

THE CROSS.

"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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WEEKLY CALENDAR*

- March 19. Sunday III. of Lent, Vesp. of foll.
20. Monday, S. Joseph, Spouse of B. V. Mary, Conf. (of yesterday.)
21. Tuesday, S. Benedict, Abbot.
22. Wednesday, S. Patrick, Apostle of Ireland, (from the 17th inst.)
23. Thursday, Off. and Mass of this day in Lent.
24. Friday, comm. of the Five Wounds of our Lord Jesus Christ.
25. Saturday, Annunciation of the B. V. M.—a Holyday of Obligation.

Lent.

The trumpet of penance has been sounded throughout the Catholic world—the children of the Church are invited to mingle their tears with hers and to commemorate the sufferings of the Bridegroom to whom she has truly been "a spouse of blood" and "all mankind are every where called upon to do penance," (Acts)

The Hallelujahs of joy have ceased—the angelical Hymn *Gloria in excelsis* is no longer chaunted at Mass—the sweet peals of the organ have died away, the altars are stripped of their festive ornaments, and the Priests and Levites who minister there to the Lord are clothed in the colours of mourning.*

* As Lent is a season of mourning and penance, the organ is not sounded in the Church unless on the 4th Sunday, called the Sunday

On Ash Wednesday the ambassadors of Christ proclaimed the salutary decree of Heaven in the affecting words of the Prophet Joel :

"Thus saith the Lord : Be converted to me with all your heart, in fasting, in weeping, and in mourning."

"And rend your hearts, and not your garments, and turn to the Lord your God."

"For he is gracious and merciful, patient and rich in mercy"

"Who knoweth but he will return and forgive, and leave a blessing behind him?"

"Blow the trumpet in Sion, sanctify a Fast, call a solemn assembly, gather together the people, sanctify the Church, assemble the ancients, gather together the little ones, and them that suck at the breasts."

"Let the bridegroom go forth from his bed, and the bride out of the bride-chamber."

"Between the porch and the altar, the priests, the ministers of the Lord shall weep, and shall say :

"Spare O Lord, spare thy people ;

Lecturo from the first words of the Introit of the Mass, Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday at Mass, and a few festivals occurring at this holy season, which are mentioned in the Rubric