

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.

- Jan. 14. Sunday II after Epiph. Feast of the Most Holy name of Jesus
15. Monday, S. Paul, First Hermit.
16. Tuesday, S. Marcellus, Pope & Mart.
17. Wednesday, S. Antony, Abbot.
18. Thursday, S. Peter's Chair at Rome.
19. Friday, S. Canute, King and Mart.
20. S. S. Fabian and Sebastian, Martyrs.

TEN GLORIOUS PRIVILEGES AND EPITHETS OF VIRGINS.

From the *Apocalypse* of St. John xiv. 1-5.

1—They stand with the Lamb upon Mount Zion.

2—They have the name of the Lamb, and the name of his Father written on their Foreheads.

3—They are the Harpers of God, whose music is sonorous as thunder, or as the voice of many waters.

4—They alone sing a New Canticle before the Throne of God, and before the four living creatures and the ancients.

5—They are purchased from the earth.

6—They are not defiled with women, for they are Virgins. (The same may be said conversely of the other sex who lead a Virgin life.)

7—They follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth.

8—They are the first fruits to God, and to the Lamb.

9—In their mouth is found no lie.

10—They are without spot before the Throne of God.

Who would not love and cultivate a Virtue which is the harbinger of so many Glories! Who will deny the justice of the Holy Ghost's exclamation—'O how beautiful is the Chaste Generation with Glory! The memory thereof is immortal: for it is known both with God and with men!'

ANNUAL CATECHETICAL EXAMINATION AT ST. MARY'S.

According to previous notice this examination took place on Sunday last between High Mass and Vespers. A very large number of children of both sexes, together with their indefatigable teachers were present.—The Boys were examined in their own School Room, and the Girls in the Female School. They were examined in detachments of four classes, each series by four new examiners, until the whole, amounting to 82 classes, were thoroughly gone through. The Bishop anno-