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# 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.

- Sept. 17, Sunday XV after Pent. and 3d of September. Feast of the Seven Dolours of the B. V. Mary.
- 18, Monday. S. Joseph Cupertino Conf.
- 19, Tuesday. S. S. Januarius and his companions Martyrs
- 20, Ember Wednesday. S. Agapitus P & C.
- 21, Thursday. St. Matthew Apost. and Evang.
- 22, Ember Friday. S. Thomas of Villanova Bish. Conf.
- 23, Ember Saturday. S. Lucius Pope & Mart.

## The Rite

Of Blessing a New Church or Public Oratory, so that the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass may be celebrated therein.

*From the Roman Ritual.*

The Celebrant attired in suitable Vestments of a white colour, and preceded by the Cross in the midst of two Acolytes, bearing lighted tapers, the Clergy and his attendants, advances to the principal Gate of the Church or Oratory, where standing opposite the Church with his head uncovered, he says the following prayer,

Direct we beseech thee, O Lord, our actions by Thy inspirations, and prosper them by Thy assistance, that every prayer and work of ours, may always begin from Thee, and that what we have begun, may by Thee be ended. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

He then begins the Antiphon. *Asperges me Domine.* Thou wilt sprinkle me, O Lord, and I shall be cleansed; Thou wilt wash me and I shall be made whiter than snow.

The Clergy then recite alternately the

PSALM L.  
*Miserere.*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy great mercy.

And according to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my iniquity.

Wash me yet more from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my iniquity, and my sin is always before me.

To thee only have I sinned, and have done evil before thee: that thou mayest be justified in thy words, and mayest overcome when thou art judged.

For behold I was conceived in iniquities; and in sins did my mother conceive me.

For behold thou hast loved truth: the uncertain and hidden things of thy wisdom thou hast made manifest to me.

Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed: thou shalt wash me and I shall be made whiter than snow.

To my hearing thou shalt give joy and gladness: and the bones that have been humbled shall rejoice.

Turn away thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create a clean heart in me, O God; and renew a right spirit within my bowels.

Cast me not away from thy face; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation and strengthen me with a perfect spirit.

I will teach the unjust thy ways; and the wicked shall be converted to thee.

Deliver me from blood, O God, thou God of my salvation; and my tongue shall extol thy justice.

O Lord thou wilt open my lips: and my mouth shall declare thy praise.

For if thou hadst desired sacrifice, I would indeed have given it: with burnt-offerings thou wilt not be delighted.

A sacrifice to God is an afflicted spirit: a contrite and humbled heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

Deal favourably, O Lord, in thy good-will with Sion; that the walls of Jerusalem may be built up.

Then shalt thou accept the sacrifice of justice.

oblations and the whole burnt-offerings; then shall they lay calves upon the altar.

Meantime the Celebrant, beginning at his right hand, goes round the exterior of the Church (the interior should be empty and the people excluded until the Benediction be completed) and sprinkles the walls of the Church both in the upper part and at the foundation with Holy Water, saying as above

Asperges me Domine, hyssopo, et Mundabor; lavabis me et super nivem dealbabor.

Having returned to the place from whence the Procession commenced, and the Antiphon being repeated by the Clergy, the Celebrant standing as before opposite the Gate says,

Let us pray,

The Attendants, Let us kneel down,

R. Arise again.

Prayer—O Lord God, who though the heavens and the earth cannot contain Thee, vouchsafest to establish Thy House on earth, where Thy name may be constantly invoked, we beseech Thee through the intercession of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, of the Blessed N\* and of all the Saints, to visit this place with the serene countenance of Thy piety, and by the infusion of Thy grace, purify it from all defilement, and so purified, preserve it, and mayest Thou, who in the work of his son Solomon, fulfilledst the devotion of thy beloved David, deign to accomplish our desires in this work, and may all spiritual wickedness fly far from hence, Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, &c. Amen.

After which prayer all entering the Church, two by two, advance towards

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the Altar, chaunting the

### LITANIES.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ hear us. Christ, graciously hear us. God, the Father of heaven, Have mercy upon us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the words, Have mercy on us.

God the Holy Ghost, Have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, One God, Have mercy on us.

Holy Mary, Pray for us.

Holy Mother of God, SS. Fabrian and Sebastian,

Holy Virgin of Virgins, SS. John and Paul,

St. Michael, SS. John and Paul,

St. Gabriel, SS. Cosmas and Damian,

St. Raphael, SS. Gervase and Protase,

All ye holy angels and Archangels,

All ye holy orders of blessed Spirits, All ye Holy Martyrs,

St. John Baptist, St. Sylvester,

St. Joseph, St. Gregory,

All ye holy Patriarchs and Prophets, St. Ambrose,

St. Peter, St. Augustine,

St. Paul, St. Jerom,

St. Andrew, St. Martin,

St. James, St. Nicholas,

St. John, St. Patrick,

St. Thomas, All ye holy Bishops and Confessors,

St. James, All ye holy Doctors,

St. Philip, St. Anthony,

St. Bartholomew, St. Bennet,

St. Matthew, St. Bernard,

St. Simon, St. Dominick,

St. Thaddeus, St. Francis,

St. Matthias, All ye holy Priests and Levites,

St. Barnaby, All ye holy Monks and Hermits.

St. Luke, St. Mary Magdalen,

St. Mark, St. Agatha,

All ye holy Apostles and Evangelists, St. Lucy,

All ye holy disciples of our Lord, St. Agnes,

All ye holy Innocents, St. Cecily,

St. Stephen, St. Catharine,

St. Laurence, St. Anastasin,

St. Vincent, St. Bridget,

All ye holy Virgins and Widows, Pray for us.

All ye Men and Women, Saints of God, Make intercession for us.

Be merciful unto us, spare us, O Lord.

Be merciful unto us, graciously hear us, O Lord.

Pray for us.

From all evil,  
 From all sin,  
 From thy wrath,  
 From sudden and unprovided death,  
 From the deceits of the Devil,  
 From anger, hatred, and ill-will,  
 From the spirit of fornication,  
 From lightning and tempest,  
 From everlasting death,  
 Thro' the mystery of thy holy incarnation,  
 Thro' thy coming,  
 Thro' thy nativity,  
 Thro' thy baptism and holy father,  
 Thro' thy cross and passion,  
 Thro' thy death and burial,  
 Thro' thy holy resurrection,  
 Thro' thy admirable ascension,  
 Thro' the coming of the Holy Ghost the  
 Comforter,  
 In the day of judgment,

We sinners, do beseech you to hear us.  
 That thou spare us, we beseech thee, &c.  
 That thou pardon us, we beseech thee hear us.

That thou vouchsafe to bring us to true penance.  
 That thou vouchsafe to govern and preserve thy holy church,  
 That thou vouchsafe to preserve our Apostolic Prelate, and all ecclesiastical orders in holy religion,  
 That thou vouchsafe to humble the enemies of thy holy church,  
 That thou vouchsafe to give peace and true concord to all Christian kings and princes,  
 That thou vouchsafe to grant peace and unity to all Christian people,  
 That thou vouchsafe to comfort and keep us in thy holy service,  
 That thou lift up our minds to heavenly desires,  
 That thou render eternal good things to all our benefactors,  
 That thou deliver our souls, and those of our brethren, kinsfolk, and benefactors from eternal damnation,  
 That thou vouchsafe to give and preserve the fruits of the earth,  
 That thou vouchsafe to give eternal rest to all the faithful departed,

Here the Celebrant rises and forming the sign of the Cross over the Church and Altar blesses them, saying,

That thou wouldest vouchsafe to purify and bless ✠ this Church and Al-

tar, to thy honour and the name of N<sup>o</sup> R. We beseech thee hear us.

The Litanies are then finished, and after the last *Ryrie eleison*, the Celebrant standing says, Let us pray.

The attendants, *Flectamus genua R. Levate.*

May thy mercy precede us O Lord, and through the intercession of all thy Saints, may the clemency of thy propitiation anticipate our prayers. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then kneeling at a convenient distance from the Altar, and signing himself with the sign of the Cross, he says, Deus in adiutorium meum intende.

O God come to my assistance.

He rises whilst the Clergy answer, Domine ad adjuvandum me festina.

O Lord make haste to help me.

Then standing he says *Gloria Patri*, &c. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. The Choir answer, *Sicut erat*, &c. As it was in the beginning, and is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen. He then says: Let us Pray. The attendants, *Flectamus Genua R. Levate.*

Prayer.—O Almighty and Merciful God, who hast conferred so great a grace on thy Priests, beyond all others, that whatsoever is worthily and perfectly done by them in thy name, is believed to be performed by thee. We beseech thy boundless clemency that thou wouldst visit what we are now about

O Lord Deliver us.

We beseech thee hear us.

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to visit, and impart thy Benediction ✠ to what we are now going to Bless ; and through the merits of thy Saints, may the demons be expelled at the entrance of our lowliness, and the Angel of Peace find admittance. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, &c. Amen.

This being said he begins the Antiphon—*Benedic Domine Domum istam Nomini tuo ædificatam.*

Bless O Lord this House which has been built unto thy Name.

After which the three Psalms following :

PSALM CXIX.

*Ad Dominum.*

In my trouble I called to the Lord : and he heard me.

O Lord, deliver my soul from wicked lips, and a deceitful tongue.

What shall be given to thee, or what shall be added to thee, to a deceitful tongue ?

The sharp arrows of the mighty, with coals that lay waste.

We is me, that my sojourning is prolonged ! I have dwelt with the inhabitants of Cedar : my soul hath been long a sojourner.

With them that hated peace I was peaceable : when I spoke to them they fought against me without cause.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

PSALM CXX.

*Levavi oculos.*

I have lifted up my eyes to the mountains, from whence help shall come to me.

My help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

May he not suffer thy foot to be moved ; neither let him slumber that keepeth thee.

Behold he shall neither slumber nor sleep, that keepeth Israel.

The Lord is thy keeper, the Lord is thy protection upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not burn thee by day : nor the moon by night.

The Lord keepeth thee from all evil ; may the Lord keep thy soul.

May the Lord keep thy coming in and thy going out : from henceforth now and forever.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

PSALM CXXXI.

*Lætatus sum in his.*

I rejoiced at the things that were said to me : We shall go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet were standing in thy courts, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem, which is built as a city, which is compact together.

For thither did the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord : the testimony of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.

Because their seats have sat in judgment, seats upon the house of David.

Pray ye for the things that are for the peace of Jerusalem, and abundance for them that love thee.

Let peace be in thy strength : and abundance in thy towers.

For the sake of my brethren and of my neighbours, I spoke peace of thee.

Because of the house of the Lord our God, I have sought good things for thee.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Antiph. Bless O Lord, &c.

During these Psalms the Celebrant sprinkles the walls of the Church inside above and below, with holy water, beginning at the Gospel side, saying the Antiphon—*Asperges me Domine.*

Then returning to the altar he says : Let us pray. *Flectamus genua. R. Levate.*

O God who sanctifiest those places that are to be dedicated to thy Name, pour forth thy grace upon this House of prayer, that all who shall in this place call upon thy name, may experience thy merciful assistance. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, &c. Amen.

## Ceremony of the Blessing of a Cemetery.

*From the Roman Pontifical.*

On the day previous to the ceremony five wooden crosses are placed in the cemetery which is to be blessed, viz. a more elevated one in the middle of the ground, and four others of about a man's height each, one of which is to stand at the extremity of the ground opposite the centre cross, another at the opposite extremity behind it, a third at the boundary of the cemetery at the right hand of the large cross, and a fourth at the opposite boundary at the left. Before each of these five crosses is fastened or placed a small piece of wood so arranged that three candles may be fixed on its top. A small ladder or platform is also procured that the Bishop may be able to reach the summits of the different crosses during the ceremony. A large vessel full of water for the purpose of being blessed is also prepared, and a vessel with salt.

At the appointed hour the Bishop, having vested with the Amice, Alb, Cincture, Stole, White Cope, Simple Mitre and Crozier, proceeds with his Clerical attendants to the blessing of the Cemetery. A faldstool is prepared before the centre cross, sitting on which he makes a brief address to the people on the sanctity and freedom of the cemetery.

After which the fifteen candles are lighted, three before each cross.

The Bishop then stands before the centre cross, and with his head uncovered, says

Let us pray.

O Almighty God, who art the keeper of souls, the guardian of salvation, and the faith of believers, mercifully look down upon this duty of our service, that at our entrance, this cemetery may be purified, blessed ✠, sanctified ✠, and consecrated ✠, so that the human bodies which after the course of this life will repose herein, may on the great day of judgment deserve to obtain with the souls of the blessed, the joys of life everlasting. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Shortly after he receives his Mitre and kneels, leaning on the Faldstool before the Cross. The Chanter begins and continues the Litanies as in pages 450 and 451.

The Bishop here rises and holding the crozier in his left hand forms the the sign of the cross upon the cemetery, saying,

That thou wouldst vouchsafe to purify and ✠ bless this cemetery.

R. We beseech thee hear us.

That thou would vouchsafe to purify, to bless ✠, and to sanctify ✠ this cemetery.

R. We beseech thee hear us.

That thou wouldst vouchsafe to purify, to bless ✠, to sanctify, and to consecrate ✠ this cemetery.

R. We beseech thee hear us.

After which, he kneels as before, and the Litanies are concluded.

When the Litanies are over the Bishop rises, mitred, and standing near the water and salt, which have been prepared, he blesses them in the following manner :

### Form of Blessing the Holy Water.

P. Our help be in the name of the Lord.

B. Who made Heaven and Earth, Exorcism of the Salts.

‘ I exorcise thee, O creature of salt, by the living ✠ God, by the true ✠ God, by the holy ✠ God ; by that God, who by the prophet Eliseus commanded thee to be cast into the water to cure its barrenness ; that thou mayst by this exorcism be made beneficial to the faithful, and become to all of those who make use of thee, healthful both to soul and body ; and that in what place soever thou shalt be sprinkled, all illusions and wickedness and crafty wiles of Satan may be chased away, and depart from that place ; and every unclean spirit commanded in his name, who is to come to judge the living and the dead and the world by fire. Amen.

‘ Let us pray.

‘ O Almighty and everlasting God, we most humbly implore thy infinite mercy that thou wouldst vouchsafe by thy power to bless ✠ and to sanctify ✠ this by thy creature of salt, which thou hast given for the use of mankind ; that it may be to all who take it, for the health of mind and body ; and that whatever shall be sprinkled with it may be freed from all uncleanness, and from

all assaults of wicked spirits, through our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

After this he proceeds to the blessing of the water as follows.

### The Exorcism of the Water.

‘ I exorcise thee, O creature of water, in the name of God ✠ the Father Almighty, and in the name of Jesus Christ ✠ his Son our Lord, and in the virtue of the Holy ✠ Ghost ; that thou mayst, by this exorcism, have power to chase away all the power of the enemy ; that thou mayst be enabled to cast him out, and put him to flight with all his apostate angels, by the virtue of the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who is come to judge the living and the dead, and the world by fire. Amen.

‘ Let us pray.

‘ O God, who for the benefit of mankind hast made use of the element of water in the greatest sacraments, mercifully hear our prayers, and impart the virtue of thy blessing ✠ to this element, prepared by many kinds of purification ; that this thy creature, made use of in thy mysteries, may receive the effect of thy divine grace, for the chasing away devils, and curing diseases ; and that whatsoever shall be sprinkled with this water in the houses or places of the faithful, may be free from all uncleanness, and delivered from evil : let no pestilential spirit reside there, no infectious air : let all the snares of the hidden enemy fly away : and may whatever envies the safety, or repose of the inhabitants of that place be put to flight by the sprinkling of this water, that the welfare which we seek by the invocation of thy holy name, may be defended from all sorts of assaults, through our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

Then he mingles the salt with the water, saying:—

‘May this salt and water be mixed together, in the name of the Father, † and of the Son, † and of the Holy † Ghost. Amen.

V. ‘The Lord be with you.

A. ‘And with thy spirit.

‘Let us pray.

‘O God, the author of invincible power, King of an empire that cannot be overcome, and for ever magnificently triumphant; who restrainest the forces of the adversary, who defeatest the fury of the roaring enemy, who mightily conquerest his malicious wiles: we pray and beseech thee, O Lord, with dread and humility, to regard with a favourable countenance, this creature of salt and water, to enlighten it with thy bounty, and to sanctify it with the dew of thy fatherly goodness, that wheresoever it shall be sprinkled, all infestation of the unclean spirit may depart, and all fear of the venomous serpent may be chased away, through the invocation of thy holy name; and that the presence of the Holy Ghost may be everywhere with us; who seek thy mercy through our Lord Jesus Christ; &c.

The water having been thus blessed, the Bishop approaches the middle cross, and having been unmitred, he begins the following antiphon in the 7th tone, which is taken up by the choir.

Thou wilt sprinkle me, O Lord, with hyssop and I shall be cleansed; thou shalt wash me and I shall be made whiter than snow.

After which, the whole of the 50th

Psalm. Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy great mercy, &c., with glory be to the Father, &c. at the end is sung, and the above antiphon repeated.

During the Antiphon and Psalm the Bishop having received the mitre, goes round and walks through the whole extent of the cemetery, beginning at the right, and sprinkles the Blessed Water throughout. Having gone through the entire he returns to the Cross which is before the large cross and unmitred, says—

Let us pray.

O God, the Creator of the universe, Redeemer of mankind, and admirable disposer of all creatures, visible and invisible, we beseech Thee, with suppliant voice and pure heart, that thou wouldst vouchsafe to purify, to bless †, and sanctify † this cemetery, wherein after the career of this life the bodies of thy servants are destined to repose; and also that Thou who through thy great mercy grantest the remission of all their sins to those who confide in Thee, wouldst give to their bodies which rest in this burial place, awaiting the sound of the Archangels trumpet, the full enjoyment of eternal felicity. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

He then incenses the Cross, and places on its summit one of the three lighted candles. He also places the two others on the two arms of the cross. Which being done, he advan-



ces, mitred, to the cross which is placed behind the middle cross, sprinkling the cemetery, as he proceeds, with blessed water, and reciting with his attendants the following Psalms :

## PSALM VI.

*Domine, ne in furore.*

O Lord, rebuke me not in thy indignation, nor chastise me in thy wrath.

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am weak : heal me, O Lord, for my bones are troubled.

And my soul is troubled exceedingly : but thou, O Lord, how long ?

Turn to me, O Lord, and deliver my soul : ( ) save me for thy mercy's sake.

For there is no one in death, that is mindful of thee : and who shall confess to thee in hell ?

I have laboured in my groanings, every night I will wash my bed : I will water my couch with my tears.

My eye is troubled through indignation : I have grown old amongst all my enemies.

Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity : for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.

The Lord hath heard my supplication : the Lord hath received my prayer.

Let all my enemies be ashamed, and be very much troubled : let them be turned back, and be ashamed very speedily.

## PSALM XXXI.

*Beati quorum.*

Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

Blessed is the man to whom the Lord hath not imputed sin, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

Because I was silent my bones grew old : whilst I cried out all the day long.

For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me : I am turned in my anguish, whilst the thorn is fastened.

I have acknowledged my sin to thee, and my injustice I have not concealed.

I said I will confess against myself my injustice to the Lord : and thou hast forgiven the wickedness of my sin.

For this shall every one that is holy pray to thee in a seasonable time.

And yet in a flood of many waters, they shall not come nigh unto him.

Thou art my refuge from the trouble which hath encompassed me : my joy, deliver me from them that surround me.

I will give thee understanding, and I will instruct thee in this way, in which thou shalt go : I will fix my eyes upon thee.

Do not become like the horse and the mule, who have no understanding.

With bit and bridle bind fast their jaws, who come not near unto thee.

Many are the scourges of the sinner, but mercy shall encompass him that hopeth in the Lord.

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye just, and glory, all ye right of heart.

The Psalms being finished, the Bishop stands, unmitred, before the cross, and says,

Let us pray.

O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Eternal God, Threefold Majesty in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Author of justice, Bestower of forgiveness, Giver of all good things, source of sanctity, distributor of gifts, and Merciful Redeemer of all who approach Thee, propitiously grant that this cemetery which is prepared for the honour of thy name may be blessed † and sanctified † by Thee who didst bless the land which was bought for sepulture from the children of Hebron by thy servant Abraham, the holy Patriarch; who didst grant the land of promise for ever to the people of Israel, bountifully bestow on the bodies of thy servants which will be interred in this Cemetery, a peaceful resting place, and a security from the inroads of evil spirits, that after the joint resurrection of their souls and bodies they may deserve to obtain everlasting bliss, who in perfect Trinity liveth and reineth, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Then he incenses the cross, places the three candles on it in the manner before described, and then proceeds mitred to the cross which is at the right hand of the centre one, sprinkling the cemetery with holy water and reciting with his attendants the following Psalm :

## PSALM XXXVII.

*Domine, ne in furore.*

Rebuke me not, O Lord, in thy indignation ; nor chastise me in thy wrath.

For thy arrows are fastened in me : and thy hand hath been strong upon me.

There is no health in my flesh, because of thy wrath : there is no peace for my bones, because of my sine.

For my iniquities have gone over my head : and as a heavy burden are become heavy upon me.

My sores are purrified and corrupted, because of my foolishness.

I am become miserable, and am bowed down even to the end ; I walked sorrowful all the day long.

For my loins are filled with illusions ; and there is no health in my flesh.

I am afflicted and humbled exceedingly : I roared with the groaning of my heart.

Lord, all my desire is before thee, and my groaning is not hidden from thee.

My heart is troubled, my strength hath left me, and the light of my eyes itself is not with me.

My friends and my neighbours have drawn near, and stood against me.

And they that were near me stood afar off : and they that sought my soul used violence.

And they that sought evils to me spoke vain things, and studied deceits all the day long.

But I, as a deaf man, heard not : and as a dumb man not opening his mouth.

And I became as a man that heareth not : and that hath no reproofs in his mouth.

For in thee, O Lord, have I hoped : thou wilt hear me, O Lord my God.

For I said : Lest at any time my enemies rejoice over me : and whilst my feet are moved, they speak great things against me.

For I am ready for scourges : and my sorrow is continually before me.

For I will declare my iniquity : and I will think for my sin.

But my enemies live, and are stronger than I : and they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied.

They that render evil for good, have detracted me, because I followed goodness.

For sake me not, O Lord my God : do not thou depart from me.

Attend unto my help, O Lord, the God of my salvation.

After which, standing, unmitred before the cross, he says,

Let us pray.

O Lord God, Pastor of eternal glory, Light and ornament of wisdom, Guardian and strength of prudence, Health of the weak, might of the powerful, Comforter of the afflicted, Life of the just, Splendour of the humble, we suppliantly Thee, that thou wouldst vouchsafe to purify and bless this cemetery of thy servants from all defilement of pollution, and guard it from all the snares of unclean spirits, and that thou wouldst not cease to bestow perpetual purity on the human bodies coming to this place, that whosoever will have been baptized, will have persevered unto the end, and after this mortal course, will have commended their bodies to repose in this Cemetery, may, at the sound of the Angel's trumpet, enjoy both soul and body, the rewards of heavenly delights. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

He then incenses the Cross, fixes the candles as before, and advances mitred to the Cross which is at the left of the centre Cross, sprinkling the cemetery with Holy Water, and reciting with his attendants, the following Psalm :

## PSALM CII.

*Domine, exaudi.*

Hear, O Lord, my prayer: and let my cry come to thee.

Turn not away thy face from me: in the day when I am in trouble, incline thy ear to me.

In what day soever I shall call upon thee, hear me speedily.

For my days are vanished like smoke: and my bones are grown dry like fuel for the fire.

I am smitten as grass, and my heart is withered: because I forgot to eat my bread.

Through the voice of my groaning, my bone hath cleaved to my flesh.

I am become like to a pelican of the wilderness: I am like a night-raven in the house.

I have watched, and am become as a sparrow all alone on the house top.

All the day long my enemies reproached me: and they that praised me did swear against me.

For I did eat ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with weeping.

Because of thy anger and indignation: for having lifted me up thou hast thrown me down.

My days have declined like a shadow, and I am withered like grass.

But thou, O Lord, endurest for ever: and thy memorial to all generations.

Thou shalt arise and have mercy on Zion: for it is time to have mercy on it, for the time is come.

For the stones thereof have pleased thy servants: and they shall have pity on the earth thereof.

And the Gentiles shall fear thy name, O Lord, and all the kings of the earth thy glory.

For the Lord hath built up Zion: and he shall be seen in his glory.

He hath had regard to the prayer of the humble: and he hath not despised their petition.

Let these things be written unto another generation: and the people that shall be created shall praise the Lord:

Because he hath looked forth from his high sanctuary: from heaven the Lord hath looked upon the earth.

That he might hear the groans of them that are in fetters: that he might release the children of the sinner:

That they may declare the name of the Lord in Zion: and his praise in Jerusalem.

When the people assemble together, and kings to serve the Lord.

He answered him in the way of his strength: Declare unto me the fewness of my days.

Call me not away in the midst of my days: thy years are unto generation and generation.

In the beginning, O Lord, thou foundedst the earth: and the heavens are the works of thy hands.

They shall perish but thou remainest: and all of them shall grow old like a garment.

And as a vesture thou shalt change them, and they shall be changed. But thou art always the self-same, and thy years shall not fail.

The children of thy servants shall continue and their seed shall be directed for ever.

After which, standing unmitred before the Cross, he says:

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who in order to supply for the Angel's fall, hast formed the human body out of the earth, who hast thyself assumed it for the redemption of man, who dost return it to the earth according to the lot of humanity, and wilt raise it up from the earth through its immortal destination, vouchsafe we beseech thee to consecrate this earth for the use of a cemetery, from the blessing of thy entombed body: and grant that those who have been buried with thee in Baptism, and who are to be buried here in the nature of the flesh, may rest in the mercy of the redemption under the hope of thy resurrection. Who art to come to judge the living and the dead, and the world by fire.— Amen.

He then increases the Cross, fixes the candles as before, and returns mitred to the centre Cross, sprinkling the cemetery as he goes along, and reciting with his attendants the following Psalms:

PSALM CXXI.

*De profundis.*

Out of the depths I have cried to thee, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice.

Let thy ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

If thou, O Lord, wilt mark iniquities: Lord, who shall stand it.

For with thee there is merciful forgiveness: and by reason of thy law, I have waited for thee. O Lord.

My soul hath relied on his word: my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

From the morning watch even until night, let Israel hope in the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy: and with him plentiful redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

PSALM CXLII.

*Domine, exaudi.*

Hear, O Lord, my prayer: give ear to my supplication in thy truth: hear me in thy justice.

And enter not into judgment with thy servant: for in thy sight no man living shall be justified.

For the enemy hath persecuted my soul: he hath brought down my life to the earth.

He hath made me to dwell in darkness as those that have been dead of old: and my spirit is in anguish within me: my heart within me is troubled.

I remembered the days of old, I meditated on all thy works: I meditated upon the works of thy hands.

I stretched forth my hands to thee: my soul is as earth without water unto thee.

Hear me speedily, O Lord: my spirit hath fainted away.

Turn not away thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

Cause me to hear thy mercy in the morning: for in thee have I hoped.

Make the way known to me wherein I should walk: for I have lifted up my soul to thee.

Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord, to thee have I fled: teach me to do thy will, for thou art my God.

Thy good spirit shall lead me into the right land: for thy name's sake, O Lord, thou wilt quicken me in thy justice.

Thou wilt bring my soul out of trouble: and in thy mercy thou wilt destroy my enemies.

And thou wilt cut off all them that afflict my soul: for I am thy servant.

Which being finished, the Bishop standing unmitred before the centre Cross, says:

Let us pray.

O Lord God, be propitious, we beseech thee, to our devotions, and to the ministrations of our frailty, who visit this place in thy name, and as thou hast blessed by the hands of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the burial-place of his exile, so we pray thee to bless, ✠ to sanctify, ✠ and to consecrate ✠ this cemetery, typically purchased for the resting place of the bodies of our pilgrimage with the price of the Blood of thy only begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ, until thou grantest them to arise from dust to glory, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God,

Then in a medium tone, with his hands extended before his breast, he says the Preface.

V. For ever and ever. R. Amen.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We have them lifted up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is meet and just.

It is truly meet and just, right and available to salvation, that we should always, and in all places, give thanks to thee, O Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Eternal God: through Christ our Lord: Who is never-ending Day, unailing Light, everlasting Brightness. Who gave commandment to his followers to walk in the light, so that they might be

able to escape the darkness of eternal night, and happily arrive in the country of light. Who, through his assumed humanity, wept over Lazarus, by his divine power vivified him, and restored to life the human race which had lain buried under the four-fold weight of sin. Through whom, O Lord, we supplicantly beseech thee, that these who shall be interred in this Cemetery, may, at the last day, when the Angel's trumpets will have sounded, absolved from the bonds of sin, restored to everlasting bliss, and enrolled in the saintly hosts, find thee, who art eternal life, benign and merciful, so that in exultation with all the saints, they may praise thee, the author of life.

The following conclusion he reads in a lower voice, but so as to be heard by those around him.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son, who with thee liveth and reigneth God, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, for ever and ever. Amen.

He then incenses the Cross, fixes the candles as before, and, standing before the Cross, says—

Let us pray.

And the attendants *Flectamus genua*—Let us kneel down.

R. *Levate*. Arise again.

O Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Eternal God, the Sanctifier of all places, and Improver of all things, by whom and through whom every blessing descends from heaven upon earth, vouchsafe to bless this place, that it may be-

come a Cemetery or Burial place, a sweet rest and repose of the dead, that the souls of those whose bodies are or shall be buried here, may enjoy the sweetness of thy delights, and that in the meantime they may rejoice and be glad in the heavenly Jerusalem until, on the great judgment day, they receive each his own body from the tomb, and thus meet with the fruit of their good works, our Lord coming to judgment.—Through our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

### Mass for the Third Sunday of September, and XV. after Pentecost.

#### THE SEVEN DOLORS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

*Introit John xix. Stabat juxta.*

There stood by the cross of Jesus, his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Salome, and Mary Magdalen. V. Jesus said: Woman, behold thy son: and to his disciple: Behold thy mother. V. Glory.

*Gloria in excelsis is said in this Mass.*

COLL. *Deus, in cuius*. O God, in whose passion, according to Simeon's prophecy, the sword of grief pierced the sweet soul of glorious Mary, the Virgin-mother; grant in thy mercy, that we, who with honour commemorate her sorrows and sufferings, may be helped by the glorious merits and prayers of all the saints that faithfully stood by thy cross, so as to partake of the happy fruits of thy passion. Who liveth.

COLLECT FOR XV. SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Ecclesiam. May thy continual mercy purify and defend thy church: and since without thee it cannot be safe, may it always be directed by the influence of thy grace. Through.

COLLECT FOR CEMETERY. O God, in whose mercy the souls of the faithful repose, appoint, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy holy angel as a guardian over this Cemetery, and loosen from all the chains of sin, the souls of those whose bodies are here interred, that they may everlastingly rejoice with Thee in the company of thy Saints. Through our Lord, &c.

LESSON. *Judith* xiii. 22. 25. The Lord hath blessed thee by his power, because by thee he hath brought our enemies to nought. Blessed art thou, O daughter, by the lord, the most high God, above all women upon the earth. Blessed be the lord who made heaven and earth. Because he hath so magnified thy name this day, that thy praise shall not depart out of the mouth of men, who shall be mindful of the power of the lord for ever, for that thou hast not spared thy life, by reason of the distress and tribulation of the people, but hast prevented our ruin in the presence of our God.

GRADUAL. *Dolorosa*. Thou art overwhelmed with grief and tears, O Virgin Mary, standing by the cross of our Lord Jesus, thy Son, thy Redeemer.

TRACT. *Scabat*. Holy Mary, the Queen of Heaven, and lady of the world, stood full of grief by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. V. O all you that pass by the way, attend and

see if there be any sorrow like unto mine.

### THE SEQUENCE, OR PROSE.

Beneath the world's redeeming wood  
The most afflicted Mother stood,  
Mingling her tears with her Son's blood.  
As that flow'd down from ev'ry part,  
Of all his wounds she felt the smart,  
What pierc'd his body pierc'd her heart.  
Who can with tearless eyes look on,  
When such a Mother, such a Son,  
Wounded and gasping, does bemoan!  
O worse than *Jewish* heart that could,  
Unmov'd, behold the double flood  
Of *Mary's* tears, and *Jesus's* blood.  
Alas! our sins, they were not his  
In this atoning sacrifice,  
For which he bleeds, for which he dies.  
When graves were open'd, rocks were rent,  
When nature and each element  
His torments and her grief resent:  
Shall man, the cause of all his pain  
And all his grief, shall sinful man  
Alone insensible remain?  
Ah, pious mother, teach my heart,  
Of sighs and tears the holy art,  
And in thy grief to bear a part.  
The sword of grief, which did pass through  
Thy very soul, O may it now  
Upon my heart a wound bestow  
Great Queen of Sorrows, in thy train  
Let me a mourner's place obtain,  
With tears to cleanse all sinful stains.  
To heal the leprosy of sin,  
We must the cure with tears begin,  
All flesh's corrupt without their brine.  
Refuge of sinners, grant that we  
May tread thy steps, and let it be  
Our sorrow not to grieve like thee.  
O may the wounds of thy dear Son  
Our contrite hearts possess alone,  
And all terrene affections drown.  
Those wounds, which now the stars outshine  
Those furnaces of love divine,  
May they our drossy souls refine;  
And on us such impressions make,  
That we of suffering for his sake  
May joyfully our portion take.  
Let us his proper badge put on,  
Let's glory in the cross alone,  
By which he marks us for his own.  
That when the dreadful trial's come,  
For every man to hear his doom,  
On his right hand we may find room.  
O hear us, *Mary!* *Jesus!* hear!  
Our humble pray'rs secure our fear,  
When thou in judgment shalt appear.

Now give us sorrow, give us love,  
That so prepared we may remove,  
When called to seats of bliss above. *Amen.*

*V.* A sword has pierced thy own soul.

*R.* That the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

**GOSPEL.** John xix. 25. 27. At that time : There stood by the cross of Jesus, his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalen. When Jesus therefore had seen his mother, and his disciple standing, whom he loved, he saith to his mother : Woman behold thy Son ; after that he saith to the disciple : behold thy mother. And from that hour, the disciple took her to his own.

**OFFERTORY.** Remember, O Virgin-mother of God, whilst thou standest in the presence of the Lord, to speak in our favour, that thou mayest turn away his wrath from us.

**SECRET.** We offer Thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, our prayers and sacrifices, humbly entreating thee, that we, who, in our prayers of this day, commemorate the transfixion of the most sweet soul of blessed Mary, thy Mother, may receive our reward with her and her blessed companions that stood under thy cross, this holy assembly being multiplied, through the merits of thy death. Who livest.

**FOR XV. SUNDAY.** Secret. May thy mysteries, O Lord, preserve us, and always defend us against the attacks of the devil.

**SECRET FOR CEMETERY.** Sanctify, O Lord, the gifts that are offered unto Thee, and as thou didst please that thyself should be placed in the tomb, and didst vouchsafe to bestow on thy faithful a model of resurrection, grant, we beseech Thee, to the souls of thy faithful, who shall here repose in Thee, the par-

don of their sins, that this host of salvation may be a remedy and repose to their souls and bodies. Who livest and reignest, &c.

**COMMUNION.**—Happy are the senses of the blessed Virgin Mary, who, without dying, merited the crown of martyrdom, under the cross of the Lord.

**POST COMMUNION.** Sacrificia. Grant O Lord Jesus Christ, that the sacrifice we have partaken of, while with devotion we celebrate the transfixion of thy blessed Virgin-mother, may, through thy mercy, obtain for us the effect of every salutary good. Who livest.

**POST COMMUNION FOR XV. SUNDAY.** *Mentes.* May the efficacy of these divine mysteries, O lord, possess both our souls and bodies : that their effects, not our own sensuality, may always take the lead in us. Through.

**POST COMMUNION FOR CEMETERY.**—Replenished with thy holy gifts, we beseech Thee, O Lord, our God, that Thy people who, we believe, will arise hereafter from the death of the body, may deserve through thy mercy, to arise also from the death of the soul through our Lord.

**THE LAST GOSPEL OF XV. SUNDAY.** *Luke* vii. 11. 16. At that time : Jesus went into a city called Naim ; and there went with him his disciples, and a great multitude. And when he came nigh to the city, behold a dead man was carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow ; and much people of the city were with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said to her : Weep not. And he came near and touched the bier. And they that carried it stood still. And he said : Young man, I say to thee, Arise. And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he

delivered him to his mother. And there came a fear on them all: and they glorified God, saying: a great prophet has risen up amongst us, and God hath visited his people.

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### THE PAROCHIAL LIBRARY.

The half yearly meeting of the committee of St. Mary's Parochial Library was held in the Library on Monday evening, the Right Rev. Dr. Walsh, in the chair.

The following resolutions were passed, Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to forward circulars to those of the subscribers who have not yet paid up their subscription, requesting that they would be pleased to do so as early as possible.

Resolved, That the balance in the Treasurer's hands be appropriated for the purpose of purchasing additional works for the Library.

### CATECHISTICAL SOCIETY.

A quarterly meeting of the Catechistical Society was held last Sunday, in the new Vestry, Right Rev. Dr. Walsh, in the chair. The Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, and then proceeded to the collection of quarterly dues, when the large sum of £11 was collected. There is now in the hands of the Treasurer of this Society £19 11 4½d. The annual examination of the children then came under consideration, —it was unanimously resolved that the annual examination of the Children take place on the second Sunday of December. His lordship directed the attention of the meeting to the extension of the Society to the North End of the city. Several gentlemen and ladies volunteered as teachers, to commence the work. It was resolved, that next Sunday week be the day for making a commencement, by forming a few classes. This Society is rapidly increasing —as many as twenty ladies and gentlemen were admitted members, and most of them both teaching and subscribing members. We have reason to expect much good from such an accession.



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