

# 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.

- April 16. Easter Sunday.  
17. Monday in Easter.  
18. Tuesday "  
19. Wednesday "  
20. Thursday "  
21. Friday "  
22. Saturday "

## EASTER.

ALLELUIA. ALLELUIA. ALLELUIA!

'Christ our Passover is sacrificed. He riseth from the dead to die no more; death no more shall have dominion over him. If he had not risen our faith were vain. But he has really risen and shewn himself alive to his disciples by many arguments, speaking to them of the kingdom of God.' Therefore let us sing Alleluias to our God that sitteth upon the throne, and to the lamb that was slain for our sins, the true Paschal Lamb for whose precious blood our souls are sprinkled and preserved from the destroying angel. This is the great Paschal Solemnity, for which the whole Lent was but a preparation; this is the glorious sun of Christian festivals around which all the others revolve; this is the festival of festivals, the solemnity of solemnities, the glory of the years, the ornament of

the months, the splendour of the days, the beauty of the hours. 'This is the day which the Lord has made: come let us exult and rejoice therein.' In this antiphon so oft repeated during the paschal solemnities, the Church unites her children to indulge in transports of holy joy for the glorious resurrection of her Divine Spouse, and in the countless Alleluias of the Paschal tide she expresses the jubilation of her heart. The mystery of the resurrection is the demonstration of her faith, the foundation of the rock of ages upon which she reposes. Against that rock the billows and storms of nearly two thousand years have raged in vain. Against that rock the gates of Hell will never prevail, for He by whom Death and Hell were overcome has planted upon it with his own right hand his chosen vine, whose branches shall overspread the world and bring forth a fruit that will remain until the consummation of time. This, then, is a day of pure and unadulterated joy for the Spouse of Christ, a day on which all her children should rejoice with her from their whole hearts. How different from the mystery of his Birth is that of his Resurrection! At Christ; mas we rejoiced it is true, and great joy was announced to all people, be-