

# 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. 11.

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## CALENDAR.

- Sept. 14—Sunday XVIII. After Pentecost—Exaltation of the Holy Cross. At Vesp. commem. of fall.  
 15—Monday—Octave of Nativity of B. V. Mary.  
 16—Tuesday—SS Cornelius and Cyprian, Martyrs.  
 17—Wednesday in Ember Week—(Fast Day) Stigmata of St. Francis.  
 18—Thursday—St Joseph of Cupertino, Conf.  
 19—Friday—(Fast Day) SS. Januarius and Comp. Martyrs.  
 20—Saturday—(Fast Day) St Agapitus I. Pope and Confessor.

## ST. MARY'S.

After Vespers, on Sunday, and a Homily on the Gospel of the Day, the Bishop administered the Temperance Pledge at the Cathedral. He earnestly exhorted his hearers to avail themselves of the opportunity then afforded them of becoming members of the St. Mary's and St. Patrick's Temperance Society, and particularly conjured those who might have been forgetful of their former obligations, to renew their Pledge on this auspicious occasion. Sixty persons approached the altar, and after the nature of the Pledge had been explained, by the Bishop, it was administered to them, and each received the Pontifical blessing. During this edifying ceremony, the now and beautiful Banner of the Society, which was lately brought from France, was borne by two of the children of the choir. On one side, the figure of our Blessed Lady is exquisitely wrought in silver tissue, blue silk and spangles on a ground of white damask. On the other, the national Saint of Ireland, in full Pontificals, is represented on

rich red damask. Every portion of the dress is most accurately copied and is composed of silver and gold tissue, violet silk, and deep green velvet, embroidered with golden shamrocks. This gorgeous Banner is fringed throughout with gold, and has been greatly and deservedly admired. It is the glorious standard of a most sacred cause, a royal ensign of bloodless triumphs and peaceful victories. Beneath its blessed shade the most heroic self-denial is exhibited, and a courageous warfare waged against vice. It is sometimes great to triumph over others, but it is far more honourable to triumph over ourselves. We wish every success to this good cause, for it is the cause of virtue, of social harmony, of domestic happiness. May we constantly enjoy the gratification of hearing that new recruits to the army of Temperance are enlisted under the auspicious Banner of St. Mary and St. Patrick!

'Beware thou drink no wine, nor strong drink.' Judges xiii. 7.

'By surfeiting many have perished: but he that is temperate shall prolong life.' Eccl. xxxviii. 34.

'Wo to you that are mighty to drink wine, and stout men at drunkenness.' Isaias v. 22.

'Take heed to yourselves, lest perhaps your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness. . . . and that day (the day of judgment) come upon you suddenly.' Luke xxi. 34.

'Let us walk honestly . . . not in rioting and