

Here he divided the water with his hand, and threw some of it towards each of the four quarters of the World, singing

Who made thee flow from the fountain of paradise, and commanded thee to water the whole earth with thy fourrivers. Who changing thy bitterness in the desert into sweetness, made thee fit to drink; and produced thee out of a rock to quench the thirst of the people. **I** X bless thee also by our Lord Jesus Christ, his only Son; who, in Cana of Galilee, changed thee into wine, by a wonderful miracle of his power. Who walked upon thee dry-foot, and was baptised in thee by John in the Jordan. Who made thee flow out of his side, together with his blood, and commanded his disciples that such as believed should be baptised in thee, saying: Go, teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Do thou, O almighty God, mercifully assist us who observe this commandment; do thou graciously inspire us.

Here breathing thrice upon the Water in form of a Cross, he continued,

Do thou with thy mouth bless these clear waters; that besides their natural virtue of cleansing the body, they may also prove effectual for purifying the soul.

Then he dipped the Paschal Candle into the water three different times, singing each time in a higher key,

May the virtue of the Holy Ghost descend into all the water of this font.

He then breathed thrice on the water and continued,

And make the whole substance of this water fruitful, and capable of bringing to a new life.

He then took the Paschal Candle out of the water, and concluded the chaunt as follows,

Here may the stains of all sin be washed out; here may human nature, created to thy image, and reformed to the honour of its author, be cleansed from the filth of the old man: that all who receive this sacrament of regeneration, may be born again new children of true innocence.

He then recited in a lower voice, Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is to come to judge the

living and the dead, and the world by fire. Amen.

Here one of the assisting Priests sprinkled the faithful with the Blessed Water, after which the Bishop poured into the font in the form of a Cross some of the Oil of Catechumens, saying,

May this font be sanctified and made fruitful by the oil of salvation for such as are to be born anew in it, unto life everlasting. R. Amen.

He then poured in the Chrism, saying,

May this infusion of the chrism of our Lord Jesus Christ, and of the Holy Ghost the Comforter, be performed in the name of the Holy Trinity. R. Amen.

Finally, he poured the Oil of Catechumens and the Chrism together in the form of a Cross, saying,

May this mixture of the chrism of sanctification, and of the oil of salvation, and of the water of baptism, be performed in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. R. Amen.

He then mingled the oil with the water and distributed it with his hand throughout the entire font, after which the Bishop and Clergy returned in procession to the Altar, when the Litanies of the Saints were sung, and the Pontifical High Mass commenced.

Holy Week.

During the past week the Catholics of Halifax had the inexpressible comfort of beholding the solemn services of our Holy Religion conducted with unusual splendour at St. Mary's. On Palm Sunday the Bishop and his at-