

from the Cardinal Secretary of State, in which I am informed of the gracious act, by which the Holy Father is pleased, *motu proprio*, to dispense Catholics throughout the British Empire from the law of abstinence on Friday, the 27th June, and from fasting and abstinence on Saturday, the 28th June, which is the Vigil of SS. Peter and Paul, in order that they may the more easily join in the festivities with which the week of their Majesties' Coronation will be celebrated throughout the Empire.

But the Holy Father desires that those who avail themselves of this benign dispensation should offer up instead some special prayers. Let all, therefore, on each of these two days recite either one of the Hymns to the Holy Ghost, and the Acts of Faith, Hope, Charity, and Contrition, or at least five *Paters*, *Aves* and *Glorias*, to implore the Divine Blessing upon their august Majesties and upon the whole Empire.

I shall be grateful if your Grace will kindly transmit this information to your suffragans for promulgation in their respective Dioceses.

Believe me to be,

Your Grace's faithful and devoted servant in Jesus Christ.

HERBERT Cardinal VAUGHAN,
Archbishop of Westminster.
