

DIocese OF DUNEDIN

On Wednesday (Feast of All Saints), Masses were celebrated at St. Joseph's Cathedral at 6.30, 7, 8, and 11 o'clock, in the presence of large congregations. Mass was celebrated at the Sacred Heart Church, North-east Valley at 7 o'clock, and also at the other churches of the Cathedral parish (Mornington and Kaikorai).

This (Thursday) morning, Feast of All Souls, Masses were celebrated at the Cathedral at 6.30, 7, and 8 o'clock. That at 7 o'clock was a Solemn Requiem Mass, offered for the repose of the souls of deceased members of the congregation, and for the deceased relatives and friends of the parishioners. The incidental music was most impressively rendered by the Dominican Nuns' Choir. There were large congregations, especially at the Solemn Requiem Mass, prior to which, according to custom, the names of those of the departed for whom prayers were requested were read. Mass at the suburban churches of the parish were celebrated as on the previous day.

The quarterly meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society was held on Monday evening, representatives being present from all the conferences. Rev. Father Foley, Adm., presided.

The Men's Confraternity of the Sacred Heart has now been thoroughly organised at St. Joseph's Cathedral, and prefects for the various sections appointed by the Administrator (spiritual director of the confraternity). On Sunday next (first Sunday of month) the members are to take their allotted places in the Cathedral, a rule which will be followed on the first Sunday of each succeeding month, this being recognised as the periodical meeting night. It is anticipated that the attendance of members, who will participate in the procession of the Blessed Sacrament, will be very numerous.

In the recent Otago University class examinations the three candidates from Holy Cross College were successful:— John F. McKay (second class in logic, psychology, and ethics), Gordon O'Meehan and James Healey (second class in logic and ethics, third class in psychology). These were the only candidates presented, the college students, under the new regulations, not being required to sit for term examinations. Some 20 students are at present sitting for various sections of the B.A.

Our Oamaru correspondent writes under date October 30:—

The long looked-for entertainment in aid of the Orphanage fair eventuated on Thursday evening, and was a great success. The "Black and White Pierrots" came from Timaru, giving their services free of charge. The programme was excellent and was much appreciated by the large audience. Afterwards the concert party was entertained by the committee. Special praise is due to Mesdames Grave and McMahon who worked so indefatigably to make the concert a monetary success.

ST. VINCENT'S ORPHANAGE FAIR NOTES.

A well-managed social evening in connection with the St. Vincent's Orphanage fair was held last week under the auspices of the Children of Mary, in the South Dunedin Town Hall. Along with an excellent programme an enjoyable "500" card tournament was held for an hour or so, prizes being won by Miss Cussick, Mr. P. O'Connor, Mrs. Hade, and Mr. P. Wilson. Refreshments were dispensed by the ladies committee, and enjoyable items were rendered by Misses Johnston and Stewart, Mr. T. Emery, and Piper W. Stewart; Miss M. P. Noonon, L.T.C.L., being accompanist. In connection with the fair a jumble sale is to be held in the school on Saturday next, the 4th inst., during the afternoon and evening, at which all kinds of bargains can be had at different stalls. A small charge of 6d will be made at the evening sale, at which a musical programme will be rendered.

What may probably be the last of the series of jumble sales promoted by the ladies of the Refreshment stall in connection with the fair, will be held on Friday next, the 3rd inst., in the Old Post Office Buildings, Princes Street, commencing at 10 a.m. These sales have proved very popular, and, as excellent value is offered, the one under notice will doubtless be largely patronised. A quantity of choice fancy goods will be on sale thus affording a splendid chance to those desirous of making Christmas purchases.

The ladies of the Refreshment stall in connection with the fair desire to very sincerely thank Rev. Father Woods, of Queenstown, and his parishioners of the Lakes district,

for a generous sum contributed to the Orphanage building fund. The material help thus afforded is most deeply appreciated.

DIocese OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

October 27.

Tenders are being called for a new brick school at Pukekohe.

The new brick school and presbytery in the Good Shepherd parish, Dominion Road, are nearing completion.

Rev. Father Saunderson (Pahiatua), at present a patient in the Mater Hospital, is making satisfactory progress towards recovery.

Rev. Father Furlong (Devonport), who has been on a health trip to Australia, is expected back in Auckland next week.

A bazaar and fancy fair in aid of the parish funds of St. Joseph's, Grey Lynn, will be held in the school and grounds on November 23, 24, and 25.

Satisfactory progress is being made with the erection of the new convent for the Sisters of Mercy at Avondale, and also the new school in brick. The church has been removed and re-erected on the new site in a more central position.

On Labor Day, October 23, a basket-ball competition for primary school teams was one of the most interesting features of the occasion and much excitement prevailed during the games. The final was won by St. Patrick's, who beat Parnell by 10 points to 7.

The children attending St. Patrick's Convent schools were taken for a picnic to Devonport on Thursday, the 19th inst. by Rev. Fathers Brennan and Curley. In the cricket ground the children spent a very pleasant day in sports of all kinds, which they thoroughly enjoyed, as well as the refreshments provided so generously for them. On Sunday at the various Masses the Cathedral priests warmly thanked the many thoughtful parishioners who had assisted in making the outing such a success.

DIocese OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

October 30.

The Cathedral Schools' garden fete arranged for 21st and 23rd October, owing to unfavorable weather conditions, was postponed until Saturday last. Rain, however, which set in during the early hours of the day, again necessitated a postponement, and it has been decided to hold the fete on Saturday next, November 4.

On Sunday evening at the Cathedral devotions the Sistine Choristers sang the major portion of the Benediction music. The "O Salutaris" sung unaccompanied by the full company, will long be remembered by the immense congregation. Needless to say the solo, "Ave Maria" and duo sung by Signors Paganelli, Facchini, and Rasponi, respectively, were object lessons in devotion and art. Rev. Dr. McEvoy addressed in Italian words of welcome to the visitors, and gave an interesting discourse on the Sistine Chapel and the influence and work of the Papacy in furthering the arts and sciences. His Lordship the Bishop, entertained the Sistine Choir Soloists after the devotions.

His many friends will be glad to learn that Rev. Father Stewart, S.M., who has been an inmate of Lewisham Hospital, is progressing favorably in health.

Socials were recently held at Papanui, and in the Memorial Hall, Manchester Street, in aid of the funds of the projected garden fete for St. Mary's. The former was organised by the Papanui parishioners and the latter by the members of the Children of Mary Sodality. Both were well patronised.

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration, at St. Mary's, was commenced after the 11 o'clock Mass on Sunday. Solemn High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father O'Connell, S.M.; Fathers Graham, S.M. (St. Bede's College) and Seymour, S.M., being deacon and subdeacon respectively. The Sistine Choir Soloists sang during the Mass, and were afterwards entertained by the Marist Fathers at the presbytery. Rev. Father Bartley, S.M., was the preacher in the evening.

At the Celtic Club's meeting, held in the Hibernian Hall on Tuesday evening, Mr. J. Ormandy was elected president, *vice* Mr. H. Nevin, resigned. Mr. C. Barnett was elected a vice-president. A card tournament was arranged for November 7.

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