubert Carter. Mr. G. Allen at the organ accompanied beautifully.

The solemn ceremony of profession took place in the convent chapel of St. Mary's, Ponsonby, on Wednesday last. His Lordship the Bishop celebrated the Mass and officiated at the ceremony. Very Rev. Dean Cahill, Very Rev. Chancellor Holbrook, and Father Carran assisted. Miss Moira Cavanagh (in religion Sister Mary Evangelist), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cavanagh, of Ngaruawahia, was the young lady who had the happiness of making her vows as a Sister of Mercy. The convent choir rendered the sacred music incidental to the occasion. At the conclusion of the ceremony the clergy and friends were guests of the community of Sisters of Mercy.

The Vermont Street School held its first swimming carnival yesterday at Point Erin Baths. Despite the threatening weather, there was a good attendance of supporters of the school and "Old Boys." The following are the results:—Standard VI. 50yds Handicap: E. Bradley (scr) 1, R. Darby 2. Standard V. 50yds Handicap: J. O'Connell (scr) 1, O. Moore (9sec) 2. Standard IV. 25yds Handicap: H. Wright (4sec) 1, R. Bradley (scr) 2. Standards III. and II. 20yds Handicap: E. Johnson 1, J. Mackay 2. Neat header: H. Garner 1, J. Sullivan 2. School Championship, 50yds: J. O'Connell 1, E. Bradley 2. District relay: City team (S. Lack, E. Bradley, R. Bradley, R. Callaghan) 1. Beginners' Race, 20yds: W. Downes 1, C. Hurley 2. Corfu dive: J. O'Connell 1. Candle Race: R. Darby 1. Cork Race: E. Bradley 1. The thanks of the Brothers and boys are due to Mr. T. Darby and Mr. J. Doody (Napier) for trophies.

Onehunga

(From our own correspondent.)

April 6.

We are all very pleased to see Miss Leahy restored to health, and hope soon to see her resuming the position of organist, which she has capably filled for many years.

Holy Week was observed with the usual solemnities. On Holy Thursday the Mass was celebrated by the Right Rev. Mgr. Mahoney, and large numbers approached the Holy Table. During the day a steady stream of worshippers kept watch before the Altar of Repose. The Mass of the Pre-sanctified, celebrated by Mgr. Mahoney on Good Friday, was numerously attended. There was the devotion of the Stations of the Cross in the afternoon, followed by an impressive sermon on the Passion by Father O'Byrne. A record number approached the Holy Table at early Mass on Easter Sunday. At 10 o'clock Mass (Missa Cantata) Father O'Byrne was celebrant, the incidental music being very capably rendered by the choir. At the evening devotions Father O'Byrne preached a sermon appropriate of the great feast of the day.

On Sunday afternoon the mortal remains of little Peggy Holton, a child who during her short life of nine years was remarkable for a great devotion to God's Altar, being continually associated with the Sister Sacristan in beautifying everything relating to it and its surroundings, were laid to rest at Waikaraka Cemetery. Her funeral was numerously attended by the parishioners, and also by the school children, who carried the remains from the hearse to and from the church and to the graveside. Father O'Byrne, who officiated at the interment, briefly but feelingly referred to the deceased.

DIocese OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

April 12.

Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy, Adm., is at present in the North Island.

Rev. Father Skinner, Auckland, paid a visit to Christchurch during the week.

Rev. Father O'Brien, C.S.S.R., arrived during the week for the purpose of giving a retreat to the convent school children. He is the guest of his Lordship the Bishop, and preached at the Cathedral on Sunday evening.

There was a large attendance of members and visitors at the recent quarterly meeting of St. Mary's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society. Bro. L. Dobbs, B.P., presided. Accounts amounting to £15 16s were passed for payment. Bro. Johnston (secretary) notified the early completion of the branch's roll of honor, and the decision of the committee to have the unveiling ceremony at an early date. He also, on behalf of the branch, welcomed to the meeting the members who had returned from active service. Very Rev. Dean Regnault briefly addressed the meeting, congratulating the members on their attendance in such large numbers. At the conclusion of the business an enjoyable smoke social was held, guests being present representing St. Patrick's branch.

The very inclement weather which set in here on Friday rendered it impossible to hold the sports on the intended date (Saturday, April 10) in connection with the Irish national festival. This was unfortunate, as with over 500 entries from all over New Zealand, a very fine programme was looked forward to. Besides the various trophies already mentioned, the Mayor (Dr. Thacker) has presented a cup and four medals for the footballers' relay race. The cup is to be known as the "Mayoress Cup." At a meeting held in the Hibernian Hall on Saturday afternoon, at which many of the visiting athletes were present, the committee decided to guarantee board and lodging for those remaining in Christchurch until Saturday next, when it is hoped to hold the meeting. For those who were compelled to return to their homes and likely to return, their travelling expenses would be met. This sporting offer was warmly appreciated, and manifests the keenness of the officials to have the best possible contests held, so that the public generally shall be well entered for. Mr. Hassall, of Timaru, secretary to the South Canterbury Athletic Association, has arranged the handicaps. Mr. Hassall's explanations, embodied in a lecturette given at a meeting of the local committee, on the various aspects of this class of sport were a treat to listen to. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded him, and it is hoped he will be able to be present at Lancaster Park on Saturday next.

Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

April 11.

The beautiful festival of Easter was fittingly observed at the Church of the Sacred Heart. At the early Masses