

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. 14.

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CALENDAR.

- JUNE 21—Sunday—III after Pentecost. St Aloysius Gonzaga Confessor.
22—Monday—St Barnabas, Apostle.
23—Tuesday—(Vigil). St. Julius I, Pope and Conf.
24—Wednesday—Nativity of St John Baptist.
25—Thursday—St Gallicanus, Martyr.
26—Friday—SS John and Paul, Martyrs.
27—Saturday—(Vigil Fast). St William, Abbot.

THE QUARANT' ORE.

This solemn Devotion was begun, for the first time in our Cathedral, on Sunday, and was continued with unabated fervour until Tuesday morning last. The Church was beautifully decorated, and the Altar especially was covered with a profusion of lights and flowers. Indeed we believe that St. Mary's was never before so magnificently attired. The solemn rite of the Forty Hours' Devotion opened with High Mass of the Blessed Sacrament, after which the Consecrated Host was borne in procession by the Bishop, attended by the Clergy, &c., with lights, incense and flowers. On returning to the Altar the Ostensory was placed on a suitable Throne erected over the Tabernacle, and the Litanies with the Prayer, appointed to be read for the Quarant' Ore, were recited by his Lordship. The wax lights around the altar were kept constantly burning from Sunday until Tuesday, and crowds of the faithful were continually hastening

to St. Mary's, to offer their adorations to the Lord of Glory. On Monday morning a High Mass of the Blessed Sacrament was celebrated *Coram Episcopo* by Very Rev. Mr. Conolly, V. G., and on Tuesday a Pontifical High Mass was sung by Dr. Walsh, assisted by Rev. Messrs. Doyle and Mehan as Deacon and Sub-deacon, and Very Rev. Mr. Conolly as Master of the Ceremonies. Some of the Clergy who had come to the Conference of the previous day also assisted at the Mass and Procession. At the end of High Mass, the Litanies, &c., of the Quarant' Ore were again read by the Bishop down to the commencement of the Orations, when he again bore the Holy Sacrament in Procession through the Church, the choir chanting the *Pange lingua*, and two Thurifers continually incensing the Most Holy Sacrament. When the Sacrament was again placed upon the Altar, the *Tantum Ergo* was sung, incense was offered by the Bishop, and the various Orations for the Devotion were chanted. Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament was then given, and the Sacred Host was replaced in the Tabernacle. The *Te Deum* was afterwards said by the Bishop and Clergy in thanksgiving to God for the special favour conferred on the city by the introduction of this most salutary devotion—a devotion which from the piety exemplified during its continuance, and the fervent prayers offered up both night and day—must be productive of many spiritual blessings to