

# THE CROSS.



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God forbid that I should glory, save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; by whom the world is Crucified to me, and I to the world.—St. Paul, Gal. vi. 14.

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## CALENDAR.

- JUNE 7—Sunday—Trinity Sunday  
 8—Monday—St. Caesarine, Pope and Confessor.  
 9—Tuesday—St. Leo I, Pope and Confessor.  
 10—Wednesday—St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland. Wid  
 11—Thursday—Solemnity of Corpus Christi. (Holiday  
 of obligation.)  
 12—Friday—St. Leo III, Pope and Conf.  
 13—Saturday—St Anthony of Padua, Conf.

## FERGUSON'S COVE.

The ceremony of laying the first stone of the intended church in this beautiful village took place on Thursday the 6th ult. in presence of a large concourse of the faithful from Halifax and the surrounding neighbourhood. The Dartmouth Steamer made two trips from town, and on each occasion brought hundreds of passengers to the Cove. They were met by the inhabitants of the village with flags and banners and were saluted with rounds of musketry. A procession was formed from the landing wharf to the site of the new church. The St Mary's and St Patrick's Band played several pieces and as the mass of human beings attired in their holyday dress slowly wound up the picturesque hill which leads to the Cove, no doubt, we never remember to have witnessed a more gratifying sight, for each and all, came not only to assist at the solemn ceremony but also to offer his mite on the Corner Stone of God's Temple. The necessary preparations were completed, and a handsome Cross erected on the spot where the Altar of the new Church is to be reared, the Rev. Dr. Walsh preceded by the Cross and Acolytes, a large number of the sanctuary boys in St Mary's, the Rev. Messrs. Noble, Nugent and McIsaac, and the Very Rev. T. Connolly in procession to the site, and commenced the ceremony at 10 o'clock. All was strictly performed according to the rite

of the Roman Pontifical. The Corner Stone was blessed and laid, the foundations were all sprinkled with the Holy water which had been blessed at the beginning of the ceremony the usual Psalms (Ps. 83, 126, 50, 86, 121) were chaunted, the *Veni Creator Spiritus* was solemnly intoned, and the Litanies of the Saints were sung. The site of the Church is one of the most beautiful in the entire vicinity of Halifax, commanding a full view of our magnificent harbour, of the city itself, Dartmouth, George's and McNab's Island Point Pleasant and the entrance to the North West Arm, &c. The day was favourable, although a partial fog shut out some of the variegated landscape during a part of the morning; but the charm of the scene was greatly increased when, ever and anon the clouds parted and disclosed the most lovely snatches of scenery in all directions. From the building down to the water's edge the lofty and steep declivity was clothed with trees, and as the voices of the choir floated along the vast expanse of ocean beneath, and gently died away in the sighs of successive echoes, the effect was peculiarly thrilling. The Church is to be dedicated to God under the title of Our Blessed Lady, *the Star of the Sea*, and will be henceforth known by the name of the Church of *Stella Maris*. It is immediately opposite the Light House, and will tower over the entrance of the harbour, a beacon of hope to the distant mariner, to the sorrowful exile, and to the hardy fisherman along our Eastern and Western coasts. It will be seen at sea at a distance of upwards of thirty miles. What a consolation to think that as we have here in Halifax the Cathedral of St Mary's, and the Church of Our Lady of Sorrows, our splendid Harbour is now placed under the sweet protection of the Queen of Heaven! And, as we assisted at the sacred rite, and heard the Bishop intone (at the close of an appropriate sermon by the Very Rev. Mr. Connolly) the *Ave Maria Stella!* we were forcibly reminded of the mellifluous comment of her devout client St Bernard, on this en-