

# **THE DIARY OF JAMES ALIPIUS GOOLD OSA**

*FIRST CATHOLIC BISHOP AND ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE*

*1848 – 1886*

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**Archbishop James Alipius Goold OSA**

Born in Cork Ireland in 1812

Entered the Augustinian Order. Ordained in 1835

Arrived in Australia at Sydney 1838

Appointed as first Bishop of Melbourne in 1847

Arrived in Melbourne in 1848

Appointed Archbishop of the newly created Metropolitan See of Melbourne in 1874

Died Melbourne 1886

## THE GOULD DIARIES 1848 - 1886

### Date ranges missing from the original diary in the M.D.H.C. collection

The following years are missing from the MDHC:

1849 Possibly has never existed as the original handwritten diary jumps from 1848 to 1850  
 1852  
 1855 – 1859  
 1863  
 1868 - 1884

Some other years are not complete.

### Date ranges supplied by Cardinal Moran

Cardinal Moran reproduces the following missing periods of the diaries in his *History of the Catholic Church in Australasia*, published in [1894]. These sections are represented in italics. Moran had access to the original diary. Page references are given after the dates, which are inclusive:

July	13 <sup>th</sup>	1851 –	September	6 <sup>th</sup>	1851	pp: 741 – 743 of Moran's book
September	16 <sup>th</sup>	1855 –	December	19 <sup>th</sup>	1855	pp: 751 – 753 of Moran's book
January	18 <sup>th</sup>	1856 –	January	20 <sup>th</sup>	1856	of Moran's book
October	25 <sup>th</sup>	1858 –	December	29 <sup>th</sup>	1858	pp: 758 – 761 of Moran's book
January	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1859 –	December	12 <sup>th</sup>	1859	pp: 761 – 767 of Moran's book
August	28 <sup>th</sup>	1867 –	December	25 <sup>th</sup>	1867	pp: 787 – 789 of Moran's book
October	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1868 –	November	29 <sup>th</sup>	1868	pp: 789 – 792 of Moran's book
January	25 <sup>th</sup>	1869 –	December	29 <sup>th</sup>	1869	pp: 792 – 803 of Moran's book
January	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1870 –	December	31 <sup>st</sup>	1870	pp: 803 – 812 of Moran's book
January	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1871 –	March	26 <sup>th</sup>	1871	pp: 812 – 813 of Moran's book
October	10 <sup>th</sup>	1873 –	December	31 <sup>st</sup>	1873	p: 813 of Moran's book
January	7 <sup>th</sup>	1874 –	December	31 <sup>st</sup>	1874	pp: 814 – 817 of Moran's book

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Edited by Brian Condon and by Ian Waters

## INTRODUCTION

Providing a full transcription of Bishop Goold's diary has proved to be a long and arduous task, necessarily extending over many years of part-time work. We are happy to acknowledge the great debt all readers owe Brian Condon's late mother, Frances Phyllis May Condon, who made the project possible by making the first transcription, working from photocopies of the original. They were mostly enlargements, since Goold's hand is tiny and his script owes little to the art of calligraphy. This first transcription was verified and corrected by Brian Condon, who then had a word-processed copy made, and checked and verified it again. The last element in our quality control programme was provided by Ian Waters, who checked and verified the manuscript against the original diary.

Our aim was to make a full and faithful copy of the best extant copy of the text, free of 'silent corrections' or other editing of that ilk, though occasionally some minor punctuation has been provided. Abbreviations have usually been expanded, an obvious example being the ubiquitous '&' symbol, whose sheer frequency is a dislocation to the contemporary eye. Where we remained doubtful about a reading, we enclosed it within asterisks {\*}; where asterisks enclose an empty space, we were unable to essay a reading at all; square brackets in the text always signal an editorial interpolation.

We know better than to claim that text free from those marks is without blemish, especially in the tortured field of proper names (sometimes spelled differently by the writer in the course of a single letter!), and, of course, dates. We have a general confidence in our readings, but we welcome corrections and gap-filling. Please pass these on to Brian Condon on Email at: [brian.condon@unisa.edu.au](mailto:brian.condon@unisa.edu.au), and any warranted corrections will be made.

Our lodgement of the *Diary* on the Web is a recognition of the difficulty of arranging conventional publication. Ease of correction and of dissemination are compensations, however.

Readers are invited to copy this material for study and research. We do remind readers, however, of their obligation to give full citation in any written work which has made use of it. From our point of view, the purpose of this reminder is to make more people aware of this, and of other related publications listed, and thereby help new researchers and students.

Brian Condon

Ian Waters

1848

**Consecrated to B[lessed] V[irgin], Angel Guardian and \* P.St.\***

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***Resolutions made during the retreat***  
[i.e. on the eve of his consecration as Bishop of Melbourne. Ed.]

**August 1st 1848**

- 1st.: I intend with the assistance of God to make a good retreat.
- 2nd.: I will in future after my present Spiritual exercises are finished rise every morning at 5.30 or six - provided my health allow of it.
- 3.: This resolve shall become the rule of my house.
- 4.: Meditation - O God! in thy goodness enable me to make it on all occasions with the proper disposition
- 5.: I will read with pious attention *Prima - 3[Tertia] - Sext - None*
- 6.: At 7.30 I will celebrate the most holy mysteries
- 7.: A quarter of an hour to thanksgiving
- 8.: From nine to ten study - from ten to twelve business
- 9.: I shall during the remainder of my life apply myself to the duties of my sacred calling with due attention to thy honor and glory, O my God - my own and my neighbours spiritual advantage
- 10.: I will pass under a strict examination every night the thoughts, words and actions of the preceding day
- 11.: Every morning I will make an offering to God of my heart. I will consecrate to him the several actions, thoughts and conversations of the day
- 12.: I will commend the same pious and wholesome practice to all under my care
- 13.: It shall be my particular care to watch my temper and bend it to the practice of patience and mildness
- 14.: I will be careful not to give offence by word or action - but to demean myself towards all persons mildly and forbearingly
- ∴ Give me grace - O my good God - to bear in patience insults and injuries

- 15.: I will make a retreat every year at this particular time. My God - give me grace to keep this resolution
- 16.: I will see that every thing belonging to the altar where the Most Blessed Sacrament is kept is clean and in every respect befitting its sanctity - a lamp shall constantly burn before it
- 17.: I will be watchful over my actions and words - that scandal may not thence emanate
- 18.: I shall after the example of my B[lessed] Saviour give reproof in all mildness and charity
- 19.: It shall be my particular care to study the dispositions of those whose conduct deserves to be reproofed that the reproof may be given in a manner calculated to produce their amendment
- 20.: I will never rebuke in public - \* unless where I perceive it would be injurious to religion not to do so. I have made a compact with my tongue never to speak, and with myself never to act, as long as my heart is disturbed - St Francis de Sales
- 21.: I will read a portion of the rubrics every week
- 22.: I will read a little theology every day
- 23.: I will pay a visit to the Blessed Sacrament every day.

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**Received consecration in St. Mary's Sydney on the feast of the Transfiguration August 6th 1848. Consecrating bishop the Most Revd. Dr. Polding - assistant bishop Right Revd. Dr. Murphy - bishop of Adelaide.**

[Inside back cover of large 1867 Diary. Probably written in 1869. Ed.]

### **Dedication of Churches Melbourne 18[.]**

The church at the corner of Elizabeth and Lonsdale Streets was dedicated to St. Francis of Assisium by Bishop Geoghegan, then a missionary priest in Victoria.

The Cathedral was dedicated to St. Patrick in 1850.

The School Chapel Hotham N. Melbourne was dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary *Stella Maris* [Star of the Sea]

The School Chapel in Bourke St. W dedicated to St. Augustine, Doctor of the Church. The foundation of new church will be laid on the 24th October 1869.

The School Chapel Carlton.: dedicated to St. George

Church in Nicholson St. N.: dedicated to St. Bridget

Church Collingwood.: dedicated to St. Joseph

Church East Melbourne.: dedicated to St. John Evangelist

School in Hotham.: dedicated to St. Michael

Church Emerald Hill.: dedicated to St. Peter and Paul

Church Prahran.: dedicated to the Blessed Virgin

Church Pentridge.: dedicated to St. Paul

School Chapel Richmond.: dedicated to St. James Apostle

Kilmore.:

Tallarook Church 53 ft by 26 ft. Commenced 2 March Wednesday 1864. Finished March 1865. Solemnly blessed and dedicated 10th May 1866.

I was consecrated Bishop of Melbourne on the Feast of the Transfiguration August 6th 1848. Consecrating Bishop, the Most Rev Dr John Bede Polding, Archbishop of Sydney. Assisting Bishop, the Right Rev Dr Francis Murphy, Bishop of Adelaide.

I left Sydney on the 3rd Sept to proceed overland to my diocese, the extreme boundary of which, at the River Murray near Albury, was crossed by me on the morning of 28th September at 25 minutes to 10 o'clock. I arrived in Melbourne on the 4th of October, the feast of the Anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of St Francis Church, the only one then in Melbourne, and a magnificent proof of the zeal of the clergyman in charge of the Mission, and of the charity of the Catholics belonging to it.

It was three o'clock in the evening of this day when I arrived at the church of St Francis. The journey from Sydney to Melbourne was performed without accident or inconvenience during most favourable weather, in less than a month. It was the first time that this journey of 600 miles was performed in a carriage and four. The horses, which were not changed during the journey, did not seem to have suffered much from it.

The country between Sydney and the River Murray varied very much. Owing to the badness of the roads, agriculture a hundred miles from the market appeared to be neglected for the more lucrative occupation of grazing. At Goulburn in the Sydney district I remained a few days. The journey from Campbelltown to that place was performed in two days, the distance being a hundred miles. On leaving Campbelltown Tuesday 5th of Sept. I was accompanied by the Catholics of that Mission a distance of 10 miles, when I took an affectionate farewell of them. A long period of missionary service amongst that good people had attached me to them, and created a mutual affection not easily expressed. The Sunday previous to my final departure from amongst them I celebrated the Holy Sacrifice in their Church, which is dedicated to St John. This Church had been commenced by the Very Rev Mr Therry, the Apostle of the Middle district, and finished during my Mission in Campbelltown. On the following Sunday I offered up the Holy Sacrifice at Goulburn in a temporary chapel. A large and handsome brick Church was on the point of being completed, the walls were finished and covered in. This town is large and well built.

Berrima is situated between Goulburn and Campbelltown. This small town is 49 miles from the former place. The land in the town and its immediate neighbourhood is a useless waste, it is well supplied with excellent water. A Catholic Clergyman lives here; as yet he has no church. A temporary school is used by him on Sundays for the celebration of the Divine Mysteries. A sum of three hundred pounds have been subscribed for the erection of a suitable place of worship. The incumbent of this place, as well as the other Clergymen in the Province, receives a salary from the Government.

I left Goulburn on Monday morning, and arrived in Yass early on Tuesday. This town has a resident clergyman, a small but handsome church, presbytery and school house. Here I remained but two days. After I left Yass I proceeded by rapid journeys to my destination. The Vicar General Dr Geoghegan met me at the Seymour, which is distant from Melbourne 69 miles. I arrived at this place on Sunday whilst Fr Geoghegan was engaged in celebrating Mass for a numerous congregation. I had celebrated the Holy Mystery at the place I started from that morning, when a few pious persons of the scattered flock of this diocese assisted, having previously gone to their confessions. I said Mass every Sunday during the journey, and a congregation on each occasion assembled and made their confessions, expressing in a fervent prayer their gratitude to our good God for allowing them the opportunity. On week days, whenever a congregation was to be found, I offered up the Holy Sacrifice, heard confessions, and administered the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Eucharist.

I was the first Bishop who visited that part of the Archdiocese of Sydney that is situated between Albury and the Murrumbidgee [sic], [and] the part of the Melbourne diocese which lies between the Murray and that city.

When I arrived in Melbourne, the diocese had only three Clergymen, two churches - one in Melbourne, and the other at Geelong - and a commodious little chapel at Portland; in Melbourne, close to the church a small presbytery (since considerably enlarged), a spacious Hall, which is used for a boys' and girls' school (a temporary partition being erected to separate the boys from the girls) [and] a small school house which I have converted for the present into a Seminary for Ecclesiastical students.

**Year 1850**

The number of clergymen at present in the diocese is six: two in Melbourne with myself, one at Geelong, one at Belfast, one at Portland and one at Kilmore. The last named mission has no salary as yet attached to it. In the Seminary there are four Ecclesiastical students of great promise.

Early last year a Society was established by me, to which I gave the name of the Catholic Association, for the purpose of providing means to supply the Mission with Clergymen from home. This Society has been most successful. I have already been enabled through its exertions to remit by the Vicar General, who visited Europe last year with my permission, four hundred pounds to pay the passage of four priests to the Diocese, one of which number, and the first procured for the Mission by the liberality of the Association, arrived in Melbourne on last Saturday, May 11th 1850. His services being much required at Portland, I immediately appointed him to that Mission, for which he leaves on tomorrow, May 16th, via Geelong. It is my intention to proceed after him to Geelong on Monday next 20th May, and accompany him as far as Colac.

The names of the priests attached to the Diocese are: Very Rev Dr Geoghegan Vicar-General, Rev Dean Coffey, and Dean Fitzpatrick, Reverends Thos. Slattery, Downing, Clark and Roe - the last person has been affiliated for the diocese, and having this morning promised to me and my successors, obedience etc., I gave him the faculties of the Diocese of Melbourne, and Vicariate of Victoria, or Port Phillip. On the Feast of Pentecost 1849, I administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to ninety persons, adults and children.

### [JANUARY] 1850

This year I paid my first visit to Gippsland. I left Melbourne on the 2nd January and arrived in Gippsland on the next day. A squatter, by name Turnbull, very kindly requested me to stop at his station, and on the 4th I celebrated Mass privately at this gentleman's place. There were no Catholics on the station. The same day I reached the station of a Catholic squatter, whose name was Collins. Here I stopped for the night and proceeded the next morning to Mr Loughnan's station, which is situated on the River Mitchell. Mr Loughnan is a Catholic - he lives in Hobartown, the business of the station being managed by a Superintendent. Here I found many Catholics, whose confessions I heard, assisted by the clergyman who accompanied me during this visit. I celebrated the Holy Mysteries and administered the Blessed Eucharist. The absence of a school master is much complained of at this place. I hope divine providence will soon enable me to send one there.

From the Mitchell I returned to Collins by another route, calling at such of the stations as I understood had Catholics living on them. Wherever I met the faithful I gave them a short instruction, to which they listened with great attention and visible pleasure. To be present at the Holy Sacrifice was the greatest consolation my visit afforded them, besides an opportunity of approaching the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion.

On **Sunday January 21st** I offered up the Holy Sacrifice in the presence of a large congregation at Tara-ville, the chief town in Gippsland. After Mass, which was celebrated in a woolshed belonging to Mr Loughnan and used on Sundays by the Protestant Minister for his devotions, the Catholics present - in number a hundred - subscribed eighty pounds towards the funds of the Catholic Association. I promised them that I would appoint to Gippsland one of the clergymen I expected out, and this promise I hope soon to be able to fulfil. As yet I have not heard anything of their departure from England, but the time when their arrival was expected has passed by and my anxiety about them has consequently considerably increased. The wants of the diocese, which are ever multiplying, render this anxiety still more painful. I arrived in Melbourne from Gippsland on the 1st of March.

### **MARCH 1850**

The devotions of Lent were well attended by the people of Melbourne. The holy communion was administered on Easter Sunday morning at the half past eight o'clock to four or five hundred persons of both sexes.

### **APRIL 1850**

This month I called a public meeting of the Irish residents of this city, in order to refute charges of immorality and incapacity as servants made by the City Council against the Irish orphans who were enabled to emigrate to this Colony by the Home Government. The meeting was a crowded one: there could not have been less than a thousand persons present. The resolutions condemnatory of the conduct of the City Council, and commendatory of the Irish orphans, whom the distress of Ireland, unparalleled in the annals of her sufferings, compelled to migrate to this distant Colony, were unanimously adopted, and a Memorial approving of the system of Irish orphan emigration ordered to be prepared and forwarded to Her Majesty. This memorial, which I signed on behalf and at the request of the meeting as Chairman, was handed to His Honor Charles Joseph LaTrobe for transmission through His Excellency the Governor to Her Majesty, May 25th 1850.

The proceedings of the City Council against the orphans in consequence of this public meeting of the Irish fell to the ground, no one of that body feeling inclined to second the petition to Her Majesty against Irish orphan emigration founded on those proceedings.

I visited Geelong, Warrnambool and Belfast this month. On 28th April I administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 25 persons, children and adults. On Thursday 2nd May I gave Confirmation to 25 persons, children and adults at Warrnambool.

### **MAY 1850**

I confirmed in Warrnambool twenty-seven persons. This took place on **Thursday the 2nd of May**.

On the 3rd I left Belfast for Portland, where I remained until Monday the 6th instant. During my stay at Portland - which was then without a resident Pastor, the Clergyman to whose care I confided it having, a month previous to my visit, abandoned it without leave or giving notice of his intention - many approached the Sacrament of Confession, and on Sunday, when I celebrated Mass at eleven o'clock, the Holy Communion. The Clergyman of Belfast promised to visit this Mission occasionally until I could provide them with the services of a local Pastor.

I returned to Melbourne on Monday the 6th, by Belfast, Warrnambool, Colac and Geelong. At each of these places I met the faithful and afforded them an opportunity - of which they availed themselves with a laudable zeal - of approaching the Sacraments of penance [and] Holy Eucharist, and hearing Mass.

When I arrived in Geelong I learned with agreeable surprise that a Clergyman had landed in Melbourne from Ireland, whose services Dr Geoghegan had engaged for the Diocese. I immediately decided on sending him forthwith to Portland, and to accompany him myself part of the way, as far as Colac.

I proceeded to Melbourne from Geelong on the 13th. The weather was very bad - it rained from the time I left until I arrived in Melbourne. I was met half way by the carriage, in which I performed the remainder of the journey.

The Rev Michael Kavanagh had to leave the diocese in consequence of conduct unbecoming a priest. He proceeded to Sydney.

On the 20th I left Melbourne on my way to Colac with the clergyman lately arrived and whom I appointed to the Mission of Portland. He has since written to me, stating that he reached in safety the scene of his future labours, and likes it. May God make his exertions for the advancement of His Holy religion in that place fruitful. Amen. I returned to Melbourne at the close of May.

## JUNE 1850

**June 4th.** I administered the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Church of St Francis, Melbourne, to 150 persons, children and adults. Admitted to their first Communion 68 children, boys and girls.

In consequence of an attack that was made in the City Council re the character and efficiency of the Irish orphans recently landed in Port Phillip at the expense and under the patronage of the Imperial Government, I deemed it my duty to call a public meeting of the Catholics and Irish generally resident in Melbourne to repel this low attack on unprotected orphans of excellent character, to 65 of whom I gave Confirmation, whilst with very few exceptions the entire body of orphans arrived in this Colony for the commencement of this description of Emigration, complied with their religious duties. Accordingly a very numerous meeting took place in St Francis Hall, at which were present between six and seven hundred persons, and the following resolutions were adopted.

A public meeting of the Catholics was held agreeably to my instructions in St Francis Hall to animadvert upon and remonstrate against the introduction of prayer or religious service of any kind at the laying the foundation stone of the Victoria Benevolent Asylum, as agreed upon by the building committee in deference to the rules of a private society, the Masonic body. The meeting was attended by 700 - seven hundred - persons, amongst whom were many protestants. The proceedings were conducted with the greatest propriety and unanimity. The petition, or rather Memorial, forwarded to his Excellency the Governor for transmission to Her Majesty praying the continuance of Irish Orphan Emigration was received by His Excellency and acknowledged.

The Rev R. D's resignation [probably Robert Downing. Ed.] tendered and received: he proceeds to Sydney. Habits of conduct against which he had been frequently warned induced me - though badly off for priests - to accept his resignation.

### JULY 1850

The foundation [stone] of St Paul's Church, Pentridge was laid on Sunday the 30th of June in the presence of a large concourse of people belonging to Melbourne and Pentridge. The ceremony did not commence till a quarter to twelve, so the Holy Sacrifice - which was offered up afterwards - was not over until very late. The amount collected towards the erection of the edifice on this interesting occasion was 70 - seventy - pounds.

Visited the town of Kyneton situated near Mount Macedon on the Monday following, selected in the township a site for a church, clergyman's residence and schoolhouse. The distance from Melbourne is fifty miles. This place is in the heart of a very extensive and rich country. There were no buildings in the township except one - a residence for a Protestant Minister. I returned to Melbourne on Wednesday July 3rd.

### AUGUST 1850

The 6th of this month being the anniversary of my Consecration, a solemn High Mass was sung, during which Minor Orders were conferred post *Kyrie Eleison* - as ordered by the church - on Mr James Madden, a native of Ireland. It is now two years since the consecration took place, and the occasion of this event was marked by the first ordination ever conferred in this province, and the first held by me.

Two clergymen arrived from Sydney during this month. One is a native of France, and the other is a native of Ireland. I engaged their services for the Mission of Melbourne, where they were much needed. Hitherto the whole duties of the Mission were fulfilled by two, myself and the Very Rev Dean Coffey. The latter gentleman - at the request of the Archbishop - returns to Sydney.

### SEPTEMBER 1850

On the 6th of this month two Clergymen arrived from Ireland. They were sent out by Dr Geoghegan at the expense of the Catholic Association. Their names are the Rev Gerald Ward and Patrick Dunne; they seem to be pious and zealous priests. I received their promise of obedience, made to myself and successors, on Sunday the Feast of the Nativity of the Holy Mother of God. They are affiliated to the Diocese. The Vicar General has forwarded by them six chalices and two pixes for the use of the Mission, together with a Missal, and six Pontificals. The Chalices - with the exception of a small one, which is silver - are plated. The gentlemen are provided with vestments, oilstocks and pixes for their own use.

Today, the 11th of the month, Father Dunne proceeded with Dean Fitzpatrick to Geelong, the scene of his future labours. His appointment to this Mission, to which also Father Ward will be sent during the absence of Dr Geoghegan, is only provisional.

I visited today the schools situated in Melbourne. Fr Powell - to whose inspection I have committed them - accompanied me. In Melbourne the Church has six schools receiving aid from Government. They have been provided from the same source with books.

**Sunday the 15th** the Catholic Association met, agreeably to its rules, immediately after Benediction. No less than six hundred persons were present - as many more were obliged to return to their homes, being unable to obtain an entrance into the Hall in consequence of its crowded state.

A lecture delivered by Mr Stawell, Barrister-at-Law, in the Protestant Hall on the Reformation, was reviewed and well by one of our schoolmasters. The amount of contributions towards the funds of the Association was twenty-two pounds.

**Wednesday the 18th.** An Ordination was held this morning at eight o'clock in the church of St Francis. The order of subdeaconship was conferred on Mr James Madden. This was the first of the Sacred orders bestowed by me since my appointment, and the first conferred in this Province. Though a week day, the attendance of the faithful was large. The ceremony was suited to the time, it being Ember-time. Four priests assisted at the Service.

This month I committed the Geelong Mission to the care of two clergymen, the Revd Messrs Powell and Dunne. In Melbourne I have retained the services of the Rev Dean Fitzpatrick, whom I have charged with the care of the correspondence of the Mission and other matters of importance. The Rev Messrs Ward and Bourgeois are attached to the Melbourne Mission. To the former I have confided the temporal concerns of the churches of St Francis and St Patrick, and of the house and seminary. The number of pupils in the seminary has considerably increased within this month.

On Tuesday the 15th instant I visited Bacchus Marsh. The next day I laid the foundation stone of a chapel, which I dedicated to St Laurence O'Tool. Previous to the performance of this interesting ceremony I celebrated the Holy Mysteries in the presence of a congregation of seventy persons, and administered the Holy Communion to thirty persons. What made this visit so agreeable was the readiness with which all the adults availed themselves of our presence to approach the Sacrament of Penance.

On Thursday and Friday following I held a Station at Brighton. The people attended very well and made their confessions. Forty were admitted to the Holy Communion. The Catholic population of Brighton exceeds three hundred. The greater part were absent, being engaged at the shearing in the interior, or employed bringing the wool to Melbourne. During this busy season of shearing and conveying the wool to town, these poor people earn as much suffices for their family's support for a year.

On tomorrow I proceed to Williamstown to hold a Station there.

On last Sunday night the monthly meeting of the Catholic Association took place. I called the particular attention of the meeting to the proselytism system practised by the Protestants towards the Irish orphans. These poor girls have been turned out of their Protestant situation because they would not abandon the true Faith. Promises of a most alluring nature were made them if they would become perverts. They have generally - I may say without a single exception - rejected the proposals of the base tempter and left their situations. May God reward them for their attachment to His Faith.

On **Wednesday the 23rd** I held a Station at Williams Town. The Holy Sacrifice was offered by the Rev Mr Bourgeois at ten o'clock - immediately after we heard confessions of the faithful. The Rev. Dean Fitzpatrick celebrated the Holy Mysteries at ten the next day, after which the faithful went to their confessions. On Friday I said Mass, and gave a short exhortation as on the two previous days. Confessions were heard immediately after.

Saturday the people were left to their own private devotions, being previously advised to consecrate as much of the day as their necessary employment would allow of to prayer and meditation and pious reading as a preparation for the Holy Communion they were to make the next day.

The following day, Sunday, after celebrating half-past eight o'clock Mass in St Francis Church I proceeded to Williams Town with Dean Fitzpatrick, and whilst the latter was engaged in the celebration of the Most Holy Mysteries I heard the confessions of those who had any desire to make them. Nearly all the adults present, about forty in number, men and women, received the Blessed Sacrament. After Mass I addressed to them a few words on the important and solemn act they had just performed, and exhorted them to lead lives in conformity to the promises and advice made and given in the confessional. The conduct of the people during these few days of religious retreat was truly edifying. May God grant that the fruits of it may long remain among them.

**October 30th.** This morning the spiritual retreat for the people of Heidelberg commenced with Mass. Confessions were heard immediately after the celebration of the Holy Mysteries: this rule was observed for the two following days. After Mass, each day, I gave a short exhortation to the people. On Sunday the Holy Communion was administered during Mass, which was celebrated by the Rev Dean Fitzpatrick - the recipients were 50 in number. I gave Confirmation to twenty persons of various ages, having briefly explained the nature and obligations of that solemn rite.

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A station held at Heidelberg on the 30 - 31 October - 1 - 3rd November. On the last the congregation exceeded a hundred. Communicants 50 - Confirmed 20.

## NOVEMBER 1850

**November 7th.** I afforded the people of Kilmore the same opportunities of approaching the Sacraments. The Holy Sacrifice was offered up by me every day until the 10th, when the exercises closed. The people attended very well all through. On Sunday I gave the Holy Communion to a 100 persons. During these retreats a great many were reclaimed who never approached the Sacraments.

[Another (earlier) version. Ed.:

A station held at Kilmore on **Thursday - Friday - Saturday - Sunday the 7th - 8th - 9th and 10th of November**. The congregations on each day were very large. On Sunday the last day of the station about 200 persons attended - and a hundred were admitted to the Holy Communion.]

On **Monday the 11th November** I left Kilmore for the Goulburn where I arrived in the evening at 7 o'clock. The day was exceedingly hot, the country was suffering from a long and unusual drought. Vegetation was nowhere to be seen, the pastures present a brown and burnt aspect. In the evening I said night prayers at the house of a good Catholic, a native of the Colony, at which were present the few Catholics who live in the settlement. On my return from the Murray, whither I was proceeding, I promised to hold a station at this place.

[Another (earlier) version. Ed.:

Left Kilmore on **Monday the 11th** and reached the Goulburn that evening at 7 - distance 25 miles. Said night prayers at Peter Tiernan's at nine - and immediately after retired to rest.]

**Tuesday 12th November** I left the Goulburn at half-past seven o'clock a.m. Delayed a short time to select a site in a township, which had been lately surveyed, for a Church etc. Arrived at the half-way house, where we remained two hours. Thence we proceeded to the Honey Suckle, which we reached about 7 in the evening. The heat this day was occasionally very powerful. The Inn at which I stopped is kept by a Catholic from the North of Ireland. His wife is a Presbyterian. Previous to retiring for the night, I said prayers in which the family joined.

[Another (earlier) version. Ed.:

**Tuesday 12th** left the Goulburn at half past seven and arrived at the Inn situated halfway between the Goulburn and the Honeysuckle at twelve - a distance of 27 miles. Rested at this place two hours - and then proceeded to the Honeysuckle 20 miles from thence where we arrived about 7. The day was occasionally very hot. I felt unwell during the day. Said night prayers for ourselves and the family and retired to rest.]

**Wednesday 13th. November** This morning I said Mass and addressed a few words on the Gospel of the day to those who were present.

We started from this place for the Broken river at eleven o'clock a.m. It was 1 o'clock when we reached the Benalla. This day's journey, though only 25 miles, was one of the most severe we had yet performed in consequence of excessive heat, which continued the whole of that day and night.

[Another (earlier) version. Ed.:

**Wednesday 13th.** This morning we left the Honey-Suckle a short time after I celebrated Mass - and proceeded to the Broken river - where we arrived at one o'clock. The Honey Suckle is 25 miles from the Broken river. At this place we received very bad accommodation. The day and night were unusually hot.]

The accommodation afforded at the Inn at this place was so bad that I was compelled to proceed early the next morning on my journey to the Ovens River and Wangaratta. The distance was forty-five miles. The heat, though not so great as the previous day, was still oppressive.

About one o'clock a.m. we came to a hut, situated half way, where we rested the horses and ourselves. We could not obtain here any other feed for the horses but grass. The refreshment we procured for ourselves was meagre enough. However both men and horses thrived on it. The road we came over was hilly and the country we passed was poor and suited only for pastoral purposes. The weather still continued to be excessively hot. Having refreshed ourselves and the horses we resumed our journey and arrived at Wangaratta at four o'clock p.m.

This township is situated on the Ovens River. There is not much agricultural in its vicinity. It is however excellently adapted for the purposes for which it is at present used, viz: grazing sheep and cattle. Here we found a good Inn, of large and convenient dimensions. The wife of the owner and occupant of it is a Catholic. They made their property by a careful and prudent management of their wages, when servants.

[Another (earlier) version. Ed.:

**Thursday 14th.** We commenced our journey to the Oven's river at six this morning. The distance is forty miles. We stop[p]ed at a hut situated about halfway to refresh ourselves and horses - the excessive heat of the day and the hilly nature of the road rendered this necessary. We reached the Oven's [*sic*] about four o'clock. The township of the Oven's [*sic*] is situated in the heart of a very fine country. It [is] sure to become a large settlement. Here we remained for the night. The Inn is a most respectable building - and affords excellent accommodation.]

On the next day - **Friday the 15th November** - we were disappointed in making an early start by my mare having strayed away during the night. The servant had to remain after me until she was found. He had not to wait long, as soon after my departure she was found. We reached Albury at 4 o'clock p.m., having delayed at the Inn situated near the Black Dog Creek, which is half way between Wangaratta and it, to rest and feed the horses.

[Another (earlier) version. Ed.:

**Friday 15th.** This morning we were disappointed in making an early start in consequence of the mare having strayed from the paddock where I ordered her to be placed the previous evening. However, notwithstanding the lateness of the hour at which we resumed our journey to Albury, we arrived there at four o'clock p.m. having stop[p]ed at the Black Dog Creek for refreshment two hours.

**Saturday 16th. November** This day we entirely devoted to a preparation for Sunday. I gave notice to the Catholics living here that I would celebrate Mass and hear confessions at Mrs. Huon's on the Melbourne side of the River Murray, which divides the Archdiocese from the Melbourne Diocese, at eleven the next morning. The town of Albury has not made much progress since I past [passed] through it two years ago.

[Another (earlier) version. Ed.:

**Saturday 16th.** We have made this day a day of rest for ourselves and the horses. I have arranged to celebrate the holy Mysteries at Mrs Huon's at nine o'clock tomorrow - after which I purpose proceeding down the Murray 40 or 45 miles. Albury is but an inconsiderable township at present - its situation however renders it important, and will no doubt be the means of increasing its size and population. There are but few Catholics living here - and but one respectable Catholic family.

**Sunday 17th. November** Today I celebrated Mass at 11 a.m., at which not more than twenty persons assisted. After Mass I proceed down the river to a station belonging to a Catholic family, by name Brown. It was late in the night when we reached this place, the distance from Huon's to it being fifty miles. We had to cross the river Murray or Hume in a square small boat. It was not without some risk that we succeeded in bringing over in it the horses and gig. The "Inn", at which we delayed a short time, afforded very bad accommodation. I remained at Browns until Tuesday, celebrating Mass each day. On Tuesday morning - 19th inst. - we crossed the Hume or Murray river again - in a small boat, the horses swimming. The gig had been previously taken over in the boat. We came to Wangaratta at three o'clock. The next morning - Wednesday 20th - we held a station here: twenty persons attended. The Catholics living here are very few, and mostly servants.

We remained at Wangaratta this day, in order to rest ourselves. At one o'clock I visited the township and selected rather a handsome site for a church, clergyman's dwelling and schoolhouse. In the evening I called on a Catholic family who occupy a cattle station three miles from the township. The father, a man of 90 years of age, had been transported to N.S. Wales for the Irish revolution of 1798 ['1878' in text. Ed.] . He was in the enjoyment of all his faculties.

[Another (earlier) version. Ed.:

**Sunday 17th.** I offered up the Holy Sacrifice this morning at half past nine o'clock. This was the first time that the Holy mysteries were celebrated on the South side of the Murray. The Congregation consisted chiefly of persons from Albury. Having read in English the Epistle and Gospel of the day, I made a few observations on the latter. After Mass we heard a few Confessions. As soon as we finished breakfast we proceeded on our journey down the South side of the Murray. This river had been discovered by Hamilton Hume - a native of New South Wales - and it bore his name until it was afterwards seen by Captain Sturt - the present Colonial Secretary of Adelaide - who, believing that it was then for the first time discovered, gave it the name by which it is at present known amongst the settlers near Melbourne - and by which it is distinguished on the Maps of the Colony. We crossed this river by means of a very rude and unsafe kind of boat - at Messrs Clark and Brown's station. The Inn at which we stop[p]ed for a half an hour after crossing the river affords a very bad accommodation. We arrived at Mr. R. Brown's station at half past seven o'clock. This gentleman is a Catholic. He received us with very great kindness. I purpose remaining with him for a few days. The weather up to the present has been very favourable. The country is suffering much for want of rain. The broad acres of the squatters are without grass. The cattle and sheep graze on the banks of the river - or in the neighbourhood of lagoons - the only places possessing herbage green and fresh.]

[The earlier (and only remaining) version. Ed.:

**Monday November 18th.** I said Mass this morning at ten o'clock. Immediately two children belonging to persons on the South side of the river - in the Melbourne diocese - were baptized by Dean Fitzpatrick. One of the children was four years old. The weather still continues hot and droughty. Night prayers with the family at nine - retired to rest immediately after.

**Tuesday 19th.** I rose this morning a little before six. Celebrated Mass at seven. At eleven o'clock a.m. we left for the Ovens - where we arrived at three o'clock. Retired to rest at half past nine.

**Wednesday 20th.** I rose this morning at seven - celebrated Mass at ten - twenty persons assisted. Visited the township at one o'clock and selected a site. At three called on a Catholic family - who hold a cattle station within three miles of the town. The father - a man of ninety years - was sent out for the 'rebellion' - he is very feeble - but enjoys all his faculties. I did not retire to rest until expecting the mail, which is unusually late tonight. I purpose starting at four tomorrow morning for the Honey Suckle. The distance is 45 miles.]

**Thursday 21st. November** This morning we left for the Honey Suckle at 6 o'clock. The distance we had to travel was 45 miles. The day was exceedingly sultry and disagreeable, a hot wind with clouds of dust prevailing through the whole day.

At the Broken river in Bangalla we stopped to refresh the horses. After a delay of an hour we continued our journey to the Honey Suckle, where we arrived a little after six o'clock. Bangalla is a small township: the Catholic population does not exceed eighty, children and adults. The town is situated in the centre of a large squatting population. The land is not very good. The water at this place is pretty good.

Violet Town is situated on the Honeysuckle Creek. As yet the houses are few and the population insignificant. At this place I stopped a day, being very much fatigued - the horses were also very tired.

**Thursday November 22nd.** We left the Ovens this morning at six o'clock - and arrived at the Broken river - or Bangalla [Benalla] - at 10. We remained here two hours - during which time I made a selection of a site for a church etc. The day was exceedingly oppressive - hot winds prevailing yesterday and today. With much labour we succeeded in getting the horses to travel the last stage to the Honey Suckle - or Violet Town - a distance of twenty miles. The Broken river is 30 miles from the Ovens. The Innkeeper at the Ovens would make no charge - though we stopped at his place on our way to Albury - and on our return - three nights and two days. We met with the same kindness at Violet Town. The Inn Keeper at the Ovens is a Protestant and an Englishman - his wife is a Catholic and Irish. The Inn at Violet Town is kept by a Catholic and an Irishman - his wife is a Presbyterian. At Bangalla there are eighty Catholics - adult and children - it is likely to be a pretty large town. The land in its neighbourhood is but middling. The water of the river is excellent for use. Violet Town - though surrounded by some good land - will never be of much consequence. There are few - very few - Catholics living here - and there are no more than two or three small houses in the township - the neighbouring country is in the hands of a few squatters. We retired early to rest tonight.

**Friday November 23rd.** I celebrated Mass this morning at nine o'clock - previous to my doing so I heard a few Confessions. We left immediately after on our way to the Goulburn. We made a short day's journey today - having travelled only twenty-three miles. Tomorrow we shall make the Goulburn - which is twenty-seven miles from this stage.

**Saturday November 24th.** We arrived at the Goulburn at 12 o'clock. Confessions were heard at nine tonight - in consequence of the shortness of the notice but few attended. Having said night prayers at Mr. Tiernan's we retired to rest. Immediately after my arrival I made a selection - near the bridge on the road from this to the Ovens - of a site for a church.

**Sunday** Heard Confessions this morning - I celebrated Mass at eleven o'clock. The attendance was better than I expected - above forty persons. A few approached the Holy Communion. The people contributed a something towards the expenses. We leave very soon for McCullough's. Arrived at McCullagh's [sic] - after visiting a sick man six miles from the Goulburn - at one o'clock - and after a short rest proceeded on our road to Kilmore - which place we reached after a tedious journey of a few miles in the dark, over a very bad road, a great part of which we were obliged to walk - at half past eight o'clock. I retired to rest a little after nine. The weather continues very warm and dry. The crops have suffered much from the hot winds that prevailed last week.

**Monday 25th.** I rose this morning rather late - owing to the fatigue of yesterday. I celebrated Mass at ten - a large congregation assisted - visited a poor lunatic after Mass - and read over her. I purpose leaving Kilmore for Kilmacue at three this evening. I left Kilmore at three - or a little after - and reached Kilmacue at a little after six. Feeling very tired I went to bed immediately after night prayers - during the night I slept very little. A hot wind blew the whole of the night and increased towards the morning.

**Tuesday November 26th.** I rose this morning at four with the intention of leaving for Melbourne at five - the distance being only twenty miles I expect to arrive there for breakfast. We started at the time appointed and have just arrived, it being a quarter to eight o'clock. The weather this morning was very sultry.

### APRIL, MAY and JUNE 1851

#### [Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April]

Confirmation administered in St Francis Church Thursday 10th of April - 200 hundred [sic] persons received the Sacrament.

On Friday 11th April Messrs. Stack and Geoghegan were ordained deacons and O'Farrell sub deacon. Powell had minor orders conferred on him the same day.

**Palm Sunday, 13th April.** Gave priest[ly] orders to Rev. Mr. Stack. On Holy Thursday 100 children made their first Communion].

I left Melbourne for Sydney, en route to Europe, in the Easter week of this year. After a most unfavourable passage we arrived in Sydney on Sunday at 3 o'clock. The Archbishop's carriage being in attendance, I proceeded direct to St. Mary's where, amidst the loud pealing of the Cathedral bells, I received a warm welcome from the Archbishop and resident clergy.

My stay in the Archdiocese was short, but long enough to afford me opportunity for observation on the state of the Church. Everything connected with its spiritual administration and temporal management is an eulogium, high and flattering, on the zeal, piety and talent of the Archbishop. It is true I had painful evidence given me of a growing dissatisfaction amongst the Ecclesiastics, but from all I could learn it appeared to arise from no fault of the Archbishop in the administration of the Diocese. It was my opinion then, and is now, when I recall to recollection the information I could at that time obtain, that the cause of this discontent was attributable to the priests and not to the Archbishop. The foreign Missionaries attached to the Archdiocese appeared to me to foment it, if they were not its originators.

## MAY 1851

On **11th May** [I sailed] for Valparaizo in the *Garland* of Liverpool. We were but few passengers, four including myself and Dr. Fitzpatrick. The voyage was one of greater length than I anticipated. The weather for the first fortnight was most unfavourable. On Sunday the **22nd of June** we passed some short distance to the south of Juan Fernandez, distinguished in the celebrated narrative of R[obinson] Crusoe.

**Tuesday 24th** early in the morning the bold outlines of the S. American coast appeared in the distance. The lofty Andes with their eternal snows, stood out in the mild magnificence of a cloudless sky, rivetting in religious admiration and inspiring and exalted conception of the eternity and infinitude of the Creator. We gazed and wondered as this grand panorama of mountains spread itself out before us, the personification of the Deity's omnipotence. We are at this time 40 miles from the coast.

**Wednesday 25th June** through the kindness of the Harbour Master we are enabled to land soon after the ship had taken its place in the open roadstead of Valparaizo. This harbour is very unsafe, having no protection against the southerly winds, which sometimes blow with fearful violence on the shore. Lately several vessels perished in the fury of those gales from the south.

The aspect of Valparaizo from the sea is very picturesque. The town is built on the declivity of a low ridge of the mountains that run along the coast of Chile. The principal part of the town occupies a narrow strip of level land shelving out into the harbour from the base of the mountains.

At 2 o'clock we landed and immediately called on the resident Bishop, who is a Frenchman and V[icar] Apostolic of some islands in the Pacific which he seldom or never visits. By the permission of the Archbishop of Santiago - the Ordinary of the place - he exercises jurisdiction in the town. He has leave from the Holy See to reside at Valparaizo. We were received and welcomed by him with the greatest kindness. The steamer for Panama being ready to start on tomorrow at 12 o'clock, we could see nothing of the interior. I accepted the kind invitation of the Bishop to remain at his place until prepared to leave. Earthquakes are frequent here - one had lately happened in which the churches and public buildings suffered. The dwelling houses are slightly put together owing to those terrible visitations. The materials used are unburnt bricks, which are placed between linings of lath and plaster.

The Bishop has a Seminary wherein the laity's children are educated - it is under the roof and within the enclosure of his own residence. He has also under his own immediate direction an Ecclesiastical College at which Missionaries for the Islands under his jurisdiction prosecute their sacred studies. The Religious of St Augustine, St Dominic and St Francis have convents here. The Jesuits have also an establishment in the town. These latter give Missions throughout the Archdiocese. The people's religious faith is sound and steady - but the public morals but partially illustrate it. Generally speaking the religious tone of society is truly Catholic and good.

**Thursday 26th June 1851.** This morning I offered up the Holy Sacrifice in the chapel attached to the Seminary. I administered the Holy Communion to about twenty persons, all females with the exception of one man; females also chiefly comprised the congregation.

At 11 o'clock I went on board the steamer. Our passage cost £39 each. We are to be provided with everything but wine. She sailed at 12 o'clock. The coast we had in sight nearly the whole voyage to Panama. From Valparaizo to Lima it presented nothing to view but the unproductive barren steeps of the gigantic Andes which now and then, as the fogs in which they were enveloped disappeared, disclosed their lofty summits covered with perpetual snow.

Whilst in Valparaizo I learned that Santiago, the chief city of Chili [*sic*], distant 70 miles from the port, is built in the centre of an extensive plain, on either side of a large fresh water river. Its Cathedral was commenced by the first Spanish settlers. Its style of architecture is Gothic, highly ornamented. The late earthquake has done it considerable injury and rendered it unfit for divine service.

This vast plain on which the city is built spreads itself out under one of the loftiest of the Andes. Its elevation as measured by Captain Fitzroy is ascertained to be 22,000 feet. The most, and I may say the only, productive spots in Chili [*sic*] are the valleys. The soil there is rich, yielding extraordinary crops of wheat and other grain. The principle [*sic*] source of its wealth is the copper mines. Many of the neighbouring colonies, including N.S. Wales, obtain their supplies of wheat from Chili, when that great necessity of life is scarce through failure of crops in those countries. A failure having occurred this year in the crops of N.S. Wales, the colonists had to look to Chili for their supplies of wheat. But owing to the great demand for this article of consumption in California, whither the Chilians sent their grain, the market of Sydney was but scantily supplied.

The Government of this part of S. America is republican. The President (a military man) had completed his time [in] office as we arrived, and the election of [a] successor had already commenced. These elections are generally attended by great violence, and much bloodshed. Military men are for the most part the successful candidates for the Presidency in the several republics of S. America, and the administration is generally that of men accustomed to military despotism. Lima, Bolivia and Equador [*sic*] were governed by military adventurers. These men banished and otherwise punished the parties who opposed their elections and were disposed to be hostile to their governance. And *vice versa*.

The towns on the coast are small and miserable, badly supplied with water. Some few use distilled sea water, the natural fresh water being either not to be had, or so bad as not to be fit for use. Not a few of those towns obtain their supply of fresh water from Valparaiso. The rich silver and copper mines of the interior led to their establishment, and are at present the only inducement for their being occupied. Each settlement has church and Pastor, consequently a school. The clergymen charged with care of those Missions are in many instances seemingly unfit for the high responsibility: they seem to have a more than average share of ignorance.

We called at the seaport of Bolivia, named after General Bolivio [*sic*], the Emancipator of S. America. This port is destitute of everything necessary for the support of life. It has a little water, which is very bad - however it is considered useful for some purposes and consequently husbanded with the strictest economy. It is kept under lock and key, and distributed by the authorities at stated times, each in very small quantities.

The mines are far in the interior: they are exceedingly rich in silver and copper. The amount of silver put on board the steamer at this port was estimated at two hundred thousand dollars, it was in huge ingots or bars. Guano is to be had in large quantities here. It is a dry dust, without smell. Persons engaged in shipping this manure having [have been] cured of asthma and leprosy.

## JULY 1851

**July 1st. Tuesday.** This morning we called at another small settlement. It enjoys the advantage of a resident [clergyman], as do all settlements on the coast. Most of the resident clergymen of S. America are native born - the descendants of the combined races of the aboriginal inhabitants and the Spanish colonists. Some of these missions have never been visited by the Ordinary.

On the following day we visited "Arica". It is a small sea-port town with a population of from 4 to 5000 of the mixed Spanish and Indian races. The town is clean and picturesquely situated. Luxuriant gardens everywhere meet the eye, a pleasing and agreeable contrast to the sterile scenery of the coast and highland. It is at this port the Bolivians receive their foreign importations and hence they ship their copper and silver ore.

We experienced great attention during our short stay here from a Mr Taylor and family. Mr Taylor is a native of N. America but has been a long time a settler in Arica. His wife is descended from a mixed marriage between a Spaniard and [an] Indian.

I was informed that a few miles from the town a cave was discovered in which were found the skeleton forms of some of the aboriginal inhabitants. The tradition of the place is that these poor people retired to these caves, taking with them a small portion of grain (some of which has been found in the cave above alluded to sound and unimpaired), there [to] linger out their quickly passing existence - no longer available for labouring exertion.

The French were the first to settle down here. They built the town. A stately church attests their attachment to the True Faith. During the revolutions that lately ravaged the country this building was not only despoiled of its ornaments and sacred vessels, but it suffered in its walls and roof most seriously. It is now undergoing a thorough repair at the expense of the people.

Two clergymen have the spiritual charge of this place - a native and an Italian. The people do not speak very favourably of the energy and morality of their pastors. The people seem a simple and well-disposed race, fervently attached to the true Faith. The town and country are well supplied with water. It seldom rains here: irrigation is the chief means of giving the land the necessary amount of moisture. Wheat is produced in great abundance in the interior. The soil is rich and the climate salubrious. It is by no means peopled in proportion to its extent and availability.

Education is entirely in the hands of the Government; religious instruction does not meet expectation. The people's unwillingness or inability to support a school under the immediate direction of the resident clergymen accounts for this latter serious drawback.

The Asylums for the sick and poor are supported entirely by the free offerings of the people. The olive and vine are successfully cultivated here. The oil and wine produced from them are very good.

**Thursday 3rd July.** We called today at Islay, another small sea-port town - it is twenty five years [since] it was founded. It enjoys the advantage of one or two handsome fountains. The water, which is good, is supplied by means of pipes from a river three miles in the interior.

The Ordinary of this place lives in the chief city of the Republic, situated about 60 miles inland. He is approaching his seventieth year. He made but one Episcopal visit to this part of his diocese since his consecration. The neglect of Episcopal visitation has been productive of serious evils to the Church of S. America. The priest charged with the spiritual care of Islay is a Spaniard. The church is a poor building, it is made of wood - though excellent brick and stone, apparently granite, may be had on the spot.

The great export of this place consists of silver, copper and alpaca wool. The drink used by the people is a sort of small beer, made from Indian corn. It is an agreeable beverage.

**Friday 4th July.** We put in nowhere today. The weather was foggy. It seems that it is peculiar to the present season. This fog continues for several days, obscuring the heavens to the partial light of twilight until noon. It is damp, and to a certain extent supplies to the parched earth the want of rain, which never falls in Peru. At Bolivia rain falls periodically. This damp foggy sort of weather prevails during four months, the other eight months of the year are dry and pleasant, the sky cloudless.

**Sunday 6th July.** At 7 this morning we arrived in the harbour of Calao, the seaport of Lima. Immediately on landing we proceeded to the house of the Parish Priest, our bags being previously inspected *pro forma* at the Customs House. The clergyman was celebrating Mass when we called. The church is large but rudely built, it would accommodate from 5 to 600 persons. The interior seems to be neglected. An old oil-cloth covers the altar - over this are spread the altar linens, too short and small in every way to conceal the dirt and rents of the oil cloth. There appeared throughout the whole place a shameful neglect. The Congregation was large and assisted at the celebration of the Holy Mysteries with great attention, and devotion. The music was barbarous. After Mass I introduced myself to the parish priest, a man of advanced age, venerable and clerical in appearance. I offered up the Holy Sacrifice. The priest very kindly invited us to his house. As we were taking breakfast he gave us information about himself and the Mission. He is 80 years of age, and was the first priest appointed to the parish of Calao. He took part in the Revolution. He has two assistants.

The town is large and well built. Its fortifications are the work of the Spaniards. The population, chiefly Catholic, exceeds 10 thousand. The harbour was crowded with ships of almost every nation. The Spanish Corvette which conveyed Dr Serra to Perth and which I had seen in Sydney was lying in the harbour. She is the first Spanish vessel of war that visited S. America since the revolution. The object of her calling was to recognise in the name of the Spanish Government the several republics of S. America.

There are a few Irish and N. American Catholics at Calao. They were anxious to procure the services of an Irish Priest. Emigration from Ireland to Peru was a scheme which had long occupied their attention, and was now on the eve of being tried. As to its success, I am not at all sanguine. The Irish labourer has but little sympathy to expect from a Government unsettled and jealous of strangers. This is a serious disadvantage, for the sympathy and protection of a strong and settled Government are necessary to the welfare of the poor and struggling colonist, upon whose simplicity and helplessness the unprincipled and selfish are ever disposed to practise. And this latter class of our kind are to be found in S. America as well as elsewhere. Again the climate is very trying on constitutions accustomed to the moderate summers of Europe. An Irish Priest with zeal and talent would do a great deal of good amongst the few Catholics from Ireland who live in Calao.

At 10 o'clock I proceeded by train to Lima. The distance is 6 miles, the time, twenty minutes. Lima is built on a plain 600 ft above the level of the sea. When the weather is cloudless [it] is visible to the naked eye from Calao. It is ten miles in circumference. Its population is 60,000. The population of Peru is calculated at one million eight hundred thousand.

The country between Calao and Lima is fertile, and under cultivation. But villas or country seats in small numbers attract the stranger's notice as he looks abroad on the luxuriant landscape. The respectable families live for the greater part of the year in the towns; the summer months they spend near the coast, on account of the salubrity of sea air and bathing.

On our arrival in Lima we went to the residence of the Archbishop, who most kindly invited us to remain with him during our stay there. Luna Pizzaro is the name of this venerable prelate. His age is 75, which his infirm constitution sufficiently indicates. He possesses a high order of intellect, and enjoys a large share of popular respect throughout the Republic. He took an active part in the struggle for independence. He is a Native of Peru. Owing to the feebleness of advanced age he is unable to undertake the visitation of his extensive diocese. Most of the Prelates of this, the Pacific side of South America, are inadequate to the satisfactory fulfilment of this most important duty by reason of their great age. Their appointments were obtained by them late in life. The consequence of this is that Confirmation is rarely administered in the distant Missions. The sacraments are not frequented as often as necessary owing - in some measure, if not entirely - to the apathy and irregularity of those whose awful duty it is to administer them.

In Lima, however, religion is more generally practised and this is mainly attributable, after the disposing grace of heaven, to the pious solicitude of the Venerable Archbishop and the active zeal of the resident Ecclesiastics. Those forming his household are young men, distinguished for their piety, zeal and talent. We remained the guests of the Archbishop's kind and unaffected hospitality during the few days we spent in Lima. And all that time the kindness and attention of the Archbishop and his household surpassed our most sanguine expectations.

To the parish priest of Calao we owe a large debt of gratitude. Our expenses to and from Lima were paid by him. He volunteered to pay our passage to Panama, but this we would not allow. Lima has many large and handsome churches, erected by the Spaniards when in possession of the place. Their interior ornaments speak much for the delicate and cultivated taste of the Spaniard. Several of the religious orders have establishments, and these are on a grand scale.

The church belonging to the Augustinians is a fine specimen of Ecclesiastical ornament. The high altar is rich in massive silver ornaments and precious marbles. It stands within a spacious sanctuary immediately under the lofty and graceful dome or cupola. The choir which is behind it attracted our particular attention, its benches presenting rare specimens of superior carving. The convent covers a large space, its cloisters are very fine: they, however, bear evident marks of neglect. In fact, time and neglect are visible on most of the ecclesiastical buildings throughout Spanish America. To the apathy and selfishness of the Governments which possessed themselves of the revenue of the church, this is mainly attributable.

### Moran 1851

*As well as I could learn from the resident Superior, the Order of St. Augustine is subject to the jurisdiction of the Archbishop. I consider this subjection to Episcopal jurisdiction essential to the welfare of religion in all parts of the world. In the convent there are living about thirty religious. The yearly income is 32,000 dollars. This convent, like all the rest, seems fast falling into decay. There is a novitiate in this convent. The Prior, a man advanced in age, was absent in Calao for the good of his health. The convent would accommodate from two to three hundred religious.*

*The church and convent of St. Philip Neri, both of which were originally the property of the Jesuits, now exiled from the scene of their glorious efforts in favour of religion by the bad laws of a profligate Government, are handsome and spacious edifices.*

*The church has been lately repaired by the religious who now occupy it. The choir and vestry belonging to this church are ornamented with elaborate carving. In the vestry the carved woodwork is richly gilt. The clergyman who showed us the convent and church is Secretary to the Archbishop, and is reputed a man of sacred learning and ability. The church and convent of the Dominicans are also deserving a visit. Here are contained a part of the relics of St. Rose of Lima.*

*There is another church and convent of smaller dimensions in Lima which belong to this order. They are on the site which the house and small hospital of St. Rose occupied. In this church I was shown, by the only religious living here, some relics of the Saint, amongst them the chair in which she used to sit; its rude and plain form gives it an ancient character. The convents have but few relics in them. The yearly income of the Dominican Convent is 41,000 dollars; that of St. Philip Neri's 54,000.*

*The Cathedral is a superb building, without the profuse ornaments which decorate the other churches of Lima. this church is a solemn and grand pile of Gothic architecture. The ceiling is plain but chaste, the High Altar stands under the great dome; it is exquisitely beautiful. The pillars which support the canopy that is over it are covered with plates of silver. The riches of most of the churches have from time to time been pillaged by the Government. It is but recently that a large convent and church dedicated to St. John of God were converted into a railway station by the Government, at the head of which was a man of infidel opinions, who was very antagonistic towards religion. Unless the church becomes more energetic, and piously zealous in all her departments, the feeling of people which is now with her will be alienated from her, and she will fall a prey to the designing few of bad principles who are endeavouring to corrupt the people, and destroy in them all attachment to the true faith. If the present aged Prelate had young, pious and active Coadjutors, an improvement would soon be made in Church and people. The Church's best security is in the love, reverence, and good morals of the laity, and these dispositions of piety are to be produced only by a zealous, learned and moral priesthood.*

*The population of Lima is between 60,000 and 70,000. Of the rising generation in Lima, 3000 are being educated. The high schools here bear a respectable character for learning. The Ecclesiastical Seminary teaches a very excellent course of sacred and profane learning. Its principals are men, as far as my short stay would allow me to judge of them, well fitted to be the teachers of youth. A good many of the chairs in the University are occupied by ecclesiastics. The present University, a fine building, was once the property of the Jesuits. There is in Lima a convent of French nuns belonging to the Order of the Sacred Heart, in which young females receive an excellent education in all those branches of literature so essential to the accomplishments of a lady of rank. The convent is not more than two or three years established here.*

*The Franciscan Convent is a handsome and spacious building. It was erected by the Spaniards. I saw the room or cell in which St. Francis Solano ended his glorious career. The church of this convent is a stately edifice; its altars are tastefully decorated. Attached to this church is a smaller church which the piety of the late Archbishop erected. In this, retreats for the laity take place in Advent and Lent. Such as go on these retreats, take up their abode in a part of the convent allowed for that purpose. Each person occupies during the retreat a large cell, furnished with a bed, a chair, a table, and a large crucifix. A human skull is also placed in each cell in order to remind the occupant of his mortality.*

*The Government gives but little aid to religion. The head of the present administration is not more than a few months elected. Much is expected from him by the clergy. A General Florus arrived in Lima during my stay there. This individual has been Governor formerly of Quito, but has since then been in exile with some of his followers. Among these was an Irishman of the name of Wright, who after an expatriation of four years was permitted to return. He came in the packet in which I took my passage to Panama.*

*We arrived at Guayaquil, the Port of Quito, on Sunday evening, July 13th, at 5 p.m. The town of Guayaquil is approached by a river of many leagues in length. This river opens out into a very picturesque basin in which vessels of large tonnage can anchor. The town is large and well situated. The site is a plain of good dimensions, stretching between the bay formed by the river and handsome hills of various elevations, wooded to the top with trees of luxuriant green. The chief articles of export are hides, coffee, timber, which is of excellent quality, and chocolate which grows very abundantly. The land on each side of the river is low and swampy, and covered with the luxuriant vegetation of the tropics - the only novelty is in the scenery, if we except an occasional view of the Andes which now and then presented its grand and magnificent elevation through a cloudy horizon. There is an Episcopal See at Guayaquil. The present Diocesan is about to be translated to the Archbishopric of Quito, now vacant. He is a man of advanced age, being between 70 and 80 years. He is in good health and of active habits, and does not appear to be sparing of himself in the discharge of his functions. His good life has endeared him to the people of Guayaquil. He is a native of the place. During our short visit he administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to about forty persons, a great many of whom were infants. The place in which he administered this solemn rite was not well chosen, it being a large apartment adjoining his sitting room or library. His oratory would have been more suitable. The Cathedral is a large plain building. In a small chapel adjoining it night prayers were said as we went to visit the cathedral. The congregation was large and joined in the prayers with apparently much attention and piety.*

*I might here remark that we called the day previous, Saturday, at a small town on the coast called Payta. This settlement is in the midst of sterility. The fresh water used there is brought a distance of eighteen miles. The interior is fertile, and watered by a good river, on which is built a rather large town. There are two churches in this town, the one a parish church and the other a friary. They are remarkable for nothing but the cleanliness and order which prevail in them. We found an Irish family of the name of Hynes, from Tuam, living there, as also a man, from Limerick, of the name of Reardon. Hynes intends to return to Ireland as soon as he receives a certain property left by his brother who died in Lima. Reardon keeps a store and seems to be doing very well. He also intends returning to his native country.*

*We left Guayaquil at 11 o'clock on Sunday night. The Bishop-elect of Guayaquil is rector of the seminary. The Bishop spoke highly of him. The population is between ten and eleven thousand.*

*Monday 14th July. We are again on our direct course to Panama. We only visit one place more before we reach it. The weather is very hot. It is, however, tempered in the evenings at Guayaquil with a cool, refreshing breeze from the sea.*

*Thursday 17th July. Last night we touched at a small settlement called St. Bonaventura, which we left this morning at half-past 6. This is the only place at which the steamer calls between Guayaquil and Panama. The town of Bonaventura is very small. The church occupies the more prominent site in it. The founders of this settlement showed much taste in the choice of situation, which is very picturesque. It is on the banks of a large river, navigable for ships of a good size, but few ships, however, call here. The inhabitants are not engaged in any enterprise of commerce. The tropical vegetation is to be seen everywhere on the coast from Guayaquil to Panama. The air of St. Bonaventura is considered to be very unwholesome. The sperm whale is in great abundance in this part of the Pacific. The Americans, it seems, have in the Pacific a fleet of three hundred whalers.*

*Saturday 19th July. We arrived in the Bay of Panama at 1 o'clock. During the three days that we remained here we were hospitably lodged in the University, which is ecclesiastical property, and under the superintendence of a Canon of the Cathedral who was brought up in it. He teaches the classics and I believe divinity. The students were fifty in number and mostly very young.*

*We left Panama on Tuesday, 22nd, and reached Cruces, the first stage of Chagres, at 5 that evening. The next morning we went to Chagres, or at least part of the way. The morning following, July 24th, we got on board the steamer, which sailed on Friday night. On Sunday, July 27th, we reached Carthagen.*

*In Panama religion does not seem to progress; its practice is chiefly confined to women. The Sacraments are seldom or never approached by the men. The churches on the Sabbath, which differs little from the other days of the week, are attended for the most part by women, the observance of religion being for the most part entirely neglected by the men. Morals - public morals - are very low here. The clergy are despised and I am afraid deservedly. They but seldom instruct the people, and use but little exertion to induce them to frequent the Sacraments. They have the name of being rich, and take a pride of boasting of their wealth.*

*The See of Panama is at present vacant. The Government, however, has named the candidate for the confirmation by the Holy See. He is a Dominican Friar, at present in exile by an order of the late Government. he took an active part in the Revolution, which was unsuited to his character. His zeal displays itself more in politics than religion.*

*20th August. Arrived in Southampton.*

*23rd August. Arrived in Kingstown. I remained Sunday in Dublin; celebrated Mass in the Augustinian chapel.*

*25th August. Left by train for Cork. The country was rich and picturesque, but thinly peopled. Famine and emigration seem to have done but too successfully the work of depopulation. The harvest, such as it was, seemed, too, to be favourable. The land, however, under cultivation is the smallest portion. The great waste caused by eviction, famine, and emigration stretches out its hideous features on every side. The scene of loneliness, which the gigantic waste presents, fills the stranger with grief and indignation, for he considers it to be the work of the enemy of industry and social happiness.*

*26th August. I took the rooms kindly offered me in the Augustinian convent. I noticed improvements in the ecclesiastical affairs of Cork. Their churches have been increased by new ones, in which some taste appears blended with a due attention to architectural style. The Dominican priory and church are two fine buildings.*

*On Thursday, the 28th, the Feast of St. Augustine, I assisted at High Mass in the chapel of the convent, and gave Benediction.*

*Sunday 31st August. Assisted at Mass in the same chapel. The panegyric of the great St. Austin was delivered by the Rev. Prior, after which I gave the Pontifical blessing to a crowded congregation.*

*Wednesday 3rd September. Left Cork for Limerick. That evening I visited some parts of the fine city, rich in recollections of the last great struggle for Irish Independence. I saw and touched the stone on which was signed the violated treaty. The next day I visited - on the kind invitation of an old fellow student - the watering place of the city, called Kilkee.*

*The excursion afforded me much pleasure. It enabled me to see at a most favourable time the magnificent River Shannon and its picturesque and grand scenery. I have never been on a river of such spacious waters. Here and there the flow of living waters expand themselves into noble bays. Kilkee depends chiefly upon the visitors in summer for its support. Some of the private residences show that it is a favourite retreat of the gentry in the season. The land in the neighbourhood is poor soil.*

*Kilrush, a large inland town, is about four miles from Kilkee. We passed through it on our way to the latter place. There is a small island near where we landed from the steamer called Scatterry Island, which in the old Catholic times was a part of St. Michael's parish in Limerick. Many ruins of castles and monasteries appear here and there on the banks of the Shannon.*

*The O'Connell Mountains, so called by Mr. Steel from his affection and love towards the great Liberator, are pointed to the stranger as he sails down the splendid river.*

*Saturday 6th September. I left by the 6 o'clock train, a.m., for the Limerick Junction, whence I proceeded by car to Clonmel.*

*The population here also seems to have yielded to the pressure of famine and migration. I reached Clonmel early in the day, which afforded me an opportunity of seeing the religious establishments which the zeal and liberality of Rev. Dr. Burke, P.P., aided and assisted by a generous people, founded. The Sisters of Charity occupy a large well built Convent close to the parish church.*

**[END OF MORAN EXTRACT]**

**MARCH 1853**

We arrived in Melbourne on the second Sunday of Lent. Assisted at last Mass and in the evening at Vespers.

Monday. I celebrated Mass in my private Chapel. My morning devotions complied with, I gave the day to business.

The Vicar-General presented me with a state of the diocese which is by no means satisfactory. Church building made no progress during my absence except in one instance - the Church at Pentridge which I commenced previous to my departure for Europe; in that instance, to the zeal and energy of the local pastor is due the praise.

Money has been most shamefully advanced to the contractor of St. Patrick's Church - Eastern Hill - during my absence. But little has been done for it.

My time at this season of Lent is entirely taken up with the public devotions - the Confessions morning and evening - and the general business of the Diocese. The mornings are further given to my private devotions, holy office and the Celebration of Mass.

The Seminary is under the care of the Rev Mr Sheil, who came out with me. There are three Ecclesiastical students. The day school, consisting of 80 boys, is immediately looked after by them under the direction of Mr Sheil, the president.

During Holy Week the ceremonies peculiar to the time were strictly fulfilled. The Confessionals engaged most of our time and attention. The faithful did not however attend in proportion to their numbers. The rails were thronged with Communicants at the several Masses on Easter Sunday, March 27.

The vice of drunkenness prevails to a frightful extent amongst the people. We must wrestle with all our zeal and energy against this monster sin. The unexpected wealth of the people is the cause of this evil.

We had a Pontifical High Mass on Easter Sunday. In the evening we had Solemn Vespers, a sermon and solemn benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

**Monday 28th in Easter.** I celebrated Mass at an early hour this morning. At 11 o'clock High Mass was sung by the Vicar-General.

During the day I was occupied in writing, giving an occasional hour to study. At 7 p.m. we had evening prayers in the Church. Retired to rest at 10 o'clock.

**Tuesday 29th March.** The duties were much the same as yesterday, except that we had no High Mass.

I was engaged during the day in receiving visits and granting interviews to such of the Clergy as were in town from the country. I wrote and studied as occasion offered. In the evening I attended evening prayers in the Church. At 10 I retired to rest.

**Wednesday 30 March.** I rose this morning a little after 6. Having finished in part my morning devotions, I went to the Confessional where I remained until 8, when I offered up the Holy Mysteries. My thanksgiving over I took my usual refection, after which I finished the Divine Office and made my meditation.

I wrote a few letters. From 10 to 12 I received visits of business. Afterwards I visited two of the public schools.

**Thursday 31st March.** I rose at 6 this morning and went to the Church to hear Confessions. In the intervals between each Confession I said the Divine Office and made my preparation for Mass. At 8 I celebrated the Holy Mysteries. I took breakfast at 9, after which I finished my morning devotions.

From 10 to 11 I received visits and transacted business. I wrote letters and studied from 11 to 1 p.m. I then took a short walk and returned a little after 2. From 2 to 3 I read and wrote alternately. Dined at 3. I took a short walk at 5. At 6, tea. Evening prayers in the Church at 7.

Conversation with the Clergy occupied the remainder of my waking time until between 9 and 10, when I retired to rest.

## APRIL 1853

**Friday April 1st.** I rose this morning at the usual hour, 6. I went to the Confessional soon after. At 8 I offered up the Holy Sacrifice. At 9 I breakfasted. From 10 to 11 I was engaged in business. From 11 to 1 I wrote letters and studied. At 1 I took a walk until 2. I read until the first bell for dinner. At 3 we dined. At 5 I went again to walk. Tea at 6. Night prayers in the Church at 7. Conversated with the Clergy until 9.30, when I retired to rest.

**Saturday April 2nd.** I rose at 6 and went to the Confessional a little before 7. At 8 I celebrated Mass, took breakfast at 9. I gave from 10 to 12 to writing letters and business. I studied from 12 to 1. I walked a short distance between 1 and 2. From 2.30 to 3 I heard confessions. Dined at 3. Went to the Confessional at 4 and remained there until 6. Tea at 6. At 7 went to Confessional, where I was occupied until 9. At 10 I retired to rest.

**Sunday April 3rd.** I offered up the most Holy Sacrifice this morning at 7. I heard a few Confessions afterwards. I administered at my Mass the Holy Communion to at least 50 persons. At 8 o'clock Mass nearly 300 received the Blessed Sacrament. I assisted and preached at the 11 o'clock Mass. At 3 p.m. I went into the Church to arrange the classes for Catechism. From 4 to 5 I read and wrote at intervals. At 5 we dined. Vespers commenced at 7, after Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament was given by me. A hurried tea followed. We then hastened to the meeting of the Catholic Association. The collection amounted to £97. It was late when the meeting was dissolved. At 11 I retired to rest.

**Monday April 4th.** I was engaged hearing confessions this morning at a little before 7. At 8 I celebrated Mass. I took my breakfast at 9, and having completed my morning devotions I gave myself to business and study until 1 p.m. At 1 I took a short walk, after which I read and wrote until the first bell rang for dinner. I went to walk again at 5. At 6 I took tea. Night prayers in the Church at 7. Prayers said I went into the confessional - but no penitents approaching I left the Church and returned to the house. The usual entertaining conversation with Clergy over, I retired to rest at 10.

**Tuesday April 5th.** The same order of duty occupied me today. During my usual walk I visited two of the public schools and caused the children to be examined in their Catechism etc. The teachers being lately appointed, but little proficiency can be expected at present from the children. The teachers appear to be intelligent men and well versed in the science of teaching. At 3 I dined. I took a short walk at 5. Tea at 6. Night prayers at 7. After prayers I heard a few confessions. At 10 I retired to rest.

**Wednesday April 6.** I rose this morning at 6. I went to the Confessional at 7. At 8 I said Mass. Breakfasted at 9. Business and study engaged me from 10 to 1. I visited the schools today again and had the children examined as before. The irregularity with which the children attend the school is the chief cause of their backwardness in everything approaching knowledge. We dined at 3. A short walk, tea and night prayers filled up the interval between 5 and 8. I heard confessions after night prayers.

**Tuesday April 7th.** Nothing occurred today to interrupt the usual course of business and study and the order of religious duties I have laid down for myself. After night prayers I heard a few confessions. At 10 I retired to rest.

**Friday April 8th.** The same religious duties and the course of study and of business, with a small share of variety in the latter, filled up the measure of time allowed this day. At a little after 9 I retired to repose.

**Saturday April 9th.** I rose this morning at 6. Heard Confessions from 7 to 8. At 8 I celebrated the Holy Mysteries. After breakfast I was taken up with business and study until 12. At 1 I went to the Confessional, where I remained until 3. Dined at 3. At 4 I went again to hear Confessions and continued so engaged until 6, when I went to tea. I returned at 7 to the confessional and remained there until between 9 and 10. It was 11 when I went to bed.

**Sunday April 10th.** I said Mass this morning at 7 during which I delivered a short lecture on the Commandments in general by way of introduction to a series of lectures on them, separately considered. About a hundred received the Holy Communion at this Mass. Having made a short thanksgiving I heard Confessions up to the giving of Holy Communion at the 8 o'clock Mass. At 9 I took breakfast. The interval that lapsed between 9.30 and 11 I occupied in reading. At 11 I assisted in the Church at the last Mass. Reading works suited to my calling and the day filled up all my time until 3, when I went to the Church to see that the children were taught the Christian doctrine. At 5 we dined. Vespers commenced at 7, after which Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament was given by the Vicar-General - with this the service of the evening concluded. I retired to rest at 11.

**Monday April 11.** I rose this morning at the usual hour, sat to hear Confessions at 7 and said Mass at 8. I took breakfast at 9. I devoted from 10 to 12 to business, at intervals I wrote in reply to letters addressed to me from the several Missions. I wrote and studied from 12 to 1. I visited the schools from 1 to 2. At 3 I dined. I took a short walk between 4 and 5. At 6 we had tea. Night prayers at 7, after which I heard Confessions. *La Converz[at]ione con clero* until 10, when I retired to rest.

**Tuesday April 12th.** My time today was employed with little variety, in the same manner as yesterday. The clergyman stationed at the diggings of Bendigo came to town today. His report of the Mission is not very satisfactory. The Catholics there merely hear Mass. The Sacraments seem to be entirely lost sight of in their covetous pursuit after gold. I shall visit them on the first early opportunity after my return from Gippsland. I retired to rest at the usual hour of 10.

**Wednesday April 13th.** The same order of duty and study occupied this day as on the preceding days, recreation and a visit to the schools being made at the usual time. Night prayers as usual at 7, after which I received to the Sacrament of Penance a few persons. Retired to rest at 9.30.

**Thursday April 14th.** I rose at 6 this morning and went to the confessional at 7. I offered up the Holy Sacrifice at 8 and breakfasted at the usual hour. Business and study engaged my attention until 10. I took my usual exercise on the church ground. I wrote a few letters during the hour preceding dinner. At 3, dinner. I took a short walk at 5. Tea at 6. Night prayers [at] 7. I heard confessions immediately after. At 9 I retired to repose.

**Friday April 15th.** This day was occupied as the preceding one. At 7 night prayers, after which I attended in the Confessional. *La Converz[at]ione con clero* continued until 9.30, when I went to bed.

**Saturday April 16th.** I rose at 6, went to the confessional at 7 and celebrated the Holy Mysteries at 8. Breakfasted at the usual hour. Business and study engaged my attention from 10 to 12. From 12 to 3 confessions in the church. Dinner at 3. From 4 to 6 confessions. From 7 to 10 confessions. I retired for the night at 11.

**Sunday April 17th.** I offered up the Holy Sacrifice this morning in the private chapel in consequence of a severe attack of influenza. I remained in my room most of the day in consequence of it. Reading engaged my attention chiefly, I wrote occasionally. In the evening I attended Vespers. I gave a solemn Benediction with the most blessed sacrament. The service of the evening over, I presided at the monthly meeting of the Catholic Association. The collection amounted to £97. At 11 I retired to rest.

**Monday April 18th.** I rose at 6 this morning. Heard Confessions from 7 until 8. At [8] I offered up the Holy Mysteries. Breakfast at 9. Business and study from 10 to 12. I made preparation today for my journey to Gippsland, which I intend to commence on tomorrow. Dined at 3. At 5 I took a short walk. We had tea at 6, night prayers at 7 and confessions were heard immediately after. At 10 I retired to rest.

**Tuesday April 19th.** I rose this morning at 6 and went as usual to the Confessional at 7. At 8 I said Mass. We breakfasted at 9. Immediately I gave instructions to the Clergy concerning their several duties during my absence, which I thought would extend over a period of three weeks. I took my leave of them and proceeded on my journey to Gippsland. I reached Dandenong, the first stage, a distance of thirty miles, about 5. We would have reached this place sooner but that we lost our way. Having taken dinner and being tired, I said night prayers, in which the family of the house joined, and retired to rest.

**Wednesday April 20th.** It was late when we left Dandenong this morning for Western Port and this was owing to the unfavourableness of the weather. Heavy rain fell during the night and continued to fall up to the hour of our departure. It cleared up as the [day?] advanced. As we resumed our journey we invoked, by reciting the Litany, the protection and intercession of the Blessed Virgin. At 1 we passed within a few yards of a hut, to which the servant went to make inquiries about the road. We moved on, but had not gone far when we perceived he was not coming after us. Sufficient time having elapsed for his obtaining this necessary information and overtaking us, we became alarmed lest he should have attempted to take a short cut to the road and lost himself in the bush. We returned to the hut which we found closed and unoccupied - there we could not ascertain anything about him. We therefore proceeded on our journey with view of sending some person acquainted with the place from the Inn in search of him. We reached the Inn - a miserable apology for a house of accommodation - at 5. I immediately enquired if I could get a person to go in search of the servant, but I was answered rather pertly in the negative. The woman in charge of the Inn, a Catholic, was vulgarly uncivil. There was no man at the place to take charge of our tired horses. However my greatest anxiety was for the servant - and he, thank God, made his appearance, overcome by anxiety and fatigue, at 6. It seems on his leaving the hut he turned to his right and went several miles on the road we passed over in the morning before he discovered his mistake. Relieved of all anxiety concerning his safety, I enjoyed with an easy mind the humble comforts of this miserable Inn. During the night I slept but little, owing to the loud conversation of people in the next room.

**Thursday 21st.** I rose this morning a little after 5, intending to make an early start, but delays occurred which prevented us from setting out on our journey until 9. The weather was fine, the country through which we passed was picturesque, in many places swampy and unfit for cultivation. It being a squatting district, the population is thin and scattered. The Catholics are the fewest in number. It was 5 when we arrived at the Inn. It is kept by a very good Catholic family.

Here I met a German Doctor who introduced himself as Colonial Botanist. My first duty after my arrival was to finish the Divine Office. This obligation satisfied, I took supper. I retired to rest soon after night prayers.

**Friday April 22nd.** This being a day of great labour and toil I started on the journey soon after 6. The first ten miles which brought us to the foot of the ranges we travelled at a quick pace, reaching the ascent about 9. The remainder of the way over the ranges was one of severe toil for horses and riders. We crossed deep gullies through which we had to walk leading our horses, the horses sinking sometimes to the saddle girths in slough. The rivers, being without bridges in some places, were passed with difficulty. The last river we had to cross was flushed and the bridge partly carried away. We repaired the bridge so that the horses and ourselves could - after wading through the water knee deep - pass to the other side.

The house where we stopped for the night accommodated us but poorly. I went to bed immediately to avoid catching cold, my clothes being wet and not having others to change them with. A cup of tea and a little bread constituted our dinner after a long and tiresome journey.

**Saturday April 23rd.** It was 9 when we resumed our journey today. After a ride of forty five miles we reached Mr Crooke's Station, where we remained the night. At first there was no welcome for us, but when we conversed for a little while the proprietor seemed inclined to welcome us and make us comfortable. He was most kind as we became better acquainted.

**Sunday April 24th.** I rose this morning at 6. Not having the vestments with us I was unable to celebrate the Holy Mysteries, and owing to our great distance from Tarraville we could not reach that place in time to hear Mass.

On setting out on our journey we said, according to our usual practice, the Litany of Our Lady. During the journey I strove to be collected, saying from time to time such prayers as suggested themselves to me. We arrived at the end of this day's journey a little after 5. The day was - and the evening - delightful. After I said night prayers with the family I retired to rest.

**Monday April 25th.** It was rather late when I rose this morning owing to the fatigue of the last week. The priest who accompanied me went to Tarraville to acquaint the resident Clergyman of my arrival. I performed my morning devotions, said my office and wrote a little until 12. At 12 or a short time after, the Catholics of Tarraville, with Father Moore, arrived at Collins' where I was stopping. After a short delay I proceeded with them to the township. Soon after I had arrived at the Presbytery, I gave notice to the people that I would conduct a spiritual retreat during the week as a preparation for their approaching the Holy Communion on Sunday. I arranged the Mass would be celebrated each morning at 8 and 10. Having said night prayers, I retired early to rest.

**Tuesday April 26th.** I rose this morning at 7 and prepared for the celebration of the Holy Mysteries. At 8 I commenced the exercises by reading morning prayers and the prayer before Mass, as it is in the Garden of the Soul; this done, I proceeded with Mass. After the Gospel I addressed on the necessity of taking advantage of the Spiritual Retreat and the Jubilee, which I published here for the first time in order to move them to approach the Sacraments, which they had hitherto entirely neglected in consequence of the bad example and public scandals of the two bad priests who had lived amongst them. These men of bad life had nearly destroyed the faith of the people, as they had ruined their morals. To repair the injury of their example and scandal, I and the clergymen with me will labour during the present retreat.

Though I published that confessions would be heard from 12 to 2 and from 4 to 6, no persons presented themselves. At 6 we had night prayers, at which all the Catholics of the town assisted and some few from the country. As soon as I said the prayers I again instructed them and they seemed moved as in the morning. I expect tomorrow will witness some fruits of penance and our labour. At 10 I retired to rest.

**Wednesday April 27th.** The people assembled this morning at 8 in order to hear Mass and instruction. Morning prayers and the prayers appointed to be said in the time of a jubilee served as an introduction to the Holy Sacrifice. After the Gospel I instructed the people and apparently with effect. I concluded the service with the Litany of the Blessed Virgin, prayers for the dead and an invocation of mercy. At 10 Mass was said by one of the two resident Clergymen and at this Mass the Catholics of the town and country assisted. The[y] commenced to come to Confession about 12 and before night nearly all the Catholics, thank God, of the township and neighbourhood made their confessions. At 6 we had night prayers. After, I gave a short instruction to the people. I retired to rest at 10.

**Thursday April 28th.** I commenced the spiritual exercises this morning at 8. Immediately after the Gospel I instructed the people. Having concluded the celebration of the Holy Mysteries, I said the Litany of the Blessed Virgin and the other prayers above alluded to. The Holy Mysteries were again celebrated at 10, when those attended who could not be present at the 8 mass. From 12 to 2 we were engaged hearing the people's confessions and instructing such as were preparing for Confirmation. Thank God for his goodness to this people, all living in Tarraville and many from the country have been to confession. In the evening from 4 to 5 we heard those who came in from the country. At 6 we said night prayers, the people all joining. Before they retired I gave them a short instruction and explanation of a Plenary Indulgence. At 10 I went to bed.

**Friday April 29th.** At 8 as usual I commenced the Spiritual Exercises. After the Gospel I addressed the people on the subject of it, as it seemed suited to their present circumstances. I concluded the morning's devotion with the Litany of the Blessed Virgin and a prayer of preparation for Holy Communion. The Holy Sacrifice was offered up again at 10. The people attended on each occasion with great devotion and attention. From 12 to 1 the people made their first visit to the Chapel as prescribed by the instructions for the Jubilee. The Blessed Sacrament was exposed on the Altar. At 1 I heard a few confessions. At 1.30 I took a walk until 2.

The weather continues cold and showery. We dined a little after 2. From 4 till 6 we heard confessions. At 6 we had night prayers and a lecture, after which I said a few words concerning the money they subscribed towards the erection of a church in Tarraville. I then spoke to them on the respect and attention with which they should listen to the instructions of their Pastors. The service concluded with the Litany of the Blessed Virgin sung by a pious and respectable Catholic family living at Tarraville. At 10 I retired to rest, but it was 12 before I composed myself to sleep, having read up to that time.

**Saturday April 30th.** I rose this morning at 7 and prepared to offer up the Holy Sacrifice. At 8 the people assembled and I commenced the spiritual exercises by reading morning prayers and a prayer before Mass, after which I proceeded with Mass. Having read the Gospel I instructed the people on the importance of preparing themselves well for the Holy Communion. I reminded them of the enormous guilt of an unworthy Communion. After Mass I recited the Litany and prayers before Communion.

At 10 Mass was said, at which great numbers assisted. From 12 to 1 I heard Confessions. We then permitted the people to make their visit to the Blessed Sacrament and recite the prayers for the Jubilee. I took a short walk. We dined at 2. From 4 to 6 we heard confessions. At 6 we had night prayers. I retired to rest at 10. The weather cleared up and promises to be fine.

### MAY 1853

**Sunday May 1st 1853.** I rose this morning at 7. I heard a few Confessions and then celebrated Mass. After Mass I gave instruction to the people concerning Confirmation, which I was about to administer. I confirmed twenty seven persons, mostly adults. Having administered the Sacrament I again spoke a few words of instruction to the people on the obligations they contracted in being Confirmed. At 11 I assisted at the Mass of the people. I addressed them on the Gospel of the day. There were many Protestants present. There could not be less than two hundred persons present at this Mass.

I proceed today on my way back to Melbourne well pleased that the Catholics, with two or three exceptions, approached the Holy Communion. Thanks be to God for the blessing that He has been pleased to bestow on the people through our humble Ministry. I dined at 3 and left soon after en route for Melbourne. The evening is fine and promises a continuance of good weather for the next week.

We reached Collins, which is twelve miles from Tarraville, about 6. I said night prayers with the family and retired to rest at 9.

**Monday May 2nd.** I rose at 6.30 this morning. We had frost during the night and the weather is clear and fine. The frost, in the opinion of the wise old lady of the family, forbodes wet, which proved to be correct towards the evening. Having breakfasted I prepared to start. I said a short prayer with the family and took my leave [of] Fr Moore. I hope he and the young man I have left in charge of the Mission will work together to promote the good now so happily begun amongst the people. The latter seems to be self willed and conceited, the consequence of narrow views and limited knowledge. The little he learned in College has puffed him up, concealing from him his ignorance of the world and of many things necessary for a Missionary to know. We must therefore endeavour to improve him.

Fr Moore is a person - so far as I know him - who may be safely charged with the care of any Mission. He is prudent and loves his Ministry. I proceeded on my journey soon after taking leave of him. We travelled 50 miles today. As we approached our lodging for the night, the humblest of the kind we have been in for a long time, the rain commenced to fall. It fell heavily and steadily when [we] rode up to the hut and dismounted. During the night it fell in heavy showers. I went to bed at 8 feeling rather tired.

**Tuesday May 3rd.** It was 7 when I rose this morning. We proceeded on our journey soon after breakfast. It rained during the morning, but it cleared up a little before 11. The distance we had to go today being short, no more than 25 miles, we walked the horses nearly the whole way so that they might be fresh for the next day's heavy journey over the Ranges. We reached the house of accommodation about 3. The accommodation here is very miserable. The long evening, however employed, appeared to me tedious and lonely. I retired to bed early, but could not sleep, owing to swarms of fleas that fed on me during the whole night.

**Wednesday May 4th.** At a little after 4, long before the day began to break, I rose and prepared myself for the day's toil. As day broke I mounted my horse and rode to the river, which had risen since yesterday. Here I dismounted and had the saddle taken off the horses, as they had to swim the river. The horses over, I and the servant crossed with our saddle and saddle bags in a wretched thing miscalled a canoe. With difficulty we got over without getting wet.

As soon as we got on the high land, after crawling through the deep creek which empties itself into the river, we rode in a quick trot until we came to the gullies, which we passed with difficulty. My little horse lost here one of its shoes. We reached the Inn where we stopped the night, early in the evening, having performed the journey within a shorter space of time [than is] generally allowed. I retired to rest soon after I said night prayers with the family.

**Thursday May 5th.** Feast of the Ascension. I celebrated the Holy Mysteries this morning at 6 and administered the Holy Communion to two persons, whose Confessions I heard previously. I resumed my journey under a heavy fall of rain - which continued nearly the whole day - immediately after breakfast.

At 12 I reached the La Trobe Inn, where I remained until the horses were fed. We proceeded on our journey about 1. The weather has cleared and promises to continue fine.

As we approached Dandenong clouds again overcast the sky, and rain soon after fell in heavy showers. We arrived at the Inn a little after 4, having travelled 36 miles since morning. The rain continued during the evening and night. I went to bed at 10, but could not sleep in consequence of the boisterous conversation of persons in an adjoining room.

**Friday May 6th.** I rose this morning soon after 6, and having performed my usual devotions, I prepared to start on the last part of our journey. We reached Melbourne a little after 11. The morning was mild and cloudless.

The affairs of the Mission in Melbourne went on as usual. The letters from the interior awaiting my return contained nothing particular. The Government Correspondence requires a little consideration.

In the evening I attended prayers in the Church. I retired to rest at 10.

**Saturday May 7th.** I rose this morning at 7. Feeling unwell, I did not celebrate Mass. I went to the Confessional as soon as I performed a part of my morning devotions. From 10 to 1 study and business engaged my attention. I heard Confessions from 1 to 4.30 - at least, I heard the Confessions of the few who presented themselves during that time. At 5 we dined. At 7 we went to the church and were engaged hearing Confessions until a little after 9. Retired to rest at 10.30.

**Sunday May 8th, within the octave of the Ascension.** I rose this morning a little after 6. I made my preparation for Mass, which I celebrated at 7. Immediately after the Gospel I gave a short instruction on the first Commandment. I gave Holy Communion to a large number. I heard Confessions during the celebration of the 8 o'clock Mass. Breakfast at 9. Studied from 10 to 11. Assisted at the last Mass at 11. A sermon as usual was preached at the post Communion. From 1 to 3 I read and wrote alternately. At 3 I encouraged the teachers of the Christian Doctrine in their good work. At 4 I attended a meeting of the Collectors of St Francis and St Patrick's Churches. I pointed out to them the great advantage of forming themselves into confraternities, to be called the Confraternities of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and St Francis, and in their new character to continue their labours as Collectors. We meet again next Sunday at the same hour. Dined at 5. Commenced evening service at 7, which concluded with a sermon and benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Retired to rest a little after 10.

**Monday May 9th.** I rose this morning at half past 6. Went to the Confessional a little after 7, offered up the Holy Sacrifice at 8. At 9 took breakfast. From 10 to 1 I was employed in answering my correspondence. At 1 I visited two of the Public Schools. From 3 to 5 with occasional interruptions I applied myself to study. At 5 o'clock I dined. Attended night prayers in the church at 7. Heard Confessions immediately after. Conversed with the Clergy until 10 and then retired to rest.

**Tuesday May 10th.** I rose this morning at the usual hour 6.30. I went to the church and heard Confessions until 8. At 8 I celebrated Mass. Breakfasted at 9. From 10 to 1 I was engaged writing letters. From 1 to 3 I visited the schools and took a short walk into the country. I said my office and studied during the two hours that preceded dinner. At 5 we dined. At 7 we had night prayers in the church. After prayers I heard Confessions. At 10 I retired to rest.

**Wednesday May 11th.** At 6.30 I was called this morning and immediately arose. At 7 I went to the Confessional where I remained until 8. I then offered up the Holy Mysteries. I took breakfast at 9. Business and study occupied me from 10 to 2. At 2 I visited the schools, after which I visited the new cemetery. The site is well chosen and the grounds are tastefully laid out. It was 4 when I returned. I read my office before dinner. At 5 I dined. Night prayers at 7, Confessions immediately after. Conversed with the Clergy until 10, when I retired for the night.

**Thursday May 12th.** This morning I attended in the Confessional at the usual hour. Celebrated Mass at 8. Breakfasted at 9. From 10 to 1 I was occupied in answering letters and transacting business connected with the Missions in the interior. I had an interview with parties concerning the establishment of a newspaper, to be the organ of the Catholics of this diocese. I approved a scheme promising it my support and influence, so long as it was conducted in a true Catholic spirit and agreeably to the principles laid down in the "prospectus" submitted to me. At one I took a ride in the country. I dined at the usual hour. I expected a few guests but only one kept his appointment, the others were unavoidably absent. Night prayers, at which I could not assist, were said at the usual hour in the church. It was 11 when I retired to rest.

**Friday May 13th.** I rose this morning at 25 minutes to 7. I went to the Confessional a little after the usual hour. At 8 I offered up the Holy Sacrifice. I breakfasted at 9. Having finished my morning devotions I gave my attention to business and study until 1. At 1.30 I visited two of the public schools and examined the children in the Christian Doctrine. The children who were regular in their attendance answered well and understood the meaning of the questions put and their own answer. But those whose attendance has been irregular were lamentably ignorant of the first principles of our Holy faith, and knew very imperfectly their prayers. The parents are in fault. I returned home at 4 and read until 5. I dined at 5. Night prayers at 7, Confessions immediately after. Met the Clergymen at 8, where our conversation was on the Sacrament of Baptism and penance. It was after 11 when we separated for the night.

**Saturday May 14th.** It was 6.30 when I rose this morning. The weather is wet and cold. I entered the Confessional at the usual hour. At 8 I celebrated Mass. Breakfasted at 9. I wrote, read and transacted business from 10 to 12. At 12 I went to the Confessional but owing to the heavy rain which fell almost without interruption since early morning, scarcely any persons attended. At 2 we dined. I attended in the Confessional again a little after 4, but the weather being but little altered, but few came to Confession. A little later the rain ceased and the clouds began to separate. Showers, however, occasionally fell, but these ceased as the night advanced. From 7 to 9 I was again in the Confessional. The number of attendance was small. At 11 I retired to rest.

**Sunday May 15th. Feast of Pentecost.** I rose this morning later than usual owing to my having to sing Mass at 11. I heard Confessions during the 8 o'clock Mass. From then to 11 I was engaged in a preparation for the Celebration of the Holy Mysteries. The Solemn High Mass commenced at the hour appointed. I gave the Papal Benediction and addressed the people concerning the Jubilee, which I intend commencing on next Sunday. I attended the Catechetical instruction of the children at 3. From 4 to 5 I gave to study and writing. At 5 we dined. At 6.30 we had Vespers, after which I gave a Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. At 8 I attended a meeting of the Catholic Association. The subjects brought under the notice of meeting were the state of education in C. schools of Victoria, the propriety of establishing a newspaper that would be the advocate of the rights and interests, political and religious, of the Catholics of the Province, and the present and future prospects of Catholicity in the United States. The Collection for the night was £91. I retired to rest at 11.

**Monday May 16th.** The weather is wet and cold. I intended to have started this morning for Geelong, but it is impossible to travel, the road is very bad since the late heavy rain and the rivers intersecting it, flooded.

As usual I heard Confessions this morning, and at 8 I offered up the Holy Sacrifice. I was engaged in granting interviews to strangers having letters of introduction and in transacting the general business of the Mission until 1. At 2 I made a few visits, after which I took a short walk. From 4 to 5 study and general reading. Dinner at 6. Night prayers at which a lecture was read at 7. Confessions immediately after. I retired to rest after two hours interesting and useful conversation with the Clergy.

**Tuesday May 17th.** I rose this morning at the usual hour. Having made due preparation, I went into the Church to hear Confessions. At 8 I celebrated Mass and breakfasted at 9. A mail arrived yesterday from England - the letters were delivered this morning. I was engaged reading them and other correspondence a good part of the morning. I received visits and transacted business from 12 to 2. I took a ride at 2. I read from 4 to 5. Dinner at 5. At 7 I attended night prayers in the church and heard Confessions immediately after. At 10 I retired to rest.

**Wednesday May 18th.** I rose this morning a little after 6. Heard Confessions from 7 to 8. I offered up the Holy Sacrifice at 8. Took breakfast at 9. My whole time from 10 till 2 was occupied in a variety of ways - study, answering letters, receiving visits and advising the poor emigrants who called took up my entire attention. It being a fasting day, we took an early dinner at 2. At 3 I took a ride into the country. I returned at 5 and read until tea was announced. At 7 I assisted at night prayers, after which I heard Confessions.

On leaving the Church, a deputation waited on me concerning the proposed Catholic newspaper. In reply to their remarks, I said that I would much [rather] it appeared before the public in the character of a Catholic Journal, the organ of Religious Catholic News as well as Commercial. However I said that I would not withdraw my support from it if they should publish it as an exclusively Commercial Paper, feeling assured that its columns would be open to defence when attacked by the Protestant Press. The persons who will have the chief management of it seem to me to be good Catholics.

I conversed afterwards with the Clergy on matters concerning our sacred duties until 10, when I retired to rest.

**Thursday May 19th.** I rose at 6.30 this morning, heard Confessions from 7 to 8. At 8 I said Mass. Study, answering letters and giving interviews to persons who just arrived, kept me occupied until 11. A little after 11 I visited the Asylum. There are but few Catholics there. These poor creatures were delighted to see and receive my instruction and blessing. After this I paid a visit to the female Penitentiary. The number of Catholics confined here is 20. Having made other visits of duty I returned to the Presbytery.

At 1.30 I took a ride to Prahran, a large and stirring town about 3 miles from Melbourne. There are but few Catholics living here. It was near 4 when I returned to the Presbytery.

I read until 5, when we dined. Tea was prepared at 6.30. At 7 night prayers and a lecture were read, after which I heard Confessions. Conversed with Clergy until 10, when we all retired to rest.

**Friday May 20th.** I rose at 6.30 this morning. Heard Confessions from 7 to 8. Offered up the Holy Mysteries at 8. Breakfasted at 9. Business and study from 10 to 1.

I called on the Inspector of the denominational schools concerning the aid towards the building at present occupied as a school on the Eastern Hill. I next made a visit to a Catholic family, after which I took a short walk. We had dinner at 2, as it was a fasting day. The weather became wet and cold about 3 and continued so until after night prayers. I read during the evening, writing occasionally. At 7 I was present at night prayers in the church. Prayers over, I heard Confessions. At 10 I retired to rest.

**Saturday May 21st.** I rose this morning at 6.30. Went to the church at 7 to hear Confessions. At 8 I celebrated Mass. Took breakfast at 9. Between 10 and 1 I was engaged in answering letters from Europe. I forwarded to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith at Lyons a brief statement of the present state of the Mission. I also solicited their further aid in bringing out additional priests. I heard Confessions from 1 to 2. At 2, it being a fasting day, we dined. From 4 to 6.30 I heard Confessions. At 7, tea. I went to the Confessional soon after tea, where I remained until 10. At 11 we retired to rest.

**Sunday May 22nd.** It was 7 when I rose this morning. I hastened into the Church and prepared a few persons for Holy Communion at 8 o'clock Mass. From 8 to 11 I gave my attention to a preparation for Mass and other pious exercises. I celebrated a Solemn High Mass at 11. The church could not accommodate the congregation that was in attendance. Immediately after the Post Communion the Deacon read the Encyclical letter of the Holy Father announcing the Jubilee, which commences here on today.

At 2 I went to the emigration depot and said prayers for the emigrants lately arrived. I also gave them a short instruction. There were at least 200 present. All appeared to be well disposed.

I met the Collectors of St. Patrick's at 4. The amount brought in by them was £33.10. I dined at 5. At 7 we went to the church and chanted Vespers, after which a sermon explanatory of the Jubilee was delivered. The service closed with a Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament Retired to rest at 11.

**Monday May 23rd.** Feeling indisposed the preceding night I took medicine. I was not consequently able to rise as early as usual. A little after 7 I went to the church and heard Confessions until 9. From 10 to 1 I studied and transacted business. After 1, I attended in the church to hear the Confessions of those who were anxious to gain the Jubilee, but few attended. At 2 I visited one of the schools, after which I took a short walk. I read from 4 to 5. At dinner. The duties in the church were resumed at 7. I addressed the people on the importance of their availing themselves of the great graces afforded them by the Jubilee.

After prayers several persons approached the tribunal of penance who had been many years absent from it. We concluded hearing Confessions at 9.30. I retired to rest about 11.

**Tuesday May 24th.** Today we keep the Feast of our Lady entitled The Help of Christians *Auxilium Christianorum*. The Missions of Australia have been specially placed under the Patronage of the Blessed Virgin invoked under this title. I heard Confessions in the morning from 7 to 9. At 11 I sung a Solemn Mass. From 1 to 2 I heard Confessions. At 2 I took a short walk. From 4 to 5 I read and wrote a few letters. I dined at 5. We went to the Church at 7. Night prayers were said and a lecture on penance was delivered by one of the clergymen. We heard Confessions until 9. At 10.30 I retired to rest.

**Wednesday May 25th.** I rose this morning at twenty minutes to 7. I heard Confessions as usual from 7 to 8. I celebrated Mass in my private chapel at 8. At 9 I breakfasted. From 10 to 11 I transacted business with the clergy and laity. From 11 to 1 I heard Confessions. At 2 I took a ride into the country. From 3 to 4 I heard a few Confessions and wrote remarks on the occurrences of the day.

A clergyman from whom I had to withdraw jurisdiction in consequence of public disobedience to my instructions and of his mal-administration of the Mission I confided to his care previous to my departure for Europe, called on me today. It grieved me to be obliged to tell [him] that I could not think of giving him the care of another Mission, especially as our numbers are totally inadequate to the wants of the various Missions throughout the Diocese. The loss of a priest at this present crisis is a serious one, but it is, in my opinion, [better to] endure that loss than engage the services of a bad and faithless priest.

At 5 we dined. At 7 we had prayers, a lecture and Confessions in the church. The people attended in large numbers and approached the tribunal of penance in preparation for the Jubilee. At 11 I retired to rest.

**Thursday May 26th. Feast of Corpus Christi.** The weather during this week has been very fine. It is like a mild spring. The mornings and evenings are cold. I rose at the usual time. Heard Confessions from 7 to 9. I studied and made my preparation for Mass from 9 to 10.30. At 11 I sang a Solemn Mass. The congregation was very large. I heard Confessions from 1 to 2. I visited the female penitentiary at 2. Having read prayers suitable to the occasion I addressed a few words to the poor unfortunate Catholics here confined. At 3 the children from the various schools assembled in St Francis' church and were instructed for their first Communion and Confirmation. At 5 we dined. We had solemn Vespers and a lecture in the evening at the usual hour. I heard a few Confessions after giving a Solemn Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. I retired to rest at 11.

**Friday May 27th.** I rose this morning at a quarter to 7. I repaired to the church soon after and heard Confessions until a little after 8. I offered up the Holy Sacrifice. At 9 I took breakfast. I was engaged from 10 to 12 writing and receiving visits on business. Heard Confessions from 12 to 2. At 2 I took a walk, during which I visited one of the schools. I returned at 3. I said Vespers and heard a few Confessions. At 5 we dined. Night prayers, a lecture and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament from 6.30 to 8.30. Confessions were heard immediately after Benediction. At 11 I retired to rest.

**Saturday May 28th.** I rose at the usual hour this morning. After a short preparation I went to the church and heard Confessions until 8. I offered up the Holy Sacrifice at 8, had breakfast at 9. From 9 to 1 I was occupied in a variety of ways. Study, answering letters, receiving the visits of persons on business or with letters of introduction. I heard the Confessions of a few persons at intervals. From 1 to 4 I gave my entire attention to the duties of the Confessional. Dinner at 5. At 7 I attended the Confessional, where I remained until a little after 9. The number of penitents is increasing.

**Sunday May 29th.** I offered up the Holy Mysteries at 7 and gave a short instruction to the people. A large number of persons received the Holy Communion at this and 8 o'clock Mass. I heard Confessions during the celebration of the latter. From 9 to 11 I studied. At 11 the last Mass was celebrated. I did not attend, having to prepare a discourse for the evening. At 3 I went through the classes collected in the church for Catechism. The teachers are more numerous than heretofore. They seem to enter into the spirit of the good work. The old complaint still holds good - the irregular attendance of the children. The only remedy for this lies with the parents. They must see that their children do not neglect to give their presence at the Catechetical instruction. But it is not an easy thing to induce parents to comply with this, the most sacred duty incumbent on them. I have however approved of a plan by which a more regular attendance is likely to be obtained. We dined at 5. Vespers commenced at 7. After, I preached to a very large congregation and gave Solemn Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament At 10 I retired to rest.

**Monday May 30th.** I rose a little before 7 this morning. I was in the Confessional soon after. At 8 I celebrated Mass. Breakfasted [at] 9. From 10 to 2.30 study, visits from newly arrived emigrants and Confessions engaged my attention. At 3 I attended a meeting of the Correspondent Committee of the proposed University. The discussion on the Sciences to be taught was long, but amicably conducted. I objected to the Chairs of Moral Philosophy, Hebrew and Metaphysics on the grounds of their being likely to be abused to the injury of religion by Professors of loose morals and sceptical minds. The objection was admitted and the Chairs disallowed. The Protestant Bishop supported several of my objections. The meeting broke up a little before 5. I dined at 5. At 7 I assisted at night prayers, after which we had a lecture and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament Confessions followed. At 11 I retired to rest.

**Tuesday May 31st.** At 7 I went to the church and heard Confessions till 8. I then offered up the Holy Sacrifice. Breakfast was over at 9.30. Study, business and Confessions occupied my attention from 10 to 2. At 2 I went a short distance into the country. From 4 to 5, study. At 5 dinner. At 7 evening prayers, a lecture, Benediction and Confessions. At 10.30 I retired to rest.

### JUNE 1853

**Wednesday June 1st 1853.** I rose this morning at the usual hour. I heard Confessions from 7 to 8. At 8 I commenced the celebration of the most Holy Mysteries. I took breakfast at 9. From 10 to 1, business, answering letters and private study engaged my attention.

I called on the Governor a little before two in order to request that the clergymen may be permitted to draw their salaries - as allowed by the New Church Act - without any further delay. I also expressed to him my surprise at the appointment of a Protestant to the Council of the University in the place of Dr Roe, a Catholic, who resigned, thus depriving the Catholic body of their share of influence in the management of that establishment. I also stated that the appointment was calculated to raise suspicions in the minds of the Catholics concerning his disposition to preserve the equality of rights. He assured me that he was most desirous to act fairly and impartially towards all denominations. He requested me to furnish him with the names of the parties thought qualified to act as Councillors to the University, and he would on the first vacancy select from them. This I promised to do \*at an early\* day. During the conversation he was courteous and disposed to grant every reasonable request. However, notwithstanding his professions of liberality I think he is at heart Protestant and anti-Catholic.

After this interview I took a walk into the country. On my return home I visited one of the schools. We dined at 5. Night prayers, lecture and Confessions at 7. At 10 I retired to rest.

**Thursday June 2nd.** I was in the Confessional this morning from 7 to 8. I offered up the Holy Sacrifice at 8. At 9 breakfast. Business, correspondence, receiving strangers occupied my attention from 10 to 12. I heard a few Confessions, studied at intervals from 12 to 2. At 3 I attended a meeting of the 'Statute and Correspondence Committee of the University'. We named the Chairs to be allowed in the University. They are purely secular. The proposition of disallowing a share of the fees to the Professors was rejected at my suggestion, on the grounds of its being likely to superinduce apathy and carelessness in the Professors, whereas allowing them a share in the fees - as is usual in the Universities of England - an interest would be awakened in them to make their lectures as instructive as possible.

It was also understood by the members of the Committee - at my instance - that any Professors using language calculated to offend the religious feelings or subvert the faith of the students attending his lectures would be forthwith dismissed the University, this being guaranteed by the "Act of Incorporation". It was near 5 when the meeting broke up. At 5 I dined. From 7 to 9.30 night prayers, lecture and confessions occupied us. The people are fulfilling the duties of the Jubilee admirably well. At 11 I retired to rest.

**Friday June 3rd.** I was in the Confessional from 7 to 8 this morning. At 8 I commenced Mass. I took breakfast at 9. From 10 to 1 I divided my attention between study, writing, receiving and advising emigrants who called with letters of introduction, and hearing the Confessions of those who were not able to attend in the morning or evening. I took a short walk at 2. From 3 to 5 I read, wrote, and heard Confessions. Dinner at 5. Night prayers, lecture and Confessions from 7 to 9.30. At 11 I retired to rest.

**Saturday 4th June.** The same routine of duties was observed today as on other Saturdays.

**Sunday June 5th.** I offered up the Holy Sacrifice this morning at 7. At the Gospel I gave instruction to the people. I heard Confessions during the celebration of 8 o'clock Mass. At 11 I assisted at the last Mass. A sermon was preached, as usual, after the Post Communion. The communicants at the early Masses were very numerous. I studied from 12 to 3 with occasional interruptions. I went into the church at 3, and inquired into the attendance and progress of the children assembled for Catechism. We dined at 5. Vespers, a lecture and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 7. Retired to rest at 10.30.

**Monday June 6th.** I rose this morning at 6.30. Attended in the Confessional at 7, where I remained until 8, when I commenced the celebration of the Holy Mysteries. At 9 I took breakfast.

I met the 'Statute and Correspondence Committee of the University' at 11, but having to call on the Governor concerning a site selected for a church by my instructions, to which he objected on grounds favourable to the Church of England. I explained to the Governor why I objected to withdraw my application for the site in question. I said that to withdraw it, on the grounds of his suggestion, would be to admit a principle destructive of the equality of rights allowed all religious denominations by the Church Act, and give the English Sect the character of a dominant and established church - to such an offensive distinction I could never agree.

I therefore declined to withdraw the application on the grounds of the objection raised. He did not expect such determination and opposition on my part to this audacious attempt on the rights of religious equal[ity] guaranteed us by the Church Act. He consequently took great trouble to conciliate me by assurances that he had [no] intention to disturb or alter this Act; he excused the tone and style of his letter on the plea of haste etc, and concluded by saying that he would not press his objection. He requested me to furnish him with the names of those Catholics I considered qualified for the situations of Councillors to the University. I promised to do so.

Immediately after I took my leave of him I proceeded to make a personal examination of the site. It is rather low. A little above it, the ground rises and commands a view of the Bay, the City and the adjacent country which is most picturesque. It is in every respect a better position for a church than the only already selected. I therefore had two acres marked out here, intending to apply for them on tomorrow and to withdraw the application for the site near the Protestant church, on the grounds that this last selection was more central and desirable.

It was late when I returned to the Presbytery. I studied for an hour. At 4 I went to the Confessional but there being no persons in attendance I returned to the house and prepared the application to the Government for the site I selected this morning in the immediate neighbourhood of the Carlton Gardens. We dined at the usual hour. At 7 we went into the church to assist at night prayers and the lecture, after which we heard Confessions until 9. I retired to rest about 10.30.

**Tuesday June 7th.** I was in the Confessional this morning from 7 to 8. At 8 I celebrated Mass. Breakfast at 9. Study, business and answering letters engaged me until 12. I heard Confessions from 12 to 2. At 2 I took a short walk. Today I forwarded the letter of application for the site I selected yesterday to the Governor.

I wrote to him also concerning other matters in which the interests of the Mission are involved. The clergymen's salaries as allowed by the "New Church Act", have not as yet been paid, though application for them has been long since made. I studied from 4 to 5. Dined at 5. Attended the night prayers and lecture at 7. The congregation was large and most attentive. Our penitents have considerably increased. We heard Confessions until near 10. At 11 I retired to rest.

**Wednesday June 8th.** I rose at the usual hour this morning and went to the church to hear Confessions, but few persons presented themselves. At 8 I offered up the Holy Sacrifice. At 9 I took breakfast. From 10 to 12 I received visits of business, studied and answered letters. From 12 to 2 I attended in the church to hear Confessions. At 2 I took a ride into the country. From 4 to 5 I read and wrote alternately. Dinner at 5. I assisted in the church at the usual hour, at night prayers and the lecture, after which I heard Confessions until 9.30. The people are now crowding in, the time I allowed for the Jubilee being nearly expired. At 11 I retired to rest.

**Thursday June 9th.** I heard Confessions this morning from 7 to 8 and offered up the Holy Sacrifice at 8. At 9 I took breakfast. The weather for the last few days has been exceedingly fine. From 10 to 12 I was engaged as usual - study, writing letters and receiving visits on business occupying my entire attention. From 12 to 2 I heard Confessions. At 2 I rode a short distance into the country. At 3 Catechetical instruction was given to the children who are preparing for Confirmation and their first Communion. From 4 to 5 I was, a part of the time, engaged hearing Confessions, but study occupied the greater part of the hour. Dinner as usual at 5. At 7 night prayers and lecture, after which Confessions until 10. It was 11.30 when I retired to rest.

**Friday June 10th.** I rose at 6.30 and went to the Confessional at 7, where I remained until 8. At 8 I celebrated Mass and took breakfast at 9. I gave from 10 to 12 to study, business and answering letters. Confessions from 12 to 2. At 2 I rode a short distance into the country. From 3 to 4 Confessions, from 4 to 5 reading. At 5 dinner. Night prayers and lecture at 7. Confessions immediately after, until 9. At 10.30 I retired to rest.

**Saturday June 11th.** I was engaged this morning from 7 to 8 in the Confessional. I said Mass at 8. At 9 I took breakfast. Business and study occupied me from 10 to 12. I heard Confessions from 1 to 3. I gave from 4 to 5 to study. From 7 to 10 p.m. I heard Confessions. At 11 I retired to rest.

**Sunday June 12th.** I rose this morning at 6. I celebrated Mass at 7 and preached to a large congregation. The communicants at this and 8 o'clock Masses were very numerous. I heard Confessions from 8 to 9. The attendance at 11 Mass was large. Study and writing filled up the time between breakfast and the hour for last Mass. I assisted at last Mass. Though the weather was unfavourable the church could not afford accommodation for the immense congregation that attended. I took an hour's recreation after the conclusion of the morning devotions. From 2 to 3 I read works suitable to the day. At 3 I visited the children assembled in the church for Catechetical instruction.

I next met the Collectors of St Patrick's church and said to them a few words of encouragement. The collection today for the building exceeded thirty pounds. Dinner at 5. Vespers, a Sermon and Solemn Benediction at 7. It was 11 when I retired to rest tonight.

**Monday June 13th.** I was in the Confessional this morning at the usual hour. I offered up the Holy Sacrifice at 8. At 9 I breakfasted. From 10 to 12 I was occupied.

The weather being wet, I was unable to take my usual walk. I have not been outside the church ground since Friday. I do not consequently feel well. We had but few Confessions today in consequence of the unfavourableness of the weather. At 5 we had dinner. Night prayers, lecture and Confessions at the usual time. I retired to rest a little after 10, but slept badly.

**Tuesday June 14th.** I rose this morning at the usual time and went to the church to hear Confessions. At 8 I said Mass. Breakfast at 9. Business and study from 10 to 12. Confessions from 12 to 2. The weather being fine, I took a short walk, from which I returned a little before 3. I heard Confessions until 4. From 4 to 5 I was engaged writing. I finished my correspondence in the early part of the day, in time for the post. At 5, dinner. Night prayers, lecture and Confessions from 7 to 9. At 10 I retired to rest.

**Wednesday June 15th.** Having taken medicine last night I could not offer up the Holy Mysteries this morning. I attended in the Confessional from a quarter past 7 till 9. At 9 I took breakfast. The weather is still unsettled. I wrote from 10 to 12 and heard Confessions from 1 to 2. The weather having cleared up I took a short walk. At 3, I went to the offices of the Denominational School Board where a meeting of the Committee of Statutes and Correspondence of the University was to be held - but the members not being in attendance and feeling a little indisposed I returned home. I heard a few Confessions from 4 to 5. We had dinner at 5. Night prayers, lecture and Confessions at 7. At 9 I left the church and soon after retired to rest.

**Thursday June 16th.** I was engaged this morning in the Confessional from 7 to 8. At 8, I offered up the Holy Sacrifice. I took breakfast at 9. From 10 to 12 I studied, transacted business and wrote alternately. During the day I heard a few Confessions. At 2 I took a short ride. From 3 to 5 Divine Office, study and Confessions divided my attention. At 5 I took a little refreshment, having to dine with the Governor at 6.30. A quarter after 6 I left for his residence. The company consisted of the principal members of the Government. The conversation was rather amusing than interesting. These official dinners are very dull things. I took my leave at 9.30. The night was fine and moonlight. I retired to rest at 11.

**Friday June 17th.** I rose this morning at the usual hour. I attended in the Confessional from 7 to 8. At 8 I celebrated Mass. I breakfasted at 9. The time from 10 to 12 was spent as usual. I heard Confessions from 12 to 2. A little after 2 I took a short walk. I returned to the Presbytery before three, when Confessions and study alternately occupied my attention until 4.30. Dinner at 5. Night prayers, lecture and Confessions from 7 to 9.30. At 9.30 I attended a meeting of the friendly brothers. Though the object of the meeting was to admit new members to the society and organise its future operations, I proposed for its consideration the propriety of forming a Committee from among themselves for the purpose of raising funds to endow a Convent of the Sisters of Mercy or Charity, whichever could conveniently and without delay send us a filiation. I briefly pointed out the advantages these pious and self devoted ladies confer on religion and society by their active and discriminating charity, and the pious care with which they apply themselves to the education of the young.

**Sunday June 19th 1853.** I rose this [morning] a little before 6. I celebrated Mass at 7 and 8. At the 7 o'clock Mass I addressed the people on the 2nd Commandment. At least 500 persons received the Holy Communion at the 2 Masses. The majority were men. It was considerably past 9 when I took breakfast. I assisted at the 11 Mass - at the post communion the usual instruction was given. There were a great many admitted to Holy Communion at 10 Mass. Having taken an hour's recreation from 1 to 2 I devoted the greater part of the evening to a preparation for our evening meeting of the Catholic Association. At 6.30 we had solemn Vespers after which I gave Benediction. The church was crowded.

The meeting of the Catholic Association began at 7.30. The attendance was very large. My address was one of congratulation on the happy and fruitful issue of the Jubilee. I also incidentally alluded to the exertions being made by a few respectable individuals to realize, by a general subscription, funds for purchasing a house for the Sisters of Charity. The meeting listened with attention and a lively interest to the gentlemen who spoke after me. The collection for the night - including £35 from Geelong - amounted to £114. At 10 I dissolved the vast assemblage.

**Monday June 20th.** Feeling a little indisposed this morning, I did not offer up the Holy Sacrifice. I heard Confessions from 7.30 to 9. Business and study divided my attention from 10 to 1. From 1 to 2 I heard Confessions. I took a ride from 2 to 3 when I again applied myself to the duties of the Confessional. At 5 we dined. Night prayers and lecture at 7, after which we again heard Confessions and continued doing so until 10. At 11 I retired to rest.

**Tuesday June 21st.** I rose this morning at the usual hour, heard Confessions from 7 to 8. At 8 I celebrated Mass. I breakfasted at 9. From 10 to 12 I transacted business, studying occasionally. Confessions from 12 to 2. At 2 I took a short walk, during which I visited two of the public schools. From 3 to 5 Confessions. Dinner at 5. Night prayers and a lecture at 7, after which we devoted ourselves to the Confessional until 9. At 10 I retired to rest.

**Wednesday June 22nd.** I rose at the usual hour this morning. I went into the Confessional at 7, where I was engaged until 8. I offered up the Holy Mysteries at 8. At 9 I took breakfast. I gave from 10 to 1 to business and study. From 1 to 2 I heard Confessions. I took a ride into the country at 2, returning a little after 3. I heard Confessions until a quarter before 5. Dinner at 5. Night prayers concluded the Jubilee. (I administered Confirmation during the celebration of Mass this morning to two hundred persons, adults and children). I retired to rest at 10.

**Thursday June 23rd.** I rose this morning earlier than usual and offered up the Holy Mysteries at 7. I proceeded on my journey to Geelong at 9.30. The morning was delightful, the sky was clear and bright, but the air was cold and healthy.

We travelled at a quick pace, but I was obliged to slacken it, owing to the horse rode by the servant being weak and not in condition for so long a journey. We reached the Inn which is situated about half way at 1.30. Here we fed the horses and took a little refreshment ourselves. We resumed our journey at two, but under most unfavourable auspices. The heavens were overcast with heavy clouds of rain, which fell in large drenching drops. In a few minutes all that part of our persons which was not cased in leather was saturated. This circumstance made us push the horses, and the poor brutes, with this driving rain against, seemed as anxious as ourselves to reach the end of the journey before dark. We arrived in Geelong a little before 5, having performed the journey, which is 50 miles, in 7 hours. I changed soon after I entered the Presbytery. I dined at 7 after I finished the Divine Office. I retired to rest at 10.

**Friday June 24th.** It was 8 when I rose this morning. Thank God I feel quite well, notwithstanding the fatigue and hardships of yesterday. I offered up the Holy Mysteries at 9.30. At 11, accompanied by one of the clergymen, I visited the various schools established in the town. I also paid a visit to an establishment where a material is being made for building which is chiefly composed of sand taken from the beach, and which will be as durable and hard as stone. The person who has charge of this establishment, and whose invention the material is, belongs to the Catholic Church. He is, undoubtedly, a man of high inventive faculties. We returned to the Presbytery at 2. I wrote and read my office until 3. Between then and 4 I was engaged examining the church and suggested alterations and repairs. We dined at 4. I assisted at night prayers. They were commenced at 7, but few attended. This is principally owing to the inclemency of the weather.

The streets are in a bad state, and the town is so infested with robbers and persons of loose character that it is not safe to leave home after night-fall. I retired to rest a little after 9.

**Saturday June 25th.** I said Mass this morning at 9. The attendance was small. The weather is to blame in a great measure for this. It is wet and extremely cold. I visited one of the schools in the country today. There were but few scholars present. I examined the children in their Catechism and prayers. One boy knew the latter indifferently. On being questioned by me whether he said his prayers night and morning at home, he answered in the negative. The blame of this belongs to the parents' gross neglect, and it proves how little is done by some parents, and I believe they are a large number, to teach their children the first duties of their religion. I rebuked these negligent parents in the person of the child. It is to be hoped that he will report to them the words of reproof I spoke.

We returned to the Presbytery about 2. The weather has broken again and threatens a wet night. The office and study engaged my attention until dinner time (3). The evening was employed by me in a preparation for the sermon I am to deliver tomorrow at last Mass. I retired to rest soon after 9.

**Sunday June 26th.** The weather is all that one could desire. The heavens are bright and but partially clouded. The whole appearance of the day is that of mild summer weather. I celebrated Mass at 11 and preached. The congregation was very large, too large for the church, numbers were kneeling outside the church doors. I have been given to understand that a great many Protestants were present. I visited the hospital. At 3 I was present in the church whilst the children received Catechetical instruction. Night prayers, lecture and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 7. It was near 11 when I retired to rest. I wrote a few letters before doing so.

**Monday June 27th.** I offered up the Holy Mysteries this morning at 9. The attendance was larger than usual. A good many Confessions were heard.

The weather continues fine, but cold. We had a severe frost during the night. The day was mostly occupied in reading and study. My walks were confined to the gardens. The clergymen were engaged either in attending the sick, administering baptism, or hearing Confessions.

From 11 to 1 we gave our undivided attention to the Catechetical instruction of the children. At 7 in the evening we had night prayers and a lecture. Confessions were heard afterwards until near 9. At 10 I retired to rest.

**Tuesday June 28th.** Having suffered from a slight cold all day yesterday, I rose this morning later than usual. I offered up the Holy Sacrifice at 9. Breakfast over, I visited the hospital and read the prayers for the sick for one poor girl who had been of the number of the shipwrecked by the *Lord Charlemont*.

This wreck, it is suspected, originated either in design, or gross neglect. The vessel had been insured, and the Captain was careful to secure his property, which was principally cash, soon after she struck. Two passengers perished in their efforts to swim through the heavy surf, the others were with great exertion saved.

The Catholics on board amounted to seventy. But few of them, poor strangers, recovered their little effects. One has since departed from this scene of trouble and anxiety. This premature death is mainly to be attributed to the hardships and sufferings consequent on the wreck. I attended her in the hospital a few hours previous to her decease, but she seemed to be in a state of unconsciousness. She had, thank God, been visited and fortified by the Sacraments of the church before this stupor came on her. I visited a poor sick soldier also today.

From 11 to 12 we catechised the children. At 1 I took a short ride into the country. We dined at 2. I heard Confessions from 4 to 5. At 6 we had night prayers and a lecture. The resident clergymen were engaged afterwards in hearing Confessions until 8.30. I retired to rest at 9.30.

**Wednesday June 29th.** The weather is extremely cold and wet. I offered up the Holy Sacrifice on the site of the new school at Ashby, after which I preached to the people. I then went round the foundations of the building, reciting the usual prayers, in which the Congregation joined. Previous to my doing so I addressed a few words on the subject of education as communicated together with religious instruction. Urged on the attention of those present the obligation of withdrawing their [children] from Protestant schools, and send[ing] them to those that are under the immediate control of their priests. The collection made on this occasion amounted to £90. The attendance could not have been less than three hundred. The children present gave cheerfully their little aid towards the undertaking. It was 12.30 when I breakfasted after which I took a short ride. The weather held up pretty well during the day. From 2 to 4 I read and wrote alternately. Dinner at 4. At 6, night prayers, after which I gave a short instruction to the people on preparation for Confession. I heard a few Confessions immediately after tea. I retired to rest a little before 10.

**Thursday June 30th.** I answered a few letters this morning previous to my going into the church, as the post or steamer would leave for Melbourne at an early hour, and it was of importance that replies should be sent by the first opportunity. At 9 I sang a Solemn Mass for the deceased emigrant, her body being present; one *nocturne* of the Office for the Dead was also read. The congregation was rather large. We catechised the children from 11 to 12. I took a short walk a little after 1. From 2 to 4 was chiefly taken up with answering letters and reading the Divine Office. The weather is cloudy and inclined to rain.

I dined at 4. The rain falls in heavy showers. At 6 we had night prayers and lecture, after which I heard a few Confessions. The resident clergy are kept very busy hearing Confessions, the penitents for the most part go to them. I took physic before going to bed in consequence of a tendency to bile. At 10 I retired to rest.

**Friday July 1st 1853.** It was late this morning when I rose. I heard Mass at 8, being prevented from saying it by the medicine I took the evening previous. The weather is fine. I catechised the children from 11 to 12. I rode a short distance into the country, returning to the presbytery about 3. I said the Divine Office, studied and wrote alternately until the hour for dinner. No letters today. At 6 we had night prayers and a lecture. I heard Confessions soon after. At 10 I retired to rest.

**Saturday July 2nd.** I rose this morning a little after 7. I said Mass at 9. A good many were present. I wrote a few letters after breakfast. During the day I heard Confessions and studied for the instruction I had to give the people on tomorrow. The evening as well as the day was engaged in hearing Confessions and other sacred duties. It was late when I retired to rest.

**Sunday July 3rd.** I celebrated last Mass today at 11. I preached. I visited the sick, and the gaol, where I found but too many of our poor people, about 10 in number. They joined me in prayer, after which I addressed a few words of instruction to them. At 2 I assisted at the catechetical instruction given to the children. The attendance was small. We dined at 4. Night prayers commenced at 6, after which there was a lecture and Benediction. The church was crowded. I retired to rest [at] 9.30, but spent a restless and sleepless night.

**Monday July 4th.** I rose this morning (anything but refreshed, I not having had scarcely any rest during the night) at 7.30. I celebrated Mass at 9. I heard confessions during the day, with few and short intervals of interruptions. The weather is considerably improved, it is bright and dry, but few clouds appearing in the heavens.

I received a number of our new Catholic journal this morning. It is a respectable first issue, realizing more than my expectations led me to hope for. The extracts are well selected, the editorial articles are rather respectable - at least they are readable. I dined at 4.

I afterwards walked in the garden for a short time. At 6 we had night prayers and a lecture, after which Confessions were heard. I retired to rest soon after 9.

**Tuesday July 5th.** I offered up the Holy Sacrifice at the usual hour. The attendance was very good. I gave the Holy Communion to a few persons. A good portion of my time during the day was occupied in hearing Confessions and instructing the children for Confirmation.

The weather is delightful - it is to be hoped that it will continue so for some time. No letters today as yet.

In the evening I gave instruction to the people immediately after prayers. At 10 I retired to rest.

**Wednesday July 6th.** Not feeling well this morning, I did not celebrate Mass. I assisted at the 8 and 9 o'clock Masses. I heard Confessions as usual during the day and gave instruction to the children who are preparing for Confirmation. The first interruption in the duties of the Confessional I availed myself of to answer letters of importance. I rode out for a short time. The weather is fine, but breezy. Dined at 4. I heard Confessions from 5 to a quarter past 6. I went into the church to be present at night prayers. I retired to rest at 10.

**Thursday 7th.** I rose this morning at the usual hour and celebrated Mass at 9. The people attend the morning and evening devotions very well. The male portion of the congregation have nearly all approached the Sacraments. I don't think they will have been neglected before the Jubilee closes by a single adult Catholic within the limits of the town. Confessions occupied the greater part of my time during the day, in fact I was so engaged as to be unable to take my usual exercise. I preached at night prayers - the church was crowded. I afterwards heard Confessions. It was past 10 when I retired to rest.

**Friday July 8th.** I offered up the Holy Sacrifice this morning at the usual hour, having previously heard Confessions. During the day I heard many Confessions. At 11 I gave instruction to the children who are preparing for Confirmation, after which I heard their Confessions, or of such of them as came to me. I was confined to the garden of the presbytery for exercise by the frequent calls upon my time by persons coming to their religious duties. At 6 I assisted at night prayers, after which a sermon was preached by one of the priests. It was 10 when I went to bed.

**Saturday July 9th.** The weather threatens a change to rain this morning. I offered up the Holy Sacrifice at the usual hour. I was engaged the whole day until late in the night, with but few and short interruptions, hearing Confessions. At 10 I retired to rest.

**Sunday July 10th.** It was 8 when I was prepared to enter on the duties of the day. The weather is cloudy and promises to be wet.

At 11 I commenced High Mass. I addressed the congregation immediately after the Communion, after which I closed the Jubilee. Nearly the entire Catholic population of Geelong approached the Sacraments. I have not as yet learned the exact number of communicants. At 3 I received two converts into the Church, to whom I said a few words of instruction and admonition. At 4 I established the Sodalities of the 'Living Rosary' and the Sacred Heart. I gave instruction on the nature and pious objects of these religious Associations. At 6 night prayers and a Solemn Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament concluded the devotions of the day in the church.

At 7 I presided at the monthly meeting of the Catholic Association. The Collection amounted to £96. It was just 10 when I retired to rest.

**Monday July 11th.** Wind and heavy showers of rain introduce the week to us. After 9 o'clock Mass I administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to a hundred persons, young and old.

At 1 I proceeded on my journey to Mount Moriac - over a very bad road and in a heavy squall of wind and rain. We reached the hut wherein we are to stop the night, and a good part of the next day, about 4. It is a rude and cold shelter. These people however are good - simple and hospitable. They are natives of Ireland. At night, before retiring to rest, we said prayers, in which the family joined.

**Tuesday July 12th.** I rose early this morning. Having said my office and made my preparations for Mass, I heard Confessions until 10.30. The people attended in large numbers, though weather continues stormy and wet. At 11 I offered up the Holy Sacrifice and gave instruction on the nature of the Jubilee which I opened that morning for the Catholics living in the neighbourhood of Mount Moriac. I also earnestly advised an immediate compliance with the conditions, allowing a week for that purpose. On my return from Colac on the following Tuesday, I shall close the Jubilee for this part of the Diocese and intimated as much to the people, whom I exhorted to turn to good account the weekly interval. We left at 1 for the Barwon, where we remained the night. The weather has cleared up a little.

The clergyman of the Colac arrived at the Inn where we stopped just as we were finishing dinner. I retired soon after 9.

**Wednesday July 13th.** We left this morning with most favourable weather at 8. We arrived in Colac without any incident deserving notice at 2. The scenery of this part of the Colony is most picturesque - its lakes, extensive plains, beautifully shaped and wooded hills make it a fairyland, lofty ranges here and there appearing a bold and imposing variety in the landscape.

At 6 I opened the Jubilee with a few words of instruction, concluding with night prayers.

The back skillion of an unfinished wooden residence belonging to the resident priest, situated on the borders of the lake, is to be my place of abode, during my sojourn here. It is cold and comfortless enough, but the thought of doing good reconciles me to such small privations, as well as the recollection of the abnegation recommended us by the example and teaching of our Divine Master. At 9, a little wearied, I retired to rest.

**Thursday July 14th.** I offered up the Holy Sacrifice this morning at 9. The congregation was large, though the weather was wet and stormy. After the post Communion I instructed the people as to how they should prepare themselves to receive the blessing of the Jubilee. The resident clergyman celebrated Mass at 10. From 11 to 1 we heard Confessions. I visited the burial ground at 2. It is a good site for that purpose, but it is not as [yet] enclosed. It is open forest ground, easily dug. It is the highest ground within a mile of the town. We dined at 4. From 5 to 6 we heard Confessions. At 6 we had night prayers, then the resident clergyman instructed the people. Soon after the conclusion of the prayers and instruction we heard Confessions. I retired to rest at 10.

**Friday July 15th.** The night was stormy and wet. This morning I looked at the thermometer, it stood as low as 42°. The cold during the night and this morning was intense. I offered up the Holy Sacrifice at 10. The people continue to attend notwithstanding the unfavourableness of the weather, and the almost impassable state of the streets and roads. The low flat covered by the present township is one sheet of water and bog. Through this I and the clergy had to wade every morning on our way to the school, and also in the evenings. In fact we are not only breathing a damp atmosphere but we are living in damp clothes and sleeping in damp beds - yet blessed be the goodness of God, our bodily health continues good. Confessions were heard at the usual hours and instruction given to the children who are preparing for Confirmation.

Differences having existed between the resident Pastor and the Congregation, originating in indiscreet language used by the clergyman, who is a native of England, and having reference to the country and habits of the congregation, who are all Irish, I gave a great portion of today to their removal and reconciling the parties concerned. My efforts, thank God, were successful.

In the evening at 6 we had night prayers, at which I gave instruction to the people. We heard Confessions as soon as we had concluded. I retired to rest at 10.

**Saturday July 16th.** The weather is still cold, wet and stormy. The thermometer stands at 41° this morning. I offered up the Holy Mysteries at the usual hour, and administered the Holy Communion, after which I gave a short instruction to the people. The greater part of the day we were engaged hearing Confessions, and in the evening until a late hour. No change in the weather: the rain and wind are striving for the mastery. I retired to rest at a little after 10.

**Sunday July 17th.** The weather continues cold, but the rain is not as heavy or constant. I said Mass at 8 after which I administered the Sacrament of Confirmation. I gave instruction both before and after the administration of this Sacrament. At the 11 Mass I preached. After Mass I assembled the Catholics and spoke to them concerning their becoming contributors to the funds of the Catholic Association. They subscribed on the [spot?] £31. The sum promised amounted to ten pounds more. I established a branch of the Association here, which will meet on the first Sunday of every month. In the evening we had night prayers, at which I again gave a lecture to the people. I spoke to them concerning their school. I retired to rest at 10, *plenus laboribus*.

**Monday July 18th.** The weather, thank God, has cleared: we take our leave of the good people of Colac under the auspices of a delightful day. A large number of the people on horseback accompanied [us] 10 miles on the road. It was 5 p.m. when we reached Mt. Moriac.

A person met us before we arrived, who informed us of the dangerous illness of a young man in the neighbourhood of the road. We visited this person, and administered to him the consolations of religion. A few Catholics being assembled at the house where we are to stop, we heard their Confessions in order to allow them to return home before dark. It was 10 when I retired to rest, having previously said night prayers with the family.

**Tuesday July 19th.** I rose this morning at 7. The weather is cold but fine. The people began to assemble from an early hour. We commenced hearing their Confessions about 7.30. At 11 I offered up the Holy Sacrifice. The number admitted to Holy Communion was 50. I administered Confirmation to 20, children and adults. It was 1 before I concluded. I left for Geelong soon after breakfast, but did not reach it that night in consequence of the river being flooded. We stayed at the Inn, which is situated about a quarter of a mile from the river.

**Wednesday July 20th.** We rose at an early hour this morning, and having taken breakfast we started for Geelong. The river had fallen, so we were enabled to cross without risk. I did not remain long at Geelong. At 1 I proceeded on my journey to B[acchus] Marsh, situated about 45 miles from Geelong.

The day was beautiful and the road good, crossing extensive plains here and there traversed and edged with the most picturesquely wooded hills. We rode fast, arriving in the Marsh just as the sun was going down, which was about 5.

The people soon heard of my arrival, and prepared to attend in the morning in the temporary chapel to commence the spiritual exercises of the Jubilee, and hear Mass. At 9 I retired to rest.

**Thursday July 21st.** I offered up the Holy Sacrifice this morning at 9. The attendance was good. I gave a short discourse on the Jubilee, concluding with an exhortation to a good preparation for it through penance. The hours for Confessions were from 11 to 1, from 3 to 4. At 5 we had night prayers and instruction, after which we again heard Confessions. The instruction I gave this evening and in the morning the clergyman who is with me will give instruction at Mass. I retired to rest at 9.30.

**Friday July 22nd.** I said Mass at the hour appointed this morning. After the post-Communion, the assisting clergyman gave a discourse to the congregation. Confessions were heard at the usual hours. The weather continues fine. At 5 we had night prayers, after which I gave instruction. Confessions were heard immediately after. I retired to rest at 9.

**Saturday July 23rd.** At 9 I offered up the Holy Sacrifice; the attendance was as usual. We were occupied during this, and the whole of the evening, hearing Confessions and preparing persons for Confirmation. I retired to rest at the usual hour, 9.

**Sunday July 24th.** A bright and calm sky ushered in the Sabbath. The people collected early at the chapel. I heard Confessions from 7 to 9, when I celebrated the Holy Mysteries, after which I gave instruction on the Sacrament of Confirmation which I was about to administer. Twenty persons received this Sacrament and about forty approached the Holy Communion. It was 11 when I concluded this important ceremony. The Holy Sacrifice was again offered up at 12. I preached after the 'post Communion'. It was more than 1 when all was over. I took a short walk after breakfast. At 2 I met the people again, when I addressed them on the propriety of establishing a monthly collection for the Catholic Association. They subscribed on the spot £50 to its funds and promised to organise a monthly subscription as I had advised. The business of our meeting was concluded by 3.30. At 4 I dined. Night prayers and instructions were given at the usual hour. Retired to rest at 10.

**Monday July 25th.** I offered up the Holy Sacrifice this morning at 7.30. At 10 I left for Keilor. The weather was beautiful.

The distance we had to ride was 25 miles. We arrived at Keilor at 2. One of the Melbourne clergymen came by my instruction to Keilor to assist at the station. After dinner I visited the school, which is situated about a mile from the place where I stop. The ground on which it is belongs to a private individual. I advised the people to remove it to the Government site, which is in the town of Keilor and about two miles from its present site. In the evening we had night prayers. I retired to rest soon after 9.

**Tuesday July 26th.** We heard Confessions this morning from an early hour until 11, when I celebrated Mass, and gave the Holy Communion to a good many persons. At 2 I returned to Melbourne.

During my absence, which exceeded a month, the Mission here has been satisfactorily conducted.

The organ for St. Francis is being landed. At 6 I assisted at night prayers. Retired to rest at 11.

**Wednesday July 27th.** Feeling tired from my late exertion, I did not rise this morning until 8. I heard Mass at 9. Transacted business and answered letters from 10 till 2. At 2 I visited St. Patrick's and one of the schools. I returned to the presbytery about 3.30. I read my office, after which I studied until the hour for dinner. I attended night prayers at 6 after which I heard Confessions. At 10 I retired to rest.

**Thursday July 28th.** I rose this morning at the usual hour, 6.30. From 7 to 8 I was engaged in hearing Confessions. At 8 I offered up the Holy Sacrifice. I was engaged in transacting business and writing from 10 to 1, when I took a walk. Study and the Divine Office filled up the interval between 3 [and the] dinner hour. We dined at 5. At 6 night prayers, after which I heard Confessions. Retired to rest at 10.

**Friday July 29th.** I heard Confessions from 7 to 8, when I offered up the Holy Sacrifice. Business and study occupied me from 10 to 1. I then took a short walk.

At 3 Dr Geoghegan requested a private interview. The subject of our conversation concerned his position on the mission. I told that in future [the] duties of Vicar-General would be shared with him by Dr Fitzpatrick - who would henceforward conduct the Government correspondence. He wished to know my reasons for this new arrangement - which I declined to disclose. He asked me to give him a mission somewhere in the neighbourhood - which request I would not grant as there was no mission at [present] vacant - and I felt that I would not be justified in making a vacancy to meet his individual convenience - when the rights of others would suffer thereby. This ended the conversation. He seemed displeased - but I felt satisfied that [I had done] nothing more than my duty.

The bell rings for dinner. At 6 I went to night prayers, after which I heard Confessions. Retired to rest at 10.

**Saturday July 30th.** From 7 to 8 I was engaged hearing Confessions. At 8 I celebrated Mass. Business from 10 to 12. Confessions at intervals from 12 to 4. The organ cases were unpacked - and the paintings hung in the Church today. Dined at 5. Heard Confessions from 7 to 9.30 - retired to rest at 10.

**Sunday July 31st.** I rose this morning a little after 6. At 7 I offered up the Holy Sacrifice - having a severe cold I did not give the usual instruction. I heard Confessions during the celebration of 8 o'clock Mass. Breakfasted at 9. From 9.30 to 11 I read a portion of the Divine Office - wrote a little and perused a small work on religion. At 11 I assisted at Mass. A sermon was preached at the post-communion. The congregation - as usual - exceeded by some hundreds the accommodation of the Church - many being obliged to hear Mass in the open air. I read at intervals during the day. At 6.30 I assisted at Vespers, after which a sermon was preached. Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament concluded the Service. I retired to rest at 11.

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**Monday August 1st.** I rose this morning at the usual hour. I heard Confessions from 7 to 8, when I prepared to celebrate Mass. At 9 I took breakfast. Business, study and answering letters occupied me from 10 to 1. I took a walk immediately after - returning to the presbytery a little before 3. I read and wrote until near dinner hour. At 6.30 I assisted at night prayers, after which I heard Confessions. Retired to rest a little after 10.

**Tuesday August 2nd.** I heard Confessions this morning from 7 to 8, after which I offered up the Holy Sacrifice. I breakfasted at 9. From 10 to 1 study, writing letters and transacting business engaged my attention. I visited a few of the schools between 1 and 3. The time preceding dinner - that is, from 3 to 5 - I employed in reading the Divine Office and study. At 6.30 I assisted at night prayers, after which I heard Confessions. Retired to bed at 10.

**Wednesday August 3rd.** I offered up the Holy Sacrifice this morning at 8. At 10 I left for Heidelberg, where I commenced the spiritual exercises for the Jubilee. The people attended very well. At the post-Communion I gave a short instruction. The hours observed here for hearing Confessions - the celebration of Mass - night prayers and instruction are the same as were observed at the other stations. The Clergyman charged with the care of this mission is a native of France. In the evening immediately after prayers I again spoke to the people on the importance of preparing through penance to receive the grace offered them by the Jubilee. A great many - nearly all present - went to Confession. It was 8 when we left the temporary Chapel to return to the presbytery situated a mile and a half from the township. I retired to rest about 10.

**Thursday August 4th.** I rose this morning a little after 6. I proceeded at once to the Chapel - we heard confessions until 9, when I prepared to celebrate Mass. The resident Clergyman offered up the Holy Sacrifice immediately after me. I instructed the people at this Mass. The Chapel was crowded. We did not breakfast until 11, having to walk to the Clergyman's residence. It was 12 when we again returned to the Chapel to hear Confessions. The people patiently waited our return. By 3 we finished their Confessions. At 4 we dined. Returned to the Chapel at 6 - had night prayers, after which the resident pastor delivered a short discourse - his inaccurate pronunciation here and there changed the sense and meaning. We heard Confessions until 8, when we returned home.

**Friday August 5th.** I heard Confessions and celebrated Mass this morning at the appointed time. I gave instruction at the second Mass. From 11 to 3 heard Confessions and instructed the children who were preparing for Confirmation. At 4 we dined. Evening prayers and instruction at 6, after which Confessions were heard. Retired to rest at 10.

**Saturday August 6th.** Feast of the Transfiguration and the 5th Anniversary of my Confirmation [Consecration]. I returned to Melbourne this morning and celebrated Mass in St Francis' Church. Study and Confessions occupied me during the day. We dined at the usual hour. At 7 I went to the Confessional and remained there until 9. At 11 I retired to rest.

**Sunday August 7th.** I rose this morning at a little after 6. I proceeded to Heidelberg. I heard Confessions until 11, when I offered up the Holy Sacrifice and gave Holy Communion to a hundred and twenty persons. After Mass I instructed the people and administered Confirmation to about forty persons - children and adults. It was after 12 when I had concluded. The Clergyman in attendance offered up the Holy Sacrifice immediately after I had done. I assisted at his Mass. The congregation at the two Masses was very large. There were a great many Protestants present.

I returned to Melbourne a little after 4. And here one of the troubles of the Episcopacy awaited me. On my study [desk?] was an offensive letter from one of the clergy, who objected to divide - as directed by me - money obtained in his name from the Treasury with another priest whose claim to an equal share of remuneration was established on the just plea of having performed an equal amount of missionary duty with the other.

I noticed the offensive style of the letter in the manner most suited to my position and his. He disclaimed all intention of being disrespectful and offensive. I returned him his letter. I assured him that I would not oppose any obstacle to his leaving the Diocese as he threatened - though I reminded him that I acceded to his earnest and pressing solicitation to be engaged on the mission on the sole condition of his remaining. However, on his refunding the money advanced for his passage out, I would not object to his leaving. With this our conversation concluded.

I dined alone this evening. At 7 I assisted at Vespers and Benediction - the usual lecture was delivered after Vespers. I retired to rest at 11.

**Monday August 8th.** I heard Confessions from 7 to 8 this morning. At 8 I offered up the Holy Mysteries.

I had another long conversation with Dr Geoghegan concerning his wish to take charge of a mission in the Country. I adhered to my former decision. He evidently feels disposed to give trouble and annoyance. I bore patiently whatever was offensive in his remarks in consideration of his unhappy temper - which is beyond his control. I am afraid he will endeavour to create a party amongst the laity - however, I am prepared to counteract any unscrupulous intrigue he may engage in against the interests of the mission. He has already succeeded in advising one of our few missionaries to resign.

From 12 to 1 I transacted business and received those poor people who are crowding to our shores - to whom I have given advice and, where I could, assistance. I visited schools at St Patricks - and attended the examination held in the schools at Newtown. The latter was most satisfactory. In distributing the premiums I addressed a few words to the children. It was near dinner time when I returned to the presbytery. I assisted at night prayers in the church, after which I heard Confessions. Retired to rest at 10.

**Wednesday August 10th.** I rose this morning at the usual hour, I heard Confessions from 7 to 8. At 8 I offered up the Holy Sacrifice. At 10 I proceeded to Richmond where the Clergyman expected me, in order to go with him to Elgar's Special Survey where there is a large Catholic population and conduct the Spiritual exercises of the Jubilee. We reached the little chapel about 11. The people had assembled there from an early hour. The weather is clear, calm and bright. It is one of those lovely days so frequent in our Spring. The Holy Sacrifice was offered up by the clergyman in charge of the district. At the post-Communion I gave instruction to the people explanatory of the Jubilee, concluding with an exhortation to a strict compliance with the conditions prescribed by the Holy Father. The congregation considerably exceeded a hundred. The temporary chapel, which on other occasions is used as a school, is a very durable wooden structure. It is however neatly fitted up. The Sanctuary shows care and attention.

We heard Confessions from 11 to 1. At 2 I gave instruction to the children in the Catechism, after which their Confessions were heard. We dined at 3. From 4 to 5 I was engaged reading the Divine Office and preparing for the instruction of the people. Night prayers and instruction were given at 5. This has considerably increased since yesterday. We heard Confessions at the conclusion of night prayers. I retired to rest at 10. The weather is surprisingly fine for the season.

**Thursday August 11th.** Two Masses were celebrated at 8 and 9 this morning. I preached to the people at the Mass which I said at 9. Confessions and instructions to the children were given at the appointed hours. In the evening the same order was observed as yesterday. The people are most regular in their attendance. I retired to rest a little before 10.

**Friday August 12th.** The same duties engaged our time and attention today as yesterday. I received letters, to some of which I had to give an immediate answer.

In the evening, prayers, instruction and Confessions as agreed upon. At 10 I retired to rest. The weather continues most favourable.

**Saturday August 13th.** We were engaged soon after the celebration of Mass, until 12, hearing Confessions. At 1 o'clock I returned to Melbourne. Business connected with the general interests of the Diocese occupied a great part of the afternoon.

The Divine Office, a preparation for tomorrow's instructions to the people and Confessions filled the remainder of my time until 10, when I retired to rest.

**Sunday August 14th.** I proceeded this morning to the Elgar's Survey, in order to close the Jubilee. The people were already assembled at the little chapel. I think they could not have numbered less than three hundred. At 11 I commenced Mass. About 120, mostly adults, men and women received the Holy Communion. Mass concluded, I gave instruction to the people on the nature of the blessings they had reason to hope they had received, by having worthily complied with the conditions of the Jubilee with best means of improving and preserving them and I concluded with a few remarks explanatory of the Sacrament of Confirmation I was about to administer. I confirmed, adults and children, 40 persons.

The religious duties fulfilled, I next held a meeting for the purpose of establishing a branch of the Catholic Association in this part of the Mission.

In the course of my remarks on the end and aim of the Association, I particularly dwelt on the number of zealous good Missionaries procured for the Diocese through the aid afforded me by its funds. The people were so convinced of the claims of the Association on their means that they contributed on the spot £120, an earnest assurance of their determination to be monthly contributors to its funds. This is the largest amount collected for this purpose at the meetings held in the Missions outside of Melbourne.

It was 2 when I took breakfast. I arrived in Melbourne about 4. The day was very fine. I attended Vespers at 6.30 in St Francis' Church. After Vespers, a Sermon was preached by one of the resident clergymen. It was 11 when I retired to rest.

**Monday August 15th.** The morning is cloudy and threatens rain. I heard Confessions until 9. The congregations at the several Masses were very numerous. At 9 the clouds began to disappear, allowing the sun to appear, with the promise of better weather. At 11 I commenced the Pontifical High Mass. It was concluded by 12. From 1 to 3 I read and wrote alternately. At 3 I took a short walk. From 4 to 5 the divine office and reading occupied my attention. We dined at 5. Night prayers at the usual [hour], after which I heard Confessions. I retired to rest at 9.

**Tuesday August 16th.** I heard Confessions this morning at the usual time. I offered up the Holy Sacrifice at 8. Business and answering letters occupied [me] from 10 to 1. I also had to receive many visits from persons lately arrived in the Colony during the morning. At 1 I visited several of the schools, giving a short Catechetical instruction to the children. I walked out to Richmond for the purpose of establishing a school for girls, to be placed under the direction of pious Catholic ladies lately arrived from Ireland. It was late when I returned to the presbytery. I dined at 5. At 6 I assisted at night prayers, after which I heard Confessions. I retired to rest a little after 10.

**Wednesday August 17th.** I arrived in Pentridge this morning a little after 9. Owing to a misunderstanding on the part of the resident, the people were not in attendance. Having opened the Jubilee with the celebration of the most Holy Mysteries, I charged the children and few adults present to communicate the order of the spiritual exercises to be observed during the Jubilee. At 2 the children were again assembled. I instructed for Confirmation and Confession. At 5 we had a large congregation. I gave instructions after prayers, and concluded the sacred duties with hearing Confessions. It was 10 when I retired to rest. The day though cloudless was windy and cold.

**Thursday August 18th.** There were but few at 8 o'clock Mass. The morning is cold and threatening. At 9 Mass we had a large congregation. Instruction was given at the post-Communion. From 11 to 1 we heard Confessions. The people are beginning to enter into the spirit of the devotions and seem anxious to gain the Jubilee.

When not engaged in Missionary duties, I occupied myself in writing and reading the divine office alternately. In the evening I said the night prayers and gave the instructions. The congregation was more numerous than the previous night. Our temporary chapel accommodated but a small number. The instruction concluded, we heard Confessions. At 10 I retired to rest.

**Friday August 19th.** The morning is fine, but cold and breezy. At 8 first Mass was celebrated at which I assisted. I offered up the Holy Sacrifice at 9. Our little chapel was crowded. At the post-communion the people received suitable instruction. We commenced to hear Confessions at 10 and continued so employed until near 1. The people are well disposed and most anxious to gain the Jubilee. At 1 o'clock I visited the prisoners in the stockade close by, for whom I read prayers, after which I gave them instruction, and concluded with the Litany of Our Blessed Lady

I met the children in the temporary chapel at 2 and gave them Catechetical instruction. We admitted them afterwards to Confession. In the evening at 5, the people again assembled and joined in night prayers, after which I addressed a few words of instruction to them. The service for the night concluded, we heard Confessions. At 10 I retired to rest.

**Saturday August 20th.** I heard Confessions this morning at an early hour. I resumed the duty again at 9, when I had made my breakfast. It was 1 when I concluded the Confessions of the people. At 2 I returned to Melbourne. The Divine Office, study and the duties of the Confessional filled up the remaining hours of the day and evening. Soon after I returned to the house after concluding my duties in the church, Dr. G[eoghagan] asked an interview, which I immediately granted. He complained of being appointed to discharge the extern duties during the following week. I said in reply that he should share with the other clergy the heavy and increased labour of the Mission. He spoke of entering a protest against the rule, but I asked him to give it to me in writing, which he refused to do. I then positively commanded obedience to the rule established. His salary is higher than what is allowed the other priests, and his share of the emoluments equal to theirs, though he discharged none of the duties. He has been literally doing nothing in comparison to the labour gone through by the other Missionaries. His manner is most disrespectful, but we must for the present put up with it. I retired to rest at 10.

**Sunday August 21st.** I rose this morning at 6.30. Having said a portion of prayers and preparation for Mass I proceeded to Pentridge. I arrived there about 8. The people were already in attendance. I heard Confessions until 11. I then offered up the Holy Sacrifice, after which I gave instruction to the people previous to the administration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. I confirmed twenty-six persons, adults and children. The Holy Communion was given to a hundred and twenty persons. We had a meeting after we concluded the sacred rites, at which we collected for the funds of the Catholic Association, twenty pounds.

At 3 I took breakfast and returned to Melbourne. Dinner at the usual hour. At 7 Solemn Vespers and Benediction, after which I presided at the monthly meeting of the Catholic Association. The meeting was well attended. The large hall of St Francis was crowded. The collection made at the meeting was £60. The amount received within the month and since the last meeting exceeded £600. I retired to rest at 11.

**Monday August 22nd. Octave day of the Assumption.** I rose at the usual hour this morning. I heard Confessions from 7 until 8. I read the divine office and made preparation for the celebration of Mass. At 9 I said Mass. From 10 to 1 I was engaged in answering letters and receiving visits on business. I visited the Public Schools from 2 to 3. I studied from 3 to 5. Dined at 5. I attended in the church at 7 to join in night prayers and hear Confessions. At 10 I retired to rest.

**Tuesday August 23rd.** I rose this morning a little after 6 and went to the Confessional soon after the clock struck 7 and remained there hearing Confessions and at intervals reading portions of the Divine Office. At 8 I celebrated Mass. Breakfasted at 9. I transacted business from 10 to 1 and paid a visit to two of the Public Schools. I wrote and read alternately from 3 to 5. At 5 dinner. Night prayers at 7 and Confessions immediately after. Retired to rest at 10.

**Wednesday August 24th.** I rose this morning at an early hour and proceeded to Pentridge en route to the Kingston School - which is situated on the Plenty road. I said Mass at the latter place at 11. The people met me after Mass and contributed the amount due on the school house. This humble building is erected on a piece of land (an acre in extent) presented to the Church by one of the congregation.

A misunderstanding existed between the teacher and the grantee, which I trust is now removed for ever. The grantee, as an assurance of the sincerity of his disposition to conciliate, promised to send his children to the school - from which he had withdrawn them some days before.

The teacher is a man of bad temper and the other is equally as impetuous. It was 2.30 when I took my breakfast in a neighbouring house. I returned to Melbourne a little after 4. At 5 we dined. Night prayers and Confessions at the usual time. At 9.30 I retired to rest.

**Thursday 25th August.** I rose at 6 this morning. Having dressed and said my prayers, I at once set out for Epping, a settlement 11 miles from Melbourne. The road being in very bad repair our progress was slow. However we reached the place earlier than expected.

The people mustered strong. I was surprised to see so large a congregation assembled. The temporary Chapel occupies the best site in the township and commands a splendid view of the surrounding landscape, which is one of surpassing beauty.

Having heard a few Confessions I assisted at Mass, which was celebrated by the clergyman in charge of the district. At the post-Communion I addressed the people, taking my text from the Gospel of the day. The divine service concluded, I held a meeting at which I received very liberal contributions towards the completion of the temporary Chapel, and the funds of the Catholic Association. It was 3.30 when all was concluded. It was 8 when I returned to Melbourne, tired and hungry. At 9.30 I retired to rest.

**Friday August 26th.** I rose this morning a little later than usual. I heard Confessions and was otherwise employed from 7.30 till 9, when I offered up the Holy Sacrifice. At 11 I rode out to Richmond in order to point out to the resident clergyman the site for the school about to be erected there. I returned to Melbourne about 3. I wrote and studied alternately until the hour for dinner. At 7 I assisted at night prayers in the church, after which I heard Confessions. I retired to rest at 9.

**Saturday August 27th.** I rose this morning at the usual hour. I went into the church soon after 7 and heard Confessions until 8. At 8 I said Mass. From 10 to 12 I transacted business, at intervals, answering letters and receiving visits. From 12 to 4.30 I was engaged in the church hearing the Confessions of such as presented themselves. The half-hour previous to 5 I gave to recreation. At 7 I went to the church again, to remain there hearing Confessions until 9. Retired to rest at 10, or a little after 10.

**Sunday August 28th. Feast of St. Augustine.** It was after 6 when I rose this morning. At a quarter past 7 I went to the church and heard Confessions until 9.30. Having to sing High Mass, I employed the interval in preparation for it. At 11 I proceeded to the church and commenced immediately the Solemn Service. It was 1 before I concluded. The church was crowded, a large number could not gain admission. After breakfast I walked in the verandah for a short time.

Dr Geoghegan spoke to me this morning on the old subject of his removal to some neighbouring Mission, but I told him I would not think of it. His present position I said I would make as suitable to his tastes and habits as was consistent with duty. After this I retired to my room and employed myself in writing for a short time. At 3 I attended the Catechetical instruction given in the church to the children. I read and wrote at intervals from 4 to 5. Dined at 5. At 7 I gave out solemn Vespers, after which a panegyric was pronounced on St Augustine by the Revd. Mr Hayes. When he had concluded I gave a solemn Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The congregation filled the church. It was 11 when I retired to rest.

**Monday August 29th.** I heard Confessions this morning from 7 to 8, when I offered up the Holy Sacrifice. From 10 to 11.30 I was engaged in answering letters. At 11.30 I visited four of the public schools and had the children examined in the Christian Doctrine: the answering was satisfactory. Their reading and writing speak much for the diligence of the teachers. It was 1.30 when [I ended] my visit to the schools. I next \* \* building we are \* \* [Corner torn from original] and schools. It was 4 when [I returned] to the Presbytery. From 4 to 5.30 [I was engaged] in reading the Divine Office and writing. At 5 we dined. Night prayers at 7, after which I heard a few Confessions. At 10 I retired to rest.

**Tuesday August 30th.** I attended this morning at the usual hour in the Confessional. I celebrated Mass at 8. I wrote and received visits from 10 to 12. I paid a visit to St Patrick's school. On my return to the Presbytery I learned that a number of Catholics came to Pentridge from the Monastery in the expectation of meeting me on my way thither. This piece of information surprised me not a little, as I had not promised to stop at the Monastery that evening, but at Pentridge. However \*  
 \*[Reverse of corner torn from original] appointment, I took a hasty \* \* proceeded to Pentridge, where [ ] horsemen were expecting me. [Spent a] short time at this place. We \* \*  
 Monastery at 5. A large bell which the resident clergyman lately purchased announced in loud and pleasing peals our near approach. We proceeded at once to the Chapel, and having said the Litany of the Blessed Virgin, I explained the conditions of the Jubilee and made known the order of the spiritual exercises to be observed until Sunday. The number present was small. In the evening at 5, the few Catholics in the neighbourhood assembled in the little chapel and joined in night prayers, after which I gave them a short lecture on penance. At 9 or a little after I retired to rest.

**Wednesday August 31st.** I rose this morning a little after 6. Having recited the Divine Office and performed my usual morning devotions, I assisted at Mass, which was celebrated by a clergyman from Melbourne. At 9 I offered up the Holy Sacrifice, at which I gave instruction. From 11 to 1 we were engaged in hearing the Confessions of the people in attendance.

At 2 I gave Catechetical instruction to the children who were preparing for Confirmation. The Catholics assembled again at 5 for night prayers where I gave instructions, Confessions immediately after. At 9 I retired to rest.

**Thursday September 1st 1853.** The order of Spiritual exercises and duty was the same as yesterday. Nothing unusual occurred. The weather is fine, and the Catholics are most regular in their attendance at the several devotions.

**Friday September 2nd.** Masses were celebrated at 8 and 9 as usual. Confessions and instructions as on Wednesday. Night prayers and lecture at 5, after which we heard Confessions. At 9 I retired to rest.

**Saturday September 3rd.** The same duties as yesterday. The weather is showery and cold. We concluded our duties at an early hour this evening. More persons attended today than on any of the previous days. I retired to rest a little after 10.

**Sunday September 4th.** I rose this morning a little after 7. Having performed my usual morning devotions and said a portion of the Divine office I heard Confessions until 9 when I assisted at Mass. About thirty persons approached the Holy Communion. At 11 o'clock I offered up the Holy Sacrifice in the presence of a large Congregation. At the post-communion I delivered a short lecture on the Gospel of the day. The Holy Mysteries concluded, I administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 20 persons, children and adults of both sexes.

The weather was most unfavourable, wet and squalls. At 1.30 I took breakfast, after which I proceeded to Melbourne, where I arrived about 3. At 5 I dined. Vespers, lecture and Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament concluded the sacred duties of the day. It was 10 when I retired to rest.

**Monday September 5th.** I rose this morning a little later than usual. At 8 I celebrated Mass. Breakfasted at 9. From 11 to 12 I received visits and transacted business. I studied from 1 to 2. At 2 I took a walk, during which I visited two of the Public Schools. I returned to the Presbytery about 3. I read my office soon after I returned. The divine office said, I read and wrote alternately until 5. At 5, dinner. Study and prayers concluded the duties of the evening. At 10 I retired to rest.

**Tuesday September 6th.** I rose at the usual hour this morning. At 7 I offered up the Holy Sacrifice. From 8.30 to 10 I heard Confessions. Nothing but the usual routine of business and study, together with the sacred obligation of my office, engaged my attention today. I took a short walk at 3. The evening was occupied as yesterday evening. Retired to rest at 10.

**Wednesday September 7th.** I offered up the Holy Mysteries this morning at the usual hour. At 9 I proceeded to Brighton, in order to give the Catholics resident an opportunity of gaining the Jubilee. The people were already assembled.

After Mass I explained to them, in a short address, the rule of Spiritual retreat to be observed, during the few days the Jubilee would continue in force amongst them. The same order of Spiritual exercises, hearing Confessions, celebrating the divine mysteries and catechising the children was observed here as elsewhere.

The evening prayers and lecture were well attended, though many of the congregation had to walk a great distance over bad roads to the temporary chapel. It was 8 when we returned to the presbytery, which [is] situated about 2 miles from the chapel. At 10 I retired to rest.

**Thursday September 8th.** I rose this morning a little after 6 and, having finished in part my morning devotions, I set out for the chapel. The people were already there, though the weather was wet, cold and stormy. I heard Confessions previous to the celebration of Mass.

At 8 I offered up the Holy Sacrifice. The resident Pastor said Mass immediately after. At the post-communion he gave an exhortation to the people. At 10 we took breakfast, after which we returned to the chapel, where we remained hearing Confessions and giving instruction to the children until 3. We left for the Presbytery at 3. At 4 we had dinner. At 5.30 we returned to the Chapel. The people were there before us. We said night prayers after which I gave them a lecture. We heard Confessions until 8. At 10 I retired to rest.

**Friday September 9th.** The morning, mid-day and afternoon were occupied without any alteration as on the 8th. On our return in the evening to the Presbytery, the clergyman who was driving the gig, owing to the darkness of the night, drove over a stump and was thrown out; he was not hurt. I retired to rest at the usual hour.

**Saturday September 10th.** Mass and lecture at 8. Confessions were very numerous during the day. Thank God, the people have, with few - I would say only two or three - exceptions, complied with the obligations of the Holy time of Jubilee.

It was late when we got home this evening. I returned to Melbourne in a heavy storm of wind and rain, where I heard Confessions until 9.30. At 10 I retired to rest.

**Sunday September 11th.** I rose this morning a little before 6 and having performed my usual devotions I proceeded to Brighton. The resident clergyman had not returned from Prahran where he went to celebrate Mass. I heard Confessions until 11. At 11 I offered up the Most Holy Sacrifice and instructed the people. I administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 50 persons, children and adults.

When all was concluded a few dissatisfied members of the Congregation asked an interview, which I granted. They unreasonably objected to the site for the clergyman[’s house] which I had already approved.

As their demeanour was disrespectful, I dismissed them with a mild reproof. This factious opposition is mainly attributable to the indiscretion of the clergyman in allowing the money subscribed towards the erection of a presbytery to be lodged in the hands of one of themselves, and he the most negligent in the practice of his religion, though I had positively forbade him to place church moneys in the keeping of a lay-treasurer. It was 3 when I breakfasted. I returned to Melbourne at 4.30. Dined at 5. At 7 I assisted at Vespers, after which we had a sermon and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament I retired to rest about 10.

**Monday September 12th.** Rose at the usual hour, performed my morning devotions and offered up the Holy Sacrifice. From 8 to 9 I heard Confessions. I attended to business and Government correspondence from 10 to 1. Study and private correspondence occupied me from 1 to 3. I took a short walk at 3. From four to five reading. At 5 dinner. Evening prayers and lecture in the church at 7, after which I attended in the Confessional until 9. Retired to rest at 10.

**Tuesday September 13th.** Duties religious and secular as yesterday. In the evening I assisted at night prayers, after which I heard Confessions. Retired to rest at the usual time.

**Wednesday September 14th.** No deviation took place from the order of my daily occupations.

At 10 I attended a meeting of the Council of the University. No business of importance was transacted. The evening was disposed of in the usual attendance in the church.

**Thursday September 15th.** Nothing particular has occurred to interrupt the usual course of duties. The weather is wet and cold.

**Friday September 16th.** The same order of duties, religious and secular, which engaged my attention yesterday occupied it today, with trifling and unimportant deviations therefrom.

**Saturday September 17th.** I rose this morning a little after 6 and having made the necessary preparation I offered up the Holy Sacrifice at 7.30. After breakfast I applied myself to writing and study until 11. From 12 to 5 with occasional interruptions I heard Confessions.

I also availed myself of the unoccupied time to make a preparation for the instruction I generally give the people at the Mass I celebrated on Sundays in St Francis Church. In the evening I heard Confessions from 8 to 9.30. I retired to rest a little after 10.

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**Tuesday October 25th.** I rose this morning about 5.30. I offered up the Holy Sacrifice at 6.30. At 8 I proceeded on my journey overland to Geelong whence I purpose going to Warrnambool *via* Colac on Monday next. The day was pleasant, a strong breeze blew off the sea, which moderated the intense heat which prevails at this time. We reached Geelong about 5, having delayed for lunch at the Werribee. At 7 I assisted at night prayers in the church. I retired to rest soon after 9.

**Wednesday October 26th.** I offered up the Holy Sacrifice this morning at 9. At 11 [I] visited the schools at Mount Moriac, which is situated about 25 miles from Geelong. I examined the children of one school in their Catechism, and found their proficiency tolerable. When we arrived at the other school the children had been dismissed, it being the hour for breaking up. It was 6.30 when I returned to Geelong. Feeling somewhat fatigued, I retired to rest earlier than usual.

**Thursday October 27th.** I celebrated the Holy Mysteries at 9 this morning. At 12 I visited the school at Point Henry. [I] was very pleased with the manner in which it is conducted. I returned to Geelong at 4. Dined at 5. At 7 I attended night prayers, and at 10 retired to rest.

**Friday October 28th.** I offered up the Holy Sacrifice this morning at the same hour. After breakfast I read and wrote until 11, when I visited the several schools in the town, examining the children in each. On my return I finished the Divine Office and devoted some time to study. The weather is cloudy and close. At 5 I dined.

After dinner I visited Mr Hayes patent stone factory in order to examine the floor made of the same material of which he makes his artificial sandstone. He was absent, but the person in charge of the place most kindly afforded me every opportunity of testing the durability of this kind of flooring. I think it will answer in our churches remarkably well. I returned to the Presbytery in time for night prayers. I read for a short time previous to retiring for the night.

**Saturday October 29th.** I heard Mass this morning at 8 after which I celebrated the Most Holy Mysteries. I devoted the entire day, exclusive of a few hours, to study. It was 10 when I retired to rest.

**Sunday October 30th.** It was late when I rose this morning, though awake from an early hour, this was owing to my having to celebrate Mass at 11. At 11 I offered up the Holy Sacrifice and preached at the post-communion.

After Mass I blessed the foundations of a new church, the present building being too small and insecure. I briefly explained the ceremony to the congregation, the largest assembled at any time in Geelong. The collection amounted to four hundred pounds. Several promises of liberal contributions were also made. It was 2 when I took breakfast. During the evening I read and wrote alternately. At 10 I retired to rest.

**Monday October 31st.** I rose this morning at 5.30. I proceeded on my journey to the Northern Districts at 7. It was 9.30 when we reached Mount Moriac: here my delay was but short. I reached the Barwon about 11. The resident clergyman at Colac met me here.

After a half hour's delay we resumed our journey to Colac, where we arrived about 6. A number of the people on horseback met us when we were 7 miles from the town. The weather was most favourable - a cool sea breeze moderated the heat of the sun, which appeared in a partially clouded sky. We dined on fish, it being the Vigil of All Saints. I read for some time before I retired to rest.

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**Tuesday November 1st 1853. Feast of All Saints.** I rose this morning at 8. I said my Office and made my preparation for Mass, after which I heard Confessions. I read until a quarter to 11. At 11 I offered up the Holy Sacrifice. I preached to the people on the feast of the day, immediately after the post-communion. On the conclusion of the Holy Mysteries I spoke to the Pastor and people, who are not on the best of terms, owing to the unclerical habits and conversation of the former, as well as the indifferent manner in which he discharges the duties of his Ministry - at least so far [as] I could infer from the smothered complaints of the people. I spoke to them on the necessity of erecting without further delay a building more suitable for the celebration of the Divine Mysteries, and more worthy of their Catholic zeal - and large means - than the present miserable and insecure room.

Without hinting - even remotely - at the Pastor's neglect, I advised him to celebrate Mass often in the week, to hear Confessions in the chapel on Saturdays in the morning and evening and to administer to the other spiritual wants of his flock on all occasions. With this I concluded the religious exercises of the day.

Immediately after breakfast I left for Timboon, accompanied part of the way by the principal members of the congregation. As we approached the swamp from the stony rises our guides lost the way, which caused our wandering to and fro in the forest until 10 in the night. We then saw the light of the inn, which we reached after considerable trouble. At 11 we dined. It was 12 when I retired to rest.

**Wednesday November 2nd.** I did not rise this morning until late, owing to the fatigue of the preceding day's journey.

As the resident clergyman of Warrnambool failed to meet me here I had to request the clergyman of Colac to afford me his company on the way to Warrnambool, until I should meet the clergyman of that Mission.

I left the Inn at 9, but we had not proceeded far when we lost our road. It was 12 before we got on the right road. When we were midway the clergymen of Warrnambool and Belfast with several lay Catholics met us. I left the clergyman of Colac at the next station. He was wet through in crossing the Hopkins, being obliged to get off his horse to extricate him from a deep and boggy part of the river into which he rode him. The crossing place was very bad, all being more or less wet in getting over it.

After a few hours hard riding we reached the second crossing place, where the Inn is situated at which we intend to stop for the night. This part of the river Hopkins is not fordable when the river is any way flushed, the current being rapid and deep. The horses had [to] swim over it though there was no flood. I passed over in a small boat partially filled with water. Being considerably tired I retired early to rest.

**Thursday November 3rd.** I rose at 7 this morning and said a portion of the Divine Office. At 9 we proceeded on our journey to Warrnambool. The weather was fine, but hot. We rode quietly through the forest until we were within a few miles of the town.

Most of the land we passed over since we left the Inn had been lately sold. Many of the purchasers are Irish Catholics. The good and bad land is pretty fairly distributed through the purchased farms: all are well watered.

We arrived in Warrnambool about 2 and went immediately to the temporary chapel, where I recited prayers, after which I published the regulations of the Jubilee which would commence this evening at 5 and concluded by giving my blessing to the few assembled.

At 5 we assembled in the chapel and said prayers, after which I delivered a discourse to the people on the importance of an immediate and sincere compliance with all the conditions of the Jubilee. At 6.30 we dined. At 10 I retired to rest.

**Friday November 4th.** I rose at 7 this morning. At 8 I assisted at Mass. At 9 I offered up the Holy Sacrifice and delivered a lecture to the congregation after the post-Communion. From 10.30 to 11 we heard Confessions.

At 1, accompanied by the clergyman, I took a walk through the town, which is built in a straggling way on a very undulating site. Being informed by the clergyman that one of the congregation was in a dying state from gun shot wounds received in a scuffle with parties who had pilfered his place, I immediately proposed that we should visit him. He had already received the rites of the Church. When we reached his place, we learned that the Dr. was with him - we were unwilling to disturb [him]. However the Dr. on being informed of our intention to visit the dying man, he retired. We remained with him some time. He joined us in the Litany of the Blessed Virgin and other prayers, on the conclusion of which I gave him my blessing and a short instruction as to how he should conduct himself under his present circumstances and at the approach of death. He is quite resigned to the will of God.

We had night prayers at 5, after which I gave instruction to the people. At 6 we dined. After dinner we took a short walk. The evening was taken up with the Divine Office and preparation for the following day. At 9 I retired to rest.

**Saturday November 5th.** I rose this morning at the usual hour. I assisted at 8 o'clock Mass, and offered up the Holy Sacrifice at 9, at which I gave instruction to the people, who have been most regular in their attendance since the Jubilee commenced.

We heard Confessions from 10.30 to 12. At two, the children and adults preparing for Confirmation assembled for instruction. At 3 we again commenced to hear Confessions, and we were engaged in this sacred duty until 5, when I said night prayers and gave instruction. Dinner at 6, after which we took our usual walk. At 9 I retired to rest.

**Sunday November 6th.** It was 7 when I prepared to enter on the sacred duties of the day. I said morning prayers for the people before 8 o'clock Mass. During the celebration of Mass I heard Confessions. From 9 to 11 I was engaged in a preparation for Mass and for instruction to the people. At 11 I offered up the Holy Sacrifice. After, I gave instruction on Confirmation, which I was about to administer. Forty-two persons, principally children, were admitted to the holy rite of Confirmation. The whole congregation of adults approached to the Holy Communion. This concluded the Jubilee for the Catholics of Warrnambool.

The exertions during the previous week and this morning rendered a rest during the evening most desirable, if not necessary. At 6 I dined. I retired to rest at 9.

**Monday November 7th.** I offered up the Holy Sacrifice this morning at 11, at which I addressed a short exhortation to the people. I left Warrnambool at 2 for Tower-Hill, where I arrived a short time before the hour appointed for opening the Jubilee. The people were already assembled.

The Chapel, which [is] weatherboard, is built on a portion of ground leased by a Catholic. Our tenure, therefore, is only [at] the good pleasure of the lessee. I intend to apply for two acres of the Government land adjoining. At 6 I opened with the usual prayers. After, I instructed the people and explained to them the conditions of the Jubilee. I appointed tomorrow, after the celebration of 9 o'clock Mass, for hearing Confessions, from two to three for Catechetical instruction, and from three to five for hearing Confessions again. At 5 the duties of the day are to conclude with prayer and exhortation.

It was after 6 before we could leave for Belfast, where we will stop this week, returning every morning to Tower-Hill to conduct the Jubilee, which will continue until Thursday. At 7 we reached Belfast. We dined soon after we arrived. I retired to rest at 10.

**Tuesday November 8th.** I rose this morning at an early hour, and proceeded (soon after I had recommended in a short prayer myself and the Missionaries' duties of the day to God, and invoking his blessing thereon) to Tower-Hill. According to my usual practice, I said the Litany of our Blessed Lady as we commenced the journey, which is not more than 7 miles.

The weather is exceedingly mild for this time of the year, having more the appearance of Spring than Summer. We arrived at the school house [at] a quarter to 8. At 8 precisely the first Mass commenced, having read morning prayers previously for the congregation. At 9 I offered up the Holy Sacrifice, at which I gave instruction to the people on the duties peculiar to the present Spiritual exercises. Immediately after breakfast we entered on the duties of the Confessional, and were engaged in them until 1. At 2 we assembled the children and those persons who had not been Confirmed and instructed them in the Catechism. From three to five, we were again engaged in hearing Confessions. At 5 we said night prayers, after which I addressed the people a few words of instruction in connexion with what I had said in the morning. At 6 we rode back to Belfast. We dined at 7. I retired to rest at 9.

**Wednesday November 9th.** We left Belfast at the usual hour this morning for Tower-Hill, where we arrived a quarter before 8. I said morning prayers for the people, after which the resident clergyman offered up the Holy Sacrifice. At 9 I celebrated the Holy Mysteries. After the post-communion I spoke to the people, illustrating my previous instructions by further remarks and examples. We heard Confessions and gave instructions at the hours appointed. At 5 night prayers and lecture. We returned to Warrnambool a little before 7. Retired to rest at 9.

**Thursday November 10th.** Having to celebrate Mass a little later than yesterday, and to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation, I did not rise as early this morning as usual. I arrived at Tower Hill a little before 8. The clergyman in charge of the district was in the act of administering the Holy Communion as I attempted to enter the temporary Chapel, which was crowded - to the exclusion of many who knelt outside the building. Soon after I put on my sultan [soutane] I heard Confessions - in which duty I was engaged until 9.30, when I proceeded to the Altar to offer up the Holy Sacrifice. After Mass I addressed a few words to the people, exhorting them to perseverance in the good life they had commenced. I further explained to those who were to be confirmed the graces of the Sacrament they were going to receive, and its obligations. I then administered Confirmation to 36 or 37 persons - many of them were advanced in age.

I concluded the Jubilee and duty of the day by [by a] short exhortation, advising the avoidance of evil and the practice of virtue. I feel confident that the seed sown here will bear abundant fruit. The people are disposed to be good. I returned to Belfast about 2. I took a short walk on the beach about 3. I read from 4 until 5. At 5 I went to the Chapel and opened the Jubilee for this part of the district with prayers and an exhortation in explanation of the Jubilee. At 6.30 I dined. After dinner I again took a short walk. I wrote and read my office from 7.30 to 9. I retired to rest at 9.30.

**Friday November 11th.** I rose a little before 7. At 8 I assisted at Mass. At 9 I offered up the Holy Sacrifice. The attendance was large. I gave instruction after the post-Communion. At 10, or a little after, I took breakfast. From 12 to 1 we were engaged hearing Confessions. At two, the children assembled for Catechetical instruction. From three to five we were again engaged hearing the Confessions of the people, who attended most assiduously throughout the day, in the Chapel. At 5 night prayers and a lecture, which were terminated at 6.30. Dinner at 7, after which we took a short walk. Having to say a part of the divine office I retired early to my room. At 9.30 I went to bed.

**Saturday November 12th.** The Masses were celebrated this morning at the usual hours, 8 and 9. I assisted [at] the first, and celebrated the last, at which I gave a lecture to a large Congregation. It was after 10 when I took breakfast. From 11 to 1 we were occupied in hearing the Confessions of the people - who approached in great numbers and many after a long absence, whilst some had never been to Confession. In the evening we had prayers at 5, at which all the townspeople and a good many from the country assisted. Prayers concluded, I instructed the congregation on the preparation they ought to make for Holy Communion, to which they would be admitted on tomorrow - *Deo volente*.

The Confessions engaged [us] until a very late hour - our dinner was consequently [late]. Fatigued after the scarcely interrupted labours of the day, I retired early to rest.

**Sunday November 13th.** The resident clergyman said two Masses today, one at 7 in Belfast at which a great number approached the Holy Communion, and another at Tower-Hill 7 miles from Belfast, whence he returned to assist at 11 o'clock Mass, which I celebrated. I heard a great many Confessions in the morning. Immediately after the Gospel, during the celebration of the Holy Mysteries, I read the Epistle and Gospel of the day, after which I gave a discourse to the people on the subject of the former. The congregation was the largest ever assembled in Belfast.

The day was most favourable. Many approached the Holy Communion. After Mass I again gave instruction on Confirmation, at the conclusion of which I administered the Holy rite to 20 persons - adults and children. In the evening we had night prayers, after which I met the collectors of the church, and exhorted them to renewed exertion in obtaining subscriptions towards its erection. I promised to visit Belfast early next year to lay the foundation stone. They seem most anxious that no time should be lost in preparing for the event. We dined at 6.30. At 9 or a little after I retired to rest.

**Monday November 14th.** Accompanied by the resident Clergymen of Belfast and Warrnambool, I proceeded on my journey towards Portland *via* Moroney's Station. This is not the ordinary or direct road to Portland, but I selected [it] with a view of affording the Catholics living in this part of the country an opportunity of approaching the Sacraments.

At 11 we arrived at the first Inn, which is distant 20 miles from Belfast. Part of the road up to this was very bad, so we could not travel very fast. We fed the horses at the Inn, and gave them an hour's rest. At 2 I stopped at the most convenient spot in the forest to lunch. This occasioned a delay of an half hour. The country through which we have been travelling hitherto is, with the exception of a few spots, poor and uninteresting.

We crossed the Eumerella after an hour's hard riding, over very indifferent roads. We missed our way before we came to the river. For the last few miles, the country improved - the land being available for the plough and the pasturage of cattle. It is well watered - vast swamps are dispersed throughout its great extent. Hills covered with fine forest trees and of picturesque form appear in every direction.

At 4 I came in sight of the station where we intend to stop the night and following day. It belongs to a Catholic, and is considered to be the best grazing station in the country. The cattle sold last year off of it fetched thirty-five thousand pounds. The present owner had been a private soldier. He bought the place for twelve thousand pounds.

As we approached the entrance an accident happened. The horse led by the servant broke away from him, and he was thrown from the one he rode. He appeared to be severely injured - however, on inquiring, we found that the injury, though painful, was not serious. This accident made me very uneasy the remainder of the evening.

At 7 we assembled the family for night prayers. I retired to rest at 10.

**Tuesday November 15th.** I slept but little the previous night. At 7 I rose and prepared to celebrate Mass. Previous to the offering up of the Holy Mysteries I heard several Confessions. Catholics from the neighbouring stations came to Confession.

At 9 I said Mass and administered the Holy Communion, after which I gave instruction. The servant has recovered from the injuries he received yesterday. During the day I read and wrote at intervals, when not engaged in reading the Divine Office. We dined at 5.

The clergyman of Portland arrived at the station soon after the celebration of Mass this morning. At 7 the family joined us in night prayers. I retired to rest soon after 9.

**Wednesday November 16th.** I rose this morning a little after 6. At 9 I offered up the Holy Sacrifice. Nearly all the persons present approached to the Holy Communion, with the view of gaining the Jubilee. We left at 11 en route to Portland.

The country we passed in the early part of the day was picturesquely hilly. These lofty highlands are beautifully wooded. As we approached the Portland district the aspect of this country was barren and uninteresting. The road is excellent. We reached the Inn where we purpose remaining for the night about 7, as night was falling. The moon soon appeared in all its fullness. At 11 I retired to rest.

**Thursday November 17th.** We proceeded on our road to Portland - situated about 18 miles from the Inn at which we stopped - at 9. We intended to have made an earlier start, but the horses - which they turned out in an adjoining paddock the previous night - were not got in until 8.30. We reached Portland about 1.

At 5 I opened the Jubilee with prayers and instruction, but few persons attended. The hours appointed for the public devotions in the chapel were the same as were observed in Belfast and the other Missions. We dined at 6. I prepared my letters for the mail, which leaves early on Saturday morning for Melbourne. At 10.30 I retired to rest.

**Friday November 18th.** I assisted at 8 o'clock Mass and at 9 I celebrated the Holy Mysteries and gave instruction. The attendance at both Masses was small. The clergyman, however, informed me that the principal persons were in attendance. The population is very inconsiderable. The Catholics in the neighbourhood have not received notice of my arrival, consequently their presence is missed. Confessions, the Catechetical instruction of the children, and evening prayers with instruction constituted the Missionary duties of the day. At 6.30 we dined.

By the Melbourne mail which arrived today I received several letters, some from England. Those from Melbourne were on business. I answered them by the mail that leaves tomorrow morning.

A letter from Geelong conveyed to me the alarming intelligence of an attempt made on the life of one of the priests stationed there: he happily escaped without injury, his pony receiving the wound intended for him.

I was engaged until late in the evening answering the letters I received from Melbourne. At 5 [I] said night prayers and gave instruction. It was near 7 when we dined. At 10 I retired to rest.

**Saturday November 19th.** At 8 I assisted at the Holy Sacrifice, and at 9 I offered it up myself, and gave instruction to those who attended. From 11 to 12 I heard Confessions. I paid a visit to gaol at 2 - there were no Catholics confined in it. On my return to the presbytery I visited a sick person, agreeably to the advice of the clergyman. At 3 I heard the children in the Catechism. From 3.30 to 5 I received persons to Confession. [At] 5 night prayers, after which I delivered a short discourse. We dined at 6.30. At 10 I retired to rest.

**Sunday November 20th.** I offered up the Holy Sacrifice this morning at 8. I administered the Holy Communion to about 12 persons. At the 7 o'clock Mass 60 persons approached and received the Blessed Eucharist. The last Mass was celebrated at 11. The congregation was large, crowding the small building; several protestants were present. I preached at the post-communion and at the conclusion I spoke again on the Sacrament of Confirmation, which afterwards [I] conferred on 40 persons, children and adults. It was 1.30 when all was over. At 2 I took a short walk. At 3 we commenced the evening devotions, which were terminated with a lecture and Benediction.

The sacred duty of the day [completed], a few of the leading members of the congregation met me in the chapel, and on my recommendation immediately decided on proceeding with the erection of a church. The amount subscribed was £500. The present building can be formed into an excellent presbytery. The present accommodation provided for the clergyman is miserable, consisting only of two most uncomfortable rooms.

The weather during the last fortnight or three weeks is cold and windy - it is, however, most favourable for travelling. We dined at 6. At 10 I retired to rest.

**Monday November 21st.** I assisted at Mass (said at 7.30), immediately after I offered up the Holy Sacrifice. The mail from Melbourne being hourly expected, I shall wait its arrival - after which I shall proceed on my journey to the Grange. The weather is cool and windy, most suitable for a journey.

After several hours' hard riding under a hot summer sun, we reached the Green Hills (35 miles from Portland) about 5. Here we remained for the night. At 10 I retired to rest.

**Tuesday November 22nd.** We started at 6 this morning for the Grange. The weather was cool and pleasant in the early part of the day, but as mid-day approached the heat of the sun became most oppressive. What made this day's journey so trying on us - we lost our way. And after many vain attempts to reach Murphy's Station (whither I intended to go when I left the Green Hills, in order to visit an elderly Catholic gentleman, who has been most anxious to obtain an opportunity of going to his duty, a consolation he had not had for some time), I proceeded to The Grange, giving instructions to the clergyman of Portland, who travels with me, to call on him on his return. It was 6 when we arrived at Grange.

Before I took any refreshment, I selected a site in the township - which is most picturesquely situated in the heart of a magnificent country - for a church etc. At 7.30 we dined. At present there are but few Catholics here - however, there are many Catholic families employed on the neighbouring stations. In our rambling during the day we entered the Wannon Country. The scene of beauty which the rich downs and plains presented to our view somewhat reconciled us to the mistake that brought us into the district of the Wannon. The whole of the land we gazed on is available for agriculture. At present it constitutes cattle runs and sheep walks for a few squatters.

Being rather fatigued, and having a long journey before me on tomorrow, I retired early to rest. We travelled at least 50 miles today.

**Wednesday November 23rd.** I resumed my journey this morning at 6. The clergymen of Portland and Warrnambool accompanied me a few miles; on taking leave I instructed Mr Rowe to visit the Grange on Sunday week and publish the Jubilee there. I arrived at the Grange about 11.

Whilst here I was given to understand that there were a good many children to be baptized on the neighbouring stations. On this information I wrote to Fr Rowe to extend his visit this far when he has finished his duties at the Grange.

The weather is very oppressive, a hot wind setting in at an early hour. My little horse is tired - I have been obliged to take the one ridden by the servant. He took the one that hitherto carried the saddle bags, transferring them to my horse. With this change we were enabled to resume our journey to the Hopkins, where we arrived at 5, having performed the 45 miles in 6 hours.

I retired early to rest, but slept little. Every crime consequent on drunkenness may be witnessed openly and shamelessly committed at the Inns through the Colony.

**Thursday November 24th.** Being anxious to avoid the heat, which now seems to increase each day, I rose this morning at 5, though I had scarcely any sleep during the past night. I said a portion of my morning prayers before I left my room.

A quarter after 6 I set out for Fiery Creek, which is 22 miles from the Hopkins and 45 from Ballaarat. We arrived at Fiery Creek about 9.30. The morning was cool and pleasant.

The country we passed over consisted of vast plains without trees, having numerous lakes of various dimensions and forms breaking the sameness by the diversity introduced into the landscape.

Here ourselves and horses will have a long and necessary rest by our stopping here this evening. Tomorrow, *Deo volente*, we shall be within 10 miles of Ballaarat. I expected to meet here the clergyman stationed at Ballaarat, but he has not arrived - he may be here before the evening.

**Friday November 25th.** I rose this morning at 7, considerably refreshed by a good night's sleep. The person who keeps this Inn is a Catholic and an Irishman.

Owing to the presence of some bad characters on the premises, he had to remain up all night, prepared to resist with firearms any expected attack on the place by them. After a poor breakfast made in haste, I set out for the next stage, which is supposed to be 30 miles from Fiery Creek. The weather in the early part of the day was cool and pleasant. The road - stretching for a long distance over plains - was generally good for travelling, except where swamps intervened. Lakes of every size and form met our eyes in all directions. We lost our way, but after a little trouble and inquiry we soon found it. It was 4 when we reached the Inn.

The country about Mount Emu is picturesque, and in parts available for agriculture. As we approached the Inn the country became hilly and gravelly. Quartz whitened the hill tops, and in many places the plains. A great resemblance exists between this part of the country and Bargs Brush. The land in the neighbourhood of the Inn is pretty good, and yields a fair share of good grass. I dined at 4 - the fare was according to the strict rules of modern ascetics. The water is good, and at present abundant. At 9 I retired to rest.

**Saturday November 26th.** I rose this morning at 6. Having performed my devotions, I took a short walk. At 7 I took breakfast. The servant, having inquired the distance to Ballaarat, learned it was twenty five miles. This piece of information was to me the source of disappointment, as I was led to believe the distance to be only 10 miles. We proceeded on our journey immediately after breakfast.

The country we passed over was poor, but it everywhere presented indications of gold. The soil is whitish and studded with quartz. After 6 hours ride we arrived at Ballaarat.

The scene which here opens on the stranger's view is at once unique and picturesque. To describe it and do it justice is an effort exceeding the power of language. The features of the gold country admit of great variety. Hills, flats and shallow gullies, in some places holding a good supply of water, constitute the gold fields. The best and most fruitful sinking is in the gullies. But the depth in some instances has exceeded 120 ft. 70 ft is considered nothing.

After some twisting and turning in order to avoid the numerous holes of the gold diggers which crowded on the way, I arrived at the tent occupied by the clergyman, our only guide to it being the long low slab building, so unlike all the other structures on the diggings, which he was erecting for the purpose of a chapel and school. The tent is the most miserable apology for a dwelling I have been in. A few badly made wine cases serve for chairs, a piece of dirty canvas for a partition between the end used for general purposes and that which answers for a sleeping apartment. The floor is nature's own making, on which is crowded whatever is necessary for the general use and convenience of the Reverend occupant. Great are the inconveniences and privations to which the clergyman on this important Mission is obliged to submit. He complains not, but with all the spirit of a zealous Missionary, he bends to his difficulties in pious, generous resignation.

He did not expect me. The letter I wrote him from Portland had not been delivered. A kind Catholic family living in the neighbourhood of his tent invited us to share their dinner. The invitation I thankfully acknowledged, but owing to fatigue I declined it, and something was soon prepared, to which this family contributed a dish of very tough beefsteak.

In the evening I took a short walk through the diggings. On my return I finished the Divine Office. At 9 I retired to rest, occupying the extreme end of the tent, whilst Fr Downing occupied the floor of the other.

**Sunday November 27th.** At 8 I assisted at Mass, the celebrant being the Rev Mr Downing, resident pastor. At 11 I offered up the Holy Sacrifice - there were present at least 13 hundred persons, the majority were men.

The building is nearly ninety feet long; it is wide in proportion. The sides are low and made of slabs. The covering is canvas. Everything was satisfactory but the Altar. All connected with this exceeded in filth etc. anything I ever before witnessed where neglect and forgetfulness prevailed. But this is owing not to any want of respect and veneration for the Sacred articles connected with the celebration of the Holy Mysteries - for no clergyman could be more scrupulously observant of whatever pertains to them - but to the absence of the means amidst the confusion and irregularity prevailing through the gold fields to provide for the becoming and decent wants of the Altar.

Several persons received the Holy Communion at this Mass and the one that was said at 8. I delivered a discourse on the Gospel of the day at the post-communion. In the evening at 5 I said prayers, at which a large congregation assisted. We dined at 6.30, after which we took a short walk.

In the course of the day I paid a visit to the hospital attached to the camp. There were only two patients in it, a Protestant and a Catholic. The latter had not been to Confession for many years. I advised the clergyman to see [him] on Wednesday in order to receive his Confession. At 10 I retired to rest.

**Monday November 28th.** I offered up the Holy Sacrifice this morning at 8.30. A few persons whom I had admitted to Confession previously received the Holy Communion. I addressed a short discourse to the congregation on the advantage of frequent Communion. After Mass I called attention to the unbecoming state of the Altar. The women present immediately engaged to look after it. An alb, altar cloth, finger towels etc., were to be provided without delay. The ones at present in use are made of cotton and very much soiled.

I postponed my visit to Buninyong until tomorrow in consequence of the Hotel at which we purposed stopping being occupied by a wedding party. During the day I was engaged in visiting the Catholics who lived in the immediate neighbourhood of the chapel. They all seem well disposed and inclined to approach the Sacraments during my stay amongst them.

The Divine Office, pious reading and my diary occupied my attention during the evening. The location is very hot and oppressive. At 6 we dined.

A short walk in the cool of the evening was most agreeable. As the night fell, the scenery around us was most enchanting. The fires before each tent in the gullies and on the hill slopes gave it all the appearance of tastefully illuminated pleasure grounds. At 10 I retired to rest.

**Tuesday November 29th.** I rose this morning at 5, said my morning prayers and prepared to make my intended visit to Buninyong. The day was scorching hot. A high hot wind blew the whole day. The road passed through the most remarkable diggings, Golden Point and the Canadian Gully. On these diggings persons of all nations have settled down. The Americans are very numerous on the Canadian Gully - in fact they are to be found where the most enterprize is needed and the most gold obtainable.

The distance not being more than 8 miles, we arrived in Buninyong early. The township has been well selected. It has the advantages of good spring water and a fine neighbourhood of fertile soil, whilst the site of the town is most picturesque.

I marked out the foundations of the proposed school-house and temporary chapel. After this I visited the Catholics who reside here. They are few. At a late land sale in the township many Catholics were purchasers.

I returned to Ballarat about 5. Fr Downing had a sick call soon after our return. The person who sent for him was a digger - he had a slight attack of cholera, brought on by exposure to wet whilst digging. The diggers frequently suffer from such attacks. Whilst in the holes, they are often up to their armpits in water for a considerable time. We dined at 6. In the evening I took a short walk. At 10 I retired to rest.

**Wednesday November 30th.** I heard Mass this morning at 8. At 9 I offered up the Holy Mysteries. I admitted a good many to Confession before 8 o'clock Mass; several persons received the Holy Communion at it. From 12 to 3 I gave Catechetical instruction to the children. There will not be many children for Confirmation. The time not occupied in the chapel I employed in writing, and reading the Divine Office. At 5 I said night prayers, and addressed a few words of instruction on the Gospel of the day to the few who were present. We dined at the usual hour. After dinner we took a short walk. The weather is something more than cool. I would call it cold. These extreme changes in the weather from heat to cold are very trying - however, few suffer constitutionally from them. At 10 I retired to rest.

### DECEMBER 1853

**Thursday December 1st 1853.** Previous to the celebration of Mass, I heard several Confessions. At 8 I offered up the Holy Mysteries, at which I gave instruction to the people, taking for my subject the Epistle and Gospel of the day. About 10 persons received the Holy Communion. At 9 I heard Mass. Study and writing engaged me until 2. The weather has again changed, and the summer heat of Victoria has set in with all its intensity. At 2 I gave instructions to those who are preparing for Confirmation. From 3 to 4 I heard Confessions. At 5 we had night prayers. We dined at 6. Soon after dinner a clergyman from Melbourne arrived. The information he had to communicate was interesting and satisfactory. The opening of \*[the] mission\* exceeded my most sanguine expectations. The sermon for the Benevolent Asylum was well attended and the amount obtained for that Institute considerable: the buildings are progressing, in fact everything seems to thrive and prosper. However this success which has attended our religious undertakings is not unalloyed by a little of the trials and troubles incidental to human life. May God grant me grace to bear them humbly and patiently. I retired to rest a little after 10.

**Friday December 2nd.** I rose this morning at 6. At 7 I heard Confessions. I offered up the Holy Sacrifice at 8, where I administered the Holy Communion to 10 persons. I gave instruction at the post-communion. I heard the Mass that immediately followed. From 11 to 2 we were engaged at intervals in hearing Confessions. From 2 to 3, Catechetical instruction. Night prayers at 5. The day was very oppressive - a hot wind blew most violently during the day. Many tents were carried away. Immediately after sunset, a cool and refreshing breeze set in from the South. We dined at 6, after which we took a long walk in the cool. At 10.30 I retired to rest.

**Saturday December 3rd.** I rose a little before 7 this morning. The weather is cool, but there is every reason to believe that the day will be hot. At 8 I said Mass, at which I administered the Holy Communion to at least 40 persons. The Holy Sacrifice over, I gave instruction to those I was about to confirm on the nature of the Sacrament and the dispositions with which it should be received. I then conferred the Sacrament on thirty-one persons, children and adults. I concluded the Sacred service of the morning with a short exhortation. It is now 11 and the temperature is at least between 80 and 90 in the tent. I go this evening to Buninyong. At 6 I left in company with the clergyman of Ballaarat for Buninyong. The heat was intense. A hot wind blew the whole day. After a sharp ride we reached the township about 7. Soon after we arrived I visited the site for the chapel to see the preparations that were made for tomorrow's ceremony. With a little alteration all was right. At 8 we took tea, which thirst made us relish. I retired [to] rest a little after 10 but slept very little, being troubled with a tooth-ache.

**Sunday December 4th.** I rose this morning at 7. I heard Mass, and immediately after heard Confessions. The Confessions over, I offered up the Holy Sacrifice at 9. After 11 I addressed the people on the important ceremony I was about to perform. The congregation was small, many Protestants were present. The usual ceremony prescribed by the Liturgy being gone through, subscriptions were laid on the first stone to the amount of a £100. We returned to Ballaarat in time to say evening prayers. Soon after we sat down to dinner the clergyman was called to visit a man who was dying from a fall down a hole ninety feet deep. I accompanied him to the tent of the dying person. He could not have been less than sixty years of age. His legs were broken and the spine was seriously injured. He suffered the most excruciating pain. It was the only thing he could speak of. With some difficulty his attention was called to his Spiritual affairs, but it was soon again absorbed in the frightful agony of his mangled body. The last struggle soon set in - it was short, and violent. He left a wife and three children to share amongst [them] the means he had with hard labour and much anxiety put together. It was 11 when I retired to rest.

**Monday December 5th.** I left Ballaarat this morning at 8 en route to Kyneton. After a ride of 5 hours through a hilly country, uninteresting except for the indications of gold that were everywhere visible, we reached Creswick Creek. The diggers number about a thousand. The gold is here obtained in small particles, rich and in sufficient quantity to remunerate. The sinking is not deep, not exceeding 10 ft. Here we fed our horses. This done, we proceeded to a station - managed by a Catholic, and situated 9 miles from the Creek - where we stopped for the night.

**Tuesday December 6th.** We rose at 5 this morning and, having said prayers with the family, we proceeded on our journey to Kyneton, which [is] 40 miles from this station. The country improves as you approach the town: it is, with the exception of some miles of barren ranges, an open grassy forest. We crossed the Loddon at its source, the \*Collumban\*, and the Campaspe as we entered Kyneton. The servant lost himself in sight of the township - an occurrence which made me very uneasy. Being very much fatigued, I retired to rest soon after my arrival.

**Wednesday December 7th.** I rose this morning at 7. At 8 I offered up the Holy Sacrifice and announced the Jubilee. I visited a few Catholic families in the early part of the day.

The town is small and straggling. The best buildings are public houses: these are respectably and comfortably furnished. The other houses are mean and small. The Catholic chapel is a small wooden building with two rooms for the clergyman - but as yet he has not occupied them.

In the evening at 5 I said night prayers, after which I addressed a few words of instruction to those who were present. At 9 I retired to rest.

**Thursday December 8th.** I offered up the Holy Mysteries this morning a little after 7. At 9 I started for Castlemaine, where I arrived at 3. The dust and hot wind, which blew a gale, made the journey very disagreeable.

As you leave Kyneton the country is open and lightly timbered. At \*Collumban\*, which is 7 miles from Kyneton, the land is partially covered with trees - and improves. Here are several Inns. The next township, consisting of a few tents, is situated on a creek called the "Back Creek." This place is well watered and in the neighbourhood of a fine agricultural country.

The Sawpit Gulley is the next resting place. The land here is wretched and badly watered. In fact water available for use is not to be had nearer than two miles. Inn keepers have selected [here] because of its proximity to the road to the diggings.

The situation of Castlemaine is very picturesque. The tents are more comfortable and dispersed with more attention to regularity than those at Ballarat. Having visited the Catholic Chapel (which like that at Ballarat is made of slabs and covered with canvas. It is in a portion of the two acres granted by the Government for a Catholic Church etc, which occupy the declivity of a low hill) I called on a few of the Catholic families residing in the township and on the creeks. I returned to Kyneton immediately after, where [we] arrived, after a hard ride, about 8.30. At 10 I retired to rest.

**Friday December 9th.** It was 9.30 when I celebrated Mass this morning. Previous to doing so I heard Mass and admitted several persons to Confession. At the post-communion, I gave instruction to the congregation. From 12 to 3 I was engaged hearing Confessions. At 3.30 I dined. At 5 I said night prayers and gave instructions: after, Confessions were heard by myself and the resident clergyman. The latter had been called off immediately after Mass to visit a person who was dangerously ill; the distance was 14 miles. The illness, however, was sudden [and] painful, but not serious.

It was late when our duty in the chapel was concluded. At 9 I retired to rest. The weather today was pleasant and cool, the wind being from the South.

[Some days missing -  
also part of Tuesday December 20th]

**December 20th.** ... though he could have accommodated him at his cottage. At 9 we dined. I retired to rest at 10. I was very ill during the whole night and following morning. It was an attack of bilious fever I had.

**Wednesday December 21st.** I left Kilmore at 11 today and arrived in Melbourne about 6. The day was excessively hot and the dust occasioned by a high hot wind was suffocating. The ride completely restored me.

**Thursday December 22nd.** I heard Mass this morning, being prevented (by great prostration caused by my late exertions during the visitation) from offering up the Holy Sacrifice.

The day was occupied in reading over my correspondence, which had accumulated during my absence, and in transacting business immediately connected with the Ecclesiastical buildings in Melbourne. The Government are embarrassing us somewhat by their tardy notice of our applications for aid towards the churches in course of erection.

We dined at 5. At 7 I attended night prayers in the church. I retired to rest soon after 9.

**Friday December 23rd.** I offered up the Holy Sacrifice at a quarter past 7 this morning. From 10 to 12 I received visits on business and answered letters. I paid a few visits from 12 to 2. The interval between 2 and 5 was taken up with the reading of the Divine Office and study. Dinner at 5. Night prayers at 7. Confessions immediately after. At 10 I retired to rest.

**Saturday December 24th.** I celebrated the Holy Mysteries this morning at 7, after which I went to St Francis' Church to hear Confessions. The whole day was occupied in the discharge of this important duty, and up to a very late [hour] of the night we had to attend the Confessional.

The weather is cool and pleasant. It was after 11 when I retired to rest.

**Sunday December 25th 1853.** Having to celebrate High Mass at 11, I did not rise until 9. I went down from the house to the church at 10.30. At a quarter past 11 I commenced Mass. The congregation was the largest I ever saw in St Francis' Church. It was 1.30 when the service was over. At 6 we had Vespers, a Sermon and Benediction, concluding all with the Pope's blessing. At 8 we sat down to dinner. It was 11 when I retired to rest.

This is the coolest Xmas I ever experienced in the Colony.

**Monday December 26th.** I offered up the Holy Sacrifice this morning at 7. I attended in the Church from 8 to 12 - hearing Confessions. I visited Richmond in the course of the day and examined the Chapel that is being erected there. I returned to the presbytery a little before dinner time. At 7 night prayers - and immediately after, Confessions. At 10 I retired to rest.

**Tuesday December 27th.** I said Mass this morning at 7. I sat in the Confessional from 8 to 10. From 10 to 12 I was employed in writing and receiving visits. At 1 I took a drive into the country. I returned to the presbytery about 4. The weather is dry and hot. The country presents a burnt up appearance - owing to the long drought from which we have been suffering. I finished the Divine Office before 5. We dined at 5. Night prayers at 7 - and immediately after, Confessions. At 9.30 I retired to rest.

**Wednesday December 28th.** I celebrated the Holy Mysteries this morning at 7. I feel the hot wind this morning most enervating. We have had it now since Monday. I went to St Francis Church at 8 and heard Confessions till 10. The usual business of answering letters and receiving visits occupied me from 10 to 12. At 12 I drove to Flemington in order to select a site for a [church] which a Protestant gentleman very kindly offered me on his property. The site I chose overlooks Melbourne and the Bay. It is the handsomest site we have obtained as yet. This gentleman promises a liberal subscription in money toward the erection of the Church. I went to Brighton on my return from Flemington. It was 5 when I returned to the presbytery. We dined soon after our return. At 7, as usual, night prayers - and immediately after, Confessions. At 10 I retired to rest.

**Thursday December 29th.** The Holy Mysteries were offered up by me at 7. Confessions from 8 to 10. Occupied as usual from 10 to 12. From 1 to a quarter to 5 I was engaged in visiting a few of the respectable Catholic families of Melbourne. Dined at 5. At 7 I assisted at night prayers and heard Confessions immediately after. Retired to rest at 10.

## FEBRUARY 1854

**Tuesday February 14th.** I offered up the Holy Sacrifice this morning at the usual hour. After breakfast I proceeded to the church, where I remained until 9.30. At 1 I left en route for Kilmore and the Murray. We arrived at the Monastery about 4 where I intend to spend the night. The water used here is very bad. It is obtained by special favour on ground adjoining that of the monastery. The heat is most oppressive. A hot wind has been blowing since yesterday. The grass here is good considering the prevailing drought. The clergyman living here told me he had just purchased two cows - I told him that he should be paid back what he gave for them, as I would not allow any cattle to graze there but what belonged to the Church. I further instructed him to procure a brand by which all cattle belonging to the Monastery might be distinguished. At 10 I retired to rest.

**Wednesday February 15th.** I offered up the Holy Sacrifice this morning a little after 7. Having made my thanksgiving I took breakfast and prepared to start for Kilmore but, in consequence of the clergyman of that mission in whose company I am to travel not having arrived, my departure is necessarily delayed. Heavy clouds cover the heavens whilst a strong hot wind blows from the north.

It is now 12. The clergyman has made his appearance at last. He took a little refreshment, and we set out for Kilmore at 1. The ride was a severe one owing to the prevalence of the hot wind and dust. It was 5.30 when we reached Kilmore, having given an hour's rest to the horses at the half way house. I retired to rest earlier than usual owing to the fatigue caused by that day's journey.

**Thursday February 16th.** I opened the Jubilee here this morning with the offering up of the Holy Sacrifice and instruction on the nature of the plenary indulgence it imparts - after which the Holy Sacrifice was again offered up by the resident pastor. Confessions were heard by us from 11 to 1. From 2 to 3 the children preparing for Confirmation received Catechetical instruction. From 4 to 5 Confessions. At 5 night prayers and lecture. We dined at 6. I retired to rest soon after 9.

**Friday February 17th.** I said Mass this morning at 9. The people were in attendance in large numbers. They had assembled long before the 8 o'clock, which the local clergyman celebrated.

At 10 we took breakfast. We returned to the Chapel a little after 11 and immediately proceeded to hear the confessions of the vast number in attendance. At 1 we allowed the people to retire to their dinners - whilst we took an hour's recreation. At 2 the children were catechised and Confessions heard - the latter we continued to hear till 5. Night prayers and lecture at 5. We dined at 6. At 9.30 I retired to rest.

**Saturday February 18th.** The same order of spiritual exercise as yesterday engaged us to-day - except that we had no lecture at night prayers owing to the great number of Confessions we had to hear - the whole day was nearly occupied in the administration of the Sacrament of Penance.

**Friday February 19th.** Masses were celebrated this morning at 7, 8 and 9. The Congregation at each Mass was large - and with very few exceptions all received the Blessed Eucharist. At 11 I offered up the Holy Sacrifice, the little Chapel being crowded to excess. After Mass I gave instruction and administered the Holy Sacrament of Confirmation to 41 persons - children and adults of both sexes. It was 2 when all was over. At 5 we had night prayers and a lecture. We dined at 6. Feeling tired I retired to rest at an early hour.

**Monday February 20th.** I rose this morning at 7 and at 8 I offered up the Holy Sacrifice. It was 11 before I set out for the Seymour. The [weather] was oppressively hot - the wind, which was strong, blowing from the N[orth]. The dust was in heavy thick clouds about us, but veils protected us in some measure against it.

At 3 we stopped to take refreshment and feed the horses - our distance from the Seymour being 12 miles. Our mode of travelling was in a dog cart and on horse back. I rode - preferring the saddle to the gig.

At 5 we resumed our journey and arrived at the Seymour about 7. The roads were very bad - rough and stony. Soon after we obtained quarters at the Hotel, which was crowded, I proceeded to the house of the only respectable Catholic on the township and said night prayers. The few Catholics living in the town attended. I informed these few Catholics that I would hear Confessions and say Mass on the following morning - previous to my departure. At 10 I retired to rest, somewhat tired after the day's fatigue.

**Tuesday February 21st.** I rose this morning at a little after 6. At 9 after hearing a few Confessions I offered up the Holy Sacrifice and gave a short instruction. I promised to remain with them a day on my return and confirm such as would be prepared for the acceptance of that Holy Rite. It was 12 when we left the Seymour - the Clergyman of Kilmore took his leave and returned to his charge.

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## AUGUST 1854

**Tuesday August 1st.** I offered up the Holy Mysteries at the usual hour 7.30. From 8.30 to a little past 9 I attended in the Confessional. From 11 to 1 I was engaged in receiving visits, on business some of them, answering letters and at intervals reading such works as were useful and interesting. At 1 I visited one of the neighbouring Missions. In the evening about 7 I entertained a large party of Catholic gentlemen. I find by experience that these reunions promote amongst that class the interests of our holy religion. It was 11 when they left.

**Wednesday August 2nd.** I arose this morning a little before 6 and having dressed I entered upon the spiritual exercises of a retreat previous to the celebration of the anniversary of my consecration, which took place on the feast of the Transfiguration 1848. At 7 I offered up the Holy Sacrifice. Having made my thanksgiving I said a portion of the Divine Office. At 9 I took breakfast. At 9.30 I commenced my spiritual reading, which I continued to a quarter past 10, concluding with a short prayer before the Most Blessed Sacrament. I next finished the small Hours. At a quarter past 11 I made my meditation, which I concluded with a visit to the Blessed Sacrament. At 12 the *Angelus* and spiritual reading. From 1 to 2 recreation. At 2 Spiritual reading until 3. The Vespers and Matins for the following day together with a short meditation engaged me until 4. Spiritual reading and a visit to the Blessed Sacrament from 4 to 5.

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**Saturday August 5th.** .... by the interruption through the absence of penitents in reading the Divine Office and study. I had dinner at 5. At 6.30 I resumed the duties of the Confessional, in which I was engaged until 9. At 10 I retired to rest.

**Sunday August 6th.** This being the anniversary of my consecration I celebrated High Mass at 11 at which I conferred Minor Orders and the Orders of Sub-Deacon and Deacon on three students of our Seminary - Eugene O'Connell received Deacon's Orders, P. Farrelly those of Sub-Deacon and O'Connell was admitted to Minor Orders. In the evening we had solemn Vespers and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. A sermon was preached this evening on the Gospel of the day. At 10 I retired to rest.

**Monday August 7th.** Nothing occurred to interrupt the usual order of duty and study. At 7 I celebrated Mass, after which I heard Confessions until the Divine Office. Study and business occupied my attention during the day except the time devoted to recreation and meals. At 5 we dined. I assisted at night prayers and heard Confessions immediately after. I retired to rest at 10.

**Tuesday August 8th.** Mass at the usual hour. Confessions from 8 to 9. After breakfast I finished the Small Hours. Visited two of the public schools to-day and examined the children in the Christian Doctrine. They answered very well. Returned to the Presbytery at 4 and finished the Divine Office of the day. Dined at 5. At attended night prayers, after which I heard Confessions. At 10 I retired to rest. Octave day of the Assumption.

**Wednesday August 9th.** I offered up the Holy Sacrifice this morning at 7.30. I heard a few Confessions before breakfast. Nothing out of the usual routine of duty and study occurred to-day. In the evening at 7 I assisted at night prayers after which I heard Confessions. I retired to rest at 10.

**Thursday August 10th. The feast of St Lawrence.** I said Mass at the usual hour, after which I heard Confessions until 9. I visited the schools of St Francis and St Augustine to-day. The children are very much improved in their religious and secular knowledge. The proficiency made by the children in the St Francis in the Christian Doctrine was most satisfactory. Dined at 5. Attended night prayers - heard Confessions and retired to rest at 10.

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**[1854 jottings:**

**1 June:** Octave of the Ascen[sion]. The first Com[munion] of the children

**4 June:** Opening of Prahan School and Confirmation

**9 [June?]:** Ordination [as deacon, of Eugene O'Connell?]

**23 [September]:** Ordina[tio]n Mr O'C[onnell] priest

**24th Sunday [Sept]:** Laid the first stone of the Williams town school

**1 October:** Rosary Sunday. Laid the first stone of the Kilmore School. After the ceremony administered the Holy Rite to a convert, an adult.]

**NOVEMBER 1854**

**Wednesday November 29th.** I arrived in Ballarat at 10 this morning - after travelling the whole night.

The diggers are very much excited. I conversed with two persons - seemingly leaders of two different sections of the diggers and parties to the present movement. I used every persuasive argument to induce them to abandon the meeting they called for this evening but did not succeed. However they assured me that they would use all their influence to keep it within the bounds of peace and order. They complained of the overbearing conduct of the officials - of the frequent and offensive inquiries after their licences at all hours by the troopers. I think a little kindness and forbearance on the part of the officials and police would have gone far in conciliating them. It is however now too late. They appear to know their own strength and the weakness of G[overnment].

The inquiry into the insult offered to Fr. Smith in the person of his servant and the illegal fine in which the latter was mulcted has terminated in a most unjust division approved by the Ex[ecutive Council] and communicated to the Clergyman in a most offensive manner.

This slight which the Government put upon the Clergyman and the unjust fine he was forced to pay for his servant together with the silent contempt with which [was treated] the address of the Catholics approved at a public meeting have forced them into the ranks of the disaffected. A large meeting is now being held. I hope in God it terminates peaceably. Many of the diggers went to it armed.

[Remainder of 1854-1859 not available except in Moran extracts. Original Diary resumes 1 January 1860. Ed.]

### 1855 [Moran]

*Sunday 16th September. Said Mass in Geelong, after which I gave Confirmation to about 200 persons, male and female, adults and children. In the evening I delivered a short discourse on the Gospel of the day, after which I gave solemn Benediction.*

*Monday 17th September. I left for Meredith en route for Ballaarat - as we were about to leave the muddy water holes of the township of Leithbridge, where we rested ourselves and horses for a short time, the weather, which had hitherto been fine, gave signs of change. It finally broke soon after we resumed our journey, and heavy drenching showers fell repeatedly until we reached Meredith. This place is thirty miles from Geelong, and twenty-seven from Ballaarat.*

*Tuesday 18th September. At 3 we arrived in Ballaarat.*

*Wednesday 19th September. I visited the schools which are well attended. The boys are fifty and upwards; the girls appeared to be more numerous. The teachers are good and attentive. I took a short walk through the diggings.*

*Thursday 20th September. I examined and instructed their catechism the children preparing for Confirmation. At 2 I visited the township, and saw the site granted for the church. We visited the burial ground. I wish it were enclosed.*

*Friday 21st September. We could not move out of doors to-day on account of continuous rain.*

*Sunday 23rd September. The congregation nearly filled the chapel, which is 80 x 25 feet. About seventy persons were confirmed. More than 100 received Holy Communion.*

*Tuesday 25th September. After Mass, I confirmed a few persons; a good many approached Holy Communion. The weather has changed again to rain which continued with little interruption the whole day. A great many persons presented themselves for Confession; about twenty were prepared for Confirmation, which I promised to administer on to-morrow. I gave the pledge to many.*

*Wednesday 26th September. At 9, I offered up the Holy Mysteries, a large congregation, mostly men, being present. I gave the Holy Communion to about 100 persons; some had to be put off until to-morrow owing to a want of particles; between twenty and thirty were confirmed.*

*Thursday 27th September. Said Mass at 8; about twenty persons received Holy Communion; I confirmed 6 adults. We left for Ballan en route to Mount Blackwood. When about two or three miles from Ballaarat, the horse which the servant rode threw him and got off. It took us more than an hour to catch him. This delay made it late when we arrived at Ballan. The road was very bad; we were obliged to walk the horses the entire way. It was 9 p.m. when we got dinner.*

*Friday 28th September. In Ballan I visited the site granted by the Government for a church; the Catholics living in the town are very few. We started for Mount Blackwood at 12. For nine miles the country appeared to be very good, but within seven miles of the diggings the road passes over barren ranges. This part of the road is very much cut up owing to the great traffic on it. We arrived early at the chapel, which is situated between the two townships and in the midst of a large Catholic population. The chapel is a large tent capable of accommodating about 500 persons; near it is a wooden house of two rooms in an unfurnished state; this is intended for the clergyman. I was surprised to find a large school of boys and girls here. These diggings are very picturesque, being composed of hills and gullies of every shape and winding. The hills are barren, but covered with a thick forest of lofty gum trees. I took up my quarters in a storekeeper's tent which stands in the immediate neighbourhood of the chapel.*

*Saturday 29th September. During the day I walked over a good part of the diggings; the diggers are doing but little at present owing to an oversupply of water; they expect a large yield when the dry weather sets in. The population amounts to 20,000. A thunderstorm with heavy rain prevailed during the night.*

*Sunday 30th September. I heard a good many confessions previous to the celebration of Mass. The communicants were about 100. At 10 I offered up the Holy Sacrifice. The tent was crowded to excess. I am sure there could not have been less than seven or eight hundred persons present. It was 12 when all was concluded. At 1 under heavy rain I set out for Bacchus Marsh, where I arrived after a tedious and laborious journey over six miles of the worst road I have ever been on. A most barren country. After the first six miles the country and road improved. The Penton Hills over which it passes present a magnificent appearance; the land is rich and undulating without timber; a great many farms have been purchased and are being enclosed. It was after 8 when dinner was ready.*

*Tuesday 23rd October. I celebrated Mass at 8 in Warrnambool. At 11 I visited a Catholic family living on the banks of the River Hopkins. This was the first time I was on this river. It is a fine specimen of our colonial rivers. There are many farmers living on its banks, the majority of whom are Catholics, owners of the soil they occupy. The house I visited, and in which I dined, was the first erected in this part of the colony; it was put up a little before 1837. It is a slab building with a thatch roof, the worse of age and weather. I returned to Warrnambool a little after 5.*

*Wednesday 24th October. I said Mass at 7; a good many persons received Holy Communion. I visited the few Catholic families living in town to-day. I also returned such visits as were paid me by the Protestant residents. The Customs' revenue of this little place is very large, exceeding the neighbouring port of Belfast, and nearly equal to that of Portland. There is a great jealousy between those places.*

*Thursday 6th December. We returned by a different road from that we came. The country we passed through was picturesque, and in many places, particularly on the Loddon and before we came to Muclesford, fit for the plough. At present every place seems well supplied with water. Owing to the late rains and the mild winter, grass abounds everywhere. the diggings of Tarangower are occupied but by a few. The crushing machines by steam and other means are worked here very profitably. I directed the clergyman to apply for a site here for Church purposes. As we approached the diggings, an Italian from Ticino met us. He inquired when he could go to his duty. He told us that a great many of his countrymen resided at the Jim Crow diggings, and some few at Tarangower. I arrived in Castlemaine a little after 1.*

*Friday 7th December. I visited Golden Point, a diggings five miles from Castlemaine. There is a school here; number of scholars, about twenty-five boys and girls. The Irish were formerly very numerous here; there are but few at present.*

*Saturday 8th December. A large number received Holy Communion. I visited the hospital and prison to-day; in the latter there were fifteen Catholics and fifty Protestants.*

*Sunday 9th December. About seventy persons were confirmed.*

*Monday 10th December. I started for Bendigo, twenty-two miles from Castlemaine. We arrived at the clergyman's tent, Sandhurst, about 11. The heat was very great; I took up my quarters in the tent. The presbytery is in course of erection; it is of free stone. The work is very poor; they are using no lime in the mortar. The lime is brought here from Melbourne at great cost. I have been given to understand that good lime may be had in the Black Forest, twenty miles from Kyneton. The pipe clay which is to be had at nearly all the diggings, is said to contain lime in large quantities. The place where Mass is celebrated here at present is a miserable slab affair badly covered with canvas. It does not accommodate many. There are two very good bells here; their tone is sweet and full; they were cast in England. The number of children attending the school on the average is about fifty; the girls are more numerous than the boys. In the evening I took a walk through part of the diggings; they are very extensive. The buildings in the township are very fair. The bank is of free stone. Very good building stone is to be had on the spot. An allotment belonging to the clergyman has a very good quarry of this stone on it. The Protestants are building a small church; the Wesleyans and Presbyterians have also small conventicles of stone. The stores are well supplied with all comforts and necessaries of life. There is no lack of inn accommodation.*

*Tuesday 11th December. I rode into the country about seven miles. At that distance from town on the road to Mount Ivor the land improves. There are several farms here; some very good ones are in the hands of Catholics. Good water is abundant.*

*Wednesday 12th December. In the course of the day I rode into the country in the neighbourhood of the diggings where there is a new rush.*

*Thursday 13th December. I drove into the country to see the glebe, which is about eleven miles from Sandhurst. The land is very good and well watered. It contains about 160 acres. There is a good quarry on it; I think it is blue stone. There appears to be a good slate quarry in this neighbourhood.*

*Friday 14th December. We had heavy rain this morning. During the celebration of Mass the assisting clergyman had to hold an umbrella over me, the canvas roof admitting the rain in great abundance.*

*Saturday 15th December. We were engaged most of the day and the greater part of the evening hearing confessions.*

*Sunday 16th December. At 11 I commenced Mass. About 70 were confirmed, 10 converts among the number. In the evening I presided after prayers at a meeting of the Catholics called for the purpose of initiating proceedings with regard to the erection of a church. A subscription was opened. The amount to the credit of the Church Fund is about £2000. The church to be built will be of a light coloured free stone, which can be had in great abundance on the spot. The dimensions are to be 120 feet by 40. Heavy thunder clouds darkened the heavens in the course of the evening, and before night set in vivid flashes of lightning followed by loud reports of thunder.*

*Monday 17th December. I started for Mount Ivor accompanied by the clergyman of Bendigo. The priest visiting these diggings met us half way. In the course of the journey to the half-way house we got off the main road and were for some time - I would say two hours - lost in the forest. The country into which we rambled is on the River Campazpe. It consists of extensive grassy plains, the soil apparently most productive. A good deal of the land between Bendigo and Mount Ivor diggings is most available for agricultural purposes. It seems to be well watered. A few minutes after our arrival at the inn a very heavy thunderstorm broke over the country and deluged it with rain. The country refreshed by these showers looked beautiful. Here we parted with the clergyman of Bendigo. Accompanied by the priest attached to the mission of Kilmore and Mount Ivor, I resumed my journey to the latter place, where we arrived a little after 6. Heavy rain with thunder and lightning fell at intervals during the night.*

*Tuesday 18th December. I walked over these very interesting and picturesque diggings, and selected a site for a new church, which I will apply for on my return to Melbourne. I think this will be an important mission in a few years. The land for miles in its neighbourhood is most suitable for farming purposes. The flat on which the diggings are, and which is mapped out for a township, has a deep creek running through it. The water in it is good, and I believe abundant in all seasons. The only permanent buildings here at present are a large barrack built at a great expense in the extravagant days of a foolish Government, and which is now perfectly useless; a surveyor's house, a handsome stone building, and a few inns. The stores and shops are canvas. There are but few diggers here. Mass is celebrated in a small tent. There is no school here at present. Towards evening we had heavy rain, which continued during the night.*

*Wednesday 19th December. A good many Catholics assembled in the tent for Mass; about twelve received Holy Communion. At 2 we started for Kilmore passing through a splendid country.*

## JANUARY 1856

*Friday January 18th. On arriving at the presbytery after Mass I received information of the arrival of the Archbishop and party. The vessel, however, had not as yet cast anchor. At 10 I proceeded to the Sandridge railway station with the view of visiting the Archbishop on board the 'Phoenix.' From the railway jetty I went to Williamstown where I engaged a small steamer to take us to the ship, which lay very far out in the Bay, and bring the Archbishop and party ashore. The Archbishop looked very well. His party consisted of the Vicar-General (Dr. Gregory), three priests, two students, and three nuns and a postulant. After a little delay we got the whole party with several respectable lay Catholics into the steamer. We reached the jetty in time for the train returning to Melbourne.*

*I had a long conversation with the Archbishop concerning the state of the Archdiocese and the future Synod. He intends advising the erection of Moreton Bay into a See, and recommending an appointment for the vacant See of Maitland. The Vicar-General (Dr. Gregory) has for the present been appointed to it as Administrator. These, however are matters for the consideration of the Bishops at the future Synod. I received from the Archbishop the gold medal sent me by His Holiness in commemoration of the dogmatic definition of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin. I spoke to the Archbishop concerning the necessity of my going to Europe this year in order to procure nuns and priests so badly wanted for the Diocese. He advised it. Deo volente, I purpose leaving in Easter week.*

*In the evening the clergy met the Archbishop at my residence in Nicholson-street.*

*Saturday 19th January. I took the Archbishop to a few of the missions in the suburbs and the schools in the city. He expressed himself agreeably surprised at the progress we had made in school and church building during his two years' absence.*

*Sunday 20th January. At 2 p.m. I accompanied the Archbishop and party on board the Phoenix, which was prepared to sail, the wind being favourable. In the evening I gave solemn Benediction, and afterwards presided at a meeting of the Catholic Association which was adjourned in respect for the memory of the late Governor.*

#### 1858

*Monday 25th January. The Bishop of Adelaide is dangerously ill. I looked over the works at St. Patrick's and examined that portion of the building which we expect soon to open. Ordered the scaffolding to be removed.*

*Saturday 30th January. Father Therry arrived yesterday from Hobarton and called this morning.*

*Sunday 31st January. After Vespers a sermon was preached and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament given by Father Therry.*

*Tuesday 2nd February. Visited St. Patrick's Church: expect to be able to open it on Sunday week.*

#### MAY 1858

*Saturday 22nd May. Late in the night passed Kangaroo Island on return from Adelaide.*

*Monday 24th May. Arrived in Melbourne at 8 p.m., was rejoiced to learn that the Archbishop of Sydney had arrived.*

#### JUNE 1858

*Tuesday 1st June. This evening I received the gratifying intelligence of the election of Dr. Brownless, a good Catholic, to the Vice-Chancellorship of the University.*

*Friday 4th June. Left with the Archbishop for Kilmore, where we arrived rather late, one of the horses being done up.*

*Saturday 5th June. Left for Melbourne where we arrived a little before 4 p.m. The Bishop of Hobarton arrived yesterday.*

*Thursday 10th June. At 4 p.m. laid the foundation-stone of a House of Mercy adjoining the present convent. Though the weather was cold and misty, a good number of the clergy and laity attended. The subscription was generous.*

*Friday 11th June. The Archbishop left at 1 for Sydney.*

*Sunday 13th June. Presided at a meeting in reference to St. Patrick's Church. The Bishop of Hobarton was present, and kindly delivered a short but appropriate address. The collection made on the spot exceeded £1000.*

*Tuesday 15th June. Visited the convent and took my leave of the nuns and children; received in the presbytery deputations from the laity and clergy, who presented valedictory addresses. At 5 p.m. went on board the steamer accompanied by a few of the clergy, when I took my leave of them. At night I missed two small bags which contained all my money and some papers of great importance; sent for them; they were delivered on board during the night.*

*Wednesday 23rd June. Anchored in the harbour of George's Sound. The village of Albany looks well from the ship. The tea tree grows here, and its fruit is used for making tea. I have not tasted it, but those who have say that it is a very agreeable drink. The water is good, and the bay is full of excellent fish. Landed about 11; the village is not regularly laid out; everyone seems to have consulted his own engineering ability in selecting the site of his house. The streets, if the space between the houses deserves the name, are very sandy. The Catholics commenced a church, but allowed it to go to ruins. The Protestants have a church and minister; the parson intends opening a school. The Catholic children will no doubt be sent to it.*

## JULY 1858

*Wednesday 7th July. Arrived this afternoon at Point de Galle. Visited the church; it is a plain large building, a poor imitation of Italian architecture; it is cool and well suited to the climate.*

*Thursday 8th July. After breakfast drove out with the priest, who is a native of the colony. We visited the cinnamon gardens, which did not repay the trouble we had going there. The tree most cultivated here is the cocoanut; it grows luxuriantly near the sea. In Galle there is but one Catholic school, and that is native. The Lutheran Church is common to the Lutherans and Protestants. I visited a Buddhist convent; it is a wretched place.*

*Saturday 10th July. Left Point de Galle at 1 for Aden.*

*Sunday 1st August. In Alexandria. Visited the church, which is large, well situated, and adjoining the Bishop's palace, the college of the Christian Brothers, and the convent of the Franciscans. Called on the Bishop, who kindly invited me to rooms in his palace during my short sojourn.*

*Monday 2nd August. I availed myself of the Bishop's invitation, and removed from the hotel to his palace. The dinner was at 12. After the Ave Maria, which at present is at 7 p.m., the Bishop recited the Rosary, and gave out a meditation in his private chapel.*

### OCTOBER 1858

*Monday 4th October. In London. Had an interview with Mr Walcott, Secretary to the Emigration Committee. He promised to have accommodation provided on board the "Annie Wilson" for the clergyman as chaplain and not as religious instructor. At first he seemed unwilling to do this, alleging various frivolous excuses, which I indignantly put aside. Our conversation turned on other matters of importance to the moral guardianship of the emigrants during the voyage out. It was late when I left him. He is a man of routine and somewhat of a bigot. It seems everything regarding the ship arrangements for the emigrants and the selection of them are left to agents, all Protestants, who cannot be favourable to Catholic emigration from any of the Islands. The Irish clergymen leave the recommendation of the Catholic emigrants to the parsons. This is another great evil.*

*Wednesday 6th October. I received a letter from Mr. Walcott stating that accommodation could not be had on board the Annie Wilson for the chaplain, but that a schoolmaster could be provided for. I immediately waited on him and, in bitter indignant language, complained of his shuffling conduct. I said that I was determined the chaplain would sail with the emigrants, and, if provided with indifferent accommodation, I would make it a matter of serious complaint to the Colonial Government. On this he changed his tone and tactics, and said he would see that the clergyman was provided with the necessary and becoming accommodation. We parted with a better knowledge of each other - at least, he will be careful not to trifle again with me.*

*Friday 8th October. I got a letter from Walcott saying that proper accommodation would be ready for the clergyman. Saw him soon after and advised the alteration of the rules, a copy of which he sent to Mr. Woodlock, being most objectionable in their present state. He promised to do so. The clergyman as chaplain is perfectly free and independent, as to his department, of captain and surgeon. Obtained from him a list of the books provided for Protestants with a view of weeding it of those containing passages offensive to Catholics, and to furnish a list of religious books for Catholics.*

*Monday 11th October. I arranged to have vestments, chalice, and everything necessary for the celebration of Mass sent on to Father Moore, who sails in the emigrant ship "Annie Wilson."*

*Sunday 17th October. Witnessed the consecration of Dr. Etheridge, S.J., Vicar-Apostolic of British Guiana. The Cardinal (Wiseman) was the consecrator. My uncle (Right Rev. Dr. Hynes) was one of the assistant consecrators.*

*Wednesday 20th October. Wrote to Dr. Woodlock in reference to the appointment and duties of chaplains to emigrant ships; recommended that a schoolmaster, subject in his department to the chaplain, should be also appointed on recommendation from the Bishop or his agent.*

*Saturday 23rd October. Left with my uncle a case containing chalice, gold trowel, pectoral cross &c., to keep for me. Left for Dover en route to Rome.*

*Wednesday 27th October. In Paris.*

*Sunday 31st October. Visited the palace at Fountainbleau and palace grounds. Said a short prayer in the old chapel of that part of the building called the chateau of St. Louis, which was consecrated by St. Thomas a'Beckett. Here is kept the altar at which Pius the VII celebrated during his detention in the palace.*

#### NOVEMBER 1858

*Wednesday 3rd November. About 6 a.m. reached Marseilles. Took my passage in the only steamer leaving immediately for Civita Vecchia.*

*Sunday 7th November. Landed in Civita Vecchia at 10 a.m. Left by diligence at 11 for Rome, where we arrived about 10 at night. I proceeded at once to S. Maria in Posterula.*

*Wednesday 10th November. A heavy fall of snow. In the evening had a visit from Monsignor Talbot. He spoke of having received a long letter from Father McEncroe about the Australian mission, and that he expected him daily in Rome.*

*Thursday 18th November. Visited St. Paul's; was rather disappointed in it; it is magnificent but it wants something. However, it is not yet finished.*

*Friday 19th November. Went to the Vatican, where through the kindness of the curate I saw the vestments and sacred ornaments of His Holiness. The Tiaras are costly and beautiful. The one presented by Napoleon I is the most valuable; it is seldom used in consequence of its weight. That presented by the Queen of Spain, on the occasion of the Definition of the Immaculate Conception, is worthy of the donor and the receiver. It is seldom worn.*

#### DECEMBER 1858

*Thursday 2nd December. The Tiber is overflowing, and has encroached on the convent and street in front. Received this morning the invitation for the audience with His Holiness; the time fixed is 10 to-morrow. The overflow of the Tiber is on the increase; left the convent by a boat for a carriage that was waiting in another street to take me to the Vatican. The audience was all that I could desire. At the conclusion I presented His Holiness with a small bag of gold of the value, at the diggings, of £200.*

*Saturday 4th December. Had a visit to-day from the Archbishop of Dublin. In the evening called at the Irish College to pay my respects to the Archbishop, Dr. Cullen. The river has fallen to its level, having left a good deal of mud after it.*

*Wednesday 8th December. Dined at the Irish college. In the evening visited the ruins of St. Stephen's Church lately discovered close to a magnificent old Roman tomb, a few miles outside the gate of St. John Lateran.*

*Saturday 11th December. Had a visit from the Archbishop of Dublin. Speaking of the National School system he said when the Catholics were the majority and the priests had influence over the schools, little danger was to be apprehended, and vice versa.*

*Sunday 12th December. Wrote several letters of importance to the Cardinal Prefect; demanded amongst other things a positive and decisive opinion on the important subjects of education and lay interference in the temporal affairs of the Church.*

*Tuesday 21st December. I received this morning a letter from Dr. Polding dated Brisbane, 2nd of October. Was presented with a magnificently bound edition of the Pontificale in the name and from the Holy Father.*

*Tuesday 23rd December. Wrote two letters, one to the Cardinal Prefect and another to the Archbishop Secretary of Propaganda, acknowledging the letter in which were communicated several favours conferred by the Holy Father, one of which was the nomination of Mr. O'Shanassy to the dignity of Cavaliere of the Order of St. Gregory.*

*Christmas Day, 1858. Dined at the Irish College; after dinner drove to St. Paul's.*

*Monday 27th December. Left for Bracciano. The old castle of the Orsini family, now the property of Prince Odeschalchi, is a strong imposing pile of building indicative of the feudal power of the Lords who occupied it in olden times. In it a Pope had been detained prisoner, and died, the Orsini family being then all-powerful.*

#### JANUARY 1859

*Monday 3rd January. Left Bracciano for Rome. Received a letter from the Cardinal Prefect conveying his approval of my administration of the Diocese of Melbourne as given in my report.*

*Tuesday 4th January. Received this evening from the Propaganda the correspondence concerning the vacant See of Adelaide, and the creation of new Sees in the Archdiocese.*

*Friday 7th January. Whilst at dinner Archdeacon McEncroe called. He dined with us. In the evening went with him to St. Peter's, whence we proceeded to S. Pietro in Montorio and to the church where lie the remains of Tasso.*

*Saturday 15th January. Paid a visit to the Superior of the Marists now in Rome. Father McEncroe was with me. The object of my visit was to see if I could come to any arrangement with him in securing the services of a few of the religious for the Chinese in Victoria, as also to obtain for a training school in Melbourne three from the lay institute of teachers under the Marists' rule. He seemed to receive my proposal with delight, and said that, after consulting with the religious at Lyons, he would give me an answer.*

### *FEBRUARY 1859*

*Wednesday 2nd February. Dined with Monsignor Talbot. Dr. Cullen was one of the party.*

*Saturday 5th February. Celebrated Mass this morning at St. Agatha's Church, Irish College. Had a visit from Archdeacon McEncroe; he got his audience to-day. On my return from walk in Via Di Monte Pincio met the Holy Father walking, followed by a great crowd; he was pleased to recognize me with an 'Addio Monsignore.'*

*Sunday 6th February. Dined at the Irish College; Cardinal Barnabo was one of the guests. Before dinner he spoke to me of Father McEncroe, alluding to the article and letter from Duncan signed 'Isidore,' that appeared in the Freeman in reference to the Monitum Pastorale issued by the Bishops. He said that they disclosed their foolish designs. At 3 I left and went to hear Dr. Manning. The audience was large and respectable. I could catch but few words, being in a bad place for hearing. He is a good reasoner, cold and passionless.*

*Tuesday 8th February. Had a letter this morning from the Archbishop of Dublin on our visit to the Prince of Wales; called at the Irish College at the appointed time, and advised that a letter would be written by Dr. Kirby in our names, asking if the visit would be received and when. The letter was addressed to Mr. Russell chargé d'affaires at present in Rome. Took a walk with the Archbishop who kindly accompanied me afterwards to S. Maria in Posterula.*

*Friday 11th February. Called on Father McEncroe, who leaves to-morrow morning for England.*

*Sunday 13th February. Had a letter from the Archbishop of Dublin in reply to one addressed in both our names inquiring if the Prince of Wales would receive a visit; the reply was in the negative, but courteous, assigning as a reason for not receiving the visit the Prince's travelling incognito and for educational purposes.*

*Monday 14th February. Left for Naples.*

*Thursday 17th February. Visited the Chinese College; as yet no chance of help from there; called on the Cardinal, and talked over the matter with him, but as yet nothing can be done. He invited me to dinner for to-morrow evening at 6.*

*Friday 18th February. Went to the Chinese College; had some difficulty in getting there owing to the crowds in the streets I had to pass through, in consequence of the obsequies of the deceased niece of the king. Her death happening just now throws a gloom over the rejoicing attendant on the marriage of his son. At 6 o'clock the Cardinal's carriage arrived to fetch me to his palace. The dinner party was small, but select. Our conversation ranged over several subjects, but was chiefly confined to the state of religion in the British colonies and Turkey; a Prefect Apostolic from the latter place was one of the dinner party; he is a Frenchman, but spoke a little English and Italian.*

*Monday 21st February. To Terracina; the town is large and clean; the principal church is very old and contains some curious carvings.*

*Tuesday 22nd February. To Vetrielli (Velletri). The road is a perfect level, with large elm trees in double rows on either side for twenty-four miles; the road continues level to the foot of the hills on which Vetrielli stands. We arrived here early about 3 p.m. The Cathedral is old, and well deserves a visit; the public buildings are all good and in excellent repair; we start for Albano on to-morrow.*

*Wednesday 23rd February. Arrived in Albano about 11, and started for Rome.*

*Monday 28th February. A deputation of Australian colonists waited on me with a view of having my approval and support for a scheme to provide Victoria copies of some of the best masters [painters] here and in France. I willingly acceded to their wish, and allowed my name to be put on the provisional committee, promising at the same time to become a subscriber to the fund for carrying it out.*

### MARCH 1859

*Tuesday 8th March. I commenced to prepare my report on the mission in Perth. In this I confine myself solely to the probable cause of its present embarrassing state and the remedy to be applied.*

*Wednesday 9th March (Ash Wednesday). Went to the Capella at the Vatican; received the ashes from the Holy Father.*

*Saturday 12th March. Went to the Vatican to obtain my valedictory audience; was delayed till near 2; the Minister Extraordinary from Peru and the American Plenipotentiary to China who had, with those of the other powers, helped to make the present treaty with China, and two Cardinals taking precedence. At the audience I spoke of the unfitness of foreigners for English missions. Sent a letter to the President of the Central Council of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in Paris, soliciting aid for a mission to the Chinese in Victoria.*

*Saturday 19th March. Visit from Rinaldini, Minutante of Propaganda. On it being mentioned that the Sacred Congregation had advised that I should visit Perth, I positively declined to do so; recommended that Dr. Serra be called to Rome to give explanation in regard to his administration. During his absence, if thought necessary and if approved of by him, one of the Bishops of the Province could make a visit to the Diocese and report thereon. I was not able to give the exact boundaries recommended by the Archbishop for the Diocese of Maitland. The nomination to this Diocese will, I believe, be deferred for the consideration and advice of the Bishops assembled in Synod.*

*After dinner, called at St. Clement's; visited the excavations that are being made. Cavaliere de Rossi, one of the first archaeologists in Rome, was engaged deciphering an inscription on a slab found in these interesting excavations. It refers back to the third or fourth century.*

#### APRIL 1859

*Saturday 16th April. Wrote to the Archbishop, the Bishop of Hobarton and Dr. Geoghegan, Bishop-elect of Adelaide, making known the election of the last named Bishop, which took place yesterday in Consistory.*

*Tuesday 19th April. Started for Viterbo. As we approached Viterbo the scenery became at intervals picturesque and wild.*

*Wednesday 20th April. Drove to Orvieto, passing through Monte Fiascone and Bolsena. Bolsena is a miserable town beautifully situated on the banks of a large lake; the country around is picturesque, hilly and well cultivated. In Orvieto visited the magnificent Cathedral. It is a noble edifice, rich in architecture, painting and sculpture. Its celebrated well or Pozzo di San Patrizio is very deep; two spiral stairs cut in the rock serve for descent and ascent. Orvieto is built on a remarkable rocky elevation, rising abruptly out of a narrow plain.*

*Friday 22nd April. In Sienna. Its Cathedral, public library, and museum would do honour to any capital in Europe.*

*Wednesday 27th April. From Florence to Pisa. Great excitement here as well as in Florence. The Archduke has fled, a provisional Government has been appointed; the enthusiasm seems to be confined to a few; the working classes and those in business seem indifferent.*

*Thursday 28th April. Engaged a vetturino to take me to Genoa for five napoleons. The country looked charming and highly cultivated. Notwithstanding the war and the flight of the Grand Duke, the people seem intent on their industrial pursuits, as if nothing had happened.*

*Saturday 30th April. Reached Genoa about 3 as the French troops were arriving. It was 6 before I got to the hotel, being delayed by the passage of the troops. Their reception did not seem to me to be very good; the people looked on quietly as they passed. When the eagle appeared, there was a faint clapping of hands.*

#### MAY 1859

*Sunday 1st May. After dinner visited the French camp, which is outside the walls of the city. This seemed to be the great point of attraction for the people of Genoa.*

*Monday 2nd May. Was present at the evening devotions in the Cathedral. The Litany of the Saints was sung, and Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament followed. The congregation was large and devoutly attentive.*

*Thursday 5th May. The French are moving off rapidly towards the field of action; not much liked by the Genoese.*

*Friday 6th May. Went on board the steamer for Marseilles; the passengers are few. Another steamer, the "Quirinal," is crowded, the passengers sleeping on deck. It seems that quite a panic seized on the foreigners at Rome, they were hastening away in great numbers. The steamer is old and slow. I think it is the same one in which I sailed in 1837 from Leghorn to Marseilles en route to New South Wales.*

*Saturday 7th May. Arrived in Marseilles.*

*Thursday 12th May. In Paris.*

*Monday 16th May. Left for Dover.*

*Wednesday 18th May. In London.*

*Monday 23rd May. Left Stanbrook for Birmingham. Had a long and interesting conversation with the Bishop; accepted his invitation to dinner. After dinner left for Holyhead.*

*Tuesday 24th May. Proceeded from Kingstown to Dublin; called on Dr. Quinn, Bishop-elect of Brisbane, and presented him with the Bulls. After some conversation with him I went to All Hallows'.*

*Saturday 28th May. Arrived in Cork.*

*Sunday 29th May. Visited my family; arranged to meet my mother on to-morrow.*

## *JUNE 1859*

*Wednesday 8th June. In Dublin. Called on the Archbishop and accepted invitation to dinner on the following day.*

*Thursday 9th June. Called on the Archbishop to know if he would object to a community going to Melbourne from the convent in Baggot-street, provided such could be spared; he said not. I then visited the convent but, the Superior being absent, could do nothing. In the evening dined with the Archbishop and his chapter at the new Seminary near Dublin. It is to be opened for the first time very soon.*

*Sunday 12th June. Said Mass in the chapel of the convent of Our Lady of Mercy in Baggot-street. It is likely I may get a community from this place; the consent of the Archbishop is all that is needed to make it a positive fact.*

*Monday 13th June. The Archbishop refused his consent to a community going out to Melbourne from Baggot Street, on the plea that they could not be spared.*

*Thursday 16th June. Left for Cork.*

*Monday 27th June. Left for Dublin.*

*Wednesday 29th June. Assisted as one of the consecrating Prelates at the consecration of Right Rev. Dr. Quinn for the See of Brisbane; dined with the newly consecrated Prelate.*

### *JULY 1859*

*Tuesday 5th July. Left Dublin for Galway; spent the long bright evening in seeing the old and new town.*

*Wednesday 6th July. To Clifden. The country through which we passed presented a varied landscape - wild, bold, stretches of high and low land, with lakes, cultivated and wooded estates. I enjoyed this drive exceedingly, though it rained a great part of the time. Called on the Archbishop of Tuam, who was on his visitation in Clifden and stopping with the parish priest. There was a number of his clergy with him. The welcome was warm as an Irish welcome always is. This great man now 70 years of age is full of vigour in mind and body. Nothing could exceed his amiability and kind attention. The parish priest was overflowing with good nature.*

*Thursday 7th July. To Westport. Travelled through country rich in soil and scenery; lakes and bogs diversified and enriched the landscape; with a ruin here and there; no population; the crowbar did its work most effectually. Westport is the best country town I have seen anywhere. There is an air of comfort about it; the houses are clean; Lord Sligo's domain, a splendid reserve well selected, is open to the public. The gate opens on the principal thoroughfare of the town. Visited the Convent of Mercy; a community lately went from it to Sydney (Goulburn). Visited the Cathedral in Tuam. It is indeed deserving of the name; the high altar is in the Italian style of marble and beautifully executed.*

*Sunday 10th July. In Dublin.*

*Monday 11th July. Left Clonmel, and thence by car to Mount Melleray. Had an hour's conversation with the Abbot on the subject of sending a community to Melbourne; promised to settle them on the 200 acres in Melbourne. He seemed satisfied, and said he would strive and make arrangements for sending out a community.*

*Wednesday 13th July. In Dublin. Went to Howth to visit the Archbishop, and got his leave for Mrs. Macguire and two other Sisters of Mercy (Baggot-street), and informed the Rev. Mother of this arrangement.*

*Friday 15th July. Called on the Sisters of Mercy; left cheque for £50 for Mrs. Macguire towards outfit for the Sisters. At 2 p.m. started for Holyhead.*

*Saturday 16th July. In London.*

*Sunday 24th July. At Little Malvern or, as it is commonly called, Morvian. Two old Catholic churches, one a Benedictine abbey church and the other a priory church, also Benedictine, are situated, the former at Great Malvern and the other at Little Malvern. This latter is on Catholic property; the owner is Mr Berrington. This interesting property has been always in the possession of Catholics from the time the monks were dispossessed. The present proprietor told me that he holds the report of commissioners sent to examine the place by Henry VIII's Government with a view to ascertain if there were concealed there vestments, altar furniture, plate, priests, arms, etc. The report is in the negative.*

*Monday 25th July. Celebrated Mass in the private chapel in Mr. Berrington's house. This was part of the old monastery - very probably the refectory. One or two of the cells are still preserved in good repair, as is also the chapel where Mass was secretly celebrated during the persecution. Thought of going to Hereford to-day, but was disappointed, the coach being full. Visited the old abbey church. The external is in good preservation, but the interior has suffered wofully from Protestant bad taste.*

*Tuesday 26th July. Laid the foundation-stone of additions to Mr. Berrington's house. Left for Hereford. Visited the old Catholic Cathedral, which is now being restored. It is a noble Gothic edifice. The tomb of St. Thomas of Hereford is carefully preserved in it. There are several monuments of the old Catholic Bishops of this See to be seen here. Went to Belmont, a new Benedictine college lately erected and not quite finished. The ground - five acres - and the church - a handsome Gothic building - are the offerings of a rich convert who has a large property here. The distance of this college from Hereford is two miles. In the town of Hereford is a good large Catholic church and spacious presbytery, built by the Jesuits, but given up by them to the Benedictines on finding that they could not maintain themselves there without largely drawing on the funds of the Society. The Catholics of Hereford are few and poor.*

*Friday 29th July. In London. Called at the office of the Agent for the Colonies. Clerks lazy and indifferent for lack of employment.*

#### *AUGUST 1859*

*Wednesday 10th August. Left for Dover en route to Calais.*

*Friday 12th August. In Paris. Owing to the crowds from all parts assembled for Sunday's grand military display - the Imperial entrée - I had some difficulty in obtaining lodgings.*

*Sunday 14th August. From my apartments had a grand view of the great military displays. It was grand. The men looked well. Some of the flags were much torn; one was in rags - but little of it remained attached to the pole. As these memories of the battle field were seen, loud cheers and clapping of hands declared the feeling of the assembled masses. The Emperor, who is beginning to be grey, looked well and seemed as if he felt that he was master of his position. His expression was grave and thoughtful.*

*Monday 15th August. Went to Versailles. Returned to Paris in the evening; met the Bishop of Brisbane at one of the stations proceeding in the same direction. He got into the same carriage with me. Our conversation - or rather his, for he would have all the talk to himself - concerned the interview he had with one of the emigration clerks. The clerk had it all his own way.*

*Tuesday 16th August. To Strasburg.*

*Thursday 18th August. I went to the Cathedral and remained to witness the interesting mechanism of the clock. As the hour 12 is struck, figures representing the twelve Apostles move in front of one representing our Blessed Redeemer, each turning round and reverently bending the head as it is brought in front of the Redeemer. When the figure representing St. Peter moves forward the figure of a cock imitates the crowing of that bird. On other parts of the wonderful and ingenious piece of mechanism the heavens with their signs and seasons and the changing of the moon are accurately given.*

*Left Strasburg for Carlshruhe. On the German side of the frontier we saw a number of the Austrian soldiers taken prisoner in the late war parting with the French soldiers who accompanied them; they seemed to be on good terms with each other. The Catholics have a church in Carlshruhe built after the plan of the Pantheon.*

*Friday 19th August. At Augsburg. I stopped at a hotel, the most respectable as well as oldest in the town. It was here Charles the V put up. The room unaltered is still shown to the curious, which he occupied, and the fireplace still the same into which his bonds were flung by his princely creditor. The oratory attached to the house is still preserved and in good order. The town celebrated in the history of Luther's Reformation has many curious and picturesque buildings.*

*Tuesday 30th August. Arrived in Cologne. The first place I visited was the famous Cathedral; it deserves all the praise bestowed on it. The town did not seem to me a desirable place for residence, streets narrow and not over clean.*

#### SEPTEMBER 1859

*Friday 2nd September. Arrived in London.*

*Sunday 4th September. In Birmingham. Went with the Bishop to Oscott, where we dined; spent the evening with the Bishop.*

*Monday 5th September. In Liverpool. Learned that the Sisters of Mercy had that morning gone on board the "Ocean Chief," the vessel in which they sail for Melbourne. I went on board and took my leave of them; their cabins are large and conveniently situated.*

*Friday 9th September. In Dublin.*

*Saturday 10th September. In Cork.*

*Wednesday 14th September. Saw my mother this morning.*

*Monday 19th September. Left Cork for Waterford and Kilkenny; took a car and proceeded to Callan.*

*Tuesday 20th September. Went to Drangan to see Rev. Mr. O'Shaughnessey, parish priest of that place, and uncle to Mr. O'Shanassy, of Melbourne.*

*Wednesday 21st September. In Dublin.*

*Monday 26th September. Left for England.*

*Thursday 29th September. Engaged my passage in the October packet for Melbourne; Suez to Melbourne, £170; had to pay it.*

### OCTOBER 1859

*Sunday 2nd October. Went by rail to Brentford where I celebrated Mass. The congregation is chiefly composed of my poor countrymen who find employment here in the cultivation of gardens. In the course of the afternoon visited several of them; their places were clean and comfortable, but humble; food abundant and wholesome.*

*Monday 3rd October. In Birmingham. Called on the Bishop, with whom I had a long conversation in reference to the affairs of Sydney.*

*Tuesday 4th October. Stopped for a few hours at Nottingham to see the friends of my esteemed friend Dr. Willson, Bishop of Hobart.*

*Monday 10th October. To Dover and Calais.*

*Tuesday 11th October. To Paris. I took a carriage and drove to Rue Casette, and purchased a portable altar containing everything necessary for the celebration of Mass; it cost 500 francs.*

*Friday 14th October. In Marseilles. Engaged my passage in a French steamer to sail on Sunday for Alexandria; 505 francs.*

*Sunday 16th October. Sailed for Alexandria.*

*Thursday 20th October. Arrived in Malta. Called on the Archbishop. He is about my age, 47 years. He is a clever and zealous man; finds the English plausible, but slippery. A Protestant church has been erected here, and a Scotch conventicle. The Protestant Superintendent of Gibraltar has lately taken up his residence here. Visited the grand Church of St. John, rich in marbles and silver. There is a large relic of the Holy Cross in this church. Many of the sacred ornaments of the church kept in this depository show neglect and want of respectful care. Visited several of the other churches; they are all clean, and some highly decorated with frescoes of some merit. Dined with the Archbishop; his table was frugally supplied. Living is rather expensive here.*

*Sunday 22nd October. In Alexandria.*

*Monday 26th October. To Cairo.*

*Tuesday 27th October. Visited the grotto where it is piously believed that the Holy Family lived during their exile. It is in the hands of the Coptic schismatics. It is a largely subterraneous chapel with some pretensions in style. Its roof is high and open, supported by pillars of marble. The screen before the altar is carved wood richly inlaid with ivory; it bears the evidence of ancient times.*

*Visited in the evening the convent of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd and went through the schools; called at the college of the Christian Brothers. Paid a visit to the Greek Patriarch, and the Bishop of the Catholic Coptic Church. The former is a man of intelligence; he is about 60 years of age. After some trouble and opposition the Greeks have been persuaded to conform to the Roman Ritual.*

*Friday 28th October. To Suez.*

#### NOVEMBER 1859

*Saturday 5th November. Went on shore at Aden; commenced to walk to the town five miles distant, when I was overtaken by a Government caravan drawn by two oxen; into this I willingly got on being invited to do so. It was a very slow coach. Two gentlemen, who started at the same time with us walking reached the town as soon, or rather sooner, than we did with our oxen. After dinner had to borrow the parson's horse to get back to the port. It being the Jewish Sabbath, no conveyance was to be had; the Jews are the only persons who keep such for the public convenience. The parson's little horse travelled right well. It was kind of him to help me in my difficulty.*

*Sunday 6th November. Sailed for Mauritius.*

*Friday 18th November. Went on shore at Mauritius and called on the Bishop who received me most kindly. He drove me out to see the convent. The situation and grounds are all that could be desired. The grounds include about thirty acres. The convent is an old building, a poor affair. The Nuns belong to the Loretto Order. The Superior is an Irish lady. From this we went to one of the suburban missions; here is a large barn of a church, the very perfection of ugliness. This mission is managed by two Irish priests, one of whom Father Comerford is Vicar-General. The number of priests in the whole Diocese is scarcely twenty; the Catholic population 200,000. The Bishop has formed a congregation of ladies who undertake the mission of Sisters of Mercy, in teaching the poor schools, visiting the sick, etc. It seems to have succeeded very well. The French system of churchwardens is in force here. The Bishop says it works well. The election of these officials is made in this way. The Bishop presents for each mission a list of ten persons to the Governor, who invariably nominates the first five on the list. This meddling of the Government, and a Protestant Government, with the administration of Church affairs is most objectionable. The churchwardens receive and expend all the resources of the mission arising out of bench rents, fees, etc. Visited a purchase lately made by the Bishop for a country residence. The site is good, healthy, and picturesque, but the house is built partly of stone, partly of wood. It is a wretched thing. However, putty and paint may improve its appearance, but that is all. The ground contains about fifteen acres. Sailed for Melbourne.*

**DECEMBER 1859**

**Monday 5th December.** Got into George's Sound.

**Monday 12th December.** About 10 o'clock p.m. landed in Melbourne. The Vicar-General and several of the clergy came to meet me. Had telegrams from the Archbishop and the Bishop of Adelaide.

[End of Moran]

**JANUARY 1860**

**Sunday January 1.** Pontifical High Mass at St Francis. Published the Pastoral admonition on education.

**Thursday January 5th.** Left this morning for Geelong - returned in the evening.

**Friday January 6th.** Solemn High Mass *coram Pontificem* at St Francis. Offered up at 8 in the morning the Holy Sacrifice in the Convent Chapel. The Sisters renewed their vows. Delivered short address. Confessions in St Francis.

**Sunday January 8th.** At 7 offered up the Holy Sacrifice in St Francis' Church. Pastoral admonition read to the people.

**Monday January 9th.** Clerical Retreat will commence this evening.

**Friday January 13th.** Lay retreat commences this evening, that of the Clergy closed this morning. Preliminary meeting with reference to Public Education. Clergy and laity attended. Sub-committee appointed - members of it: O'Shanassy and Duffy - O'Hea - Brownless - Archer - self and two clergymen.

**Monday January 16th.** Meeting of sub-committee to prepare resolutions for the Public meeting to be held in reference to Bills on Education now before Parliament. Unanimity prevailed.

**Friday January 20th.** Engaged most of this day in a very painful inquiry.

**Saturday January 21st.** Orders for tomorrow. Prayers for deceased benefactors tomorrow.

**Thursday January 26th.** Fr O'Rourke wants a teacher.

**Saturday January 28th.** Messrs Fynn and O'Connell ordained.

**Tuesday January 31st.** Accounts of College at 1. Meeting for the purpose of dividing the city into districts.

## FEBRUARY 1860

**Wednesday February 1st** 1st week of this month Bazaar of Sisters of Mercy.

**Thursday February 2nd** Reception and profession - Sisters of Mercy.

**Sunday February 5th.** Fr Fynn celebrated his first Mass - St Francis.

**Tuesday February 7th.** Catholic Schools Committee appointed. Members Bishop - Vicar-General - Hon. J. O'Shanassy - Dean Hayes - Dr Brownless - Dr Barry - Mr Archer - Fr. Bleasdale Secretary - Dr McCarthy - Mr Madden.

**Wednesday February 8th.** Duty of today. Letters to the Clergy about Catholic Association. To see Mr Christy about St Augustine's site. Fr. Fynn about College. Examined Fr. \*Mahoney's\* papers.

**Sunday February 19th.** Confirmation at Keilor changed to first Sunday in Lent.

**Sunday February 26th.** Confirmation at Keilor.

**Tuesday February 28th.** Sisters will give instructions at 5 o'clock Tuesday evening. Meeting of Catholic School Committee.

## MARCH 1860

**Tuesday March 6th.** Great Britain mail for England closes.

**Wednesday March 7th.** Bellarine School. Number of children on the roll 34 - attending night school 11. Attendance at day school today 17. Mixed school.

**Thursday March 8th.** Left for Ballarat at 10.30. Arrived in Ballarat about 7 pm. Weather hot.

**Friday March 9th.** Left at a quarter to 11 for Mt. Ararat. Stopped at noon at Burrumbeet. Reached Fiery Creek at 6. Remained here the night. Weather hot.

**Saturday March 10th.** Left for Ararat at 7.30 where we arrived about 12.30. Heard Confessions during the evening. Arranged for the devotions for tomorrow.

**Sunday March 11th.** Celebrated Mass at 8. Confessions. Mass at 9, 9.30 and 10. Lecture. Confessions during the day. Evening devotions at 6 - lecture and Confessions.

**Monday March 12th.** Masses in the morning 3. Lecture at the 10 o'clock Mass. Confessions during the morning. Left Ararat at 2 or a little after. Reached Fiery Creek about 6.

**Tuesday March 13th.** Left at 10 minutes to 8 - arrived in Ballarat about 12.30.

**Saturday March 17th.** Celebrated High Mass in St Patrick's Church.

**Sunday March 18th.** Celebrated Mass about 9. Gave instruction at the 11 Mass. In the evening, prayers - benediction and instruction. Weather unsettled.

**Monday March 19th.** Returned from Kilmore about 12.30. Left for Geelong by the evening train.

**Tuesday March 20th.** Celebrated Mass at the Convent and blessed it - this being the day of its inauguration. Visited the Orphanage. Returned to Melbourne by evening train.

**Wednesday March 21st.** Told Fr. Hayden this morning that I would raise Thomas's wages from £50 to £60 per annum. To commence from this date - advised Thos. of the same in the morning.

**Thursday March 22nd.** Opened the Mission to the laity at Footscray with the celebration of Mass and instruction. Heard Confessions up to 2.

**Friday March 23rd.** Celebrated Mass at 9 at Footscray - gave instruction - heard confessions. Returned to Melbourne by the quarter past 2 train.

**Saturday March 24th.** Footscray. Mass and instruction at 9. Confessions up to 2. Heard Confessions in St Francis during the evening.

**Sunday March 25th.** Celebrated Mass about 9 at Footscray and gave Holy Communion. Closed the Mission with instruction at the 11 o'clock Mass. Vespers at St Francis.

**Monday March 26th.** Meeting of School Committee at 12. A good deal of business done. In the morning visited St Francis Boys School.

**Tuesday March 27th.** Visited St Francis Girls School.

## APRIL 1860

**Sunday April 1st.** Celebrated Mass in St Francis at 11.

**Monday April 2nd.** Opened Mission to the prisoners at Pentridge at 9. Mass and instruction. Confessions to 12 - and from 1 to 2. In the evening Confessions in St Francis.

**Tuesday April 3rd.** Mission to the prisoners as yesterday. In the evening Confessions in St Francis. Weather oppressive.

**Wednesday April 4th.** Closed the Mission to the prisoners with Mass - Holy Communion - instruction and Confirmation. Out of the 170 attending upwards of 120 approached their duty. *Tenebrae* and Confessions tonight.

**Thursday April 5th.** Solemn Service in the morning in St Francis. The Divine Office recited in the evening in St Francis.

**Easter Sunday April 8th.** Pontifical High Mass in St Francis.

**Easter Tuesday April 10th.** Confirmation administered to the College students in St Patrick's.

**Easter Wednesday April 11th.** Admitted a Postulant to the white veil. Left for Kilmore.

**Thursday April 12th.** Opened a Mission or retreat for the laity. Mass at 8 and 9. Confessions during the day. Evening prayers and instruction.

**Friday April 13th.** Mass at 8 and 9. Gave instruction at the 9 o'clock Mass. Confessions. In the evening at 6 - prayers and instruction.

**Sunday April 15th.** Closed the Mission at Kilmore. Gave Confirmation.

**Monday April 16th.** Left Kilmore for Melbourne about 8.

**Tuesday April 17th.** Meeting of School Committee. Left for Geelong by the 5 o'clock train.

**Wednesday April 18th.** Left Geelong at 11.30 en route to the west. Arrived at the Upper Leigh about 4. Journey today 26 miles. Fine weather.

**Thursday April 19th.** Left the Leigh at a little before 8 this morning - weather fine and cloudless.

Arrived at Elephant Bridge a little after 8. Journey today 55 miles.

**Friday April 20th.** Left at 9. Met at Mt Shadwell Dean and Fr McCarthy. Resumed the journey to Warrnambool at 1. Reached Warrnambool about 7.30 - quite dark - roads very bad.

**Saturday April 21st.** Celebrated Mass about 9. Weather showery. Wrote to Dr Fitz[patrick] enclosing memorial. Wrote to the Archbishop. Celebrated Mass at 9. Heard a few Confessions during the day. Weather wet and stormy as the evening approached.

**Sunday April 22nd.** Weather same as yesterday. Celebrated Mass at 11 and opened the Mission to the laity with an exhortation. But few attended the evening Service owing to the bad weather.

**Monday April 23rd.** Offered up the Holy Sacrifice at 9 and gave a short instruction. Heard Confessions during the day. Weather as yesterday - wet and stormy. Wrote to Fr. Power giving leave of absence. Instruction in the evening.

**Tuesday April 24th.** Mass at 9 and instruction. Engaged the whole day hearing Confessions. Evening prayers and Confessions.

**Wednesday April 25th.** Heard confessions in the morning - examined the children in the Christian Doctrine. Celebrated Mass at 10 - administered Holy Communion to about a 100. Instruction and Confirmation. 36 confirmed. Weather fine.

**Thursday April 26th.** Heard Confessions - celebrated Mass and Confirmed at Woodford. Left for Belfast. There recited prayers and opened the retreat there with a short exhortation. Weather fine.

**Friday April 27th.** Celebrated Mass at 9 and delivered a short discourse. Confessions during the day. Examined the children. Evening prayers and instruction. Confessions.

**Saturday April 28th.** Mass at 9 and instruction. Confessions during the day and evening.

**Sunday April 29th.** Weather squally - a heavy shower. Celebrated Mass at 11 - gave instruction and administered Confirmation after Mass. At 4 evening prayers and Benediction - instruction.

**Monday April 30th.** Said Mass at 10 at Tower Hill and opened the retreat. Confessions until 4 - then prayers and instruction. Returned to Belfast. Weather squally and wet.

## MAY 1860

**Tuesday May 1st.** Celebrated Mass at 10.30 - Tower Hill. Instruction Holy Communion. Confessions until 4. Prayers and instruction. Weather as yesterday.

**Wednesday May 2nd.** Mass at 11. Holy Communion - instruction - Confirmation. Concluded the retreat. Travelled as far as Yambuk en route to Portland. Weather squally.

**Thursday May 3rd.** Recited morning prayers being unable to celebrate Mass - chalice not being convenient. Addressed a few words to the people. At 10 proceeded to Portland where we arrived about 4.30 p.m.

**Friday May 4th.** Celebrated Mass at 9.30 and gave a short instruction - the attendance was small. Confessions during the day. At 4 evening prayers and instruction by the resident Clergyman.

**Saturday May 5th.** Mass at 9.30 and gave instruction. Confessions during the day. Visited the Hospital and prison.

**Sunday May 6th.** Confessions in the morning. Mass at 9 - Holy Communion - instruction - Confirmation - gave instruction at the last Mass - Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Left at 1 for Hamilton. Arrived at Green Hills at 7.30.

**Monday May 7th.** Left Green Hills this morning - 35 miles from Portland - for Coleraine - about 25 miles - at 9. Arrived there at 3.30. School building neat and substantial - brick - length 45 x 20.

**Tuesday May 8th.** Celebrated Mass and dedicated Chapel at Coleraine. Gave instruction to the few who attended. Left at 12 for Hamilton 20 miles - arrived in Hamilton about 3. Heard a few Confessions.

**Wednesday May 9th.** Heard Confessions - Said Mass at 10 - gave instruction. Administered the Holy Communion to a good many. Confirmed. Left for Wickliff a little after 12 - reached this place about 7. Distance 45 miles.

**Thursday May 10th.** Left Wickliff this morning at 9 for Pitfield - 53 miles. When at Streatham sent telegram to Vicar-General and the other to Catholic Clergy Geelong. Reached Pitfield a little after 6.

**Friday May 11th.** Left Pitfield at 7 and arrived in Geelong at a little after 4. Divine Office recited - read letters by English Mail. Wrote a few. Devotions for the night over - retired.

**Saturday May 12th.** Did not celebrate Mass this morning. Answered letters. Wrote Ballarat and Sandhurst in reference to Memorial to the Holy Father and the collection to be made for him. Visited the Convent. Promised to celebrate Mass there tomorrow. Number of children attending school 70. No boarders as yet.

**Sunday May 13th.** Celebrated Mass at the Convent. Attended the 11 o'clock Mass in St Mary's and preached. In the evening visited the Orphanage. Vespers and Benediction - instruction.

**Monday May 14th.** Left by 8 o'clock train for Melbourne. Attended evening devotions at St Patrick's.

**Tuesday May 15th.** Mass at 8 - College Chapel. Meeting of School Committee. Agreed to plan of alterations of St Francis Hall for training School - invited tenders.

**Wednesday May 16th.** Celebrated Mass in the College Chapel. After breakfast prepared letters for the English Mail. Visited the College and found it in a very untidy state. Some alterations will have to be made.

**Thursday May 17th.** Offered up the Holy Sacrifice this morning in St Patrick's Church. Breakfast over - read for a short time - after which I recited the Divine Office. Letters for the Mail and other business of importance.

**Sunday May 27th.** Collection for Seminary postponed.

## JUNE 1860

**Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup>.** Love of God and of our neighbour [probably the topic of his sermon].

**Sunday June 17<sup>th</sup>.** Said Mass at Convent.

**Monday June 18<sup>th</sup>.** Opened mission for prisoners at Stockade. Mass at 9. Evening prayers and lectures and Confessions.

**Tuesday June 18<sup>th</sup>.** Confessions, Mass, Holy Communion and instruction this morning at Stockade.

**Thursday June 21st.** Profession in Geelong.

**Thursday June 28th.** Miss Fitzgerald 3rd class Certificate.

### **JULY 1860**

[Notes by Goold in copy of Directory (*Ordo*) for 1860. Ed.]

**Sunday July 1st.** Celebrated Mass at 7 in St. Francis. Fervour in service of God.]

**Wednesday July 4th.** Kilmore - Solemn Benediction of Church. Postponed in consequence of the weather - until next Sunday.

**Thursday July 5th.** Left for Melbourne.

**Saturday July 7th.** Returned to Kilmore.

**Sunday July 8th.** Sermon in St Francis Church for the Convent of Mercy Geelong. Solemn Benediction of St Patrick's Church Kilmore.

**Monday July 9th.** Returned to Melbourne.

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**Monday July 9th.** Emigrants Home and Military Hospital and School.

**Wednesday July 11th.** Emigrants Home, Military Hospital and school.]

**Wednesday July 11th.** Left for Kyneton. Reached Kyneton about 5.

**Thursday July 12th.** Visitation and retreat Mission of Kyneton. Mass and instruction in the morning. Confessions during the day and in the evening. At 6 evening prayers and instruction.

**Friday July 13th.** Mass at 9. Fr Downing officiated and gave instruction. Confessions up to a late hour in the evening. At 6 night prayers and instructions - Confessions afterwards.

**Saturday July 14th.** Mass at the usual hour. Confessions during the day - in the evening up to a late hour in the night. Tomorrow the Holy Mysteries will be celebrated at 8, 9 and 11. I will celebrate the 11 o'clock and give instruction.

**Sunday July 15th.** Conclusion of Visitation and retreat Kyneton. Administered Confirmation at 11 - celebrated Mass - immediately after gave instruction - 300 Communicants - 81 confirmed.

**Monday July 16th.** Left for Castlemaine between 11 and 12. Wrote to Fr Bleasdale appointing Barry teacher at Woodend under the Denominational Board. To be salaried if means will allow.

**Thursday July 19th.** Visitation and retreat - Sandhurst Mission. Mass at 8.30 and instruction. Confessions from 11 to 1 - from 2 to 4. Evening prayers - instruction given by the Resident. Confessions.

**Friday July 20th.** Mass at 8.30. Instruction given by one of the visiting Clergy. Confessions as yesterday - evening prayers - instruction - Confessions.

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**Thursday July 21.** Sandhurst.]

**Saturday July 21st.** Mass at 9. No instruction. Confessions during the whole day and evening up to 12. Heard 173 - the other Clergy must have heard a great [many] - Fr. Kenny had to leave. Directed the resident to provide at once a Tabernacle for the Most Blessed Sacrament and deposited either in the Chapel or a suitable place provided in the Presbytery - a light to burn before it.

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**Sunday July 22nd.** Sermon - Sisters of Mary.]

**Sunday July 22nd.** Conclusion of visitation and retreat. Sandhurst.

In Melbourne - sermon for House of Mercy. The Holy Mass was celebrated at 8, 9 and 11. 500 communicants. Confirmed about 300. Gave instruction before and after Mass. Congregation very large - but half, if so much, could only obtain room in the Church.

**Monday July 23rd.** Weather wet. I leave for Castlemaine today.

**Tuesday July 24th.** Celebrated Mass this morning at Castlemaine. 9 o'clock.

**Wednesday July 25th.** Offered up the Holy Sacrifice at 9. Heard a few Confessions during the day. The retreat will commence tomorrow. Sent back the Memorial signed against Divorce Bill - to be forwarded to England with the Bill.

**Thursday July 26th.** Visitation and retreat Castlemaine. Mass at 9 and instruction. Confessions from 11 to 1 - from 2 to 4. Evening prayers at 6 and instruction by Fr. Rourke. Confessions.

**Friday July 27th.** At 9 Mass, and instruction by Fr. Smyth. Confessions at the same hours as yesterday. Evening prayers - instruction and Confessions. Visited the Hospital.

**Saturday July 28th.** At 9 Mass. Confessions during the day - and in the evening up to 10.30. The number heard by me was upwards of 200. The two Clergymen heard a good many.

Ordered that a collection should be made on the last Sunday in each month on this Mission and that of Bendigo in aid of the Catholic Association. Prayers every Sunday evening in the Prison. Directed the rubrics to be observed as to the safe and becoming custody of the Most Blessed Sacrament - a light to be kept burning before it.

**Sunday July 29th.** Mass at 8, 9 and 11. Administered Confirmation before saying 11 o'clock Mass.

Gave instruction before Confirmation and after the Gospel. 300 persons, chiefly men, went to Holy Communion - 66 were confirmed. Visited the prison, recited prayers and gave instruction - about 50 prisoners, male.

**Tuesday July 30th.** Left for Carisbrook via Tarrangower. Weather fine. Reached Carisbrook about 5.

## AUGUST 1860

**Wednesday August 1st.** Celebrated Mass at 9. Visited Maryborough during the day. School house a good brick building 40 by 22 ft. Opened the Mission in Carisbrook, heard a few Confessions.

**Thursday August 2nd.** Mass at 9 - Confessions being previously heard. Number of Communicants about 15. Population small. At 12 paid a visit to Back Creek, heard confessions after prayers.

**Friday August 3rd.** Left at 8.30 for Back Creek. Heard Confessions, celebrated Mass, gave Holy Communion to 16 persons. Chapel of wood covered with canvas, 70 x 22. Preaching after the Gospel. Returned to Carisbrook - distance 12 miles.

**Saturday August 4th.** Celebrated Mass at 9 and gave instruction. Engaged hearing Confessions up to 5. Evening prayers, returned to Carisbrook, heard a few Confessions. Carisbrook is 24 miles from Castlemaine, 4 from Maryborough and 22 from Lamplough - 13 from Green Gully - 12 from Back Creek

**Sunday August 5th.** Maryborough. The first Mass was at 10. Heard a few Confessions before saying the 11 o'clock Mass and administered Confirmation and gave instruction. 46 were Confirmed. 100 Communicants.

**Monday August 6th.** Anniversary of Consecration. Celebrated in the Presbytery Carisbrook at 9. Visited the Maryborough hospital.

**Tuesday August 7th.** Celebrated Mass at 9. Visited Green Gully and blessed the Catholic cemetery there. Church glebe here 2 1/2 acres. Offered up Mass for the subscribers to the Catholic Association.

**Wednesday August 8th.** Celebrated Mass at 9. Visited Bet Bet and Dunolly - latter place distant from Carisbrook 16 miles.

**Thursday August 9th.** Said Mass at 9. Remained in Carisbrook today. Read a good part of the day.

**Friday August 10th.** Celebrated Mass about 8.30. Leave today for Lamplough. Arrived in Lamplough about 2. Opened the Lamplough retreat at 6. Attendance rather small. Heard a few Confessions.

**Saturday August 11th.** Celebrated Mass at 9. Gave instruction after the Gospel. Attendance good. Busy the whole day and up to a late hour in the evening hearing Confessions. People came from the Avoca, Back Creek, Amphitheatre and other places to join in the retreat. The Chapel is of iron covered with a good canvas roof. Length 86. Width 50. There is a school here. No aid from Denominational Board.

**Sunday August 12th** Sermon for Seminary, St Francis. Mission and Retreat concluded at Lamplough. Mass was said at 8, 9 and 11. Celebrated 11 o'clock and gave instruction. Communicants 110. Confirmed 46. Left at 5.

**Monday August 13th.** Recited morning prayers at Lexton in the Camp. A few families attended. Distance from Lamplough 10 miles. At 10 left for Ballaarat where we arrived a little after 2.

**Tuesday August 14th.** Visited the Hospital today. Heard a few Confessions. Will open the Retreat tomorrow. Received letters from Europe, Hobart-town and Adelaide. Answered the letters.

**Wednesday August 15th.** Mass was said at 8.30, 9.30, 10.30 and 11. Celebrated at 11 and opened the Retreat with a short discourse. Confessions from 11 to 1, from 2 to 4.30. Evening prayers and instruction at 6. Confessions. A large number went to Holy Communion today.

**Sunday August 19th.** Conclusion of Retreat for the laity at Ballaarat. Mass at 8, 9, 10, 11. Said 11 o'clock Mass and gave instruction. Retreat most successful. Evening prayers and Benediction.

**Monday August 20th.** Left, after hearing Mass, for Geelong - where we arrived a little before 5.

**Tuesday August 21st.** Celebrated Mass for Fr. O'Brien, it being his Anniversary. Blessed the Mortuary Chapel, visited the Convent. Left for Melbourne.

**Wednesday August 22nd.** Celebrated Mass in the College Chapel. Engaged writing letters for the home Mail.

**Thursday August 23rd.** Said Mass at 8.30 - College Chapel.

**Friday August 24th.** Said Mass about 8. College Chapel.

**Sunday August 26th.** Sermon for Orphanage - Emerald Hill - to be preached in Melbourne. Celebrated Mass at 7 and gave a short instruction. Assisted at the 11 Mass.

**Monday August 27th.** Visited the schools. Celebrated Mass at a little past 8.

**Tuesday August 28th.** Profession [in] Melbourne - Miss \*Burns\*. Celebrated Mass at 10. Profession made during the Celebration. Solemn Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

**Wednesday August 29th.** Preliminary meeting for taking steps for the erection of a female Orphanage. General meeting appointed for Sunday week.

**Thursday August 30th.** Mission at Sunbury.

**Friday August 31st.** Celebrated Mass at 9. Gave instruction. Engaged hearing Confessions up to 3.30. Returned by train to Melbourne.

## SEPTEMBER 1860

**Saturday September 1st.** Celebrated Mass at 9. Heard Confessions during the day. Confessions during the evening.

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**Sunday September 2nd.** Mission at Sunbury.]

**Sunday September 2nd.** Celebrated Mass at 9 and administered Holy Communion. At 10.30 gave Confirmation and dedicated the Chapel to *Sancta Maria Consolationis*. Preached at the 11 o'clock Mass. Left for Keilor at 4.

**Monday September 3rd.** Left Keilor this morning at 9 for Melbourne.

**Tuesday September 4th.** Offered up the Holy Sacrifice at 8 in the College Chapel. Meeting of Catholic School Committee at 12. Preliminary meeting for Orphanage.

**Wednesday September 5th.** Said Mass at the usual hour.

**Thursday September 6th.** Visited Geelong on business.

**Thursday September 6th.** Celebrated Mass in the College Chapel. Called at the Convent in reference to a profession and other matters.

**Friday September 7th.** Returned today.

**Friday September 7th.** Celebrated Mass at the usual hour.

**Saturday September 8th.** Did not say Mass this morning. Confessions from 1 to 4 and from 6 to 9 p.m.

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**Sunday September 9th.** In St. Francis Church a meeting for the erection of a female orphanage at Emerald Hill.]

**Sunday September 9th.** Celebrated Mass at 7 and delivered a short lecture on the Gospel. Heard 8 o'clock Mass. At 11 appealed to the congregation in behalf of the orphans. Presided at meeting. Collection £65.

**Monday September 10th.** Said Mass in the College Chapel at 8. Engaged at letter writing up to 1. English Mail arrived. Prepared letters for the interior.

**Tuesday September 11th.** Mass at 8 in the College Chapel. Attended in the office at 10. English letters delivered. Meeting of Catholic School Committee. Wrote replies to five of the English letters.

**Wednesday September 12th.** Left for Kilmore this morning *en route* to McIvor. After arriving at the Presbytery wrote a few letters to be sent by the English Mail. Weather cold and showery.

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**Thursday September 13th.** McIvor retreat.]

**Thursday September 13th.** Arrived at the McIvor about 5.

**Friday September 14th.** Opened the retreat with Mass and instruction. Confessions from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. At 5.30 evening prayers, instruction and Confessions.

**Saturday September 15th.** At 9 Mass and instruction. Confessions from 11 to 3 and again from 5.

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**Sunday September 16<sup>th</sup>.** McIvor. Conclusion of retreat]

**Sunday September 16th.** McIvor retreat. Mass at 9 and Holy Communion. At 10.30 Confirmation and instruction. 11 o'clock Mass instruction and Holy Communion. At 4 evening prayers and instruction. Retreat over.

**Monday September 17th.** Left this morning at 8 for Rushworth. Road pretty good - weather fine. Distance from McIvor about 4 miles [Goold probably meant to write 40, which is approximately the real distance. Ed.]. Arrived there about 3. Evening prayers.

**Tuesday September 18th.** Heard a few confessions. Administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to Mr Augustine Pohlman - a convert. Celebrated Mass at 9 and gave instruction. Left at 11 en route to Wangaratta.

**Wednesday September 19th.** Left at 7 for Benalla. Road good through the forest - along the banks of the Goulburn. Gig horse got tired about half way. Stopped to feed in the forest. Arrived in Benalla a little past 3.

**Thursday September 20th.** Left for Wangaratta at 10.30 and arrived there about 3. Evening prayers at 5.30. Retreat commenced. Attendance small.

**Friday September 21st.** Two Masses were celebrated this morning - one at 8, the other at 9. I said the 9 o'clock and delivered a short instruction. Confessions from 11 to 1 and from 2 to 4. Evening prayers and instruction at 5.

**Saturday September 22nd.** Celebrated the Holy Mass at 9. Confessions during the day and evening.

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**Sunday September 23rd.** Wangaratta retreat.]

**Sunday September 23rd.** Wangaratta retreat. Mass at 8. Confirmation 10.30. Celebrated Mass at 11 and gave instruction - about 70 went to Holy Communion. Congregation small. Evening prayers and instruction.

**Monday September 24th.** Celebrated Mass at 9. Left at 1 for Beechworth. Arrived there about 5. Road in parts very bad. Recited a few prayers in the Chapel and blessed the assembled people.

**Tuesday September 25th.** Offered up the Holy Sacrifice in Beechworth at 9. Announced the order of Retreat to commence on Thursday morning. Left at 11 for Nine Mile Creek. Recited a few prayers - delivered a short discourse. After this heard Confessions until 4. Recited Rosary and returned to Beechworth.

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**Tuesday September 25th.** Stanley.

**Wednesday September 26th.** This evening retreat commenced at Beechworth.]

**Wednesday September 26th.** Weather wet and stormy. Left at 8.30 for the Nine Mile Creek. Road very bad. Heard Confessions before celebrating Mass. At 10 offered up the Holy Sacrifice. Administered the Holy Communion to about 30. Delivered a short discourse at the post-Communion. Returned to Beechworth when all was over. Heavy rain and a cold strong wind in our teeth nearly the whole way.

**Thursday September 27th.** Weather still unsettled and cold. Said Mass at 9 and gave a short lecture. During the day heard Confessions. At 5.30 evening prayers and instruction.

**Friday September 28th.** Mass at 8 and 9. Celebrated the 9 o'clock Mass. Fr Barry gave the instruction. After breakfast wrote several letters in reply. Confessions during the day.

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**Sunday September 30th.** Beechworth retreat.]

**Sunday September 30th.** Beechworth Retreat. Concluded the retreat. Mass at 9. Celebrated at 11 o'clock, administered Confirmation and preached. At 6 evening prayers. After reciting them, instructed the Congregation [in] St Joseph's Chapel.

## OCTOBER 1860

**Monday October 1st.** Heard Mass this morning. Visited the Hospital and Prison. There were but few Catholics in either place. Recited prayers for the prisoners and delivered a short discourse to them. Answered letters. Visited the school. Weather showery but fine.

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**Tuesday October 2nd.** Yackandandah.

**Tuesday October 2nd.** Celebrated Mass at 9. Morning wet. Left at 10 for Yackandandah. Arrived there a little after 5. At 6.30 night prayers and Confessions up to a late hour. Distance from Beechworth 16 miles. Dedication to Angel Guardians.

**Wednesday October 3rd.** Heard Confessions this morning up to 10. At 10.30 said Mass. Confirmed a few persons before Mass. Delivered a short discourse after giving Holy Communion. A large number approached the Sacraments. Left at 1 for Wodonga or Belvoir. There recited prayers at 7 pm.

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**Thursday October 4th.** Chiltern.]

**Thursday October 4th.** Wodonga Chapel dedicated today to St Francis. Celebrated Mass at 10. The Catholic population here is small. School building good. Weather board situation. Gave a short instruction after the 1st Gospel. Left for Chiltern [at] 1.

**Friday October 5th.** Celebrated Mass at 9 - gave instruction at Mass. Heard Confessions during the day. Attendance small owing to a new rush 15 miles off. Evening prayers instruction and Confessions.

**Saturday October 6th.** Offered up the Holy Sacrifice at 9. Delivered a short discourse at the post-Communion. Heard Confessions from 11 to 3.30 and from 4.30 to 8 in the evening. Recited night prayers in the Chapel. The retreat has been well attended. The rush to Wahgunyah interfered a good deal with it. On Thursday the 3rd [Goold probably meant *Wednesday* the 3rd. Ed.] dedicated the Yackandandah Church to our Guardian Angels.

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**Sunday October 7th.** Concluded retreat at Chiltern.]

**Sunday October 7th.** Today Mass was said at 9 and holy Communion given. At 10.30 Confirmation. After this said Mass and preached - a few received. Dedicated the Church and Mission to Our Lady of the Rosary. Evening prayers and instruction at 6.

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**Monday October 8th.** Left for Wahgunyah.]

**Monday October 8th.** Weather wet. Rose a little before 6. Left for Wahgunyah soon after 9. The rain fell in heavy showers during the journey. Crowds assembled on the new Rush - busy securing claims and erecting a Canvas Town etc. Arrived at Wahgunyah, 4 miles from the Rush and 20 from Black Dog Creek.

**Tuesday October 9th.** Left for Wangaratta a quarter past 9 where we arrived 1.30 - distance 28 miles - 11 miles of very bad road. Answered several letters - one from the Bishop of Hobarton.

**Wednesday October 10th.** A day of rest. Heavy showers fell during the day and night. Had a good deal of writing to do which kept me busy.

**Thursday October 11th.** Celebrated Mass at 8.30. Visited the school about 11. Attendance very small owing to the flooded state of the river and creeks. Examination of children satisfactory.

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**Friday October 12th.** Retreat began at Benalla.]

**Friday October 12th.** Left at 11 for Benalla. Road very bad, distance 28 miles. Arrived in Benalla about 3. At 5 night prayers, instruction and confessions. Great heat during the day.

**Saturday October 13th.** Celebrated Mass at 9 and gave instruction. Heard Confessions during the day and evening up to 8. The people attended very well. The school is a small wooden building. The attendance of children during the school day pretty fair. A married couple have charge of this School.

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**Sunday October 14th.** Concluded. Left Benalla for Longwood.]

**Sunday October 14th.** At 9 first Mass was said. At 9.30 I administered Confirmation and then said Mass and gave instruction. The number of communicants was large. Left at 11.30 for Longwood, 42 miles. Arrived there about 6. Heavy showers.

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**Monday October 15th.** Arrived in Kilmore.]

**Monday October 15th.** Left Longwood for Kilmore - 49 miles - and with difficulty crossed the Goulburn in consequence of the high flood. Reached Kilmore a little after 6. Had a delay at the Seymour of 2 hours. Horse began to flag as I got into Kilmore.

**Tuesday October 16th.** Remained in Kilmore today. Weather cold and unsettled.

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**Wednesday October 17th.** Arrived in Melbourne.]

**Wednesday October 17th.** Left Kilmore this morning for Melbourne.

**Thursday October 18th.** Engaged the whole of the day.

**Friday October 19th.** Celebrated Mass at 8.30 in the College Chapel. Made arrangements for retreats in the Missions of Pentridge, Richmond and Emerald Hill during this and the next month.

**Saturday October 20th.** Mass at 8.30 in the College Chapel. At 12 meeting of the Catholic Schools Committee. Several appointments to schools made.

**Sunday October 21st.** Offered up the Holy Sacrifice at 9 in the Cathedral. Visited the schools of St George, St Mary and Augustine. Wrote letters for the home Mail. Assisted at Vespers, Sermon and Benediction in St Francis. Said a few words in aid of Catholic Association.

**Monday October 22nd.** Celebrated Mass at the Convent, gave Benediction and blessed the Refuge. There are only four persons in it at present, one servant had been hired out of it since it was opened. Prepared letters for Home mail.

**Tuesday October 23rd.** Offered up the Holy Sacrifice in the College Chapel. Attended meeting of Catholic School Committee, where important business was transacted. One of the boarders in the Convent School died this evening. Had seen her earlier in the evening.

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**Wednesday October 24th.** Retreat at Epping.]

**Wednesday October 24th.** Offered up the Holy Mass for the person who died in the Convent School last evening. Wrote to the Cardinal Prefect of Propaganda, Bishop Grant of Southwark and the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster's Vicar General concerning Revd. J. Dale. Left Melbourne at 1 to open a retreat at Epping.

**Thursday October 25th.** Last evening at 6 commenced the retreat here for the laity. This morning celebrated Mass at 9 and gave instruction. Heard Confessions from 11 to 1. Examined the children in Christian Doctrine. Confessions from 2 to 4. Evening prayers and instruction at 6. Confessions.

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**Friday October 26th.** At Pentridge.]

**Friday October 26th.** Concluded Retreat here with Confirmation, Mass, Holy Communion and instruction. Opened the Retreat at Pentridge this evening at 6. Evening Prayers, instruction and Confessions. Returned to Melbourne about 9.

**Saturday October 27th.** Celebrated the Holy Mass at 9 and gave instruction. Confessions from 11 to 1 and from 2 to 4. After dinner at 6.30 recited prayers and heard Confessions up to a late hour. Tomorrow the Retreat will be concluded here.

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**Sunday October 28th.** Pentridge retreat concluded.]

**Sunday October 28th.** Mass was celebrated here this morning at 9 and 11. I offered up the Holy Mysteries at 11. After having administered the Holy Communion delivered a few words of instruction to the people. The Retreats here and at Epping were most satisfactory.

**Monday October 29th.** Celebrated the Holy Mass in the College Chapel. Engaged all the morning.

**Tuesday October 30th.** Mass at 8. Meeting of the School Committee at 12. Visited a few of the schools.

## NOVEMBER 1860

[Notes by Goold in copy of Directory (*Ordo*) for 1860. Ed.]

**Thursday November 1st.** Richmond.]

**Thursday November 8th.** Emerald Hill.

**Sunday November 11th.** Emerald Hill.

**Thursday November 15th.** Duneed.]

**Thursday November 1st.** Opened the Retreat this morning at Richmond. Mass at 9 and instruction. The same order of duty will be observed here as on the other missions. Evening prayers and instruction at 6.30. Confessions immediately after.

**Friday November 2nd.** Mass and instruction at 9. Engaged hearing Confessions at the hours appointed. Attendance at night prayers and instruction numerous. It was late when we left off hearing Confessions.

**Saturday November 3rd.** Celebrated Mass at 9. Engaged all day up to 4, with the exception of an hour hearing Confessions. At 6 commenced again to hear Confessions and were so engaged up to 10.

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**Sunday November 4th.** Richmond. Concluded retreat. Confirmation and Holy Communion.]

**Sunday November 4th.** Heard a few Confessions this morning. At 10.30 administered the Sacrament of Confirmation, having previously given a short instruction. At a little past 11 offered up the Holy Mass. After the Gospel I addressed a few words to the Congregation. Attended Vespers in St Francis.

**Monday November 5th.** Celebrated Mass this morning at 8.30 in the College Chapel. Engaged at St Francis Presbytery up to 1.

**Tuesday November 6th.** Mass at 8. Conferred Minor Orders on Mr Kavenagh. Meeting of Catholic School Committee.

**Wednesday November 7th.** At 8 - Mass. Distributed premiums to the boys attending St Patrick's School.

**Thursday November 8th.** Opened Retreat at Emerald Hill. Mass and instruction at 9. Regulations same as on the other Missions. Night prayers and instruction at 6. Confessions. Returned to Melbourne.

**Friday November 9th.** At 9 Mass and instruction. Confessions at the usual hours. Night prayers - instructions - Confessions. Returned to Melbourne about 9.

**Saturday November 10th.** Celebrated Mass at 9. Confessions during the day up to 4. Night prayers at 6. Confessions up to 10. Arrived in Melbourne about 10.30.

**Sunday November 11th.** Mass at 9. At 10.30 administered Confirmation. Celebrated Mass and gave instruction afterwards. Concluded Retreat. Attended Divine Service in the evening in St. Francis.

**Monday November 12th.** Offered up the Holy Mass at 8 in the College Chapel. Visited the Orphanage. Much sickness prevails among the children. Institute orderly and well kept.

**Tuesday November 13th.** During the celebration of Mass this morning in the College Chapel conferred sub-deacon's orders on Mr Kavenagh. Meeting of Catholic School Committee at 12.

**Wednesday November 14th.** Celebrated Mass in the College Chapel. Busy from 10 to 12.30. Left by train - quarter to 2 - for Geelong. Stopped there this evening.

**Thursday November 15th.** Opened the retreat today for the Mission of Duneed. Attendance small. Heard Confessions in the evening after prayers and instruction.

**Friday November 16th.** Retreat - the order of duties and religious exercises the same as was observed at the other Missions. Visited the school at the other side of Mount Moriac.

**Saturday November 17th.** Retreat. The people attend well.

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**Sunday November 18th.** Duneed.]

**Sunday November 18th.** Solemnly dedicated the new Church to-day - Patron St Patrick. Confirmation was given before Mass. It was 2 when all was over. Returned to Geelong - assisted at Vespers and Benediction.

**Monday November 19th.** Celebrated the Holy Mass at 8. Visited the Convent. Left by mid-day train for Melbourne.

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**Tuesday November 20th.** Bacchus Marsh.]

**Tuesday November 20th.** Offered up the Holy Sacrifice at 8 in the College Chapel. Attended the weekly meeting of the Catholic Schools Committee. Left in the afternoon for Keilor en route for Bacchus Marsh.

**Wednesday November 21st.** Started this morning at 7 for Bacchus Marsh - where we arrived a little after 3. In the evening commenced the retreat for the people. Night prayers - instruction and Confessions.

**Thursday November 22nd.** Confessions and Confirmation before Mass, instruction after the Gospel. Completed the retreat today and left for Gisborne about 2. A hot wind blew the whole afternoon. Night prayers at Gisborne and instruction.

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**Friday November 23rd.** Bacchus Marsh.]

**Friday November 23rd.** Mass at 9 - instruction after the Gospel. Confessions in the morning, afternoon and evening.

**Saturday November 24th.** At 9 Mass. Confessions during the day and in the evening up to 9. Weather wet and cold.

**Sunday November 25th.** 1st Mass at 9. Confirmation at 10.30 with instruction. At a little after 11 commenced Mass. After the Gospel addressed a few words of instruction to the Congregation. Gave Holy Communion to a good many. Left for Keilor at 2.30.

**Monday November 26th.** Arrived early this morning in Melbourne. Sent off a few letters by the English mail, leaving today. Visited the Orphanage. Sickness still prevails there to an alarming extent, and it has been fatal in many cases.

**Tuesday November 27th.** Celebrated Mass at 8.30 meeting of the Catholic Schools Committee. No business as there was no quorum. Occupied until an hour of dinner time. Attended evening prayers in St Francis.

**Wednesday November 28th.** Opened the retreat at 9 this morning at Williamstown with the Holy Mass and instruction. Attendance small. Engaged as at the other Missions during the day and evening with Confessions and the religious exercises.

**Thursday November 29th.** Mass at 9 with instruction. Number in attendance increased since yesterday. After evening prayers returned to Melbourne. A heavy thunderstorm during the night.

**Friday November 30th.** Arrived from Melbourne in Williamstown a little after 9. Celebrated Mass and gave instruction. Confessions during the day and evening. After night prayers left for Melbourne at 6.30.

## DECEMBER 1860

**Saturday December 1st.** Celebrated and gave instruction on my return this morning from Melbourne to Williamstown. Engaged hearing Confessions during the day and evening.

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**Sunday December 2nd.** Williamstown. Conclusion of retreat.]

**Sunday December 2nd.** Administered Confirmation at 10.30. Celebrated Mass immediately after. Returned to Melbourne by 2.30. Attended evening prayers in St Patrick's.

**Monday December 3rd.** Offered up the Holy Sacrifice at 8.30. Conferred the Sacred order of Deacon on Mr Kavenagh. Engaged as usual during the morning up to 10.

**Tuesday December 4th.** Mass at the usual hour in the College Chapel. Meeting of Catholic School Committee, but little business of importance done. Busy writing letters up to 1.30. Visited Orphanage.

**Wednesday December 5th.** In the morning Early Mass. Attended the office, engaged as usual up to near 2. Called at the Convent. In the evening paid a visit to the Orphanage. Much sickness still prevails there.

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**Sunday December 9th.** First stone of the school in Otter Street, Collingwood. Postponed to next Sunday on account of the rain.]

**Sunday December 9th.** Very wet. Celebrated Mass at 9 in St Patrick's Cathedral. Attended evening prayers at St Francis.

**Monday December 10th.** Ordained the Revd. Kavenagh priest in St Patrick's Cathedral.

**Tuesday December 11th.** Mass at 7.30 in College Chapel. Meeting of Catholic School Committee at 12. The Secretary was instructed to prepare papers on the Catholic System of Education with a view of having a bill drafted.

**Wednesday December 12th.** Celebrated Mass about 9. Refused \* \*.

**Sunday December 16th.** Celebrated Mass at 11 in a temporary Chapel raised on the site of St Joseph's Schools, Otter St Collingwood. After Mass laid the foundation stone of the New School.

**Monday December 17th.** Did not celebrate Mass this morning, feeling a little indisposed. Very busy in the office up to near 2. Called at the Convent. Dined at St Francis Presbytery - 4 o'clock.

**Tuesday December 18th.** Mass at the usual hour. Attended in the office for business according to practice when at home, from 9.30 to 1 - Meeting of the Catholic School Committee.

**Wednesday December 19th.** Offered up the Holy Sacrifice a little after 7. Heard 9 o'clock Mass in St Francis. Engaged in the office up to 10.30. Attended the examinations in the Public School. Distributed the premiums. The examinations were most satisfactory. Advised the nuns to provide accommodation for Fr. O'Rourke who [is] seriously ill. Gave Fr. Kums his *exeat*.

**Thursday December 20th.** Celebrated Mass in the College Chapel at 7.30 - after which administered Confirmation to a few of the boys attending the College. Heard Mass in St Francis. Assisted at the Solemn requiem and office for those who fell in defence of the temporal rights of the Holy See.

Was present at the examinations held in the College in the forenoon. In the evening distributed the premiums to the boys after Exhibition. Great praise is due to the V. Rev. the President for the proficiencies made by the boys in religious and secular knowledge.

**Friday December 21st.** Heard Mass this morning. Very busy as usual.

**Saturday December 22nd.** Celebrated Mass at 7. Meditation made, heard Mass at St Francis. Study and business at intervals in the forenoon. Appointed [Fr.] Lordan on trial for 2 months as Visitor to the City gaols - Collingwood Stockade - and the Hulks. These places he is to visit during each week - twice to each. His jurisdiction is confined to them.

Arrangement of emolument between Frs Verling and Kavenagh - the latter is to get £50 per annum and to be found in everything but apparel.

**Sunday December 23rd.** Got up at 5. Office and preparation for Mass. At 6 celebrated Mass at St Francis and gave instruction. Heard the 8 o'clock Mass. After breakfast meditation - this over, read a few chapters, as is my daily custom, in the Bible. During the day at intervals reading suited to the Sabbath. Visited.

**Monday December 24th.** Rose early and went to St Francis after the usual morning prayers. Heard the 7 and 8 o'clock Masses. Celebrated in Our Lady's Chapel at a quarter to 9. Engaged hearing Confessions in the forenoon to 12. Visited the Convent, wrote letters, studied a while. Confessions during the afternoon to 4 and from 7 to 10.30 at night.

**Tuesday December 25th.** Got up at 6. Morning prayers over, prepared for the 1st Mass - which I said in the Convent Chapel at 8 - 2nd and 3rd at 10 and 11 in St Francis. Wrote letters for English mail. Solemn Vespers and Benediction in the evening at St Francis.

**Wednesday December 26th.** Celebrated the Holy Mass in the Convent at an early hour. Study, business and reading occupied the principal part of the day. Devotions and religious exercises as usual. Sent letters by the English Mail.

**Thursday December 27th.** The morning devotions and Divine Office satisfied in part, celebrated Mass in the College Chapel. Heard Mass as usual afterwards in St Francis. Hours for study and business interrupted.

**Friday December 28th.** Heard Mass this morning after having gone through my customary devotions. Visited several places during the day. Studied a little. Wrote letters.

**Saturday December 29th.** Mass at an early hour in the College Chapel. Heard a few Confessions during the morning in St Francis. Studied at intervals during the day. Read a few chapters of the Bible. Attended to the Confessional at the appointed hours.

**Sunday December 30th.** Rose a little before 5. Private devotions over, went to St Francis. At 7 celebrated Mass, delivered a short discourse after the Gospel. Heard the 8 o'clock Mass. Vespers and Benediction in the evening.

[On cover of volume]

**December 6th 1860.** Offered up the Holy Mass for the subscribers to Catholic Association.

**July 29th 1860.** Catholic Association Castlemaine £7.17.0 to be forwarded. Collection to be made on the last Sunday of each [month] and on the same day at Sandhurst.

**Beechworth.** Nothing has been obtained for the Schools erected in this Mission by Fr. Tierney from the Denominational Board. Inquiry to be made in reference to this. Wrote to Fr. Bleasdale on this subject.

**September 28th 1860.** Beechworth. Gave permission to the nuns in Melbourne to make the collection allowed them next month, in the manner suggested by themselves. Beechworth 28th Sept.

**November 20th 1860.** Mount St Joseph Roscrea Convent School. Terms £22 per annum. Only extras agreed, washing and medicines.

[Jottings]: McIvor Com[munions]. 140 \*Fr.\* Birch 70. No school fees to Mrs at glass-house.

H. Commun[ions] 18. School House at Inglewood a good wooden building with iron roof 40 x 25.

**15th November 1860.** Swan Hill. Commun[icants] 5.

## 1861

**January 11th. 1861** Painful investigation took place into McDonnell's case.

**January** Celebrated Mass for subscribers to Catholic Association.

**February** Celebrated Mass for subscribers to Catholic Association.

Advertizement of Mr Connor warning clergymen against marrying his son - who was under age, 11th Feb. Married 12th February by Dr. Backhaus. The woman left Mr Connor's service on or about 4th February. Malmesbury supported by the Clergyman at Kyneton.

English Mail closes on Thursday.

**30th. May** Directed the Catholics of Daylesford to rent a cottage for the Clergymen pending their preparations for building a Presbytery.

MacAdam's election agents Quinlan and Norton - both Catholics from Melbourne.

[End of jottings]

## JANUARY 1861

**Tuesday January 1st.** Celebrated High Mass in St Francis. Solemn Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament after Mass. Studied for a short time - wrote letters - visited the Convent. In the evening I attended night prayers in St Francis. The number present was unusually large.

**Wednesday January 2nd.** Offered up the Holy Mass in the College Chapel. Engaged with business and writing letters up to 1. Took a short walk. In the evening attended night prayers in St Francis.

**Thursday January 3rd.** Said Mass at the usual hour. Heard Mass in St Francis at 9. Transacted business up to 1. The usual walk before dinner. Finished Divine Office according to custom before dinner. Evening - night prayers and Confessions.

**Friday January 4th.** The Holy Mass over, went to St Francis where I heard the 9 o'clock Mass. The usual time for business from 9.30 to 1 - this morning to 2. After the walk before dinner, Divine Office, study. Evening - night prayers - Confessions.

**Saturday January 5th.** Celebrated Mass at 7.30. After breakfast went to St Francis and heard the 9 o'clock Mass. Business, writing and study up to 2. Confessions from 2 to 4. Evening from 7 to 9.30.

**Sunday January 6th.** At 7 commenced Mass in St Francis and gave instruction. Heard the 8 o'clock Mass. Admitted a few to Confession. Read and studied during the day. Visited two of the schools - not Catechism there - vacation. In the evening attended Vespers - Sermon and Benediction in St Francis.

**Monday January 7th.** Said Mass in the College Chapel. Heard Confessions during the 8 o'clock Mass in St Francis. Clerical retreat commences this evening. Visited the Orphanage.

**Tuesday January 8th.** Celebrated Mass at the Convent. Heard 8 o'clock Mass in St Francis. Confessions. Studied during the greater part of the day.

**Wednesday January 9th.** Part of morning prayers and Divine Office over before 6. Celebrated for the subscribers to the Catholic Association at the Convent. Study and reading nearly the whole day - heat intense.

**Thursday January 10th.** Mass at the Convent about a quarter [to] 7. Heard Mass at 8 in St Francis. Had a few to Confession. Studied and wrote during the day. Heat intense. In the evening attended prayers in St Francis. Confessions.

**Friday January 11th.** This morning the Clerical retreat concluded with Mass, Holy Communion and a short lecture. Competitive examination for situation of Assistant Master in St Francis Training School. Engaged in the office up to 1.30 - visited Convent. At 4 o'clock Clergy dined with us. Evening prayers, Confessions.

**Saturday January 12th.** Not feeling well this morning, did not say Mass, but heard the 8 and 9 in St Francis. Occupied in the [office] as usual up to 1. Visited the Convent on business. Confessions from 2 to 4. In the evening again up to 10.

**Sunday January 13th.** Celebrated Mass in the College Chapel early. Assisted at the 11 o'clock Mass in St Patrick's. Studied and read a good part of the day. Visited St George's, St Mary's and St Francis at 3 - when children were assembled or assembling for Catechism. Attended Vespers, sermon and Benediction at St Francis.

**Monday January 14th.** Celebrated Mass at an early hour in College Chapel. Heard the 9 o'clock Mass in St Francis. Admitted a few to Confession. Office business up to 1.30. Read a good deal today. Letters from England. Night prayers - Confessions.

**Tuesday January 15th.** At 7 said Mass at the Convent. Engaged up to 1. Left at 2 by steamer for Belfast. Weather fine till night when it came on to rain and a head wind.

**Wednesday January 16th.** Landed at Warrnambool at 8.30. Weather cloudy and wet. At 12 proceeded by land to Belfast.

**Thursday January 17th.** Morning devotions and duty over early. Solemnly blessed and dedicated new church at 10.30. Celebrated High Mass soon after. In the evening visited Cemetery. Recited the *De Profundis* and *oratio* over Fr. McEvey's grave. Distance from Belfast 12 miles.

**Friday January 18th.** Left for Melbourne via Warrnambool by steamer. Weather cooling. Father O'Rourke died. *R.I.P.*

**Saturday January 19th.** Landed at Sandridge a little after 9. Attended office and Mass for Fr. O'Rourke in St Francis Church. Accompanied remains a short distance to Kilmore. Confessions in the evening.

**Sunday January 20th.** Rose a little before 5. Celebrated Mass and left for Kilmore to attend the funeral of Fr. O'Rourke. Returned to Melbourne about 8 in the evening.

**Monday January 21st.** Feeling a little unwell this morning did not celebrate but heard Mass. Busy as usual during the day. Wrote letters in reply. Studied a little. Night prayers and Confessions.

**Tuesday January 22nd.** Divine Office recited. Said Mass at 7.30. Engaged up to 12.30 preparing for the English Mail. Meeting of Catholic School Committee at 1.30.

**Wednesday January 23rd.** Morning devotions over said Mass at 7.30 in the College Chapel. Heard Mass in St Francis. Wrote letters for the English Mail. Attended examinations in St George's School. Studied a little. Evening Confessions and prayers - St Francis.

**Thursday January 24th.** Celebrated 7.30 Mass in St Patrick's. Heard the 9 o'clock in St Francis. Occupied all the morning preparing letters for [the] home mail and other business. Evening Confessions - night prayers.

**Friday January 25th.** Heard the 8 o'clock Mass in St Francis. Frs. Branigan and O'Donohoe appointed to Kilmore. Government Salary £150 - a £100 of which to be received by the former and £50 by the latter. Fees, Christmas and Easter dues to be equally divided. Engaged as usual the whole of the morning up to 12.

**Saturday January 26th.** Heard Mass this morning in St Francis. Studied and wrote during the morning and at intervals during the day. Confessions in the afternoon and evening.

**Sunday January 27th.** Celebrated at 7 and gave instruction. Heard a few Confessions and recited parts of the Divine Office during the celebration of 8 o'clock Mass. Commenced to write Pastoral for Lent. Evening attended Vespers, Benediction and Sermon in St Francis.

**Monday January 28th.** Went to Geelong today - called at the Convent. Made arrangements for the visitation on tomorrow. Examined the accounts of the Mission [of] Geelong.

**Tuesday January 29th.** Celebrated Mass at the Convent. Held a Visitation immediately. Said I would not object to any returning to Europe when they had provided substitutes approved by me and Rev Mother. This is not to be done at the expense of the Diocese. Returned to Melbourne.

**Wednesday January 30th.** Celebrated Mass in the College Chapel about 7. Heard Mass in St Francis. Studied - wrote a great part of the day. In the evening attended night [prayers] and heard Confessions. Opened Retreat at Prahran.

**Thursday January 31st.** This morning celebrated Mass and gave instruction at Prahran. Heard Confessions during the day. Evening - night prayers, instructions - Confessions.

## FEBRUARY 1861

**Friday February 1st.** Weather very stormy and wet - unable to leave Melbourne for Brighton as arranged. Busy preparing Pastoral for publication.

**Saturday February 2nd.** Went to Prahran and said Mass at 9. Engaged hearing Confessions up to 3.30 - again in the evening to 6.30. Returned to Melbourne and heard Confessions in St Francis to 9.30.

**Sunday February 3rd.** Left for Prahran at 9.30. Heard a few Confessions and gave a short instruction before Confirmation. After Confirmation commenced the Holy Mass. The Gospel said, delivered a short discourse. After Mass gave Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament. Evening attended Vespers, sermon and Benediction in St Francis.

**Monday February 4th.** Feeling a little indisposed this morning - did not celebrate but heard Mass in St Francis. Finished Lenten Pastoral. Wrote letters and studied. In the evening attended night prayers in St Francis.

**Tuesday February 5th.** Celebrated Mass in the College Chapel. Busy from 9.30 to 11.30. Left at 11.30 en route to Western Port, where we arrived at about 6.

**Wednesday February 6th.** Dedicated the Chapel here to St Agatha. Mass a little after 11.30. Retreat commenced. Confessions during the day. Evening prayers, instructions and Confessions. Weather fine.

**Thursday February 7th.** Was at the Chapel about 7. Recited Divine Office. Heard Confessions. Gave Confirmation at 9 o'clock. Mass - instruction - Holy Communion soon after. Attendance numerous. Chapel handsome wooden building - slated. Parents don't send their children to schools. Left for Melbourne.

**Friday February 8th.** Celebrated the Holy Mass in St Patrick's at 8.30. Was in the office a little before. Recited Divine Office and made meditation. Wrote letters - transacted business. Left the office and paid a visit to the Bazaar for the House of Refuge. In the evening night prayers - Confessions.

**Saturday February 9th.** Heard Mass in St Francis - recited Divine Office, heard Confessions. Revised and corrected Pastoral. Wrote several letters - studied at intervals. Heard Confessions. In the evening, Confessions. Made arrangements for tomorrow and ensuing weeks.

**Sunday February 10th.** Celebrated Mass at 7 in St Francis. Pastoral read at the Masses today. Heard 8 o'clock Mass. Heard Confessions. Caused a Circular to be prepared for tomorrow for the clergy in reference to the approaching Census. Vespers Sermon Benediction.

**Monday February 11th.** Attended in St Francis about 8.30. From 10 to 1 occupied in the office. Wrote to many of the Clergy in favour of the Catholic Association. Circular to the Clergy advising them to engage the teachers to look after the Census. Studied for a time. Night prayers and Confessions.

**Tuesday February 12th.** Celebrated Mass a little after 7. Heard Mass at 8 in St Francis. Divine Office and other devotions over - took breakfast. Wrote letters. Presided at meeting of Catholic School Committee, 12.30. Left Presbytery at 2. Financial minute to be prepared for next meeting of Catholic School Committee with a view to reduction of teachers salaries. Night prayers and Confessions.

**Ash Wednesday February 13th.** Blessed the ashes and celebrated Mass in St Francis, at 7. Distributed ashes after Mass. Heard Confessions during 8 o'clock Mass. Attended the 11 o'clock Mass and distributed the Holy Ashes. Wrote to Bishop of Adelaide. Left the office a little past 12. Study.

**Thursday February 14th.** Celebrated Mass in the College Chapel. Heard Mass afterwards in St Francis. Remained in the Confessional until 9.30. Office duties and studying up to 12.30. Dined at 1. After dinner read until 5. Confessions in the evening, night prayers.

**Friday February 15th.** Said Mass at the usual time, about 7. Heard Mass in St Francis. Confessions, business, letters and study to past 12. At 1 dined. Evening Confessions, night prayers.

**Saturday February 16th.** Mass a little after 7. Heard Mass, heard Confessions, wrote letters, made arrangements for Sunday duty. Confessions in the forenoon and afternoon - study.

**Sunday February 17th.** Celebrated the Holy Mass at 7 in St Francis and gave a short instruction to the people. Communicants at Mass numerous. Heard 8 o'clock Mass. Studied after breakfast. Visited one of the schools. In the evening attended Vespers and preached - gave the Benediction.

**Monday February 18th.** Offered up the Holy Mass in College Chapel a little after 7. Heard the 8 o'clock Mass. Morning, up to 12, busily occupied. Studied during the afternoon. At 7 attended the Rosary in St Francis. Preached and gave Benediction. Heard Confessions.

**Tuesday February 19th.** Celebrated the Holy Mass about 7 in the College Chapel. Engaged until 12, meeting of Catholic School Committee. After dinner a siesta - then study. Attended Rosary, preached and gave Benediction. Heard Confessions.

**Wednesday February 20th.** Mass at the usual hour. Heard Mass. Heard Confessions - busy during the forenoon. Afternoon study - letter writing. Rosary - preached and gave the Benediction - heard Confessions.

**Monday February 25th.** Celebrated Mass at 7. Heard the 8 o'clock Mass in St Francis. Heard Confessions. Read and wrote between 9 and 11. Examined Frs. Fynn and Kavenagh in the tract of Penance. Had a conversation with Dr Barry about the finances of the College. He assured me it would be out of debt in August next - and at the end of the year it would have £600 to its credit. I hope all this will prove true. From 2.30 to 5 - read. In the evening attended Rosary in St Francis, lecture and Confessions.

**Wednesday February 27th.** At 7 went to the Convent, said Mass and made the Visitation. Examined accounts. No Bank book was produced. Income for last year £2060 or thereabouts, outlay £2033. Saw Fr. Downing about Orphan accounts. Amount due up to this date £1122. Leave for Ballaarat today. Did not start for Ballaarat. Confessions, Rosary, Lecture and Benediction - evening.

**Thursday February 28th.** Busy all the morning. Start for Geelong and Ballaarat today. Reached Meredith about 9 at night.

### MARCH 1861

**Friday March 1st.** Did not leave Meredith until 11. Weather hot. Had to get a fresh horse, one of those we brought with us being seriously ill. He died soon after we left. Arrived in Ballaarat about 3. Dined late. Wrote to the Vicar-General.

**Saturday March 2nd.** Celebrated Mass at 8.30. Heard a few Confessions during the day. Telegraphed for Fr Fynn.

**Sunday March 3rd.** Ballaarat. Offered up the Holy Mass at 11 in an aisle of the new church, prepared temporarily for the purpose. Sermon after the ablution. Laid the stones of Pillars after Mass. 1500 persons were present. In the evening preached and gave Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament

**Monday March 4th.** Celebrated Mass this morning at 8. After collation went to Creswick to arrange with the Catholics about raising means to pay for the passage out of a Clergyman to reside in their district and to secure a pledge to pay the *pension* (£20) for one student in All Hallows. Weather in the evening disagreeably hot.

**Tuesday March 5th.** At 6 left for Geelong. Took nine hours to do the journey. Horses no good and driver very indifferent. Attended Rosary in the Church. Retired early to rest.

**Wednesday March 6th.** Celebrated the Holy Mass at the Convent. Leave for Melbourne by the quarter to 1 train. Weather unsettled. Attended lecture and Benediction. Confessions.

**Thursday March 7th.** Celebrated Mass in St Patrick's Church. At 11 Solemn Profession of a Sister of Mercy: Miss Collins. Ceremony not over till 1. Evening Benediction and Confessions.

**Friday March 8th.** Mass at 7. Heard Mass and Confessions in St Francis. Wrote letters - read - did business. Evening attended lecture and Benediction in St Francis - heard Confessions.

**Saturday March 9th.** Heard Mass this morning. Confessions before collation. Busy up to 12. Appointed duty for tomorrow and following week. Confessions during the afternoon and night.

**Sunday March 10th.** Not feeling well, said Mass in the College Chapel. Visited in the afternoon St Augustine's and St Francis. Children assembled for Christian Doctrine few. Vespers - sermon and Benediction in St Francis - attended as usual.

**Monday March 11th.** Celebrated Mass in College Chapel. Heard Mass and Confessions in St Francis. Engaged in the office up to 1. Studied and wrote during afternoon. Evening attended Rosary, lecture and Benediction in St Francis. Heard Confessions.

Attended today at 3 o'clock meeting of Council of [the] University. First time since my return from Europe.

**Tuesday March 12th.** Did not say Mass this morning - but heard 8 and 9 o'clock Masses in St Francis. Forgot to make my meditation. Meeting of Catholic School Committee at 11 broke up at 1.30. Time occupied as usual. Lecture, Benediction and Confessions in the evening.

**Wednesday March 13th.** Celebrated Mass about 6.30 in St Patrick's. Heard Mass and Confessions afterwards. Office hours from 9.30 to 1. Read during the afternoon. In the evening attended Rosary, Lecture, Benediction and Confessions.

**Thursday March 14th.** Heard the 8 and 9 o'clock Masses. Prepared rules for the Christian Doctrine Society. Wrote letters - sent a Clergyman to visit Dr Quinn and party quarantined - forwarded letters, fruit etc. - gave him and priests faculties. Evening Rosary - lecture - Benediction - Confessions.

**Friday March 15th.** Celebrated Mass in the College Chapel. Heard Mass and Confessions as usual. Busy in the office up to 11. Visited St Patrick's boys school. Catechized the children and examined their writing. Read during the afternoon. Evening Stations of the Cross, Benediction and Confessions.

**Saturday March 16th.** Said Mass in the College Chapel. Attended in St Francis for Mass and Confessions. Wrote to Bishop Quinn. Left the office a little after 2. Told Fr Birch that he was not to say Mass with[out?] my leave. Confessions in the evening.

**Sunday March 17th.** Offered up Mass at 11 in St Patrick's Church. Visited the children assembled for Catechism in St Francis - St Mary's - St George's. In the evening attended Vespers, sermon and Benediction.

**Monday March 18th.** Offered up the Holy Mass in the College Chapel. Heard Mass and Confessions in St Francis. Answered letters and transacted business of the Diocese in the forenoon as usual. Studied and read 2 hours in the afternoon. Evening attended the Rosary, lecture and Benediction - Confessions.

**Tuesday March 19th.** Celebrated Mass. Heard Mass and Confessions in St Francis. Busy as usual during the day. In the evening attended in St Francis - Rosary, lecture, Benediction - Confessions.

**Wednesday March 20th.** Engaged in the morning after Mass and the usual devotions were performed as yesterday. In the evening attended the devotions in the Church - heard Confessions.

**Thursday March 21st.** In the morning celebrated Mass and heard Mass. Admitted a few to the Sacrament of penance. Occupied in the office until 1. Read during afternoon. Present at the devotions in the Church. Confessions.

#### **APRIL 1861**

**Saturday April 6th.** Celebrated Mass. Heard Mass and Confessions. Saw Fr Madden, [told] him that he should not return to Geelong. Took back his faculties - gave him leave to say Mass. Forbad under pain of suspension to visit the Geelong Convent. The Bishop of Brisbane will land today.

Fr Donovan called this morning. Told him I could not give him \*jurisdiction\* under the peculiar circumstances of his present position - but would not object his being accommodated in the College for a time.

**Sunday April 7th.** Low Sunday. Celebrated Mass in the College. Bishop of Brisbane arrived from Geelong. Gave Benediction in St Patrick's. Bishop of Brisbane gave Benediction in St Francis.

**Monday April 8th.** After Mass - had a conversation at his own request.

**Thursday April 11th.** Celebrated Mass at usual hour. Heard Mass and Confessions. Meditation made, wrote letters - occupied thus up to 1. Attended meeting of University Council, advised that a reserve of 10 acres be made for each College. Night prayers, Confessions.

**Friday April 12th.** Do not feel well. Heard Mass - heard a few Confessions. After meditation saw Fr. Kavenagh and directed him to go to Geelong by evening train to assist Dean Hayes until further instructed. Told Fr. Madden to assist in Williamstown for a few days, gave him leave to hear Confessions. Wrote to Dean Hayes informing of Mr Kavenagh's going to assist for a short time. Has leave to hear Confessions of adults. Called on a few persons with Bishop of Brisbane. Night [prayers] and Confessions.

**Saturday April 13th.** Celebrated Mass, heard Mass and Confessions. Wrote letters in reply. Engaged so up to 2.

**Tuesday April 16th.** Mass at the usual hour. Heard Mass and Confessions. Read and wrote letters up to 1 - then meeting of School Committee. Letters ordered to be written, in reply to the Circular from Government to Clergy, to the Denominational Board on finance and assistants salary.

**Wednesday April 17th.** Celebrated Mass, heard Mass and Confessions. Engaged all the morning. At 3 visited the Convent and examined 3 postulants. Permitted them to commence the Novitiate. Study. At 7 night prayers and Confessions.

**Thursday April 18th.** Heard Mass, heard Confessions. Occupied up to 1 writing. Night prayers and Confessions.

**Friday April 19th.** Celebrated at the usual hour - heard Mass and Confessions at St Francis. Business and study up to 12. Appointed a teacher to Kilmore School and one on trial to another School in the same Mission. Paid two visits. On my return home recited Vespers, wrote for a while and read till dinner.

**Saturday April 20th.** Celebrated Mass. Heard Mass and Confessions in St Francis. Engaged up to 1. Confessions from 2 to 4. In the evening Confessions from 6 to 9.30.

**Sunday April 21st.** At 7 o'clock Mass - preached after the Gospel. Heard Mass and Confessions. Read and wrote at intervals until 2. Visited the Catechism classes in Sts Augustine and Francis. Attendance small. Evening as usual - attended Vespers, sermon, Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

**Monday April 22nd.** Celebrated Mass a little after 7. Afterwards attended Mass in St Francis and heard Confessions. Busy the whole of the morning. Prepared letters for English Mail. Made a remittance for Catholic Association to Dr Heptonstall - £110. In the evening night prayers and Confessions. Wrote a note to Fr. O'Mara in reference to his neglecting to give Mass at the Benevolent Asylum as directed to do - once a week.

**Tuesday April 23rd.** Celebrated Mass at the usual hour. Attended Mass in St Francis and heard Confessions. Breakfast over, read until 10 - except when interrupted on business. Meeting of School Committee, important business done. Evening, night prayers and Confessions.

**Wednesday April 24th.** Celebrated Mass. Attended Mass in St Francis and heard Confessions. Meditation as usual. Engaged either writing letters - reading or transacting business up to 1. In the evening nominated Fr. Downing at his own request to Williamstown. Night prayers and Confessions.

**Thursday April 25th.** Said Mass. Heard Mass and Confessions. Business up to 11. Took my leave of the Nuns and Bishop - who leave this afternoon for Queensland. Appointed Fr. Madden with a caution to Keilor.

**Friday April 26th.** Heard Mass this morning. Feel a little indisposed. Did business up to 1. Studied a little before dinner. Read for a short time before night prayers. Night prayers - Confessions.

**Saturday April 27th.** Mass at a little after 7. Heard Mass and Confessions afterwards. Studied and did business up to 12. Took a short ride. Commenced Confessions at 2. Left the Church at 4 and recited the last *nocturne* of Matins for tomorrow. Evening Confessions.

**Sunday April 28th.** Celebrated Mass in St Francis at 7. After the Gospel addressed a few words to the Congregation on the means to be adopted for checking and overthrowing the vice of drunkenness - a vice which I denounced the previous Sunday. Heard Confessions during 8 o'clock Mass. Read a good part of the day. Wrote a short admonition to Catholics in reference to the care they should take to afford their female friends and relatives coming out under the assisted emigration - over moral protection during the passage. Evening prayers - sermon by one of the clergy. Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament

**Monday April 29th.** Celebrated Mass about 7. Heard 8 o'clock Mass in St Francis. Admitted a few to Confession. Engaged the whole of the morning. Visited St Mary's Schools - attendance in both large. Well satisfied with teaching etc. Visited another school in the neighbourhood - kept in a private house. Attendance large - accommodation inadequate. Evening Confessions - night prayers as usual.

**Tuesday April 30th.** Celebrated Mass at the usual hour. Heard Mass and Confessions in St Francis. Occupied all the morning in various useful ways. Waited until 1 for meeting of School Committee. At 1.30 - no members being in attendance - left for home. Read and wrote until a little before dinner. Evening - usual recreation. Confessions.

### MAY 1861

**Wednesday May 1st.** Mass. Heard Mass - Confessions during all day. Made preparation for my passage by Steamer to Gippsland. Steamer will not leave until tomorrow. Evening Novena of the Blessed Virgin. Lecture (read) - Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Confessions.

**Thursday May 2nd.** Heard Mass and Confessions in St Francis. Wrote letters. Arranged as to affairs during my absence. Left at 10.30 a.m. Rough stormy weather - very sick.

**Friday May 3rd.** Did not eat anything since breakfast yesterday. Kept to the cabin during the passage. Could not read the Office. Weather very stormy during the past night. Had to lie to most of the night. Did not reach Port Albert till 12.30 or 1 - and Tarville till 3. Recited Divine Office - went early to rest.

**Saturday May 4th.** Offered up the Holy Mass in thanksgiving. Recited Hours. Read one of Butler's sermons. Looked over an English Catholic newspaper. Wrote by this mail to Vicar-General. Took a ride out for half hour. On my return - wrote a few notes - then read. At 3 dinner.

**Sunday May 5th.** Morning prayers - meditation - Divine Office. At 11 celebrated Mass. Sermon by one of the Clergy. Thanksgiving - breakfast. Read during a good part of afternoon. Evening prayers - a short lecture to those present on obedience and authority. To rest early.

**Monday May 6th.** The usual morning devotions. Recited part of the Divine Office. Said Mass. Thanksgiving. Breakfast. Recited Divine Office. Meditation. Heard a few Confessions. Visited the future site of a school 4 miles off. A school is now being kept there. On my return read until dinner. At 5 - prayers - lecture. Subject - necessity of making a good Confession.

**Tuesday May 7th.** Morning prayers - Divine office - preparation for Mass. Mass - delivered a few words of instruction. Subject: solicitude and watchfulness over ourselves in spiritual [matters]. Thanksgiving. Breakfast - Divine Office - Meditation. Confessions - very few. Wrote - read for some time. Night prayers at 5.

**Wednesday May 8th.** Devotions of the morning - Divine Office - preparation for Mass. Mass - gave a short lecture - subjects: humility - education of children. Thanksgiving - meditation. Heard a few Confessions. Read most of the day. Evening - night prayers - Confessions.

**Thursday May 9th.** Morning prayers - Divine Office - preparation for Mass. At 11 o'clock Mass administered Holy Communion. After Mass - instruction and Confirmation. Weather showery. Start for Sale today. Stop the night at a place 15 miles from the Tara. Road very bad.

**Friday May 10th.** Left at 6.30 this morning for Sale. Morning devotions as usual before commencing journey. Road very bad in places. Country poor - forest land - low and swampy. At 12 stopped to dine - recited Divine Office - made meditation. Arrived in Sale about 5. Spent a restless night.

**Saturday May 11th.** Devotions of the morning. Breakfast. Divine Office. Visited the Church - a useful plain brick building. There is no stone here. Walked thro' the town. Returned and made meditation. Wrote two letters - read for some time. Took a short walk. Township improving - but few Catholics

**Sunday May 12th.** Morning prayers and Divine Office. Celebrated Mass at 11. Administered Confirmation - said a few words of explanation.

**Monday May 13th.** Celebrated Mass after hearing Confessions. Dedicated the Church to Our Lady of Immaculate Conception. A good many went to Holy Communion. Left Sale. Reached Rosedale. Evening attempted to go to the M[orwell River?]. Lost our way and returned to Rosedale about 10 - fatigued.

**Tuesday May 14th.** Left at 8 for the M[orwell River?]. A long and tedious ride - road bad.

**Wednesday May 15th.** Left the M[orwell River?] at 8.30. A hard day's ride - creeks and swamps barely passable. Crossed the Tarwin about 5. Divine Office - meditation as usual.

**Thursday May 16th.** Left about 8 this morning. Crossed the ranges by a new path. Arrived at Connor's on the Bunyip about 2. Here we stopped for some [time?]. Proceeded in the evening to Mt. Ararat. Here we remained the night.

**Friday May 17th.** Reached Berwick today - 30 miles from Melbourne. The weather during this week has been most favourable. Carriage met us here.

**Saturday May 18th.** Left for Melbourne a little after 7. Arrived in Melbourne about 2.30 p.m. In the evening heard Confessions up to 10.

**Sunday May 19th.** The usual morning devotions performed. Divine Office and Meditation over - made preparation for Mass. Sung Mass at 11 in St Francis. Evening - attended Vespers in St Patrick's - gave Solemn Benediction.

**Monday May 20th.** Morning devotions over - recited Matins - made preparation for Mass. Celebrated Mass in the College Chapel - heard Mass - recited prayers - wrote - made meditation. Evening Novena, Confessions.

**Tuesday May 21st.** Devotions - Divine Office - preparation for Mass. Mass in College Chapel. Heard Mass and Confessions. Divine Office and Meditation. Examined Fr Riordan's letters - agreed to remain on the Mission for life. Accepted him - appointed him to Geelong. Spoke to Fr. Barry about the accounts of Wangaratta Mission. Told him not to leave until settled.

**Wednesday May 22nd.** Devotions as usual - Divine Office. Mass - heard Mass and Confessions. Yesterday examined Frs. Power and Williams letters. Satisfactory. They are to write for *exeats*. Appointed Fr Hayden to Ballarat - Power to Melbourne - and Williams to Daylesford. Saw Fr. McCarthy - advised him about his brother - appointed him to Belfast in place of him. He will leave next week for Belfast.

**Thursday May 23rd.** Left by train for the Diggers Rest. Arrived in Kyneton about 5. Weather windy and cold. Sent a Telegram to Fr. Smyth to meet me here tomorrow.

**Friday May 24th.** Celebrated Mass a little after 8. Collation over - wrote to the Vicar-General advising him that I would reserve the £1000 for building the Orphanage at Emerald Hill for that purpose - and that it should be drawn on my signature only. Requested him to inform the Nuns that I forbade any building on account of the Orphanage but what was required for maintenance and clothing and schooling of Orphans. Would not help to pay any debt contracted without my leave. Told him to write to Madden advising him if he wished to remain where he is to attend better to his duties and keep out of Melbourne - and to Backhaus in reference to Connor's marriage. Engaged in writing for [the] English Mail.

**Saturday May 25th.** Left this morning for Castlemaine. Enclosed to Dr Heptonstall a Bill of Exchange £113.6.0 and another for private account £60. Arrived in Castlemaine at 4. Saw Fr. Snell. He is very ill. Heard Confessions - Divine Office. Wrote letters.

**Sunday May 26th.** Mass at 9. Read during the day. Evening Vespers. Addressed a few words of instruction after Vespers. Gave Benediction.

**Monday May 27th.** Morning prayers - Divine Office - preparation for Mass. Weather wet. Visit to Daylesford postponed till tomorrow. Wrote letters. Read a good part of the day. Evening - walked out for a short time. At 9 night prayers - bed.

**Tuesday May 28th.** Heard Mass this morning. Left a little after 12 for Daylesford. Called at Yandoit. Road into Daylesford very bad - had to walk a mile or two of it in the dark ankle deep in mud.

**Wednesday May 29th.** Religious duties satisfied - could not go out during the day except to visit the Chapel. Heard a few Confessions. Spent the chief part of the day reading. Wrote 1 or 2 letters. At 9 - night prayers - bed.

**Thursday May 30th.** Prayer and Divine Office over - celebrated Mass. Afterwards heard Confessions. At the 11 o'clock Mass preached - gave Holy Communion. Today I dedicated the Church and Mission of Daylesford to St Peter Prince of Apostles. Returned to Castlemaine.

**Friday May 31st.** Celebrated Mass at 9.30. Thanksgiving made - read for a short time. Breakfast. Wrote for a start. No letters were delivered this morning. Weather today and yesterday clear and bright but cold in the mornings and evening. Read in the evening.

## JUNE 1861

**Saturday June 1st.** Morning devotions. Divine Office and Meditation as usual. Left for Kyneton. In the evening heard Confessions. Read at intervals. Made preparation for tomorrow's duty.

**Sunday June 2nd.** Morning prayers - Divine Office - meditation. Preparation for Mass. Dedication of church commenced at 11. Celebrated Mass. Dr Sheil preached. Collection £244. Evening - night prayers - delivered a short discourse. Benediction of Most Blessed Sacrament. Retired to rest soon after 10.

**Monday June 3rd.** Left at 8 for Melbourne - where we arrived about 2.30. Looked over letters. Recited Vespers. Read until 4. Attended night prayers. Heard Confessions.

**Tuesday June 4th.** Heard Mass in St Francis. Divine Office - Meditation. Wrote letters after breakfast. Meeting of Catholic School Committee at 1. From 2 to 3 - read. Evening - night prayers and Confessions.

**Wednesday June 5th.** Rose soon after 6. Morning prayers - Divine Office - preparation for Mass. Mass. Heard Mass afterwards. Admitted a few to Confession. Wrote to the Archbishop. Read until near 1. At 7 night prayers and Confessions.

**Thursday June 6th.** Morning devotions - Divine Office. Mass. Heard Mass afterwards in St Francis. Confessions - breakfast. Meditation. Wrote letters. Read at intervals. Walked out for a short [time]. On my return read until dinner. Evening - at 7 - prayers and Confessions.

**Friday June 7th.** Time occupied as yesterday. Nothing particular occurred.

**Saturday 8th June.** Heard Mass this morning. Religious duties as usual. Wrote a few letters. Heard Confessions during the day - and up to 9 at night.

**Sunday June 9th.** Morning devotions - Divine Office. Mass at 8 - gave instruction - administered the Holy Communion. Evening Vespers. Sermon and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament

**Monday June 10th.** Morning devotions. Divine Office. Heard Mass. Delivery of English Mail. Busy reading letters. Engaged in business up to 1. Evening - night prayers - Confessions.

**Tuesday June 11th.** Devotions as usual. Divine Office. Mass. Heard Mass. Engaged writing a short address to the people in favour of the collection for the Holy Father. Meeting of the Catholic School Committee.

**Wednesday June 12th.** Morning devotions. Mass. Heard Mass. Small Hours. Confessions - Meditation. Business and letter writing up to 12.30. Some reading between 2 and 3. Evening prayers and Confessions.

**Thursday June 13th.** Mass at the usual hour. Time reserved for study and answering letters. Evening prayers and Confessions.

**Friday June 14th.** Religious duties occupied me, as usual, up to 9.30. After breakfast read and answered letters. Engaged in office up to 1. Short walk before dinner. Devotions and duties in evening as usual.

**Saturday June 15th.** Mass at a little after 7. Heard Mass. Recited Small Hours. Breakfast over - read and answered letters. Business. Returned to the house about 1. Confessions from 2 to 4. Night from 7 to 10.

**Sunday June 16th.** Celebrated Mass at 8. Preached after the 1st Gospel. Heard a few Confessions. Finished the Divine Office. Read for an hour. Returned to St Patrick's. Read during a great part of fore and afternoon. Evening Vespers - Benediction - Sermon.

**Saturday June 29th.** Celebrated Mass. Heard Mass and Confessions. Meditation. Wrote letters. Tomorrow the annual collection for the Holy Father will be made. Confessions between 2 and 4 and between 7 and 10.

**Sunday June 30th.** Morning devotions. Divine Office. Preparation for Mass. At 11 sung Mass in St Francis. Read during the afternoon. At 7 Vespers - sermon and Benediction. Said a few words on the collection for the Pope.

## JULY 1861

**Monday July 1st.** Celebrated Mass in the College. Heard Mass afterwards. Enclosed to Dr Brownless £10 for medical attendance. Read for about 2 and a half hours. Took a short drive and made visits. Read before dinner. Evening - night prayers - Confessions.

**Tuesday July 2nd.** Morning devotions - Divine Office - preparation for Mass. At 9 o'clock Mass administered Confirmation to 160 persons - male and female. Addressed them before and after the Sacrament. Meeting of Catholic School Committee. Afternoon and evening engaged as usual.

**Wednesday July 3rd.** Heard Mass this morning. Devotions - Divine Office - Meditation - all humbly complied with. Read for some time in the fore and afternoon. Wrote letters, one to Bishop of Hobarton. Evening - night prayers and Confessions.

**Thursday July 4th.** Said in part morning prayers - recited part of Divine Office. Short preparation. Mass. Heard Mass - Divine Office - meditation. Had an explanation about duty and Church fees with Fr O'Mara - satisfactory. Wrote and read at intervals. Afternoon and evening occupied as usual.

**Friday July 5th.** Morning Devotions. Divine Office - Mass. Afterwards heard Mass - heard Confessions - recited Hours. After breakfast read - arranged duty for tomorrow. A letter from Bishop of Hobarton. In the evening Confessions as usual.

**Saturday July 6th.** After morning devotions and Divine Office celebrated Mass. Heard Mass. Meditation. Wrote letters. Studied from 2 to 4. Confessions. Evening - Confessions from 7 to 9. Arranged duties for tomorrow.

**Sunday July 7th.** Morning devotions - preparation for Mass. Celebrated Mass at 8 - delivered a short discourse on observance of the Sabbath. Studied during the day. At 2 visited 3 of the Chapels where Catechism is taught. Attendance in each place is good. Evening attended Vespers in St Francis. Sermon and Benediction as usual.

**Monday July 8th.** Heard Mass this morning after the usual morning devotions. Don't feel quite well. Engaged up to 12. Took a short drive before dinner. Read and wrote at intervals. Evening - Confessions and night prayers.

**Tuesday July 9th.** At 9 celebrated and admitted a number of children male and female to their 1st Holy Communion. Addressed a few words to them before and after Holy Communion. Meeting of School Committee. Members not attending. Evening - Confessions and prayers.

**Wednesday July 10th.** Celebrated Mass at 7.30. Heard Confessions. After breakfast wrote letters. From 11 to 1 examination and distribution of prizes in St Francis Girls and Infant schools. Study. Evening Confessions - night prayers.

**Thursday July 11th.** At 7 Mass. Heard Mass afterwards. Meditation. Wrote letters. Ordered a Circular to be written to the Teachers in Melbourne and Suburbs about excluding present Protestant singing Masters from their schools. Evening as usual.

**Friday July 12th.** Offered up the Holy Sacrifice at the usual time in College Chapel. Afterwards went to St Francis and heard Confessions during celebration of Mass. Recited Hours - made meditation. Engaged afterwards in the office up to 1. Short drive. At 5 - dinner. Evening read a little. Confessions - prayers.

**Saturday July 13th.** Heard Mass this morning. Recited Divine Office - made meditation. Wrote - studied - did business up to 1. A short walk. From 2 to 4 Confessions. Dinner at 4.30. Studied in the evening [for a] short time. Confessions from 7 to 9.30.

**Sunday July 14th.** At 8 o'clock Mass and instruction. Thanksgiving and Hours after. Breakfast. Meditation. Study. Afternoon visited Architect of St Patrick's on business. Study on return until dinner time. Evening vespers. Heard sermon - assisted at Benediction.

**Monday July 15th.** Morning devotions - preparation for Mass. Confessions - heard Mass - recited Hours. Breakfast - meditation. Business - letters - study up to 1. From 2 to 3 engaged with Vespers - reading. Night prayers - Confessions.

**Tuesday July 16th.** Morning devotions - Divine Office - preparation - Mass - thanksgiving. Confessions - heard Mass - recited Hours. Breakfast. Meditation - business - letters - study up to 12.30. Short walk. Read Vespers - afterwards read an instructive book till 3. Night prayers - Confessions.

**Wednesday July 17th.** Morning devotions - Divine Office - preparation - Mass - heard Mass - Recited Hours. After breakfast - meditation - business - letter writing and study up to 1. A walk - Vespers - reading until dinner hour. Night prayers - Confessions.

**Thursday July 25th.** Opened Mission at Nunawading. Mass at 9 with instruction - Confessions from 10.30 to 3.30. Did not return to Nundawading in the evening owing to the late hour of dinner at Richmond. Night prayers in St Francis.

**Friday July 26th.** Left at 8 for Nunawading. Celebrated Mass and gave instruction. Heard Confessions during the whole of the day - reciting Divine Office at intervals. Dined in Richmond at 2.30. Returned to Nunawading. Recited night prayers - addressed the Congregation - heard Confessions - returned to Melbourne about 9.

**Saturday July 27th.** Went to Nunawading - about 8 - celebrated Mass. Engaged hearing Confessions until 3. Returned to Melbourne to dine. Heard Confessions in St Francis until 9.30.

**Sunday July 28th.** Left at 9.30 for Nunawading. Gave Instruction and administered Confirmation - celebrated Mass - spoke on the Epistle and Gospel briefly. Administered Holy Communion to a great number. St Francis Vespers - sermon - Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

**Monday July 29th.** Heard Mass - recited Divine Office. After breakfast - meditation. Business, letter writing up to 1. A short walk. Read for a half hour before dinner. Evening - attended night prayers as usual in St Francis - heard Confessions.

**Tuesday July 30th.** After morning devotions - Divine Office. Preparation - Mass. Heard Mass. Recited Hours. Heard Confessions. Breakfast. Meditation. Business. Letters. Meeting of Catholic School Committee. A short walk. Read for a short time before dinner. Evening St Francis.

**Wednesday July 31st.** The usual devotions - Mass - heard Mass. Breakfast - meditation. Engaged up to 2. Went to Heidelberg. Remained there tonight. Will commence Mission here tomorrow.

## AUGUST 1861

**Thursday August 1st.** Commenced Mission with Mass. Addressed the Congregation after the 1st Gospel. Explained the religious exercises to be observed during the Mission. Named the hours for Confessions - morning and evening devotions and instructions. Preached in the evening.

**Friday August 2nd.** Celebrated Mass at 8.30. Preached. Heard Confessions at the hours appointed. People attend very well. Evening - night devotions. Rosary - instruction - Confessions.

**Saturday August 3rd.** At 9 o'clock Mass and the usual prayers for the Mission. All day and evening up to a late hour engaged hearing Confessions. Read or walked about during the intervals of interruption. Dinner at the usual hour.

**Sunday August 4th.** Celebrated Mass at 11 and preached. Administered Confirmation before Mass. A great many went to Holy Communion. Vespers - Sermon and Benediction in the evening in St Francis.

**Monday August 5th.** Celebrated Mass in College Chapel at the usual hour. Heard Mass and Confessions afterwards in St Francis. Divine Office - meditation. Business up to 12. Short walk. Read for an hour - Vespers. Dinner. Evening - night prayers and Confessions.

**Tuesday August 6th.** Matins - Mass. Heard Mass afterwards and recited Hours. Heard a few Confessions. Engaged with business and letters up to 1. At 1 meeting of Catholic School Committee. Walked home - read a little - recited Vespers. Dinner. Evening - night prayers and Confessions.

**Wednesday August 7th.** At a little after 7 said Mass. Heard Mass. Recited Hours. Breakfast - meditation - letter writing. Business up [to] 12.30. A short walk home - read until 2.30. Recited Vespers. Dinner. Went out for a drive. Returned about 6.30.

Mission commenced this evening for the people of Melbourne. Recited Rosary, preached - recited prayers for Novena. Gave Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Heard Confessions.

**Thursday August 8th.** Celebrated Mass at the usual hour. Heard Mass and Confessions - recited Hours. Breakfast. Wrote letters - transacted business up to 1. Meditation rather late. Evening exercises of the Mission - sermon - Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Confessions. Crowds attend.

**Friday August 9th.** Mass - heard Mass and Confessions - breakfast - Divine Office. Meditation. Letters - business - study for 2 hours. Mission - sermon - Benediction - Novena - Confessions. Church very crowded.

**Saturday August 10th.** Mass - Heard Mass - Confessions - Hours. Breakfast. Meditation. Business - Confessions up to 4. Studied at intervals during the day. Novena - Confessions.

**Sunday August 11th.** Celebrated Mass at 8 and preached. A great many received at this Mass. After thanksgiving heard a few Confessions. After breakfast finished the morning's Office - made meditation. Studied a good part of the day. Visited the St Francis Church and two Chapels at the hour for teaching the Christian Doctrine. Evening - Vespers - sermon - Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

**Monday August 12th.** Mission continued. Celebrated Mass at the usual hour. Afterwards heard Mass - recited Hours - heard Confessions. Breakfast - meditation. Wrote letters - business up [to] 12.30. Heard a few Confessions during the day. Study at intervals. A short drive after dinner. Night - Rosary - sermon - Benediction - Novena - Confessions.

**Tuesday August 13th.** Mass. Heard Mass - recited Hours. Heard Confessions. Breakfast. Meditation - letters - business. At 1 meeting of Catholic School Committee. Short walk - a little study - Vespers - dinner. A short drive. Evening - Rosary - Sermon - Novena - Confessions.

**Wednesday August 14th.** Celebrated Mass. Heard Mass. Duties of the Mission continued. Confessionals well attended. Evening - Novena - Confessions up to a late hour.

**Thursday August 15th.** A solemn High Mass. Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Conclusion of Mission or Spiritual Retreat. Great fruit, thank God, has blessed it.

**Friday August 16th.** Heard Mass this morning. Recited Divine Office whilst hearing Mass. Meditation. Letters and business at the usual time. A walk home. Read and studied a little. Evening - night prayers and Confessions.

**Saturday August 17th.** Duties religious and secular as usual. Confessions at the times appointed.

**Sunday August 18th.** At 8 o'clock Mass and instruction. Thanksgiving. Returned home from St Francis about 10.30. Read and studied until 2.30. Visited Christian Doctrine classes in St Mary's and St Francis. Evening - Vespers - sermon and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

**Monday August 19th.** Devotional and Church duties same as usual. Engaged in office from 10 to 12.30 p.m. Short walk. Read and studied a little before dining. Evening - night prayers and Confessions.

**Tuesday August 20th.** At the usual hour - Mass. Heard Mass - afterwards Hours - Meditation. Business from 10 to 12. At 1 meeting of School Committee - over about 2.30. Evening prayers - Confessions.

**Wednesday August 21st.** Mass at a little after 7. Heard Mass - Confessions - Hours - meditation. Business from 10 to 1. A short time for study and reading before dinner. Evening - night prayers and Confessions.

**Thursday August 22nd.** Duties same as yesterday. Some school business transacted. Evening - night prayers and Confessions.

**Friday August 23rd.** Mass at the usual time. Heard Mass. Recited Hours. After breakfast meditation. Business, read and wrote letters. Took a walk - recited Vespers - read until dinner time. Evening - prayers and Confessions.

**Saturday August 24th.** Heard Mass this morning. Recited Matins and Hours - meditation. Read and studied at intervals. Confessions from 2 to 4 - evening from 7 to 10.

**Sunday August 25th.** Mass at 8. Instruction after the first Gospel. Recited Lauds and Hours. Meditation. Read and studied from 11 to 2. Visited St Francis and St Mary's at the hours for the Christian Doctrine. Evening - Vespers - sermon and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

**Monday August 26th.** Morning devotions - Divine Office. Mass at a little past 7. Went to St Francis. Heard Mass - heard Confessions - Meditation. Business from 10 to 1. Evening - night prayers and Confessions.

**Tuesday August 27th.** After the usual morning devotions and preparation - Mass. Heard Mass - recited Small Hours - meditation. Visited a few of the schools. Evening - night prayers and Confessions. Meeting of School Committee today.

**Wednesday August 28th.** Celebrated Mass - heard Mass - Divine Office - Meditation. From 10 to 12.30 business - a little study when possible. A short walk before dinner. Evening duties as usual.

**Thursday August 29th.** Engaged as yesterday. Religious duties as usual.

### OCTOBER 1861

**Thursday October 3rd.** Celebrated Mass in College Chapel at 8. Administered 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation to a few of the boys. Engaged after breakfast up to near dinner time. Paid a visit to the Exhibition in preparation for the Great one to be held next year in London. Attended night prayers and heard Confessions.

**Friday October 4th.** Anniversary of my arrival and taking possession of the See. Anniversary also of the laying the foundation stone of St Francis Church. Celebrated Mass a little after 7. Divine Office and meditation over - made preparation for starting on my visitation. At 3 left by train for Kyneton - accompanied by the Vicar-General. Arrived there about 7.

**Saturday October 5th.** Busy hearing Confessions. A little study.

**Sunday October 6th.** Heard a few Confessions in the morning. Gave Confirmation before Mass. It was near 12 when I commenced the High Mass. Sermon after Communion. Collection for building £87. Evening Vespers - sermon - Benediction. A few Confessions.

**Monday October 7th.** Left Kyneton this morning for Castlemaine. Stopped for Mass at Taradale. Delivered a short discourse to the people - who were numerous. Heard a few Confessions before Mass. Proceeded to Castlemaine - arriving there at 1.30 p.m. Weather showery.

**Tuesday October 8th.** Celebrated Mass. Opened Mission. Meditation after breakfast. During the day heard a few Confessions. Went to Green Gully. Heard Confessions. Night prayers. Went early to bed.

**Wednesday October 9th.** In morning - prayers - Divine Office as usual. Confessions. Meditation. Preparation for Mass. At 10 Mass. Addressed the Congregation. Returned to Castlemaine.

**Thursday October 10th.** Morning prayers. Divine Office - preparation for Mass at 8.30 - but few were present. After breakfast - meditation. Heard Confessions during the day and evening. Night prayers in the church.

**Friday October 11th.** Devotions as usual. Mass at 8. Meditation - Confessions as the people presented themselves. Night prayers in the Church and instruction.

**Saturday October 12th.** Celebrated Mass about 8. During the day, except for short intervals, dinnertime etc. - engaged hearing Confessions - and in the evening up to a late hour.

**Sunday October 13th.** Did not get up until 8.30. Recited the Divine Office - prepared for Mass. At 11 commenced Mass - preached after first Gospel. At 1 breakfast. Evening - heard a few Confessions - Vespers - instruction - Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament

**Monday October 14th.** Administered before Mass this morning - Confirmation. Usual devotions for the morning over - recited Matins, at a little after 8 celebrated Mass. About 12 drove a short distance into the country. After return wrote letters - studied a little. Read.

**Tuesday October 15th.** Morning prayers said and a portion of Divine Office recited, said Mass. Received and answered letters. Vicar-General returned to Melbourne. Visited the school at Maldon. Examined children. Answering good - attendance small. Building of brick - substantial.

**Wednesday October 16th.** Left this morning for Sandhurst. Weather fine - summer heat - but not oppressive. Reached Sandhurst about 1. Wrote letters.

**Thursday October 17th.** Mass at 8. Announced Missions and hours for Confessions - evening prayers etc. Received and answered letters. Read as usual for a certain length of time. Had - much against my will - to dine out. Returned to hear Confessions.

**Friday October 18th.** The morning devotions over, recited a portion of the Divine Office. Celebrated Mass a little after 8 - thanksgiving. After breakfast - meditation. Confessions during the day. Evening prayers - Confessions.

**Saturday October 19th.** Mass at the usual hour. Answered letters. Confessions at the hours appointed. In the evening engaged hearing them up to 12. Prayers - bed.

**Sunday October 20th.** Celebrated Mass at 11. The resident Pastor preached. At a little before 1 took breakfast. A short walk. Wrote letters. Prepared for evening sermon. Evening prayers - sermon - prayers and blessing. Addressed Young Men's Society. At 7 dinner.

**Monday October 21st.** At 8 o'clock Mass. After breakfast wrote letters. Visited the school now being built at the Campaspe. Catholic farmers are numerous here - school needed. Overtaken on our return by a great storm of wind and dust - with rain and lightning.

**Tuesday October 22nd.** Left this morning at 8.30 for Castlemaine. Before starting recited Divine Office. Arrived in Castlemaine about 12. Did not stop on the way. Wrote letters - recited Vespers. Took a walk before dinner. Read at intervals.

**Wednesday October 23rd.** Morning prayers - Divine Office - meditation. Answered letters. Allowed Fr. Williams to remain at Daylesford. Advised prudence and obedience for the future. Left for Carisbrook. Stopped 2 hours at Maldon - heard Confessions and addressed the people. Arrived in Carisbrook about 6. Wrote letters for English Mail. Ordered from Jones beads - 4 thousand copies of Butler's *Catechisms* - 15vo small size - 1000 Fleury's. Requested Dr. Heptonstall to order to the value of £20 from Richardson medals and I think beads. Desired him to pay him £20.

**Thursday October 24th.** Morning prayers - Divine Office - Mass - thanksgiving - letters - reading - study.

**Friday October 25th.** After Mass - wrote letters. About 12 left for Dunolly. Heard Confessions. Returned to Carisbrook in the evening. Devotions morning and evening as usual. Time for study - reading and answering letters limited.

**Saturday October 26th.** Morning devotions - Divine Office - meditation. Left at 10 for Dunolly. Engaged all the time there hearing Confessions. Heard 73 persons before leaving Chapel - which was a little after 7. Stopped here tonight. Read and studied a short time before retiring.

**Sunday October 27th.** Morning devotions - Divine Office - meditation - preparation for Mass. At 11 gave Confirmation. Next Celebrated Mass - gave Holy Communion - preached. Returned to Carisbrook.

**Monday October 28th.** Morning devotions - Divine Office - after Breakfast - meditation - then read for an hour or two. Took a short drive into the country, on my return wrote a little. Heard Confessions. Sent list of Confirmed at Dunolly to Fr. Finn. Evening prayers at 7.

**Tuesday October 29th.** The devotions of the morning over, recited Matins and Prime - made meditation - preparation for Mass. At 8.30 celebrated Mass - said a few words of instruction to the Congregation. Thanksgiving. After breakfast read newspaper - wrote a letter. Read - for an hour - life of St Bernard. Heard Confessions from 12 to 1. Took a walk. Read for half an hour. Wrote a short time - read again a part of the life of St Bernard. Night prayers - instruction - Confessions.

**Wednesday October 30th.** Morning devotions - Divine Office - preparation for Mass. Heard Confessions. At 8 o'clock Mass. Communions 34. Exhortation. After breakfast meditation - study - letters - Read up to 1.30. Visited Maryborough. Recited Rosary - addressed those assembled. Heard Confessions. Returned to Carisbrook - heard Confessions.

**Thursday October 31st.** Devotions of the morning over recited Divine Office, Meditation - breakfast. Answered letters. Went to Maryborough. Recited Rosary - gave instruction - heard Confessions. Engaged so up to 6.30. Returned to Carisbrook. Heard a few Confessions.

## NOVEMBER 1861

**Friday November 1st.** Morning devotions - Divine Office - meditation - preparation for Mass. Celebrated after giving Confirmation to 34 persons. Preached - Communicants 150. Concluded Mission at Maryborough. Opened the Mission in the evening at Back Creek or Talbot. Rosary - exhortation - Confessions. Returned to Carisbrook about 7. Dined at 8. Retired early to rest.

**Saturday November 2nd.** All Souls. Devotions - Divine Office - preparation for Mass - Confessions. 8.30 Mass. After breakfast - Divine Office - meditation. At 12 left for Back Creek. Confessions up to 5. Returned to Carisbrook.

**Sunday November 3rd.** Devotions - Divine Office - preparation for Mass - meditation. At 8.30 Mass. Thanksgiving - short preparation for Sermon. At 10 left for Back Creek. Arrived at 11.30. Heard Confessions as Mass was being said. After Holy Communion preached on the Love of God for Sinners. After Mass gave a short instruction on the Sacrament of Confirmation. Administered that Sacrament to about 15 or 20 adults and children. Sunday 3 o'clock returned to Carisbrook. Recited Hours and Vespers on the way back. Wrote a little on my return. Evening prayers and a few words of instruction. A little after 9 retired to rest.

**Monday November 4th.** Morning devotions - Divine Office - meditation - preparation for Mass. At 8.30 Mass. Thanksgiving. Read a little before breakfast. After breakfast read until near 12. Left at a little before 12 for Maryboro. Visited the Hospital - directed Fr. Fennelly to pay to it £2.2.0 for me. Visited the gaol - recited prayers and gave instruction. Catholic prisoners male and female 10. Called at the school - examined the children - was satisfied. Returned to Carisbrook - sent to Fr Finn lists of Confirmations for this Mission. Wrote a little. Read a good deal. Night prayers and Rosary. Bed.

**Tuesday November 5th.** Morning devotions - Matins - preparation for Mass. Mass - thanksgiving. Breakfast. Read - replied to letters. Confirmed one person who came a great distance in the pious hope of receiving that Sacrament. Went 5 miles into the country. On my return made meditation - then read until dinner time.

**Wednesday November 6th.** Left early this morning for Sandon to consecrate the Cemetery. Consecrated Cemetery and addressed the people. Fr Smyth celebrated Mass afterwards. Returned to Carisbrook in the evening. Devotions as usual. Read a good deal.

**Thursday November 7th.** Devotions and Matins over - heard a few Confessions. Celebrated Mass. After breakfast recited Hours - made meditation. Prepared to start for Inglewood. Read - wrote letters in reply. Left at 3.

**Thursday November 8th.** Left New Bridge this morning. Arrived in Inglewood. Evening prayers - instruction - Confessions. Engaged with the latter until very late.

**Saturday November 9th.** Mass at 8 - addressed the Congregation - which was large. All day up to 9 in the evening engaged hearing Confessions, except meal times. Early in the day examined those preparing for Confirmation. School well attended.

**Sunday November 10th.** Celebrated Mass at 8. Gave Holy Communion to upwards of 250. Heat very oppressive. Had to clear the Chapel for a short time in order to let in a little fresh air. At 10 addressed those to be Confirmed - then administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to between 35 and 40. Assisted at the next Mass. Preached after the Holy Communion. Chapel crowded - heat most suffocating. At 1.30 or 2 took breakfast. Visited Kingower. Lost our way on return. Heavy rain. Evening prayers - delivered a short discourse. Retired early to rest. Heard a few Confessions before leaving Chapel.

**Monday November 11th.** Celebrated Mass at 8. Confirmed a few. Received a Convert into the Church and confirmed her. After breakfast wrote a letter - visited the Columbian reef. Left Inglewood en route to Swan Hill at 1. Arrived at where I stop the night about 5. Night prayers with family - rest.

**Tuesday November 12th.** Celebrated Mass at 8 - gave Holy Communion to a few - addressed a few words of instruction to those present. Left at 11 for Kerang - returned about 6.30. Night prayers with family - rest.

**Wednesday November 13th.** Rose soon after 5. Recited morning prayers and Divine Office - made meditation. At 7 left en route to Swan Hill. Reached Mr \*Cameron's\* station about 2 - distance 40 miles. Will stop here until Friday morning. Night prayers - said a few words of instruction to those present, heard Confessions. Rest.

**Thursday November 14th.** Celebrated Mass after hearing Confessions - a few went to Holy Communion. Exhorted those present. All over at 12. Breakfast. At 1 left for Kerang on Lower Loddon. Selected site for Church and returned to the station about 6. Dinner - Divine Office - prayers.

**Friday November 15th.** Celebrated Mass at 6. Left for Swan Hill at 7.30. Arrived at Swan Hill about 4.30 - having stopped an hour at the Kangaroo to refresh. Distance 55 miles, heat very great. Made arrangements for prayers this evening.

**Saturday November 16th.** Morning devotions - Divine Office - prayers for the people. Confessions - wrote letters. 7 o'clock - Confessions - prayers - study. Rest.

**Sunday November 17th.** Rose early. Morning devotions over - Divine Office - meditation. Heard Confessions. Administered Confirmation. Celebrated Mass at 11. Gave instruction. About 12 went to Holy Communion. Catholic population in the town 15 - adults and children. Left at 12 upon my way back. Stopped the night at the Kangaroo. Day very hot.

**Monday November 18th.** Rose early. Prayers and Divine Office. Baptized 5 children. Heard Confessions. Started for Lake Marion - Mr Cameron's station. Baptized 4 children. Heard Confessions - gave instruction. Night prayers - Vespers and Confessions.

**Tuesday November 19th.** Got up at 4. Dressing over - said morning prayers - Divine Office - preparation for Mass. Heard Confessions. Confirmed. Celebrated Mass - gave Holy Communion to nearly all present - about 20 - a short exhortation. Left en route for Bendigo. Heat very great - travelled 38 miles today. Stopped at the Hotel known as the Durham Ox - on the Loddon.

**Wednesday November 20th.** Rose at 4 and left at 5 minutes after 5 a.m. Arrived in Bendigo about 3 p.m. Heat of day great. Finished Divine Office soon after getting in. Read English letters.

**Thursday November 21st.** Morning prayers - Divine Office. Preparation for Mass. At 8 o'clock Mass - thanksgiving. Drove a short distance into the country. Heat at intervals oppressive. Made this a day of rest.

**Friday November 22nd.** Rose early - but was unable to leave owing to heavy rain. Left about 8 - overtaken by heavy rain. Weather cold and stormy. Reached Castlemaine a little before 12. Here I remain today. Wrote to Fr. Fennelly to be in Melbourne at farthest on Tuesday. Retired early to rest.

**Saturday November 23rd.** Left a little after 5. Arrived in Kyneton about 8.30. Left at 9 for Woodend station. Left by train 15 minutes past 11. Arrived in Melbourne about 1. Finished Divine Office - made meditation. In the evening heard Confessions. At 10 rest.

**Sunday November 24th.** Celebrated Mass privately in the College Chapel. Wrote Home letters. Sent a Bank Order to Mr J. Hynes for £40 in payment of *pensions* to Roscrea Convent. Attended Vespers and Benediction in St Francis.

**Monday November 25th.** Heard 7 and 8 o'clock Masses in St Francis. Recited Divine Office - meditation. Wrote letters for home mail. In the evening went out for a short drive. Evening prayers - Confessions.

**Tuesday November 26th.** Morning devotions - recited part of Divine Office - celebrated Mass about 7. Heard Mass - finished Hours - short meditation - read letters - wrote a few. At 1 meeting of School Committee. Evening - Night prayers - Confessions.

**Wednesday November 27th.** Left at an early hour for Kilmore. Gave my vote and returned to Melbourne. Devotions performed as usual - omitted meditation yet could have made it.

**Thursday November 28th.** Heard Mass this morning in St Francis. Recited Divine Office - made a short meditation. Wrote one or two letters. Read a good deal today. In the evening attended as usual night prayers in St Francis - and heard Confessions.

**Friday November 29th.** Celebrated Mass a little earlier than usual. Heard Mass afterwards in St Francis. Meditation. Wrote letters - studied a good part of the afternoon. In evening night prayers and Confessions.

**Saturday November 30th.** Rose early. Recited the usual morning prayers. Took a little to eat and prepared to leave for Geelong. Left by 1st train. Divine Office - reading - hearing Confessions alternately engaged outside usual time for meals - up to 9.

## DECEMBER 1861

**Sunday December 1st.** Rose soon after 6. Devotions - made preparation for Mass. After Communion - gave Holy Communion to a very large number - male and female. Administered Confirmation to about 300 - gave them a short instruction. It was 11 when all was over - though begun about 8. Read and wrote in the afternoon. Went a short way into the country. Read for a time after returning. Recited Vespers - attended prayers in the church - gave Solemn Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

**Monday December 2nd.** Celebrated Mass this morning at 8.30. At 12.30 distributed premiums to the pupils of the Convent School. At 4.30 left by train for Melbourne. Weather wet - heavy rain falling at intervals.

**Tuesday December 3rd.** Morning devotions - recited in part Martins - preparation for Mass - short thanksgiving. Heard Mass in St Francis. Heard a few Confessions. After breakfast read newspapers. Meditation. No meeting of School Committee. Ordered letter to be written to the Board about salary to Singing Master. A short walk - read a little before dinner. Evening attended night prayers - heard Confessions.

**Wednesday December 4th.** Devotions and part of the Divine Office over - made short preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass - thanksgiving. Heard Mass. Heard a few Confessions. Collation. Looked over newspapers. Read letters - answered a few. Requested Dr Bleasdale to prepare copy of resolutions and memorial on the Mission praying an increase of grant for Education next year. Visited the Convent. Read and studied a little before dinner. Studied a little in the evening. Night prayers and Confessions.

**Thursday December 5th.** At 7 Mass. Heard Mass and a few Confessions. Read and answered letters. Meditation. Paid a few unavoidable visits. Wrote for a short time before dinner. After dinner took the siesta. At 6.30 went [to] St Francis - night prayers - Confessions.

**Friday December 6th.** Rose early - morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass - thanksgiving - heard Mass. Recited Hours. Meditation. Letters and business up to 1. Walk - reading and a little study before dinner. Evening - night prayers and Confessions.

**Saturday December 7th.** Heard Mass this morning after morning prayers. Recited Divine Office - heard Confessions. Read and answered letters. Study and business up to 12. From 2 to 4 Confessions and from 7 to 10.30. At 11 retired to rest.

**Sunday December 8th.** Rose about 6 - said in part morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 said Mass - gave instruction after the first Gospel - gave Holy Communion. Read a good part of the morning and afternoon. At 4.30 dinner. Evening Vespers etc.

**Monday December 9th.** Celebrated Mass at the usual hour. Heard Mass and Confessions - meditation. Wrote letters - engaged in business up to 1. A short walk. At 3 o'clock dinner. Read before dinner. Evening Confessions and prayers.

**Tuesday December 10th.** Mass at the usual hour. Heard Mass - recited Divine Office - Meditation. Meeting of School Committee. Letters. Left the office about 2. Dinner at 3. Evening at 7 attended in St Francis for prayers and Confessions.

**Wednesday December 11th.** At 7 or a little after - Mass. Heard Mass - recited Hours - meditation. Business and letters from 10 to 12. Walked to the house. Read for an hour. Vespers. Evening - night prayers, Confessions.

**Thursday December 12th.** Duties religious and secular much the same as yesterday. Time given to study and reading. Evening - night prayers and Confessions.

**Friday December 13th.** Morning devotions. Mass at the usual time. Heard Mass - recited Hours - meditation. Business - letters - a short time for study. Evening - night prayers and Confessions.

**Saturday December 14th.** Heard Mass - recited Divine Office - meditation. Business and letters up to 12. Walked to the house. Confessions from 2 to 4 and from 7 to 10.

**Sunday December 15th.** Mass and instruction at 8. Thanksgiving. Returned home from St Francis. Studied and read until 2. Visited St George's and St Francis at the hour for the Christian Doctrine. Evening - Vespers - Benediction and Sermon.

**Monday December 16th.** Religious duties as usual. Business and letters between 10 and 12.30. Studied a little. Evening - night prayers and Confessions.

**Tuesday December 17th.** Morning devotions - Divine Office - Mass. Heard Mass. Heard Confessions. Breakfast - meditation. News of the day. Letters. Attended examination of the Convent School children. Time from 11 to 4. Most satisfactory. Evening - night prayers and Confessions.

**Wednesday December 18th.** Rose at 6. Morning prayers - Divine Office. Examination of students for Minor Orders and one for the Holy Order of Deacon. Preparation - Mass at 8. Messrs Gallen, Nagle and [blank] were promoted to Tonsure and the 2 first Minor Orders. Revd. Neville was ordained Deacon. Attended examination of the children of the Catholic Schools of Melbourne - in St Francis Hall. Time from 11 to 3. At 3 dinner. Examination of children most satisfactory. Evening - night prayers and Confessions.

**Thursday December 19th.** Heard Mass this morning. Confessions - Meditation. Evening attended academy in St Patrick's College.

**Friday December 20th.** Celebrated Mass and gave the two last Minor Orders to Messrs Gallen and Nagle and priesthood to Mr Neville. At 12 attended examination of the children of the female schools in Melbourne. At 2.30 was present at a musical performance by them. Evening - Vespers and Confessions.

**Saturday December 21st.** Not feeling well this morning - did not celebrate Mass. Heard Mass - recited Divine Office - Confessions - meditation. From 2 to 4 and from 7 to 10.30 Confessions. Studied for tomorrow's instruction.

**Sunday December 22nd.** Celebrated Mass at 8 - gave instruction. Day occupied with Divine Office, study and pious reading. Wrote a few letters for England. Evening - Vespers - Sermon and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament

**Monday December 23rd.** Heard Mass this morning. Recited the Divine Office. Meditation - Confessions. Wrote to the Bishop of Canton China to send us two native missionaries to Evangelize the Chinese residing in this Diocese. Studied a little. Evening - night prayers and Confessions.

**Tuesday December 24th.** Celebrated Mass. Wrote a note to Dr. Barry giving leave to go to Geelong for tomorrow but told him to abstain from all duty but the celebration of Mass. When speaking to him afterwards he said he was busy preparing the College accounts. Engaged most of the day hearing Confessions and in the evening I was so engaged up to a late hour.

**Wednesday December 25th.** Christmas. Celebrated two Masses at St Patrick's. At 11 commenced the Pontifical Mass. Read and studied at intervals during the day. In the evening Solemn Vespers - Papal Benediction and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

**Thursday December 26th.** Mass in the College Chapel. Heard Mass and Confessions. Between 11 and 12 was informed of Barry's clandestine and scandalous departure on yesterday from the Colony. A bad - very bad man. Wrote to the Bishop of Colombia [Colombo], Ceylon in reference to his scandals. Sent his suspension to the care of the Roman Catholic Priest Point de Galle. The Vicar-General posted these letters at Sandridge. Mr O'Mara released from his obligations to this diocese.

**Friday December 27th.** Celebrated Mass at the Convent. Heard Mass. Engaged up to 12 in the office.

**Saturday December 28th.** Engaged all day and evening from 7 to 10.30.

**Sunday December 29th.** Left by quarter [to] 8 train for Geelong. At 11 commenced Mass - preached after 1st Gospel. Preached in the evening after Vespers. Service not over till 9.

**Monday December 30th.** Left for Melbourne by the 10 minutes past 8 train. Busy nearly the whole afternoon about the unhappy affairs [of] Dr. Barry. Difficulties are multiplying. May God help me. Confessions in evening.

**Tuesday December 31st.** Heard Mass this morning not feeling well enough to celebrate. Busy in the office. The letter received last night from Dr. Barry is full of untruths - untruths known by him to be such. Learned from Mr Gason that he had obtained in advance on next year some of the *pensions* for the boys attending the College. What wickedness!!

#### **28th April. Salaries Appropriated 1861**

Maryborough	£25
Inverleigh	£25
Inglewood	£25
Cogill's Creek	£40
Mountain Creek formerly Lampton	£25
Wahgunyah	£25
Morris's Creek	£25
Woodend	£25

Papers for Teachers salaries sent into the Board a week ago.

Ed. Moroney applicant for a school  
Testimonials good. 25th April

Mission of Ballarat concluded on Quinquagesima Sunday. Monday following examined Registries and Account Books. Not much due on the new Church. It does not exceed £200.

#### **JANUARY 1862**

**Thursday January 30th.** Rose at the usual hour. Prayers - Divine Office - preparation - Mass - heard Mass - Confessions. After breakfast business up to 12.30. Left at a quarter to 1 by train for Geelong en route to Duneed. Opened Mission to the people there at 7 with prayers and instruction.

**Friday January 31st.** Celebrated Mass at 8.30. Gave instruction to the few present. Heard Confessions from 11 to 12.30. At 1 or a little after left for Gnarwarre where we were engaged hearing Confessions until 3. In the [evening] at 7 night prayers - short instruction and Confessions.

## FEBRUARY 1862

**Saturday February 1st.** Heard Mass this morning. Devotions as usual - Divine Office - meditation. Heard Confessions during Mass. At 12.30 went to Gnarwarre - engaged hearing Confessions until near 5. Evening night prayers and Confessions.

Received this evening a most unreasonable letter from a clergyman to whom I have been kind and indulgent. Now that we are in much trouble and affliction it is too bad to receive such letters from such persons.

**Sunday February 2nd.** Left for Gnarwarre at 10. Blessed and dedicated the Chapel school. Dedicated to Our Lady on her feast "the Purification". Blessed candles. Commenced Mass at 11.30. Sermon preached by Dean Hayes after Holy Communion. There were about 50 to Holy Communion. Gave Confirmation before Mass - spoke a few words to the people. Collection made. Amount received £49. Breakfast at 1.30. Returned to Duneed. Divine Office and suitable [reading] filled the leisure time in the evening.

**Monday February 3rd.** Rose at 6 - morning prayers - Divine Office - meditation. Breakfast. Examined Account Books and Registries. Debt due on Duneed Church £650 - on Inverleigh £128 - Gnarwarre £150.

**Tuesday February 4th.** Rose early - morning prayers. Recited Matins. Proceeded by train to Little River. Gave instruction - heard Confessions. Celebrated Mass - heard Confessions after Thanksgiving. Returned to Geelong by 3. Wrote letters up to dinner time. After walked a short time in the garden. Read a little before going to bed.

**Wednesday February 5th.** Resumed the duties of the Mission at Little River. Heard a good many Confessions. About 60 went to Holy Communion. I commenced Mass at 10.30. Gave instruction after Communion. After Mass examined the children. Returned to Geelong about 3. Wrote letters. Read, as is my wont, before retiring for the night.

**Thursday February 6th.** Today gave a Mission to the people at Point Henry. Little Church full. Delivered a short discourse before Mass - after which heard Confessions assisted by two Priests. Nearly all present went to Confession and Holy Communion. Saw the children after Mass. Condemned the altar and school house. Visited Bellarine school. Returned about 3.15.

**Friday February 7th.** Left for Batesford at 6.30. Heard Confessions - preached to the people. About 40 went to Holy Communion and a great many more to Confession. Attended night prayers in Geelong.

**Saturday February 8th.** After Mass - thanksgiving and meditation. Received letters - answered some. Recited Hours. About 12 left for Sutherland Creek and Anakies Missions. School in Sutherland Creek - a stone building. Furniture middling - desks should be removed from the walls to the center. Reached the Anakies after some trouble about 6 in the evening. No one at the School. Stopped the night with farmer there. Recited night prayers with the family.

**Sunday February 9th.** Rose early - recited Matins Lauds and Hours - made meditation. Went to the School Chapel about 8. Heard Confessions. At 10 celebrated Mass. After Holy Communion - preached. The Clergyman who accompanied me said Mass at 11. Heard Confessions during his Mass. About 50 received. Nearly all present went to Confession. Returned to Geelong. Assisted at Vespers.

**Monday February 10th.** After prayers - heard Mass. Recited Matins. Celebrated Mass. Thanksgiving. After breakfast read letters - recited Lauds and Hours. Meditation. Wrote for some time. Left for Melbourne by 12.30 train. After dinner a few minutes repose. Then read until 6.30. Went to St Francis - joined in night prayers - heard Confessions.

**Tuesday February 11th.** Heard Mass - recited Divine Office - made meditation. Read correspondence. Wrote letters in reference to Catholic Association. Attended meeting of Catholic School Committee. Mr O'Farrell appointed a member. At 2.30 closed the meeting. After siesta wrote several letters - chiefly to the Clergy. At 6.30 went to St Francis - heard Confessions.

**Wednesday February 12th.** Celebrated Mass - recited Divine Office - made meditation - wrote letters. Left by the 1 o'clock train for Geelong. Opened Mission in Geelong at 7 with night prayers. Preached - prayer and blessing. Heard Confessions. Clergy from neighbouring Missions assist. Attendance of people very good.

**Thursday February 13th.** Rose early - recited Matins and Hours - meditation - preparation for Mass. Heard 8 o'clock Mass - at which a sermon was preached by the Celebrant. At 9 offered up the Holy Sacrifice. Heard Confessions from 11 to 1. Engaged for nearly two hours writing letters. Took a short drive after dinner. Evening - night prayers - sermon by Dean Hayes. Confessions until after 9. At 10 to bed.

**Friday February 14th.** Recited Matins - short preparation for Mass. At 7 celebrated Mass. Heard Confessions up to 9. One of the resident Clergy preached at 8 o'clock Mass. Confessions from 11 to 1. Studied when not hearing Confessions. Drove out for an hour after dinner. Night prayers - sermon by Dean Hayes. Confessions up to 10.

**Saturday February 15th.** After morning prayers - Divine Office - Meditation - Confessions - Solemn High Mass. Procession of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Adoration during the day and night. Confessions during the day and to a late hour of night.

Called at the Convent today and examined accounts - looked over book of receipts. Was satisfied.

**Sunday February 16th.** At 6 got up - dressed - said morning [prayers] - recited Matins - made preparation for Mass. At 8 o'clock Mass gave Holy Communion to a great number. Heard Confessions. Assisted at High Mass - gave the Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament after Mass. In the evening Vespers - Benediction and Sermon. This concluded the Mission. Very near a thousand persons went to Holy Communion. I preached the evening sermon.

**Monday February 17th.** Heard Mass - recited the Divine Office. Wrote for near an hour. Proceeded to Melbourne by mid-day train. In the evening attended prayers in St Francis. Heard Confessions. Wrote a part of Lenten Pastoral before retiring to rest.

**Tuesday February 18th.** Not feeling well this morning I did not celebrate. Heard 8 o'clock Mass in St Francis. Recited Divine Office - made Meditation. Wrote letters - engaged preparing Pastoral. At 1 presided at meeting of Catholic School Committee - a good deal of business done. Returned home. Gave an hour to writing Pastoral. Evening - night prayers and Confessions.

**Wednesday February 19th.** Celebrated Mass - heard Mass and Confessions - Divine Office - meditation - breakfast. Engaged preparing Pastoral most of the day for the Press. In evening at 7 went to Emerald Hill and opened Mission there - recited prayers and preached. Heard Confessions. Returned Melbourne about 10.

**Thursday February 20th.** Celebrated Mass at 8 at Emerald Hill. Heard Mass - recited Hours - made meditation. Wrote letters between 10 and 11. Heard Confessions from 11 to 1. Went to Melbourne. Returned to the Hill to dine. At 7 recited Rosary - preached - then recited a few prayers after the Litany. Engaged hearing Confessions until 10.30. Returned to Melbourne.

**Friday February 21st.** Morning devotions - Divine Office - preparation for Mass. At 9 celebrated Mass at Emerald Hill. From 10 to 11 busy with Pastoral. Heard Confessions from 11 to 1. A little after 1 returned to Melbourne. Busy writing up to 3. Returned to the Hill a little before 7. Recited the usual prayers - preached - heard Confessions - returned to Melbourne about 10.30.

**Saturday February 22nd.** Heard Mass this morning. Divine Office - meditation. Engaged writing from 9 to 11.30. Heard Confessions until past 2. Went to Melbourne about 3. Engaged at Pastoral up to 4.30. Returned to Emerald Hill about 6.30. Continued to hear Confessions until near 11. Returned to Melbourne.

**Sunday February 23rd.** Concluded today the Mission at Emerald Hill. Rose early - performed morning devotions - recited Divine Office - meditation - preparation for Mass and Sermon. At 11 commenced Mass - preached after the Holy Communion. About 400 received of those who attended the Mission. Collection made for liquidating debt due on building. At 1.30 took breakfast. It blew a hot wind the whole day. Did not attend Vespers in the evening. Whole of afternoon engaged writing Pastoral. Much fatigued.

**Monday February 24th.** Engaged after Divine Office with Pastoral up to a little after 11. Opened Convent Chapel with High Mass - preached after the Ablutions. At 1 took breakfast. Corrected proof of Pastoral from the Press. Hope to have it out about Wednesday. Night prayers - Vespers - Compline.

**Tuesday February 25th.** Rose a little before 6 - prayers and part of the Divine Office over, gave instructions for matters previous to leaving for Ballaarat. Left for Geelong by 8 o'clock train. Gave Fr. Neville his appointment to Sandhurst. Told him to be there by Sunday. Left for Meredith en route [to] Ballaarat at 11.30. Stopped the night at Meredith.

**Wednesday February 26th.** Left about 9 for Ballaarat. Opened Mission in the evening at 7. Recited prayers - preached - prayers again. Confessions up to 9.30.

**Thursday February 27th.** Dr Sheil said the 9 o'clock Mass and preached. Celebrated Mass at 8. Heard Mass. From 11 to 1 Confessions. Wrote several letters. Took a short walk. Visit to St Xavier schools. Examined the children. Was satisfied. At 3 dined. Evening prayers at 7. Gave a short instruction. Heard Confessions. Don't feel quite well. Retired early to bed. The Mission is well attended.

**Friday February 28th.** Celebrated Mass at 9. Fr. Hayden preached at the 8 o'clock. Heard Confessions at the time appointed. A good attendance during the whole time. Visited the school at Buninyong. Building in good repair. Average attendance of children good. Returned to Ballaarat for dinner. In the evening prayers - instruction and Confessions. I feel very unwell.

## MARCH 1862

**Saturday March 1st.** Unwell the whole of the night - unable to celebrate Mass. Heard Mass. Heard a few Confessions. Still feel very unwell - took no breakfast. Drove out for a quarter hour - paid a visit. Not improved. Must take to bed. Had to send for Dr. Spent the evening and night very badly. It little relieved by what Dr gave [me]. Unable to recite Divine Office or do a single mortal thing. Said night prayers - but poorly. I fear I will not be fit for duty tomorrow.

**Sunday March 2nd.** Much better this morning - but having taken something after 12 last night could not celebrate. Heard Mass - recited the Divine Office. Heard Confessions. Pastoral read at 8 o'clock Mass. Regulations for Lent read at all the Masses. Addressed a few words of instruction after 9 o'clock Mass, and before giving Confirmation. Confirmed about 108. Males 45 - females 63. At the 11 o'clock Mass said a few words in reference to the obligation of all to contribute to the new Church. In the evening delivered a short discourse, recited prayers and gave Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament

**Monday March 3rd.** Celebrated Mass this morning. At 11.30 left for Raglan - 28 miles off. Day very hot. Reached Raglan about 6. Rested at Burrum-Beet until past 3 or near 4. After dinner went to the Chapel. Recited night prayers - said a few words - appointed 8.30 next morning for prayers. Will not be able to celebrate - no vestments.

**Tuesday March 4th.** The Clergyman who visits this place is away. Did not say Mass here on Sunday last - the appointed time. Recited morning prayers - gave instruction. Heard Confessions. Examined the school children - answering pretty fair - gave prizes - the gift of Mr Pohlman. Appointed Thursday evening next for Confessions and Friday for Mass and Holy Communion. Left for Ararat - weather sultry and oppressive. Did not reach Ararat until near 8. No account of the Pastor - not as yet returned. Absent a fortnight. Must have crossed the boundaries of his Mission.

**Ash Wednesday March 5th.** No Vestments - could not celebrate Mass. Blessed and distributed the Ashes to a few. New Church looks well and will be soon ready for Mass. It is of blue stone 50 x 23 in the clear. Appointed 6 p.m. for night prayers and Confessions. Heard that Fr Barrett said Mass this morning at Pleasant Creek - 25 miles off. Weather cool. Wind from the South. Fr Barrett returned in the evening.

**Thursday March 6th.** Left for Raglan about 10. Had a trifling accident which caused a little delay. Arrived in Raglan about 4. Dined at Mr Pohlman's. At 7 night prayers - instruction - which I gave. Confessions. Recited Vespers and Compline. At a little after 10 retired to rest.

**Friday March 7th.** Rose early - morning devotions - Divine Office. Heard Confessions during the celebration of the 1st Mass. At 9.30 commenced Mass - after Mass - preached and Confirmed. Returned to Ararat. Several trifling accidents with harness which delayed somewhat. Weather close and sultry. Reached Ararat about 6. Received letters - and answered the most urgent. Sent placard to Fr. Linehan for explanation and directed him to return to Dr. Backhaus whatever money he had belonging to the Mission of Sandhurst.

**Saturday March 8th.** Celebrated Mass at 9.30. After the Communion of the chalice discovered that other than wine was supplied: complied with rubric and consecrated *de novo*. From 11 to 1 Confessions - remained until 1.30. Recited Vespers and wrote for a time. The rain has come at last - heavy and continuous. Heard Confessions in the evening.

**Sunday March 9th.** Celebrated Mass at 9. Heard Confessions during celebration of 8 o'clock Mass. Administered Confirmation after the 9 o'clock Mass - gave instruction to the people. Assisted at the 11 o'clock Mass. In the evening went to Pleasant Creek - 20 miles from Ararat. At 7 opened the Mission with prayers and exhortation. Attendance very large. Busy hearing Confessions up to 9. Did not take dinner until 9.30. A strong hot wind blew all day.

**Monday March 10th.** Rose early. Commenced to hear Confessions - and was so engaged until near 11. Celebrated and addressed the people, gave Confirmation. About 200 went to Holy Communion. The building here is of wood - neat and substantial. Returned in the evening to Ararat. Will start tomorrow for Hamilton.

**Tuesday March 11th.** Left for Hamilton about 11. Recited Matins before starting - recited the rest of Divine Office whilst travelling - being assisted by the Priest with me. This I have been obliged to do during the days I have been travelling. Forgot meditation today. Arrived at Wickliffe about 5. Here we stop tonight. Night prayers as usual a little before retiring.

Examined Registries and Books of Accounts belonging to Ararat Mission. Baptismal Registry not properly kept. Accounts.

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**March 11th.** Examined Registries and Account Books. Baptism Registry not well kept. Ordered present Registry to be replaced with the one approved for the Diocese. Directed the accounts to be kept in a more business manner. A book of receipts to be carefully kept. Debt on building about £150 pounds - if so much.]

**Wednesday March 12th.** Morning prayers and Matins as usual. Started a little after 10. Met the Rev. Mr O'Connell of Portland at Mt. Sturgeon. Stopped here for an hour - finished Small Hours. Arrived in Hamilton about 4.30. Had notice given to the people for Mission to commence at 9 tomorrow. Don't feel well - after Vespers went to bed.

**Thursday March 13th.** Was unwell a good part of the night. Could not say Mass. Recited prayers and delivered a short discourse. Heard Confessions. Remained in Chapel reading - now the Divine Office and at an other time a pious book - a short prayer. Left the Chapel at 12.30. Took a short walk. At 3 dined. In evening prayers and instruction. Heard Confessions.

**Friday March 14th.** Not feeling quite well - heard Mass this morning. Recited Divine Office - made meditation - heard Confessions. Returned to the Chapel about 11 and heard Confessions until 1. Walked for an hour. Dinner at 3. At 6 prayers instruction and Confessions. Retired to rest about 9.30. Still suffering from a cold.

**Saturday March 15th.** Still suffering from cold. Heard Mass. Recited Divine Office - made meditation. Heard a few Confessions. Returned to the Chapel about 11. Heard Confessions until 1.30. Wrote for a short time. Took a short walk. Wrote again for a little.

The unfortunate Barry has returned - hope it is for good and not for evil.

The Chapel here is clean - the Altar shows a pious care. The accommodation for school purposes is very fair. In the evening commenced the Confessions at 5 - concluded them about 8. Recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. At 10 bed. Read for a short time after going to bed.

**Sunday March 16th.** Rose early. Devotions and preparation for Mass. Heard Mass. Celebrated Mass at 9. Assisted at the 11 o'clock Mass - preached. After Mass administered Confirmation to a few. In the evening at 6 prayers and instruction - gave the instruction myself. Subject - Amendment of life. Masses tomorrow at 7 - 8 and 9. Will leave after 9 for Belfast.

**Monday March 17th.** Celebrated Mass at 9 - heard Mass previously. At 10 left via Mt. Rouse for Spring Creek en route for Belfast. It was late when we got to the Creek. Had dinner about 8. Road long and rough. A little fatigued - forgot meditation today.

**Tuesday March 18th.** Left at 10 for Belfast. Recited Matins before starting. Road good the whole way. Met the Clergymen of Belfast about 12 miles from Belfast at Koroit. Recited the rest of the Divine Office after we got into Belfast. At 6 prayers, gave a short instruction to those in attendance.

**Wednesday March 19th.** Celebrated Mass at 9 - preached after Communion. Recited remainder of Divine Office. Wrote for a short time. Confessions from 11 to 1. Catechetical instruction from 2 to 3. In the evening prayers, instruction and Confessions.

**Thursday March 20th.** Opened Mission again this morning with Mass at 8 and 9. Gave instruction. Heard Confessions at the hours appointed. Wrote letters in reply. Advised Dean Hayes to dissuade his nieces from opening a school in Melbourne - there are many other places where they would succeed better. Wrote to the Nuns in Melbourne that I would examine their accounts on my return. Evening prayers - instruction and Confessions.

**Friday March 21st.** Fr Kavenagh said Mass at Tower Hill. I addressed a few words in allusion to the Mission about to be given there. Remained here engaged with Confessions up to 3.30. Returned to Belfast.

**Monday March 22nd.** Went to Tower Hill this morning - Dean Slattery offered up the Holy Sacrifice. Heard Confessions immediately after. Four priests with myself were engaged in this duty up to 3.30. In the evening at 6 heard Confessions in the Church at Belfast up to near 9. Recited Matins for tomorrow. All but a few, about a half dozen, availed themselves of the Mission and went to Confession. The people are very good in this district.

**Sunday March 23rd.** Prepared for Mass and giving instruction. Heard a few Confessions. At 11 commenced Mass - after the Holy Communion preached. Mass over - gave Confirmation and instruction. In the evening recited prayers, Dr Sheil preached. About 500 approached Holy Communion between Belfast and Tower Hill - where Mass was said at 11. Confirmation was given to 80.

**Monday March 24th.** Heard Mass a little after 9. Examined Registries and accounts. Owing to the insufficient support given the two Priests by the people allowed them to take £3 - instead of £2 as permitted by regulations - for their maintenance. Left for Warrnambool. Registries in Belfast require the signatures of Fr McCarthy. Commenced Mission in Warrnambool this evening with prayers and a short discourse. Heard Confessions.

**Tuesday March 25th.** Annunciation of the Virgin Mother. Commenced Mass at 9 - gave Holy Communion. Heard Confessions before 11 o'clock Mass. Assisted at this Mass - Dr Sheil preached. Heard a few Confessions after it. Wrote for a short time. Sent off letters to Melbourne last night. Prayers in the evening and Confessions. But few attended - owing to races in the neighbourhood.

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**March 25th.** Informed Fr McCarthy that Fr Kavenagh's salary of £75 per annum must be first provided for each month out of the sum permitted to be taken weekly from the door collections - and out of the Stole dues - then household expenses are to be met - and if there should be surplus after paying these expenses - the same to be divided between them. If a deficit - that to be supplemented *pro rata* from their salaries.

**March 26th.** Informed Mr Kavenagh of the above arrangements this morning.]

**Wednesday March 26th.** Morning prayers as usual. Recited Divine Office - heard Mass - prepared to say Mass. At 9 commenced Mass. Heard Confessions - made meditation. Read for an hour. Recited Lauds and Prime. Wrote a little. Read again. Left for Woodford about 12. Recited a few prayers. Spoke a few words to the people. Examined the children in the Catechism. Heard Confessions up to 4. Recited Matins for tomorrow. Returned to Warrnambool. Received letters - will answer tomorrow.

**Thursday March 27th.** Rose early. Morning devotions over - wrote letters. Started for Woodford. Heard Confessions. After Mass gave Confirmation. Returned to Warrnambool. Wrote to the Vicar-General returning a cheque forwarded for signature - for Orphanage building. A large number received the Holy Communion at Woodford.

**Friday March 28th.** Morning devotions - Matins - preparation for Mass. Heard Mass at 8. Commenced Mass at 9 - delivered a short discourse. Confessions from 11 to 1. Went a short distance into the country. Examined the children of the school. In the evening prayers - instruction and Confessions. At 9 retired to rest.

**Saturday March 29th.** Masses at the usual hours[:] 8 and 9. Confessions, with short intervals, the whole of the day. Wrote to Mr O'Shanassy and advised that a clause be introduced into the Land Bill now before Parliament giving to us the same power of leasing portions of Church Grants as was given to the Protestants and Presbyterians. Equal rights to all. Hoped that a better form of deed would be issued for Church grants than the one issued for Williamstown. Wrote to Dr Fitzpatrick to see the Clergyman on the subject of Bishop Wilson's letter - to remove Madden and appoint Fr Moore to Keilor. Busy hearing Confessions during evening. Recited Matins for tomorrow - to bed at 9.30.

**Sunday March 30th.** Rose early - after prayers recited Lauds. Made preparation for Mass and instruction. At 9 o'clock Mass - after Mass delivered a short discourse on Confirmation - administered that sacrament. A great many Communicants at each Mass. Heard Confessions during the 11 o'clock Mass. Recited Hours. Prepared to start for Belfast en route to Portland. Weather showery.

**Monday March 31st.** Celebrated Mass at 9. At 11 examined the school children - but few were in attendance owing to illness prevailing amongst them. Answering very good in 1st class - in the others middling. Left at 3.30 for Yambuck - 13 miles from Belfast. People assembled recited prayers - gave instruction - heard Confessions up to late.

## APRIL 1862

**Tuesday - April 1st.** Rose at 6 - recited Matins - heard Confessions. At 8.30 commenced Mass. Gave Holy Communion to 90 persons - 45 others were disappointed. Preached. Left for Portland. When within 14 miles of Portland horse kicked and broke shafts. Got into Portland about 6.30.

**Wednesday April 2nd.** Morning prayers - Matins - Mass - Meditation. Short walk. Read letters brought by the December Mail, delayed until this month by bad weather. Wrote to the Vicar-General in reference to information in one of them. Evening - recited prayers and delivered a short discourse. Congregation numerous - a good many went to Confession. Retired soon after 9.

**Thursday April 3rd.** Rose about 7 - morning prayers in part said - recited Matins - heard Mass. Collation over - wrote for a short time. Weather wet and stormy. Meditation. Hours. Felt unwell the whole [day] - as if seasick. In the evening prayers, instruction and Confessions. A good many penitents. Answered letters - studied by turns. Children for Confirmation and 1st Holy Communion instructed and confessed from 2 to 3.

**Friday April 4th.** Weather a little improved. Celebrated Mass and gave instruction. Confessions numerous from 11 to 1. Took a short walk. At 7 prayers and instructions by Dr Sheil. Busy with Confessions up to 9. Children preparing for Confirmation and 1st Communion were instructed and their Confessions heard as yesterday from 2 to 3.

**Saturday April 5th.** Rose at the usual hour. Morning prayers - Matins and preparation for Mass. Mass. Closed the retreat or Mission. Busy until 1 - paid a short visit to a good Catholic family. Practised for the High Mass from 2 to 3. The great majority of the people approached the Sacraments - not more than 4 or 5 remained. A good many adults were Confirmed with the children. Weather much improved. Recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow.

**Sunday April 6th.** Morning prayers - meditation - preparation for Mass. Dedicated Church at 10. At 11 commenced High Mass. Dr Sheil preached - church crowded. Left for Belfast about ten minutes past 1 - where we did not arrive until 8. At 8.30 with sharp appetites commenced dinner.

**Monday April 7th.** Fatigued after yesterday did not get up till 8. Morning devotions as usual. Recited Divine Office. At 12 left for Warrnambool. Received letters from Frs Neville, Farrelly and Lenehan - the former and latter of old date. Did not make meditation till I got here. Recited Vespers and Compline. Will leave tomorrow d.v. [*Deo volente*] en route to Colac.

**Tuesday April 8th.** Heard Mass - recited a good part of the Divine Office. Started about 10 - reached Terang about 2 and Camperdown about 4.30. Here we stopped the night. This town is situated in good country - about 45 miles from Warrnambool and 36 from Colac.

**Wednesday April 9th.** Recited Matins and Prime after morning prayers. At 9 left for Colac - where we arrived a little after 2. Road good - hilly and narrow. At 5 attended in the Chapel - recited prayers and heard Confessions. Examined the children. Weather today and yesterday showery.

**Thursday April 10th.** Heard Confessions. At 9 celebrated Mass. About 45 went to Holy Communion. After Mass - preached and administered Confirmation. The Chapel is a handsome brick building. Left for Duneed about 11. Arrived in Duneed a little after 5.

**Friday April 11th.** Arrived in Geelong a little after 11. Recited the Divine Office. Wrote for a short time. Visited the Convent - promised to allow the reception of a Novice on Wednesday in Easter week. Gave permission to receive Miss Harty as a postulant without means, Revd. Mother having pressed for leave. Arrived in Melbourne a little after 8.

**Saturday April 12th.** Heard Mass this morning after the usual devotions. Recited the Divine Office. Meditation for a quarter of an hour. Went to the office about 10. Barry called - refused to have anything to say to him until he had settled with his creditors. In answer to a question put by him I stated that I believed he had the money.

Wrote letters - read for a time - heard Confessions up to 4. In the evening Confessions up to 9.30. Night prayers - rest.

**Sunday April 13th.** Rose early. Divine Office after a short morning prayer. Preparation for Mass. At a quarter past nine - Mass. Thanksgiving and short meditation. Read a few chapters out of Holy Writ. Read a good deal in \*Bulmer\*. Visited the Catechism classes in St Patrick's and St George's. Called for a few minutes at the [office?].

+*Vide supra*: In the evening Vespers, Sermon and Benediction.

**Monday April 14th.** After morning prayers and Matins celebrated Mass at the Convent. Engaged up to 12. Appointed Rev Mr Fitzpatrick to St Francis on trial - salary £100 per annum - to be provided with table. Fr Lordan declined a change to St Francis - is satisfied. In the evening preached after the Rosary - gave Benediction - heard Confessions.

**Tuesday April 15th.** Devotions as usual. Recited Divine Office. Mass and Confessions about 9.30. Engaged in the office up to 12.30. In the evening prayers and Confessions.

**Wednesday April 16th.** Morning devotions - Divine Office - heard Mass. Attended in the Confessional. Engaged with business up to 1. An hour's practice of Ceremonies for tomorrow. At 7 *Tenebrae*. After *Tenebrae* - Confessions.

**Thursday April 17th.** At 8 commenced the solemn service appointed for this day. 14 priests were in attendance. It was 11 before all was concluded. In the evening - *Tenebrae* and Confessions.

**Good Friday April 18th.** Did not commence the Holy Mass until 11. It was 1 when all was over including sermon. Church very much crowded. In the evening *Tenebrae* - sermon for the Hospital by Fr. Driscoll. Collection about £80. Confessions.

**Saturday April 19th.** Commenced the solemn service of this day at 8. It was 10.30 when it was concluded. Busy hearing Confessions from 2 to 4 - and in the evening to a very late hour. Had to put off a great many until next week. Felt somewhat fatigued. Weather improving.

**Sunday April 20th.** Morning devotions - Divine Office - meditation - preparation for Mass. At 11 commenced to celebrate High Mass. Gave the Papal Benediction. Church crowded to overflowing. In the evening Solemn Vespers and Benediction of the Most Blessed sacrament.

**Monday April 21st.** Devotions - Divine Office - preparation for Mass. Said Mass at the Convent. Heard Mass and Confessions in St Francis. Entertained the Clergy with a few of the laity this evening.

**Tuesday April 22nd.** Devotions - Divine Office - preparation for Mass. Celebrated Mass in the College Chapel. Heard Mass and Confessions in St Francis. In the evening left for Geelong.

**Wednesday April 23rd.** Celebrated Mass at a little before 9. Assisted at the reception of a novice for the Convent of Mercy. Returned by the 1 o'clock train to Melbourne. Delayed at the Werribee to take up the Volunteers. Did [not] get to Melbourne before 5 or 4.30.

**Thursday April 24th.** Heard Mass this morning. Most of the day engaged preparing letters for the English mail. Visited the Orphanage. Attended night prayers and heard Confessions.

**Friday April 25th.** Celebrated Mass at the Convent. Went to St Francis - heard Mass and Confessions. Engaged nearly the whole of the day writing for the English mail. Attended evening prayers - heard Confessions. Wrote letters before retiring to rest.

**Saturday April 26th.** Rose early - after morning devotions engaged writing letters up to the time of mail closing. Wrote to the Cardinal Prefect of Propaganda in reply to a letter from him in reference to Father Birmingham - a few lines to same about Barry's accounts and notes. Wrote to Dr Delany Bishop of Cork and the Archbishops of Armagh and Dublin to the same effect. Would not have done this had he repented and showed a disposition to settle with his creditors and did not falsify accounts and make false charges in his 2 notes.

Attended meeting at University and the Conferring of degrees. Heard Confessions at the usual hours.

**Sunday April 27th.** Rose about 6 - prayers over - recited the Divine Office - preparation for Mass. At 8 celebrated Mass in St Francis - gave Holy Communion, exhorted. Thanksgiving. After breakfast recited the Divine Office - made meditation. Read a little out of the Holy Bible. After this read a useful religious work until 2. Visited St Francis about 3. Looked over the Catechism classes. In the evening Vespers - Sermon - Benediction.

**Monday April 28th.** After morning prayers recited part of the Divine Office - preparation for Mass - said Mass in the College Chapel. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - heard a few Confessions. After breakfast made meditation. Engaged in the office up to 12. Returned home. Read and studied up to dinner time. Visited the Orphanage in the evening. At 7 night prayers - Confessions.

**Tuesday April 29th.** Prayers - Divine Office - Mass. Went to St Francis. Heard Mass - had a few to Confession - recited Hours - meditation. Answered letters. At 1 held a meeting of the School Committee. The attendance was small. Some business done. Read and studied for an hour or better on my return home. In the evening prayers and Confessions.

**Wednesday April 30th.** Morning prayers - Divine Office - preparation for Mass - Mass - Thanksgiving. Heard Confessions during Mass in St Francis. Recited Hours. Meditation. Occupied with business up to 12. Returned home and read and studied at intervals until 3. A short drive in the evening. Prayers and Confessions in St Francis.

## MAY 1862

**Thursday May 1st.** Did not say Mass this morning owing to indisposition. Heard Mass in St Francis - recited the Divine Office - heard Confessions. After breakfast - meditation. Business up to 12. Studied a little more than usual today - having to exhort this evening. In the evening commenced the devotions of this month - preached - gave Benediction of the the Most Blessed Sacrament. Heard Confessions afterwards.

**Friday May 2nd.** After prayers and Divine Office said Mass. Heard Mass - heard a few Confessions - recited Hours - meditation. Did business in the office up to 12. On my return home studied for the evening's exhortation. Evening - normal exhortation - Benediction. Afterwards Confessions.

**Saturday May 3rd.** Mass in the College. Heard Mass in St Francis. Recited Hours. Heard Confessions. Meditation. Business as usual up to 12. At home - engaged at intervals reading up to 2. From 2 to 4 Confessions. And in the evening the devotions for the month - and Benediction. Confessions until 9.30. Recited Matins for tomorrow.

**Sunday May 4th.** Rose a little after 6. Short morning prayers - made preparation for Mass. At 8 o'clock Mass in St Francis. After Holy Communion delivered a short discourse. Thanksgiving - heard a few Confessions - meditation - a little writing - a good share of reading with a little study. In the evening assisted at Vespers and sermon and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament as usual.

**Monday May 5th.** Celebrated Mass in the College Chapel a little after 7. Went to St Francis and heard Mass - heard a few Confessions - recited Hours. Engaged in the Office up to 12. Wrote with a view to a preparation for an exhortation in the evening from 1 to near 3. At 3.30 attended a meeting of the Council of the University to consider the Statutes and Regulations. Meeting did not break up till past 5. At 6 dined - at 7 attended devotions in St Francis - heard a few Confessions.

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**5th May.** On my return from a meeting of the Council of the University and just as we were about to commence dinner - the *Geelong Advertiser* [was produced] in which there was a report of a trial - Brady versus Revd. Patrick Madden - for money lent the latter - which report showed great moral guilt was attaching to the Revd. P. Madden and Revd. Dr. Barry for their conduct in the matter. The poor man lost the case - having to pay costs. I direct[ed] the V. Revd. Dr. Fitzpatrick to withdraw the leave given Madden to celebrate Mass.

**6th May.** The Vicar-General informed me this morning that he had told Revd. P. Madden that his faculties were withdrawn.]

**Tuesday May 6th.** Not feeling very well did not celebrate Mass this morning. Heard two Masses in St Francis. Recited the Divine Office - made meditation. Business up to 1. Meeting of Catholic School Committee - no quorum. At 3 attended a meeting of the Council of the University. At 4.30 dined. At 7 devotions and Confessions in St Francis.

**Wednesday May 7th.** Celebrated Mass in the College Chapel a little after 7. Went to St Francis - recited Hours - heard Mass - made meditation - heard Confessions. Saw Mr Madden - in reply said I would have nothing more to say to him - if he had explanation to give he should send it to Rome. Left the office at 12. Called at the Convent in reference to returns asked by Government with regard to the outlay and income of Orphanage from 1859 to 62. Advised them to be made at once. Returned home and read Vespers. Visit to the most adorable Sacrament. Study for an hour. At 7 - evening devotions and Confessions.

**Thursday May 8th.** Celebrated Mass a little after 7 in the College Chapel. Heard Mass - recited Hours - heard Confessions - meditation. Business from 12 to 1.30. Meeting of Catholic School Committee.

Heard for the first time the case of seduction brought by Jane Hoare against Revd. Patrick Madden - an attempt by advice to procure abortion. He had previously been suspended *a divinis* on another charge - a charge of moral fraud - swindling a poor man thereby out of a considerable sum - the fruit of hard work.

At 7 evening devotions and Confessions.

**Friday May 9th.** Said Mass at the Convent - heard Mass - recited Hours - meditation.

Engaged all the morning investigating the case against [Madden] up to 1. The girl - Jane Hoare, about 15 years of age - swore in the presence of a Magistrate, Dr Charles McCarthy, myself and Dr Fitzpatrick, Dean Hayes and Rev Mich. Driscoll to all the particulars of the charge as written at her dictation by Father Driscoll. Written statement sworn to, signed by herself in the presence of the Magistrate, myself and the clergymen above mentioned.

The accused was confronted with the party accusing. The opinion of the gentlemen above mentioned was against the accused priest. They believed him guilty.

Evening prayers and Confessions at 7.

**Saturday May 10th.** Heard Mass this morning. Divine Office. Meditation. Business up to 12. Confessions from 2 to 3. At 3 meeting at University \*adjourned until\* there was a quorum. Returned home. Confessions during the evening. Devotions of May.

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**10th May.** Dr McCarthy called on me before going to the Confessional this evening in reference to Frs. Rankin and Madden's affidavits with regard to the statement of Jane Hoare that Fr. Rankin saw her with Madden in Geelong when what she charged Madden with occurred. I expressed my regret that he did not consult with me before he took their affidavits. I told him they only made the matter worse. He talked of Dr. Barry's affairs. I briefly explained - expressing however surprise that any man of ordinary mind could believe Barry's false statement as made in his Pamphlet - itself a glaring contradiction!!]

**Sunday May 11th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - meditation. At Mass - preached after the Gospel. A good many to Holy Communion. Thanksgiving. After breakfast read a good part of the life of St Carlo Borromeo. Assisted at 11 o'clock Mass. Sermon preached for the Orphans. 90 Orphans male and female present. Collection made in all the churches - amount received in St Francis £98 - ninety-eight. Wrote a little - visited a sick person. Evening Vespers - Sermon - Benediction.

**Monday May 12th.** Got up a little after 6. Morning prayers - Matins - preparation. A little after 7 - Mass in College Chapel. Heard Mass - recited Hours - Confessions. After breakfast - meditation quarter of an hour. Business up to 12.30. Visited Convent on way home. Collections for Orphanage £120. At 3 dinner. Evening attended devotions in St Francis. Confessions.

**Tuesday May 13th.** Mass in College Chapel about 7. Heard Mass in St Francis - recited Hours - Confessions - meditation. Business up to 1. Requested amendments for new bill of Education - if inserted the Bill will satisfy. Visited new Orphanage. Evening devotions and Confessions in St Francis.

**Wednesday May 14th.** Rose at 6.30. After prayers recited Divine Office - preparation for Mass. Mass - heard Confessions in St Francis. Engaged with business and writing letters up to 1. Wrote about 24 letters. Returned home - wrote a letter to Mrs. Maguire, Superior of Convent at Geelong. Wrote in Memo Book. Evening devotions - Benediction and Confessions in St Francis. Mr O'Shanassy dined with [me] today and dropped in about 7.30. Left at 9.30 for House of Assembly.

**Thursday May 15th.** Rose soon after 6. Prayers - preparation for Mass. Mass a little after 7 in College Chapel. Heard Mass in St Francis - recited Hours - heard Confessions. Examined Mr. O'Shanassy's Education Bill. Wrote letters. Clergy met at 11. Called at the Convent about 1. Evening attended devotions in St Francis - Confessions - recited Matins for tomorrow.

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**13th May.** Examined with the Vicar-General and Dr. Bleasdale the bill of education prepared by Mr Shanassy - if passed with the amendments we suggested it may work well and give satisfaction.

**13th May.** Fr. Driscoll has informed me that Jane Hoare told him that she slept 3 nights in Fr. Madden's Presbytery - Keilor. That she travelled with him from Geelong to Melbourne on the 7th Jan 1861 - another female was with them. She drove out with him whilst stopping with him at Keilor

**May 14th.** Wrote to Mrs Maguire informing that I strictly forbid Frs. Madden and Barry being allowed to visit the Convent and reminded that I was informed that [the] former visited the Convent though forbidden to do so under pain of censure. I told her that my present prohibition implied censure.

The Clergy met today to consider what steps should be taken to put on record their opinion against the scandal [and] lies of Barry - and to express their censure of the conduct of the Creditors of Barry, at the late public meeting.

**15th May.** The Clergy met about 11 today to consider the proceedings of their yesterday meeting. Advised Dr. Bleasdale to resign the chair and allow Fr Smyth to take it. Barry's accounts as given in to me in his own writing submitted to the Clergy in [the] meeting.

+J.A.G. See last page of book.] [These end jottings have all been inserted into the text at the appropriate dates. Ed.]

**Friday May 16th.** Got up early, prayers as usual. Celebrated Mass in College Chapel - heard [Mass] in St Francis - recited Hours - Confessions - meditation. Clergy met again and passed resolutions spirited and highly creditable to them. They will appear in tomorrow's *Argus*. At 3 left by train for Kyneton. Left Kyneton for Castlemaine at 7. Reached Castlemaine about 11 p.m.

**Saturday May 17th.** It was late when I rose this morning. Felt somewhat fatigued after yesterday's work and travelling. Morning prayers over - recited Matins. Wrote copy of a Circular to the Clergy inviting them to solicit the support of their Representatives in Parliament for Mr O'Shanassy's Education Bill. At 1.30 left for Daylesford - road bad or difficult. Reached Daylesford about 8. Had to drive cautiously the last 5 miles - the night having set in. Recited Vespers before going to bed. Regulated Masses for tomorrow.

**Sunday May 18th.** Celebrated Mass at 9 - heard Confessions during the celebration of the next Mass. Assisted at the 11 o'clock Mass. Preached after the Ablution. Mass over - met the people and in reply to questions put said that the proceeds of mining on the Church ground should first be applied to the erection of a Church, Presbytery and School at Daylesford - afterwards to the education of students for the Church and to assisting poor Missions. All plans of buildings should be approved by me. Left for Castlemaine at 1 - reached Castlemaine about 5.30.

**Monday May 19th.** Rose about 7. Heard Mass - heard Confessions - recited Divine Office - neglected meditation. Left at 20 minutes past 11 for Kyneton. After a short stay in Kyneton proceeded by the 3 o'clock train to Melbourne. At 6 dined. At 7 assisted at devotions in St Francis - heard Confessions. Had a letter from Bishop of Hobarton.

**Tuesday May 20th.** Heard Mass in St Francis. Recited the Divine Office. Read over subject for meditation. Wrote to the Bishop of Hobarton. Sent him a copy of Mr. O'Shanassy's Bill on Education. Had a letter from the Archbishop - will meet him in Albury. Wrote letters for Europe. Visited the Convent with the Vicar-General about 1. Returned home and wrote for a half hour. Devotions and Confessions in the evening.

**Wednesday May 21st.** Celebrated Mass a little after 7. Heard Mass - recited Hours - made short meditation. After breakfast wrote letters. Engaged with business up to 12 in the office. On my return home wrote several letters. In the evening visited the new Orphanage - as yet unoccupied. Attended devotions in the Church. Heard Confessions.

**Thursday May 22nd.** A little after 7 commenced Mass. Heard Mass at 8 in St Francis. Recited Hours - heard Confessions - made meditation. Breakfast over - wrote a little. Looked over two of the daily Journals. Business soon after up [to] 12. Returned home - wrote letters for English Mail. Study for an hour. Evening devotions of May - Confessions.

**Friday May 23rd.** Celebrated at the usual hour in the College Chapel. Heard Mass at 8 in St Francis, recited Hours - meditation - Confessions. Business up to 12. At home wrote to Cardinal Barnabò in reference to Barry and Madden. Objected to the names sent in by the Bishops. Objected to the translation of the Bishop of Adelaide. Studied a little. Evening devotions - Confessions.

**Saturday May 24th.** Mass in the College Chapel. Heard 8 o'clock Mass in St Francis. Heard Confessions - recited Hours - made meditation. Busy writing for the English mail.

Sent copies of the resolutions and address of the Clergy on the Barry scandal to the Cardinal Prefect of Propaganda - to Dr Cullen, Archbishop of Dublin - Archbishop Dixon of Armagh - Dr Delany, Bishop of Cork - Father O'Shea of Cork, the Vicar-General of Cork - Bishop of Carlow - Professor Neville. Confessions from 2 to 3 - evening from 7 to 9.

Fr. Slattery arrived on Friday - saw him today. Read \*his\* letters.

**Sunday May 25th.** Celebrated Mass in the College Chapel - thanksgiving - breakfast - recited Hours - made meditation. Read two Chapters in the Bible, as is my custom. Wrote letters today in order to be in time for the mail for England - which closes on tomorrow early. Posted letters about 3. In the evening assisted at Vespers - sermon and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

**Monday May 26th.** A little after 7 said Mass in the College Chapel. Heard Mass in St Francis, finished Divine Office. Recited the Litanies. After breakfast wrote for a time - made meditation. At home - engaged up to 4. Attended meeting of University Council - Chancellor and Vice reelected. It was 6 before we dined. Mr O'Shanassy was with us. Had a long conversation on the Bill on Education now before Parliament. Hope it will be thrown out.

**Tuesday May 27th.** Celebrated Mass in the College Chapel. Heard Mass in St Francis - Divine Office. Appointed Fr. Slattery to Daylesford. Removed Fr. Williams thence to Creswick. Meeting of Catholic School Committee at 12. Read draft of Petition against Heales' Education Bill - approved - in style it needs alteration. Returned home about 2. Wrote a little - recited Vespers etc. Evening devotions as usual in St Francis. Confessions.

**Wednesday May 28th.** Heard Mass this morning - recited Divine Office - made meditation. Engaged after breakfast in Office up to 12. Returned home about 1. Wrote and read at intervals. At 2 dined. Evening devotions - Confessions. Mr O'Shanassy called - looked over draft of petition against Education Bill.

**Thursday May 29th.** Sung Mass at 11 in St Francis. After breakfast saw Mr O'Shanassy - talked about the Education Bill and the petition against it. Will have it in print this evening. Visited Keilor. Fr Moore absent. Got home a little after 4. Dined - after dinner studied for an hour. Attended the devotions in St Francis - heard Confessions. Examined proof of petition. Had copy sent to Mr O'Shanassy.

**Friday May 30th.** Celebrated Mass in College Chapel. At 8 went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Divine Office. After breakfast looked over the dailies - received visits on business from Clergymen and laics. Had a conversation with Mr Hough in reference to a weekly Journal he intends starting in the Catholic interest. Told that all insertions of a religious nature should be submitted to me first - on this condition I would give it my support and would continue it *dum se bene gesserit* [all the while it remained well conducted].

He left a prospectus with me for consideration. I fear as a purely religious paper it will not succeed - told him as much. However we shall see about it. Returned home. Read the prospectus carefully over. Will consult the Clergy now in Melbourne about it. Made meditation - recited Vespers etc. Evening devotions of May. Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament as usual. Confessions.

**Saturday May 31st.** Celebrated Mass in the College Chapel. Heard Mass. Recited Hours. Short meditation - Confessions. Engaged up to 12. Studied from 12.30 to 2. Confessions from 2 to 4. Evening Confessions commenced at 7 as usual. Recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow.

## JUNE 1862

**Sunday June 1.** Celebrated Mass at 8. Gave a short exhortation. A large number approached the Holy Communion. After thanksgiving - breakfast - next made meditation. Read until 10.30. Weather wet and cold. Returned to St Patrick's - read a few chapters in the Old Testament - then read two articles in the *Dublin Review* - subjects religious and doctrinal. It rained the whole day. In the evening at 7 attended Devotions in St. Francis - Vespers, sermon and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Night wet and cold.

**Monday June 2nd** Heard Mass this morning - recited Hours - heard Confessions - short meditation. After breakfast business until 12. Took a short drive before dinner - recited Vespers on my return. In the evening read for an hour. At 7 went to St Francis - prayers - Confessions.

**Tuesday June 3rd.** Celebrated Mass soon after 7. Went to St Francis - heard [Mass] - recited Hours - heard Confessions - made meditation. Breakfast over, visited St Francis boys school. Did not remain long there. School orderly and quiet. Told the Master that a half yearly 'Examination' would take place this month. I saw the Clergy and divided Melbourne into School districts - appointed a Clergyman to each - visits to the Schools and domiciliary to be made regularly by the Clergy. Visited the convent - examined accounts - debt on House of Refuge and new buildings £3 thousand and a few 100. Advised that no new liabilities be incurred until this debt be paid off.

In the evening night prayers and Confessions.

**Wednesday June 4th.** Mass - Confessions - heard Mass - Divine Office - meditation. Engaged writing letters. Meeting of Catholic School Committee - a good deal of business done. Wrote to the Clergy recommending for their support Mr Hough's projected Newspaper. Evening St Francis - prayers and Confessions.

**Thursday June 5th.** Celebrated - heard Mass - recited Hours - meditation. Wrote letters to the Clergy. Wrote to Bishop of Hobart. Busy during the day. Evening prayers and Confessions in St Francis church. Retired to rest a little after 9.

**Friday June 6th.** Celebrated Mass at the usual hour - heard Mass afterwards in St Francis - recited Hours - heard a few Confessions. Engaged with business up to 12 - left office soon after. Studied - on getting home - for an hour. Wrote letters - read for a short time - recited Vespers. In the evening attended night prayers in St Francis - heard Confessions. Recited Matins for tomorrow.

**Saturday June 7th.** Did not feel well this morning. After the usual morning devotions went to St Francis and heard Mass - recited Hours. After breakfast I read for a short time - looked over two of the daily journals. Wrote letters. A little before 12 returned home - read and wrote alternatively until near 1 - made meditation rather late today. From 2 to 4 Confessions. Prepared order of duty for tomorrow. In the evening heard Confessions from 7 to a quarter to 9. Recited Matins for tomorrow.

**Sunday June 8th.** Sung Mass in St Francis at 11. Sermon preached after the Communion - made meditation in the afternoon. Wrote to Dr Wilson in reply - returned to him the copy of a letter he wrote the Archbishop. Read a chapter or two out of the Old Testament. Paid a visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament. At 7 Solemn Vespers and Benediction with Sermon.

**Monday June 9th.** After morning prayers recited Matins - celebrated Mass at the Convent. Went to St Francis, recited Hours - read a chapter in *Imitation*. Read a few pages of a work on the United States. Father Downing called - refused to be advised by him in reference to the present difficulty. \*He errs\* always on the side of misrule. Fr Slattery, Daylesford, telegraphed for. On return home read until dinner time. Night Confession, prayers.

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**Monday June 9th.** Fr Downing called this morning - he said he wished me to give peace to the diocese. I replied that I did not understand him - that the diocese and I were at peace - the bad alone were at variance. However, I declined being advised by him. I further remarked that he is the last clergyman in the diocese from whom I would receive advice, as I always found that he was on the side of those who resisted authority. He then withdrew.]

**Tuesday June 10th.** Morning prayers - Lauds - preparation - Mass. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - meditation. After breakfast read - when not engaged in business - until 12. Meeting of Catholic School Committee to consider memorial against Education Bill to the Upper House. Engaged up to 3. Evening St Francis prayers and Confessions.

**Wednesday June 11th.** Morning prayers - short preparation - Mass at 7 - College Chapel. Heard Mass in St Francis - recited Hours - meditation. Engaged reading letters by English Mail. That done, sent for Fr. Driscoll - and spoke to him on the subject of last night's conversation. Told him that Fr England did not draw a share from Fr Fitzgerald - got nearly £1 per week for duty \*based in\* the College. Jackson and the sacristan should not dine in the Kitchen. Engaged up to 1 - evening prayers and Confessions.

**Thursday June 12th.** Celebrated Mass in the College Chapel. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - made meditation - heard a few Confessions. Engaged in the office up to 12 - called at the Convent about 1. On my return home read until within a quarter of 3 - then recited Vespers. Drove out after dinner. In the evening prayers and Confessions in St Francis - Matins and Lauds for tomorrow.

**Friday June 13th.** The usual morning devotions - preparation - Mass - short thanksgiving. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - heard Confessions. Breakfast over - meditation half hour - business interviews - letters etc. Read when not so engaged. At 12.30 went home. Read until a quarter to 3 - recited Vespers. Evening - night prayers - Confessions.

**Saturday June 14th.** Morning prayers - Mass - thanksgiving - went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Divine Office - heard a few Confessions. Business up to 11.30. Went home - made meditation - half hour. Studied until near to 2 - interrupted for short intervals. Confessions from 2 to 4. Recited Matins for tomorrow. Read for a half hour. In the evening confessions from 6.30 to 9.30. Arranged duties for tomorrow and Thursday.

**Sunday June 15th.** Celebrated Mass in St Francis at 8 - preached after giving Holy Communion - thanksgiving made, recited Hours. Breakfast - this over, made meditation - returned home about 10.30. Read a few chapters of the Old Testament - paid a visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament. Studied up to 2 then wrote a few letters for the English Mail as I leave for the Country tomorrow to meet the Archbishop at Albury and make the visitation of the Missions in that direction. Visited St Francis, [St] Augustine[']s and St Mary's between 3 and 4. In the evening assisted at Vespers, sermon and Benediction.

**Monday June 16th.** Celebrated Mass a little after 7 in College Chapel. Short thanksgiving - went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - heard a few Confessions - made meditation. Engaged up to 11.30.

At 12 left for Kilmore. Took faculties from Fr O'Donoghue - advised Dean Hayes to get Fr Downing to put him on a retreat for a few days. I will try and save him - he is young - and may yet be good!

Arrived in Kilmore about 5.30.

**Tuesday June 17th.** Left Kilmore at 10 and arrived at Avenel before dark. Road heavy in some parts. Read a little before retiring for the night - the Divine Office being already recited. Weather cloudy and threatening.

**Wednesday June 18th.** Left Avenel a little past 9 - arrived at Euroa about 1. Visited the school - children had gone home. Visited it again about 3. Examined the few present, who are preparing for Confirmation, in the Catechism. Most of them answered satisfactorily. Fr Tierney arrived at about 7. Wrote a few letters. This Mission is for the present attached to that of Beechworth - recited Vespers and Compline. Read for a short time.

**Thursday June 19th.** Heard Confessions before Mass. Mass was celebrated at 8 and 9. I celebrated at 10 - gave instruction and administered Confirmation. At 1.30 left for Violet Town - distance 15 miles. Here we stop the night. After Divine Office read for a short time - read again after night prayers.

**Friday June 20th.** Heard Confessions before offering up the Holy Sacrifice. A little after 9 commenced Mass in a room in the Police Camp - congregation small - 9 went to Holy Communion. Left for Benalla. Road very bad - heavy rain fell after we got into Benalla. Visited the school.

**Saturday June 21st.** Celebrated Mass at 9. Thanksgiving. Recited some of the Divine Office before breakfast. After breakfast wrote several letters for home - English Mail will close here on 23[rd]. Sent £80 to Mr Hynes *pro F*. Wrote to Mr O'Shanassy about appointing a Catholic matron to the Lying[-in] Home. Sent Archbishops Cullen and Dixon copies of the report of the Clerical meeting and address in reference to the Barry scandal. Read for some time - made a short meditation. Heavy rain continues to fall. In the evening went to the school to hear Confessions. We had but few penitents owing to the wet. Recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow.

**Sunday June 22nd.** Rose early - after morning prayers dressed. Then went to the school - heard Mass - recited Hours - made a short preparation for Mass. At 9 commenced Mass - a good many went to Holy Communion. Heard a few Confessions. Preached at the 10 o'clock Mass. At 12.30 left for Wangaratta, 25 miles. Arrived there about 5. Recited Vespers and Compline. After night prayers retired to rest.

**Monday June 23rd.** After morning prayers recited Matins. At 8 left for Beechworth - where we arrived about 2. Recited Lauds - Hours - Vespers and Compline. Wrote to the Vicar-General - jotted down in note book. It was late today when I made meditation. Passing through Tarrawingee visited the school - attendance small. Slab hut - furniture poor - Master not long appointed.

**Tuesday June 24th.** Celebrated Mass about 8. At a little after 9 left for Albury. Stopped a short time at Chiltern. School was closed - children gone to dinner. Arrived in Albury about 4. Archbishop had gone to meet me. He looks very well. Had a long conversation before and after dinner. He said he would not in future answer Barry's letters.

**Wednesday June 25th.** Rose early - morning prayers over, recited Matins. Heard Mass - Archbishop said Mass. Meditation.

Had a long and interesting conversation with the Archbishop - could not persuade him to come on to Melbourne - visited the German settlers in the course of the day. In the evening [the] Archbishop read the letter to the Cardinal as agreed upon by himself and the Bishops of Adelaide and Brisbane. Urged my objections against the nominations of two priests from this diocese and to the translation of [the] Bishop of Adelaide. Agreed to meet next September in Melbourne - Bishops of Hobart and Brisbane.

**Thursday June 26th.** Left at 9 this morning for Beechworth. Heavy rain the whole day. Did not stop to refresh. Reached Beechworth about 5. At 7 commenced the Mission - recited prayers, preached, heard Confessions.

**Friday June 27th.** Rose a little after 7. Morning prayers - Divine Office. Mass at 8, 9 and 10. At 9 celebrated Mass - Confessions from 8 - 9. Preached at 10. Mass [and] Confessions from 11 to 12. Christian Doctrine and Confessions for Children from 1 to 2. Confessions for adults from 2 - 4. Night 7 o'clock prayers [*sic*], instruction given by me - Confessions.

**Saturday June 28th.** Rose early. Morning prayers - recited Hours - preparation for Mass. At 9 celebrated Mass. At 10 o'clock Mass heard Confessions. Examined the children in Catechism - found them very backward. Heard Confessions during the day - and in the evening up to 8.30. Studied for a short time.

**Sunday June 29th.** Got up a little after 7. Recited Matins after morning prayers - short meditation - preparation for Mass. Heard a few Confessions. At 9 commenced Mass. After Mass preached and administered Confirmation. A large number went to Holy Communion. At the 8 and 9 o'clock masses the Clergyman who celebrated 11 o'clock preached after the Ablution. At 3 went to the Gaol - said prayers for the prisoners - gave them instruction. At 7 prayers - after which I gave instruction.

**Monday June 30th.** Heard Mass. Left at 1 for Yackandandah - road bad. Recited prayers - spoke to the few assembled. Heard Confessions. Recited Vespers and Compline.

## JULY 1862

**Tuesday July 1st.** Mass at 8. Heard a few Confessions. At 9 commenced Mass - gave instruction and administered Confirmation. A good many went to Holy Communion. A good many old sinners to Confession. Left at 11 for Chiltern. Here I recited night prayers - gave instruction. Confessions were heard.

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**Wednesday July 2nd.** Mass at 8 by Dr. Bleasdale. Heard Confessions. At 9 commenced Mass. After Mass gave instruction - administered Confirmation. A good many went to Holy Communion - 10 o'clock Mass Fr Tierney. At 1 left for Rutherglen - 11 miles. Evening recited prayers - gave instruction - heard Confessions.

**Thursday July 3rd.** Mass at 9. Recited Matins. Heard Confessions before Mass. After Mass preached - and administered Confirmation. A good many went to Holy Communion at 9 o'clock Mass. Dr Bleasdale celebrated the 10 and gave Holy Communion. Heard a few Confessions during the celebration of this Mass. Recited Hours. Returned to Chiltern. After dinner wrote for a time - recited Vespers and Compline. Retired early.

**Friday July 4th.** Left Chiltern for Wangaratta a little after 9. Road in parts very bad. Recited Lauds and Hours as we went along. Arrived in Wangaratta about 2.30. Received a letter from the Vicar-General which I answered - made a short meditation. At 6 recited night prayers and rosary in the Chapel - heard a few Confessions. Recited Vespers and Compline. At 9.30 went to bed.

**Saturday July 5th.** Rose a little later than usual. Morning prayers - a portion of the Divine Office - a short thanksgiving, at 9 Mass. After breakfast wrote for a short time. Divine Office. From 11 to 1 Confessions - meditation. Confessions from 2 - 3. At 3 dinner. Confessions during the evening. Studied in preparation for the instruction I am to give the people tomorrow. The Clergymen who assisted during the Visitation of this part of the Diocese are the Reverend Dr. Bleasdale and one of the two priests residing in Beechworth and charged with the spiritual care of the Missions in this part.

**Sunday July 6th.** Rose early this morning. After prayers went to the Chapel - heard a part of 8 o'clock Mass - recited Hours - made preparation. At 9 celebrated Mass - gave Holy Communion to 20 persons - a few went to Communion at 8. After Mass gave instruction, then administered Confirmation to about 40 - a few old persons. Heard 10 o'clock Mass.

At 12 left for Benalla. Road very bad. Reached Benalla 25 miles about 5. Heavy rain commenced after our arrival.

**Monday July 7th.** Rose early this morning - before light - having a long journey and bad road before me. Left at 7.30. Got stuck in one place - had to get out and change horses. Arrived at Violet Town at 12. Delayed here an hour to refresh. Arrived at Longwood 42 miles from Benalla about 6. Being fatigued retired early to rest.

**Tuesday July 8th.** Heavy rain this morning likely to continue. Told Dr Bleasdale to telegraph to Fr. Branigan not to come to meet us in this bad weather. Could not send message - Telegraph being engaged. Left for Seymour about 10. Lost our way for 2 miles - weather became fine - reached the Seymour - 26 miles - about 3.

**Wednesday July 9th.** Morning prayers as usual - recited Divine Office before starting for Kilmore. Stopped a half hour at Tallarook to select a site for Church, school and Presbytery. From Broadford rode in saddle to Kilmore. Visited the Blessed Sacrament. Recited Vespers and Compline.

**Thursday July 10th.** Rose a little after 7. Usual morning prayers over - heard Mass and recited Divine Office. At 10 left for Melbourne. Arrived in Melbourne about 4. [The] Bishop of Hobarton has kindly visited us. He arrived in Melbourne on Friday last. He looks well. Had a long and interesting talk [to] him during the evening.

**Friday July 11th.** Being fatigued I did not rise early this morning. Did not say mass and lost the opportunity to hear Mass. Read letters by English Mail - mostly on business - my uncle's letter interesting. Did not go out today except to the office, where my delay was short. A few friends dined with us today. Made a few visits - which I forgot to note above.

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**Tuesday July 11th.** Revd. Mr Parle - a strange priest lately arrived from Ireland - called this morning upon me to get leave to make collection to aid in establishing schools for children of the middle class in the Diocese of Ferns. Told I could not give it - our own school accommodation for the poor being quite inadequate - our only College being closed and in debt - our Mission \*in sum\* being young and needing everything.

**Saturday July 12th.** Did not celebrate Mass this morning - but heard Mass in St Francis - Divine Office.

After breakfast looked over one of the daily journals. Saw the second number of the *Victorian*, a Catholic paper just started. The first number, which I saw at Kilmore, was respectable - paper and type good. Had not time to read the second number. It was published rather late - too late to be sent to country districts. Confessions from 2 to 4. Evening from 7 to 10. Weather cold and showery. Arranged duty for tomorrow. Recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow.

**Sunday July 13th.** Rose about 7.30. Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - celebrated Mass in College Chapel. Bishop of Hobartton celebrated at 9 in St Patrick's. Heard Mass in College said by a strange priest. Recited Hours. Read Butler's *Lives* of Saints honoured on this day. After breakfast read a little of the Old Testament. After this wrote for a short time. Then meditation. Did not go out today owing to heavy rain. Read most part of the afternoon. Bishop of Hobartton gave Benediction in St Francis. I attended Vespers and Benediction privately in St Patrick's.

**Monday July 14th.** Celebrated Mass in the College Chapel about a quarter past 7. Heard Mass in St Francis - recited Hours - meditation. Business in office up to 12. At home read and wrote alternately until near dinner hour. Evening - night prayers - Confessions - Matins.

**Tuesday July 15th.** About 7 Mass in the College Chapel. Attended Mass in St Francis. Recited Hours - short meditation. Remained in office until 12. Meeting of Catholic School Committee - some business done - broke up about 2.30. In the evening took a short drive with the Bishop of Hobartton. Evening - night prayers - Confessions. Recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow.

**Wednesday July 16th.** Celebrated Mass in the College Chapel. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - heard a few Confessions. Made a short meditation. Engaged in the office up to near 1. Afternoon to dinner hour occupied writing. In the evening attended night prayers and heard Confessions. Recited Matins and Lauds.

**Thursday July 17th.** At a quarter past 7 celebrated in the College Chapel. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - made meditation. Remained in the office until 1. Visited the Convent on business - occupied up to 4.30. Recited Matins - dined with the Bishop of Hobartton and a few of the Clergy at Mr O'Shanassy's. Left home at 10.30.

**Friday July 18th.** Did not celebrate this morning but heard Mass - recited Hours - made meditation. Had a visit from Dr Tierney in reference to Lying-in Hospital - objected to Catholic ladies being on the ladies committee as long as the meetings were opened with Protestant prayer. Looked over proof of Catholic column of news for the *Victorian*. Wrote when not engaged in business - left office at 12.

**Saturday July 19th.** Celebrated Mass at a quarter past 7. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours, made meditation. Heard Confessions. At 9.30 took breakfast. Engaged in the office up to 11.30. Advised that Dr McCarthy's case with Wishter should be settled out of court. Returned home about 12. Read occasionally until near 2. Called at the Convent and told the Revd. Mother not to apply the proceeds of the Orphanage Bazaar to any other purpose. It would be wrong to apply it to any other object and injurious to public Charities - hence I forbid it. Confessions from 2 to 4 and from 7 to 9.30.

**Sunday July 20th.** Celebrated at the Convent about 8. Returned home about 9.30. Recited Hours - read a few chapters in the Old Testament. Wrote a short Pastoral in reference to a collection to be made on the 15th August for the Pope. Assisted at Vespers, sermon and Benediction.

**Monday July 21st.** Celebrated Mass at the usual hour in the College. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - made meditation. Remained in the office occupied up to 12.

Clergy coming in for retreat dined with us. Saw them after dinner and introduced for the[ir] consideration and advice the new Education Bill. After retreat will hear the result of their own meeting on the subject.

**Tuesday July 22nd.** Clergy commenced their retreat last night. Celebrated Mass in St Patrick's at 7.30. Went to St Francis and heard 9 o'clock Mass - recited the Divine Office - meditation. Business in office up to 12. Assisted as usual at night prayers and heard Confessions.

**Wednesday July 23rd.** Celebrated Mass at 7.30 in St Patrick's. Heard Mass afterwards in St Francis - recited Hours - made meditation - occupied the office up to 12. Returned home - wrote letters to send by English [Mail]. Invited out a community of nuns of 4 from Angers - and a small community of men for the establishment of a boys Reformatory. In the evening visited the Orphanage. Heard Confessions and night prayers in St Francis.

**Thursday July 24th.** At 7.30 Mass - went to St Francis. Heard Mass - recited Hours - made meditation. Wrote letters - saw persons on business - studied a little when not occupied. Returned home about 1. Wrote for a short time - read until near dinner. Recited Vespers and Compline. In the evening went to St Francis - recited Matins. Night prayers - Confessions.

**Friday July 25th.** This morning concluded the Clerical retreat - celebrated Mass and gave Holy Communion to the Clergy. After addressed a few words to them - directed that confessionals should be erected where possible - where not possible, that the Confessions should be heard *coram populo* [before the people] - the Clergyman being inside the Sanctuary rail and the penitent outside - commanded that oratories should be provided for the safe custody of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the presbyteries - when there were no churches or chapels conveniently situated or not as yet erected wherein to keep the Most Blessed Sacrament. I called attention to the careful keeping of Registries, account books and inventories of church property and altar furniture.

They met afterwards to consider what action they would advise me to in reference to the Common Schools Bill. A majority advised its rejection. The opinions of the absent will be obtained next week. We dined together - some had to return to their missions. St Francis - Confessions - night prayers.

**Saturday July 26th.** Busy up to 1.30. Confessions from 2 to 4 and from 7 to 9.30.

**Sunday July 27th.** Celebrated Mass at the Convent about 7. Addressed a few words of instruction to the children who made their first Communion. Read subject of meditation - recited Hours. Read a few chapters out of the Holy Bible. Visited St Francis about 2.30. Children assembled for Catechism very few. Read until dinner on my return home. At 7 Vespers, sermon and Benediction - assisted in St Francis.

**Monday July 28th.** Rose about 6.30. Commenced Mass in the College Chapel a little after 7. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - finished my thanksgiving - recited the Divine Office. After breakfast meditation - business in office up to 12.30. Read at intervals. On my return home wrote for a short time. Then read until dinner time. Evening - attended as usual night [prayers] in St Francis - Confessions.

**Tuesday July 29th.** Mass at the usual hour. Heard Mass - Little Hours - meditation. Engaged with the business connected with the diocese up to 12. At home from 1 to 3 - engaged reading and writing at intervals. Confessions and night prayers as usual.

**Wednesday July 30th.** Mass about the usual time in the College Chapel. Heard Mass - heard a few Confessions - Hours - meditation. Business from 9.30 to 12.

Advised the Bishop of Hobart town not to publish in the *Argus* about the Lunatic Asylum of the Yarra Bend until he saw what the government would do to remove the abuses and horror complained of. He was a little displeased. I regretted having advised, for I would not for the world displease him. Took a short drive with him. Saw Dr Brownless and advised him to accept of the appointment to the Commission to inquire into the Yarra Bend Asylum.

Confessions - night prayers.

**Thursday July 31st.** Mass a little past 7 - heard Mass - heard a few Confessions. In office until 12.

Bishop read his paper - which he withheld from the *Argus* - it is an able paper. Saw no objection to its being published - requested Dr Bleasdale to take it to the *Argus*. Bishop of Hobart dined with the priest at Heidelberg. I dined alone. Read for Mr O'Shanassy the letter I intended to write him as Chief Secretary in reply to his recommending under protest against the Common Schools Act Mr Archer to be a member of the Board to administer it. He made no objection - but seemed to approve it. Read for the Bishop of Hobart town who approved it.

Saw Mr O'Farrell this evening and advised him to settle the Cemetery dispute and pay expenses, which I would provide for by Collection.

Evening attended night prayers and heard Confessions.

## AUGUST 1862

**Friday August 1st.** Celebrated Mass a little past 7. Heard Mass - heard Confessions - recited Hours - meditation.

Breakfast over, wrote letters to Clergy requesting a small Collection to be made by each to meet the expenses incurred by Dr McCarthy in administering the Cemetery Act according to the discipline of the Church. Wrote also about aiding the proprietor of the *Victorian* newspaper. Read for Mr Archer the letter I intend to write to Government in reference to his appointment to the Board of the Common Schools - he approved of the conditions of the recommendation and appointment.

On my return home read and wrote at intervals until dinner. Took a short drive with [the] Bishop. St Francis - night prayers and Confessions as usual.

**Saturday August 2nd.** Heard Mass this morning. Divine Office, meditation - half hour. Business until 12. Wrote for a short time. Conversated with the Bishop of Hobart Town a short time. Called at the Convent about 1.30. Confessions from 2 to 4.

Heard that one of Barry's creditors of the name Stephen Donovan - a bad Catholic - has levied with the permission of this bad priest on the furniture of the College !!! *O tempora, O mores!!* Confessions from 7 to 9.30. Saw Mr O'Farrell on this disgraceful seizure. He said we could do nothing.

**Sunday August 3rd.** Celebrated Mass at 8 in St Francis. Invested with a blue ribbon 24 of the members of the Young Men's Society - addressed them a few words before [so] doing. All, with a large number of the congregation went to Holy Communion. Announced a mission or retreat for the people - to commence on the 11th.

Divine Office - meditation. Remained at home until 2. Read for an hour portions of the Old Testament. Visited St George's - which was [not?] opened, it being a little too early - visited St Mary's between 3 and 4 - children were assembled for Catechism - called at St Aug[ustine's] - it was shut. Visited the Convent for a minute with the Vicar-General - Revd. M[other] not in. After dinner prepared to go to St Francis for Vespers - which were over about 8.30. Mr O'Farrell and Lane called.

**Monday August 4th.** Celebrated Mass in College at a little after 7. Heard Mass in St Francis - heard a few Confessions - Divine Office - meditation - business until 12. Returned home. Things being removed from the College by [the] Sheriff's Officers on acc[ount] of Barry - other creditors defrauded. Wrote until 2.30. Advised Fr England to see that the property of the Mission was not touched. Read until dinner. St Francis, attended night prayers - heard Confessions.

**Thursday [i.e Tuesday] August 5th.** At 7.30 Mass in the College Chapel. Heard Mass at St Francis - heard Confessions - Divine Office - meditation. Business up to 12. Read with short intervals up to 3. Went to St Francis after a short drive with the Bishop - attended night prayers - Confessions.

Mr Higinbotham, a creditor of Barry, called. Expressed his displeasure at the seizure of the College furniture by Donovan and Co. Would, if he could, stop the sale. I merely said that the creditors should protect themselves and see that the property was disposed for the benefit of all the creditors - thought the creditors should bring the matter before the public through the press.

Dined at St Francis - Bishop of Hobart and clergy of the City. At 7 night prayers - Confessions.

**Wednesday August 6th.** 14[th] anniversary of my Consecration. Sung Mass at 11. Bishop of Hobart, Dr Wilson, was present - and a good many of the Clergy.

Weather wet in the morning but cleared up about 12. Dinner at 6. Clergy and Bishop [Willson] will be with us, and a few of the laity.

**Thursday August 7th.** Mass in College Chapel about 7. Heard Mass and Confessions at St Francis. Had a visit from Dr Bowie, Surgeon Superintendent of Yarra-bend Lunatic Asylum. Advised to call at St Patrick's and explain himself to Bishop Wilson.

Told Dr Wilson that Mr Bowie would wait upon him. Visited for a few minutes the Convent - Sisters are on retreat. At 3 dinner. Drove out with the Bishop - called at the new Orphanage - not as yet occupied. At 7 night prayers and Confessions.

**Friday August 8th.** Celebrated Mass about 7. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours. When not busy - read. . At 12 left the office. Bishop Wilson and the Vicar-General left for Ballarat. Wrote for a few minutes. Read from 1 to 2 - then recited Vespers, Compline, Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Night prayers and Confession.

**Saturday 9th August.** Celebrated Mass at 7.30 in the Cathedral. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - made meditation. Had a visit from Mrs Cullen - told her I declined to receive Dr Bowie's explanation in reference to Yarra Bend - gave no information as to what he said. Left office at 12. Read until 1.30. Confessions afternoon and night as usual.

**Sunday August 10th.** Said Mass and preached at 8. St Francis duties as usual. Visit to the Blessed Sacrament. From 11 to 1.30 occupied reading. Visited St Francis and St Patrick's when children were being taught the Christian doctrine. Evening attended Vespers in St Francis - sermon and Benediction as usual.

**Monday August 11th.** Mass in the College - heard Mass. Hours - meditation. Studied, when not interrupted by business, up to 12. Wrote from 12.30 to a little past 1. Took a short drive with the Bishop of Hobart. Weather wet. The Bishop of Hobart will open the Mission to the people this evening with instruction and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

The church was well attended - Confessions up to 9.

**Teusday [sic], August 12th.** Mass at the usual time. Went to St Francis, heard Mass and Confessions. Congregation at each Mass large. Business in Study. Evening prayers. Rosary - Sermon - Benediction - Confessions up to 9. Weather wet and stormy.

**Wednesday August 13th.** Mass at the usual hour. Heard Mass in St Francis - heard Confessions. Weather unfavourable. Business and study as usual. Private devotions attended to. Bishop of Hobart left at 5 for the steamer which will leave later in the afternoon for Launceston. In the evening preached after prayers - gave Benediction. Congregation very large though the weather was most unfavourable. Busy hearing Confessions up to 10. Clergyman from neighbouring missions assist.

**Thursday August 14th.** Vigil. Said Mass at 7 - or a little after. Heard Mass in St Francis. Busy hearing Confessions. Meditation and visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament as usual. Business and study - attended evening prayers and Benediction. Confessions up to 10.30.

**Friday August 15th.** Sung High Mass. Communicants at each Mass most numerous. Church crowded at High Mass. Evening prayers. Confessions.

**Saturday August 16th.** Mass at the usual hour - devotions as usual. Business and study at the appointed time. Confessions from 2 to 4. Evening from 6.30 to near 11 without interruption.

**Sunday August 17th.** Celebrated Mass in St Francis at 8. Pastoral read after the Gospel calling on the people to subscribe to the Papal fund. Collection was made after the reading of the Pastoral. Communicants at this Mass numerous. During the day read a little of the Old Testament - recited Hours - meditation - visit to the Blessed Sacrament - studied a little. Visited Christine Doctrine classes in St Francis - called for a few minutes at the Convent. Attended Vespers - sermon and Benediction in St Francis.

**Monday August 18th.** Celebrated Mass a little after 7 - heard Mass and Confessions in St Francis. Told the Vicar-General to tell Fr Smyth to make his retreat. Left for Duned where I purpose making my retreat this week. When I reached Geelong wrote to Dr Fitzpatrick to get desks in the College and forms [benches]. Hope to open the day school next week. Got to Duned about 4.30. Recited Vespers. Read for some time in the evening. Retired early to rest.

**Tuesday August 19th.** Morning prayers - Divine Office - Mass - meditation - had to write to Mr O'Shanassy about appointing a Catholic matron and teacher for the Catholic children at the Immigrants' Home - and to arrange for the nuns visiting whenever they find it convenient. Wrote to the Attorney General requesting a speedy opinion as to the legality of the deed to be issued for Church reserves. Wrote to [the] Vicar-General urging the providing [of] desks and forms for College - and to telegraph for Fr McCarthy to make Fr Nevill to account for the subscription made by him at Sandhurst - to be content with his share of the dues. If he did this he might send him to Belfast. Fr Kavenagh to administer the temporalities - all emoluments over expenses to be divided equally. Wrote in note book. Vespers - meditation. Recited Matins for tomorrow and short prayer. At 7.30 night prayers. At 9.30 bed.

**Wednesday August 20th.** Still my retreat devotions and exercises same as yesterday. Had to write two letters - one to the Vicar-General, the other to Dean Slattery. Read a little of Devoti on Canon Law.

**Thursday August 21st.** Devotions and exercises of retreat same as yesterdays. Read a little of Devoti. Weather cold and stormy. Vicar-General and Dean Hayes came out.

**Friday August 22nd.** Celebrated Mass about 8. Left for Melbourne about 10. Wrote to Dean Hayes in reference to the Geelong Female Orphanage. The Sisters are overworked as stated by Revd. Mother - therefore the Orphanage must remain as it is. The money lent to the Sisters from the Orphanage to be paid back - by giving such a share of the proceeds of [the] Bazaar as they may be able to spare - and from the sources at the disposal of Revd. Mother. Arrived in Melbourne about 4. Attended night prayers and heard Confessions.

**Saturday August 23rd.** Heard Mass this morning in St Francis - received a good many to Confession.

Saw Fr Nevill and told him he must account for the Collection he made at Sandhurst. Gave him leave to go to Ballaarat to celebrate Mass there tomorrow. He is to return on Monday.

Business up to 11. At 1 met deputation about the relief of the distress in Ireland- said that the Church would take action soon in reference to it - but it is to be a separate action.

Mr O'Shanassy dined with us - Confessions at the usual hours - but few attended in the evening. Got home about 9.30. Recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow.

**Sunday August 24th.** Rose at 6.30. Celebrated Mass in St Francis at 8. Delivered a short discourse after the Gospel. Recited Hours - half hour's meditation. Read a few chapters in the Old Testament. Wrote for the outgoing English Mail. Visited the new school now being built in Collingwood. Visited for a few minutes the Convent - the Vicar General was with me. Attended Vespers, Benediction and sermon at St Francis.

**Monday August 25th.** Rose early - after the usual morning devotions heard Mass and recited the Divine Office. Engaged writing letters for Home Mail up to 10. Wrote to Bishop Hynes and Dr Heptonstall. Sent the latter a bill of Exchange for £103 on account of the Catholic Association. Advised him if funds would allow to provide passage and outfit for the nuns of the Good Shepherd - if ready to come out.

Visited Keilor - 42 children in the school. Told Br \*John\* he would not be allowed to collect. Advised him to write home for a community of his religious to take charge of schools. He dined with us.

In the evening Confessions and night prayers.

**Tuesday August 26th.** Devotions as usual. Busy writing letters for the English Mail. Weather dusty with a high wind from the North. The Vicar-General went to Geelong on business connected with the Female Orphanage and the Convent. Called at the Convent - Nicholson Street - for a quarter hour. Studied a little - revised prospectus for opening day school at the College. Confessions - night prayers.

**Wednesday August 27th.** Mass at 7 [in] College Chapel. Heard Mass - recited Hours - heard a few Confessions - meditation. After Breakfast, read for a time. Wrote for a short interval.

Saw Mr Archer [for] a few minutes about the Common Schools regulations - told my objections to some of them - these should be altered before we could accept the Bill.

In the evening attended night prayers and heard Confessions. Recited Matins for tomorrow.

**Thursday August 28th.** Celebrated Mass in the Convent. Attended in St Francis - recited Hours - a short meditation.

Wrote to the Bishop of Hobart - sent Telegram in reply to the Archbishop. Directed the Vicar-General to write to the Nuns in Geelong and state that as they earnestly solicited the charge of the female orphans he consented to it, provided two acres were legally reserved for a site for the Orphanage and that they were not putting too much upon themselves by undertaking its charge. He forbade them to incur any new debt until the present is paid off.

Studied until 1.30 - then left for Keilor where I dined. Returned to Melbourne about 7. Confessions - night prayers. The Vicar-General went to Geelong today.

**Friday August 29th.** At 7, Mass. Went to [St] Francis - heard Mass - recited portions of Divine Office - made meditation - saw several clergyman on business - wrote a letter or two. Read for an hour.

Saw Mr O'Shanassy - he thought there would be no difficulty in altering Regulations as I suggested. Consecrated a chalice for Kilmore mission. Left office for home a little after 12. Busy sorting letters. Wrote for a short time. Recited Vespers and Compline. In the evening recited Matins. Read a little - *de Tractatu matrimonii*. Took a long walk. Confessions - night prayers.

**Saturday August 30th.** Heard Mass - heard a few Confessions - recited Lauds and Hours - made my meditation. Looked over the *Victorian* - it is not quite the one we would wish [it] to be. Read for an hour or more. Arranged order of service for tomorrow. Appointed Dean Hayes to preach for Irish Relief Fund in St Francis first Sunday in October and Fr Driscoll in Geelong. Studied up to 2. Confessions in the evening at 7. Penitents few - left St Francis about 9.

**Sunday August 31st.** Celebrated Mass in St Francis at 8. Gave instruction after Holy Communion. Recited Hours. After breakfast read a religious book. Returned home about ten o'clock. Made meditation. Read three chapters in the Holy Bible - visited the Convent for a few minutes.

Had a visit from a Mr Hanify in reference to vulgar and grossly offensive remarks attributed to him or a Mr O'Grady when alluding to the Bishop and Clergy. He denied he ever uttered such. I told him plainly what I thought of men who would express themselves so. He said it was the intention of the Committee for the Irish Relief Fund to remit the money through me.

Visited St Francis about Catechism time. But few children were present. A good many teachers were absent. Returned home at 4. Read until dinner. Evening attended Vespers in St Francis - Sermon - Benediction.

## SEPTEMBER 1862

**Monday September 1st.** Mass in College Chapel at 7. Heard Mass in St Francis. Recited Lauds and Hours - made meditation. Letters.

Withdrew, by letter sent through Dean Slattery, Revd. Ed[ward] McCarthy's faculties. Reasons as stated - habits of intemperance now alas too public, and absence, contrary to positive instructions, from Keilor mission.

Day school in College opened today - visited Convent on business. Wrote for a short interval. Vespers and Compline. At 7 night prayers and Confessions.

**Wednesday September 3rd.** Left for Pentridge Prison at 8 - opened a mission for the prisoners. At 9 said Mass - gave instruction. Dean Hayes said Mass and gave instruction in another part of the building. Confessions from 10 to 12. From 2 to 3.30 prayers, instruction and Confessions.

Returned to Melbourne - dined. At 7 night prayers and Confession in St Francis. Clergyman assisting at the Prison: 5.

**Thursday September 4th.** At a little past 8 left for Pentridge. Dean Hayes said Mass and preached where I officiated yesterday - and I instructed where he had officiated. Owing to a mistake the vestments were not left there - so I could not celebrate. Confessions at the usual time forenoon and afternoon. Gave instruction in the afternoon.

Returned to Melbourne a little after 4. At 7 night prayers and Confessions in St Francis. Answered letters.

**Friday September 5th.** At 9 heard a few Confessions at Pentridge before Mass. About 80 went to Holy Communion. Upwards of 60 went to Confession. Preached after Mass - said a few words before giving Confirmation. Twenty were confirmed. Concluded the retreat or mission.

Returned to Melbourne after visiting the district school. Visited the Convent for a few minutes.

Directed the Vicar-General to answer the letter written me by the Geelong nuns. Paid a short visit to Mr O'Shanassy - in the evening at 7 night prayers and Confessions.

**Saturday September 6th.** Rose early - morning prayers - heard Mass in St Francis - recited the Divine Office - heard a few Confessions. Breakfast over, made my meditation. Read for a short time. About 12 returned to St Patrick's. Wrote for a short time. Read a few chapters in a spiritual book. Confessions in the evening from 7 to 9.30.

**Sunday September 7th.** Rose soon after 6. After prayers made preparation for Mass and discourse. At 8 o'clock Mass delivered a short discourse on the Epistle - gave Holy Communion to a large number. After thanksgiving recited Hours - made meditation. Read a few chapters in the Bible. Read portions of another book - looked over a little Theology - visited the Convent - called at St Francis - children assembled for Christian Doctrine. Returned to St Patrick's. Read Vespers and Matins for tomorrow. Evening attended Vespers and service in St Francis - Sermon as usual before Benediction.

**Monday September 8th.** Mass at the usual time. Went to St Francis about 7.30. Heard Mass - recited Hours - meditation - heard a few Confessions. Business from 9.30 to 12. From 1 to 3 - study. Visited the Orphanage after dinner. At 7 night prayers and Confessions in St Francis.

**Tuesday September 9th.** At 7 said Mass in the College Chapel. Heard Mass - made meditation - recited Hours - heard Confessions. Business from 9.30 to 12. Wrote letters. Mail from England - letters will be delivered tomorrow. Drove out after dinner. At 7 went to St Francis - after night prayers heard Confessions.

**Wednesday September 10th.** Rose soon after 6. The usual morning devotions over, made preparation for Mass. A little past 7 Mass. Heard Mass and Confessions in St Francis. Hours, meditation. Engaged with business and looking over Home letters up to near 1. A little study between 2 and 3. A short drive in the evening. At 7 night prayers and Confessions.

**Thursday September 11th.** Mass a little past 7 in College Chapel. Heard Mass in St Francis - recited Hours - meditation. Remained in office from 9.30 to 12. Took a short walk. At 1.30 recited Vespers - from 2 to 3 read. Drove out for an hour. At 7 attended night prayers in St Francis - and heard Confessions.

**Friday September 12th.** Rose about 6. Devotions over - made preparations for Mass. A little after 7 said Mass in the College Chapel - heard Mass in St Francis. Recited Hours - made meditation - heard a few Confessions. Occupied in the office up to 12.30. Studied from 1.30 to 3. At 5 drove out for an hour. At 7 night prayers and Confessions.

**Saturday September 13th.** Heard Mass in St Francis this morning. Recited Lauds and Hours - made meditation - looked over the Newspapers. Wrote for a while. At a little after 10 left for Schnapper Point. It was 3 or 3.30 when we arrived there. Heavy showers fell during the day. Made preparations for tomorrow. Took a short walk about the place. There are some good brick Houses - two small brick Protestant Churches. All the land has been bought up. We must buy a site, no government land being available.

**Sunday September 14th.** Morning occupied in the usual private devotions - recitation of the Divine Office - meditation and preparation for Mass. At 11 commenced Mass. About forty persons were present - the notice was short. Addressed a short discourse to them. Appointed the 1st Sunday in October for a meeting of the resident Catholics to take measures for the purchase of a site and the erection of a school or church. Visited the cement works. Weather squally.

**Monday September 15th.** Rose at 4 - prayers and Divine Office. At 5 left for Melbourne. My horse knocked up. Reached Melbourne [at] a quarter to 11. Called in for a few minutes to the Brighton school. At 12.30 went to the office, read letters. Recited Vespers. Read between 2 and 3. In the evening at 7 night prayers and Confessions.

**Tuesday September 16th.** Heard Mass this morning. Was not prepared to celebrate myself. Recited Divine Office. Heard a few Confessions. Engaged in the office until 1. Paid a short visit to the Convent. Read to within a short time of dinner - recited Vespers and Compline. At 7 night prayers and Confessions.

**Wednesday September 17th.** Rose soon after 6 - performed the devotions - made preparation for Mass. After Mass went to St Francis - heard Mass, recited Hours - meditation. Occupied in the office up to 12. Paid a short visit to the Convent. Studied for a short time. In the [evening?] drove out for an hour. At 7 night prayers and Confessions.

**Thursday September 18th.** Did not feel well enough to celebrate Mass this morning. Went early to St Francis - heard Mass - recited the Divine Office - heard Confessions. Remained in the office for business until near 1. Took a short walk before 2. From 2 to close on 3 read. Then recited Vespers and Compline. At 7 night prayers - Confessions.

**Friday September 19th.** Not quite well. Heard Mass - recited the Divine Office - made meditation. Transacted business and wrote letters up to 1. Gave manuscript of *Mandatum* to Vicar-General for publication. It forbids collections by strange priests or others without my written leave. Studied for a little in the afternoon. At 7 prayers and Confessions as usual.

**Saturday September 20th.** Thank God I feel much recovered from the attack of influenza. Heard Mass in St Francis - recited the Divine Office - made meditation - heard Confessions. Remained in the office until 12. On my return home read until 1.30 - then walked to St Francis - Confessions from 2 to 4. In the evening from 7 to 9 or 9.30. Today wrote to the Archbishop - post will not leave until Monday. Sent reply to Telegram on Friday - saying that I had no objection to the Bishops meeting here about the end of October. Recited Matins and Lauds.

**Sunday September 21st.** Rose soon after 6 - morning devotions - preparation for Mass. At 8 commenced Mass. Delivered a short discourse after the 1st Gospel. Gave Holy Communion to a great many. Thanksgiving. After breakfast read a religious work until the time for 11 o'clock Mass. Assisted at the Mass - a sermon was preached in aid of the Benevolent Asylum by Fr Reardon. £48 were received. Visited the Convent with Dr Sheil for a few minutes. At 7 Vespers - sermon - Benediction - St Francis.

**Monday September 22nd.** Morning devotions and preparation for Mass over by 7. Then commenced Mass. Heard Mass and recited Hours - heard a good many Confessions - meditation. After breakfast looked over the *Argus*. When not engaged with business about schools or Missions was occupied writing. Left the office at 12. At home 1.30. Wrote to the Bishop of Hobart-town. Sent him a copy of *Mandatum*.

**Tuesday September 23rd.** Rose a little before 6. At 7 commenced Mass in the College Chapel. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - heard Confessions. Meditation. After breakfast engaged in business up to 12. Returned home about 1. Wrote a few letters - studied for a short time.

Revd. Mr Courtney came out from Birmingham Diocese to collect - told [him] he could not be allowed to do so - handed him a copy of the *Decreta Provincialia* and *Mandatum*. At 7 night prayers and Confessions.

**Wednesday September 24th.** Celebrated a High Mass at 11 in the Convent Chapel. During the day engaged preparing my letters for the home mail.

Heard of the appointments made to the School Board - They are very objectionable.

After night prayers and Confessions had to write a few letters.

Revd. Mr Courtney dined with us today.

**Thursday September 25th.** Mass at 7. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - heard Confessions - made meditation. Wrote to the Cardinal Prefect of Propaganda, Barnabò, enclosing a bill of Exchange - the 2nd - for £300 - an instalment of the Peter's Pence of this year for the Holy Father. Wrote to the Archbishops of Tuam and Cashell covering drafts - £800 for the relief of distressed in the West - and £500 for relief in the South of Ireland. After prayers and Confessions wrote letters.

**Friday September 26th.** Got up early. After prayers commenced writing letters - mail will close at 11. Wrote to Cardinal Barnabò enclosing a bill of Exchange of £102.1.0 for the Fratelli Gentilli - the proceeds of the property of Brother who died intestate. All letters posted by the Vicar-General about 10. Recited Divine Office. Business up to 12. Meeting of School Committee at 1 - called at the Convent about 12.30. Appointed confessors ordinary and extraordinary to the Convents. Instructed the Vicar-General to announce the appointments to the Superioresses of the Convents and the Clergy concerned. Wrote for a short time - recited Vespers and Compline. At a little past 5 went out for an hour. At 7 night prayers and Confessions.

**Saturday September 27th.** Not well this morning. Heard Mass - recited Divine Office. After breakfast looked over the daily journals.

Wrote to Sister Mary Regis giving her leave to visit the Convent in Melbourne as she expressed a wish to see me.

Received a letter from the Archbishop. Fr Birch called for an *exeat* - told him I knew nothing of him for the last 12 months - but would give him an *exeat* on Monday. Fr Courtney offered himself - said I would give him an answer this afternoon.

Mr O'Brien called about his offering himself as a candidate for the Upper House. Told him he would have my support if he agreed with me on the Question of Education and State Aid, as it is wrongly termed, to religion.

Arranged the order of duty for tomorrow. From 6.30 to 9 - Confessions.

**Sunday September 28th.** Celebrated Mass at 7 in the Convent Chapel. Returned home soon after 9. Recited Hours - made meditation. Read a few chapters in the Old Testament. Looked over the life of Boniface *VIII* in N. Alexander. At 3 visited St Francis - but few children were assembled for the Christian Doctrine. Organization defective. Read for half hour before dinner. At 7 attended devotions and sermon in St Francis.

**Monday September 29th.** Not feeling well this morning, heard Mass. Recited the Divine Office - meditation.

Revd. T.J. Barry called - handed me a letter from Fr Sheil which must have been written in a moment of amiable weakness - it is thus bad men are imposed on Bishops. I absolutely refused to give him any letters until he paid back what it cost the Diocese (£65) to fetch him out. His departure hence is a blessing. Studied and did business in office up to 12. Study and duty filled up the rest of the day with intervals for meals etc.

On Monday Revd. Mr Donovan called - in rather an excited and rude manner said he would return to Europe 'to a more comfortable home'. Poor man - how unthankful - he will not be missed. I made no objection.

**Tuesday September 30th.** Celebrated Mass about 7 - heard Mass - recited Divine Office - meditation.

Received a letter from Revd. T. J. Barry resigning and refusing to pay his debt to the diocese. He leaves in the *Monarch* which sails tomorrow 1st October without letters. What conduct! He owes a large sum to Revd. Mr. Tierney.

Study and business at intervals up to 12.

Saw Sisters Mary Regis and [blank] at the Convent, Nicholson St. Told them I could not allow them to name the persons to be appointed confessors to the religious. They will return tomorrow by an early train - advised Revd. Mother of this by Telegram.

An hour's reading before dinner. At 7 night prayers and Confessions.

## OCTOBER 1862

**Wednesday October 1st.** At 7 o'clock Mass - heard Mass afterwards - recited Hours - meditation - heard Confessions. Engaged to 12 in the office.

Told Mr Quinlan when he called the other day that the manuscript of Catholic news should not be submitted to his Protestant sub-editor.

Studied at intervals. Busy looking over correspondence. At 7 night prayers and Confessions.

**Thursday October 2nd.** Rose a little before 6 - washed and dressed - prayers - Divine Office - preparation for Mass. At 7 commenced Mass. Heard Mass - recited Divine Office - heard a few Confessions. After breakfast a short meditation. When not engaged in business, read. At 12 left the office. Called at the Convent - Revd. Mother - did not go past the door. Wrote for a short time on my return home.

Saw Fr England. He says Donovan regrets his conduct and wishes to remain. Said he must apologise - did not say I would keep him. Advised England to have the quarterly payments for the children in advance. It must be insisted upon.

Read from 2 to 3. At 5 went out for a drive. At 7 night prayers - Confessions.

**Friday October 3rd.** Mass at 7. Heard Mass - recited Lauds and Hours - meditation. After breakfast read till 11. Wrote for a short interval - returned home a little past 12. Studied till near 3. Took a short drive after dinner. At 7 night prayers and Confessions.

**Saturday October 4th.** Mass in St Francis. Heard Mass - recited Hours - heard Confessions - meditation.

After breakfast returned an impudent note received from Fr Fennelly - insisted on his sending a written apology to Fr Barrett thro' the Vicar-General. Arranged order of duty for tomorrow.

Saw Fr Donovan - he apologised for his rude resignation. He assured me that he had no sympathy with the priests who are now giving scandal and trouble. He promised to sign the address presented by the Clergy in reference to Barry. Indeed I made [it] a *sine qua non* with him. I said in future his salary as a missionary would be £150 per annum instead of £100 - but his duty on the Mission would be increased - but he would be exempt from the duty of sick calls - Confessions - baptizing etc. in consideration of his looking after the teaching in the College.

Confessions from 2 to 4. Studied at intervals. In the evening Confessions from 7 to 9.30. Recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow.

**Sunday October 5th.** Rose soon after 6. Dressing and washing over, prayers - preparation for Mass. Read a religious book - commenced Mass at 8. Gave Holy Communion. After Mass addressed a few words of instruction on Confirmation and administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to about 400 of both sexes. It was past 10 when all was over. After breakfast had to assist at High Mass. A sermon in aid of the distressed in Ireland was preached by the celebrant Dean Hayes. A good collection was the result.

Read from 1.30 to 3. At 3 visited the Christian Doctrine classes in St Patrick's Cathedral - number of boys small - no girls. After this wrote for a bit then read till dinner 4.30. At 7 attended devotions in St Francis.

**Monday October 6th.** Rose at the usual hour - heard Mass - recited the Divine office - made meditation. Business up to 12. Took a short drive - called at the new Orphanage.

Had a visit from Mr O'Brien - told him that I would not interfere in the election if he and Campbell stood - advised of the chance Rolfe would have of success if both contested the election with him. Wrote to Dean Slattery in reference to the Editor of the *Belfast Banner*, making his case a reserved one.

At 7 night prayers and Confessions.

**Tuesday October 7th.** Mass a little before 7. Heard Mass in St Francis at 8 - recited Hours - made Meditation. Business up to 12. Called for a few minutes at the Convent. When at home about 1, wrote and read at intervals until 3. At 7 night prayers, Confessions.

**Wednesday October 8th.** Mass at a quarter to 7 - heard Mass - recited Divine Office - meditation.

Business - read when not occupied. Left the office at 12. Called for a short time at the Convent. Had several visits on business.

A young priest - McCarthy - arrived today. He was educated for the diocese at All Hallows.

Occupied up to 3 - dinner. At 5.30 recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. At 7 night prayers and Confessions.

**Thursday October 9th.** Celebrated Mass a little before 7. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited the Hours - heard Confessions. Made meditation - when not occupied with business, read. At 12 left the office for St Patrick's. From 1 to 3 read and wrote at intervals. Drove out for a short time after dinner. At 7 prayers and Confessions.

**Friday October 10th.** Did not celebrate this morning, not feeling quite well. Went early to St Francis and heard two Masses - recited the Divine Office - made meditation - heard Confessions. After breakfast received letters by English Mail and a letter from [the] Bishop of Hobart. Asked the Archbishop by telegram, as requested by Bishop of Hobart, when our meeting would be held. No answer. Called at the Convent on my way home. Read from 1.30 to 3 - dinner. Called on Mr O'Shanassy in the evening - mentioned what I had stated in a note concerning the arrival of Bishop Geoghegan in England. At 7 prayers and Confessions.

**Saturday October 11th.** Rose a little before 6. Washed and dressed - morning prayers - Matins - preparation for Mass. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Lauds and Hours - heard a few Confessions. After breakfast looked over one of the local journals and one of the home Catholic papers. Sent Fr Fennelly's letter on to Fr Barrett. Whilst in the Church and before breakfast made in part my meditation. Will leave for Schnapper Point today about 12. Arrived there a quarter to 5. Read during the evening and after retiring to rest.

**Sunday October 12th.** Celebrated Mass at 8.30. Assisted at the 11 o'clock Mass and addressed the Congregation. After Mass a meeting and collection for the erection of a Chapel here. At 12.30 left for Melbourne where we arrived a quarter past 4. Promised £5 to the Schnapper Point chapel. Assisted at the devotions in St Francis in the evening.

**Monday October 13th.** Heard Mass - recited the Divine office - heard Confessions. After breakfast meditation. In office until 12. Wrote to Dr [Bishop] Wilson - enclosed Telegram from the Archbishop. Wrote and read alternately until 3. Evening Confessions and night prayers.

**Tuesday October 14th.** Celebrated about 7. Went to St Francis and heard Mass - recited Hours - heard a few Confessions. Engaged up to 12 in the office. On my return home read until near 3 - then recited Vespers and Compline. After dinner visited the Orphanage - children had just finished Supper - on getting to St Francis recited Matins for tomorrow - night prayers - Confessions.

**Wednesday October 15th.** Mass a little before 7. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - made meditation - heard Confessions. Business and letters occupied me up to 12. Left for Keilor, where I am to give a mission, about 1.30. At 7 prayers, instructions and Confessions.

**Thursday October 16th.** This morning there was Mass at 8 and 9. I celebrated the 9 o'clock and gave a short instruction. Confessions during the forenoon. Visited the School at Essendon, examined the children. Was very much pleased with the knowledge acquired by the children and the order and cleanness. Returned to Keilor about 3. At 3 dined. At 7 prayers, gave instruction - Confessions. The attendance was large.

**Friday October 17th.** Mass at 7 and 9. Gave instruction. Confessions in the morning up to 12. Visited the Sunbury school. The children had just left for dinner. The school had been very much improved under the new master. Returned to Keilor. At 7 prayers, instruction and Confessions. The little Chapel was well filled. The people are availing themselves of the mission.

**Saturday October 18th.** Mass at 8 and 9. Confessions during the morning and in the afternoon up to 4.30. Penitents numerous. Returned to Melbourne. Heard Confessions in St Francis from 6.30 to 9.30. Made the necessary arrangements for tomorrow's Divine Service.

**Sunday October 19th.** Celebrated Mass at 7.30 in the Cathedral - at 9.30 left for Keilor. Assisted at 11 o'clock Mass. After Mass gave Confirmation - having previously addressed the Congregation on the Gospel of the day. Said a few words in reference to the Holy Sacrament of Confirmation. Returned to Melbourne about 4. At 7 assisted at Vespers, sermon and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

**Monday October 20th.** Heard Mass this morning in St Francis - recited Hours - made as usual meditation. Business up to 12. Answered several letters. From 1 to 2.30 reading. Recited Vespers and Compline. In the evening about 5 took a short drive. At 7 night prayers and Confessions.

**Tuesday October 21st.** At 10.30 Mass at St Francis. Admitted two postulants to the white veil in the Order of Mercy - church was pretty full. Visited the Orphanage in the evening. At 7 night prayers and Confessions.

**Wednesday October 22nd.** At 6.30 Mass in the College Chapel - thanksgiving over, went to St Francis - heard Mass, recited Hours - made meditation. Occupied in the office up to 12.30. Took a short walk as far as the Convent before dinner. Drove out for an hour after dinner. At 7 night prayers and Confessions.

**Thursday October 23rd.** Celebrated Mass in the College Chapel. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - made meditation. Remained in the office for business up to 12.30. Studied a little at intervals. Returned to St Patrick's - recited Vespers and Compline. Read until near dinner time. Took a short drive in the evening. At 7 night prayers and Confessions.

**Friday October 24th.** As I was leaving this morning at 7 the Bishop of Brisbane arrived. Heard Mass at St Francis - recited Hours - made meditation. Engaged in the office up to 1. Saw the Bishop of Brisbane - conversed for some time together. In the evening drove out to the Orphanage. At 7 night prayers and Confessions.

**Saturday October 25th.** A little before 7 said Mass. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - made Meditation. The Bishop of Hobart arrived this morning. Remained in the office until near 12. Returned to St Patrick's. Had a conversation with the Bishop of Hobart. Went to St Francis at 2. Heard Confessions till 4. Dined at 4.30. Returned to St Francis at 7. Engaged in the Confessional up [to] 9.30. Arranged order of Duty for tomorrow.

**Sunday October 26th.** Celebrated Mass in the College Chapel. After breakfast recited Hours - made meditation. Read a few chapters in the Old Testament - read a little Theology - the Bishop of Hobart and the Bishop of Brisbane assisted at the 11 o'clock Mass in St Francis. Visited at 3 St George's School, a large number of children of both sexes were assembled for the Christian Doctrine. At St Francis attendance was very small.

In the evening the Bishop of Hobart gave Benediction in St Francis - I assisted at the Vespers. The Bishop of Brisbane gave Benediction in the Cathedral.

**Monday October 27th.** Rose a little after 5. Celebrated Mass in the College Chapel. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - heard Confessions, recited Hours - made meditation. Engaged in the office from 9.30 to 12.30. Had a conversation with the Bishops of Hobart and Brisbane. Studied for an hour and a half. In the evening visited the Orphanage. At 7 night prayers and Confessions.

**Tuesday October 28th.** Mass a little before 6. Heard Mass in St Francis - recited Hours. Meditation - heard Confessions. Occupied in the office until 12.30.

Archbishop of Sydney arrived this morning. Had a short conversation with him. Studied for a time - wrote a few letters. In the evening visited with the Archbishop the new Orphanage. At 7 night prayers and Confessions.

**Wednesday October 29th.** Mass a little before 6. Went to St Francis. Heard Mass, recited Hours - Confessions - Meditation. Wrote letters and transacted [business]. At 12.30 returned home.

Meeting of Bishops at 1. Arranged subjects for consideration at future meetings. Dinner at 4.30. Took a short drive with the Archbishop. Bishop of Brisbane appointed to act as Secretary to our meetings. Each Bishop bound himself by declaration not to reveal the opinions that may be expressed at the meetings with names of the Bishops holding such.

At 7 prayers and Confessions.

**Thursday October 30th.** Celebrated Mass at 6 in College Chapel. Heard Mass in St Francis - recited Hours - made meditation. Remained in the office until 12.

Bishops met at 12.30. Agreed as to the desirability of a central College at Rome - but not just now. Seminaries most needed in each diocese. Did not do much more today. Will meet tomorrow at 10. It was near dinner when meeting was over.

Evening - at 7 night prayers and Confessions.

**Friday October 31st.** Mass a little before 7. Went to St Francis and heard Mass - recited Hours - meditation. Left the office at 10.

Bishops met about 10.30. Meeting occupied most of the day. Made but little progress. Adjourned a little before dinner until tomorrow at 10 a.m. Called with the Archbishop on the Governor, who was not at home.

At 7 night prayers and Confessions.

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**Saturday November 1st.** Mass at 7 in the College Chapel. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - made meditation. Remained until 10.30 in the office.

Bishops met a little before 11. Meeting broke up about 3 or a little [after]. Important business was transacted today. Went to St Francis for Confessions after the meeting. Dined at the usual hour on Saturdays.

At 7 or before commenced hearing Confessions and was so engaged until 10.30. Read a little before night prayers.

Archbishop will sing Mass in St Francis at which the Bishops of Hobart and Brisbane will assist.

**Sunday November 2nd.** Celebrated Mass in the College Chapel. Went to St Francis. Studied for the little I intended to say at St Mary's. Went to St Mary's about 10.30. At 11 commenced the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the additions to the school Chapel. The concourse was great. This over, I went into the Chapel and addressed the people. I left soon after, before the celebration of Mass. I assisted with the other Bishops at the High Mass in St Francis. Took Bishop Wilson out for a short drive. In the evening assisted at Vespers in St Francis. The Bishop of Hobart gave Benediction. The Bishop of Brisbane gave Benediction in St Patrick's.

**Monday November 3rd.** Celebrated Mass a little before 7. Went to St Francis and heard Mass, recited Hours, heard Confessions. Remained in the office until past 12. We had no meeting today. Drove out in the evening before dinner. Called on Messrs. O'Shanassy, Duffy and Archer. At 5 dinner. A few priests and laymen were present and remained until 11. A little after 7 I went to St Francis and heard a few Confessions.

**Tuesday November 4th.** Did not celebrate this morning. Heard Mass in St Francis - recited the Divine Office - heard Confessions - made meditation. Engaged in the office until 11. Returned home, had a short conversation with Bishop Wilson and the Archbishop. Wrote a little - recited Vespers and Compline. Met at 2. Archbishops read the Pastoral to the Clergy - a few verbal alterations suggested. Proofs to be examined by us tomorrow. Meeting broke up a little before 5. O'Shanassy and Archer dined with us. At 7 night prayers and Confessions in St Francis.

**Wednesday November 5th.** Mass at 7. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Divine Office. Wrote to Fr Smyth. Returned to St Patrick's about 12. Wrote a little.

At 2 the Bishops met - the resolution to have inserted in the *Observanda* that the money belonging to each Mission be lodged to the credit of the Bishop and resident Clergyman was allowed to lapse, leaving each Bishop to deal with the case as he may think advisable - other business was done - meeting closed at 3.

Opened the Mission for the laity at Williamstown about 7. Heard Confessions - returned to Melbourne by the 9 o'clock train.

**Thursday November 6th.** Commenced Mass a little after 6. Heard Mass in St Francis. Divine Office - heard Confessions, meditation. Read over and approved of Declaration of Trust for Clerical Relief Society. Business - a little study up to 12. Meeting of bishops about 1. After dinner went to Williamstown to assist at the Mission.

Heard a good many Confessions after prayers. Returned to Melbourne by train. Reached home about 9.

**Friday November 6th.** Commenced Mass before 6. Heard Mass, recited Hours, made meditation, heard Confessions. Bishops met a little after 10 today. It was late before we broke up. In the evening went to Williamstown. Gave out prayers as usual. Dean Hayes gave his concluding lecture. Heard Confessions to within a short time of the train starting. Got home about 9.30.

**Saturday November 8th.** Heard Mass, recited the Divine Office, made meditation, heard Confessions. Business in the office up to 11. Bishops met and nearly concluded their important business. Dined early. Went to Williamstown. Heard Confessions until late. Recited Vespers and Compline. Made a short preparation for discourse to the people on tomorrow.

**Sunday November 9th.** Rose about 6 - recited Matins after morning prayers. Studied for a short time - made preparation for Mass. A little after 8 commenced Mass. About 150 approached the Holy Communion. The number of men was large. Thanksgiving, short meditation. After breakfast wrote a little of what I intend to say to the people on the Gospel and the Holy Sacrament of Confirmation. Attended at 11 o'clock Mass. After Mass addressed the congregation, and administered Confirmation to about 80 children and adults. The Mission which now concluded was, thank God, fruitful in Divine Grace. A great many who had been long absent from their religious duty availed themselves of the occasion to approach the Sacraments. Returned to Melbourne by the 2 o'clock train. The Bishop of Brisbane went to Geelong yesterday. In the evening the Archbishop gave Solemn Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament in St Francis.

**Monday November 10th.** Heard Mass - recited Divine Office - meditation. After breakfast occupied with business up to 1. Bishop of Brisbane has not returned. The Bishops did in consequence [not?] meet. Studied and wrote at intervals until dinner. In the evening attended prayers in St Francis, heard a few Confessions.

**Tuesday, November 11th.** Mass a little before 6. Heard Mass. Bishops met early today. The Archbishop went to Geelong. Evening, attended in St Francis - heard Confessions.

**Wednesday November 12th.** Commenced Mass about 5.30. Heard Mass in St Francis, recited Divine Office, heard Confessions. Engaged in the office up to 12. At home studied and read until 3.30. Archbishop returned. In the evening attended night prayers and heard Confessions. Retired to rest a little after 10.

**Thursday November 13th.** Mass at 6. Heard Mass in St Francis - heard Confessions - recited Hours. Left the office a little after 10.

Meeting of Bishops. At this meeting we concluded the business that brought us together. The acts confirmed are wise and prudent - and necessary for good government and discipline. May God bless our endeavours to carry them out.

The Archbishop left for Sydney at 1. I saw him on board the steamer. At 2 held a meeting of the Clergy at which they passed two resolutions by which they engaged to co-operate to raise subscriptions to relieve the creditors of Barry who should prove their claims in connection with his gross mismanagement of the College. They dined with me. Evening prayers and Confessions.

**Friday November 14th.** Mass at 6 - went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - heard Confessions. Engaged in the office up to 12. Compared proof of Bishops' Pastoral with 1st proof. The Bishop of Hobart read it over with me. The Bishop of Brisbane was absent - could not await his return, the Bishop of Hobart being anxious to get copies before leaving.

Great squall with dust, followed by rain. Weather in the evening cool. At 7 prayers and Confessions.

**Saturday November 15th.** Heard Mass. Accompanied the Bishop of Hobart to his steamer, *Royal Shepherd*, which leaves at 9 for Launceston. Returned to the office and remained there until 12. At St Patrick's read over the corrected copy of the Pastoral. It will do and shall be read in Melbourne tomorrow. Confessions from 2 to 4 and from 7 to 9.30.

**Sunday November 16th.** Mass at 8. Read the Pastoral Address at the Mass. The number to Holy Communion at the 7 and 8 o'clock Masses was very considerable. After thanksgiving made meditation and recited Hours. Read a religious work after breakfast. At 10 returned home - read a little of the Bible - looked over a portion of Moral Theology and a little Canon Law. At 2.30 left to visit St George's and St Francis - the children assembled for Christian Doctrine were numerous in St George's and in St Francis a little more numerous than formerly. Bishop Quinn dined with Mr O'Shanassy. At 7 attended Vespers, sermon and Benediction in St Francis.

**Monday November 17th.** Mass at 6.30 - heard Mass in St Francis, recited Divine office - made meditation. Remained in the office until 12. Accompanied the Bishop of Brisbane to the steamer in which he leaves at 1 for Sydney. Read a little Moral Theology and Canon Law. At 7 night prayers and Confessions.

**Tuesday November 18th.** At 7 commenced Mass. After short thanksgiving went to St Francis. Heard Mass, recited Divine Office - made meditation. Remained in the office until 12. Mr Quinlan called in reference to something being said in the *Victorian* in reply to attacks made in the other journals on me. I advised an explanation plain and calm without offensive allusion to anyone. Called for a few minutes at the Convent. From 1 to 3 wrote and studied at intervals. Saw Mr Quinlan again the evening and advised not to publish anything on the subject. At 7 night prayers and Confessions.

**Wednesday November 19th.** Mass at 7. Went to St Francis afterwards and heard Mass - heard a few Confessions - made meditation. In the office when not engaged with business or writing read Tocqueville on Democracy in America. On my return studied a little of Canon Law. Dinner as usual at 3. At 7 went to St Francis - assisted at night prayers - heard Confessions.

**Thursday November 20th.** Heard Mass this morning in St Francis - heard a few Confessions, recited the Divine Office - meditation. Business up to 11. Left for Geelong. Called at the Convent about 4. Examined the person to be received tomorrow and two postulants. Visited the Orphanage and St Augustine's school. At 5 dined - recited Divine Office - studied a short time.

**Friday November 21st.** Morning prayers, Divine Office. At 10 commenced the ceremony of the Reception. Commenced Mass after giving the candle to the Novice. After Mass concluded the solemn ceremony with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Went as far as the Moorabool viaduct. Spent a few hours pleasantly in an adjoining garden. At 5 dined. Returned to Melbourne by the train leaving Geelong at 9 p.m.

**Saturday November 22nd.** Not feeling very well, I did not celebrate - heard Mass in St Francis, recited the Divine Office, heard a few Confessions - made meditation. Engaged in the office up to 12. Had letters from the Archbishop and the Bishop of Hobart. Answered by this day's mail for Sydney the former. Confessions from 2 to 4. Wrote for a short time before dinner. Before leaving for St Francis studied for a short time. From 7 to 9.30 Confessions. Recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow.

**Sunday November 23rd.** Rose at 6 o'clock. *Angelus*. Washed and dressed - morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 8 commenced Mass in St Francis. After Holy Communion delivered a short discourse on the Gospel. Before breakfast read a chapter in Thomas à Kempis. Returned to St. Patrick's at little past 10. Read for an hour the Holy Scriptures - then made my meditation. After this wrote for a short time. Read the life of St Clement P.M. [Pope and Martyr]. Wrote a few letters, some for the English Mail. Walked as far as the Convent - after half an hour returned home - visited St Patrick's boys assembled for Catechism - about 90. Wrote for a half hour. Dinner at 4.30. At 7 assisted in St Francis - owing to the gas not being on so as to light well the church, we had to light candles. We had night prayers instead of Vespers. Sermon and Benediction after prayers.

**Monday November 24th.** At 7 Mass - after thanksgiving heard Mass - recited Hours - heard Confessions. Busy writing letters for the English Mail up to a quarter of 7 - excepting meal times. Attended night prayers - heard Confessions. Engaged writing until 10.30. At 11 went to bed.

**Tuesday November 25th.** Rose about 5 - dressed - said morning prayers - Commenced writing letters. Sent apology with letter to Cardinal Barnabò, Prefect of Propaganda - the apology was from the creditors of the unhappy priest Barry. Enclosed the Cardinal's letter to Dr Heptonstall via Marseilles.

Heard Mass - recited Divine Office - made meditation. Resumed writing and was so engaged until near 2. Read until 2.30 - Vespers and Compline. At 7 night prayers and Confessions.

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**Tuesday November 25th** Gave Fr Riordan to return a draft for £10.2.0 from a Mr Sheehan for a Miss Burke to whom it was to be paid if she would return to Ireland. She declined to return. Draft was drawn in the favour of Right Revd. Dr Goulding - instead of Goold.

Fr Riordan is to register the letter containing the draft.]

**Wednesday November 26th.** Mass at 6. Heard Mass in St Francis - recited Hours - meditation. Busy until 11.30. At 12 left for Bendigo - arrived about 4.30. Hot wind all day. Said a few words at a meeting of the Young Men's Society. Retired to bed early.

**Thursday November 27th.** Rose at 6. Morning prayers said, recited the Divine Office, made meditation and preparation for Mass. Mass at 8 - thanksgiving; after Mass visited the town and advised the sites for churches etc. should be at once selected and applied for. More clergy are need[ed] on this vast Mission. At 12 left by train for Melbourne. The Vicar-General stopped at Castlemaine. Arrived in Melbourne at 4.30. At 7 night prayers and Confessions.

**Friday November 28th.** Rose at 6 - washed and dressed - morning prayers - Divine Office - preparation - Mass - thanksgiving. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Divine Office - meditation. Looked over one of the daily journals. Wrote a letter - then read as business permitted.

Returned to St Patrick's a little after 12. Read for an hour Canon Law - then a chapter or two in Gury's *Moral Theology*. Wrote for a short time. At 3[?] dinner. At 7 night prayers and Confessions.

**Saturday November 29th.** At 7 celebrated Mass - after thanksgiving went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Divine Office - heard Confessions - made meditation. After breakfast looked over one of the journals. When not occupied with business, read. At 12 left the office and returned home. Read a little Canon Law and a little Gury. Returned to St Francis about [ ]. Remained there for Confessions until 4. Recited at intervals Vespers and Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. At 4.30 dinner. At 7 returned to St Francis and heard Confessions up to 9.30. About 11 retired [to] my room - read a little - night prayers - rest.

**Sunday November 30th.** Rose at 6 - washed and dressed - morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Read a pious book in preparation for a short discourse to the people. At 7 went to St Francis - read a few prayers for Mass. At 8 commenced to recite English prayers before Mass - then Mass - after giving the Holy Communion delivered a short discourse on the advantage of our Christian vocation. After thanksgiving heard a Confession or two - recited Hours. Breakfast over, returned home - made meditation - then read a few chapters in the Old Testament - next wrote for [a] short time. Read one of Newman's sermons. Visited St Augustine's and St Francis at the hour for Catechism. Attendance very good. At 7 assisted at Vespers - sermon and Benediction [in] St Francis.

## DECEMBER 1862

**Monday December 1st.** At a little before 7 commenced Mass. After thanksgiving went to St Francis, heard Mass, recited the Divine Office, heard Confessions. Read a chapter in the *Imitation [of Christ]*. A little after 9 left the confessional. Breakfast - meditation - answered letter from the Convent of Mercy, Geelong. Wrote for a short time. Read a part of a sermon of Newman - on hour's study of Canon Law - after reading up to 2.30 - Vespers and Compline. At 7 night prayers, Confessions.

**Tuesday December 2nd.** Celebrated a little before 7. Heard Mass - recited Divine Office - heard Confessions - made meditation. When not engaged with business, read. At 12 went to Keilor to see the church, new roofing there. Do not like the timber. Returned a little before 3. After dinner took a short drive. At 7 night prayers - Confessions. Recited Matins for tomorrow - studied a little Canon Law.

**Wednesday December 3rd.** At 7 celebrated Mass at the Convent. Heard Mass at St Francis - recited the Divine office - heard Confessions - made meditation. After breakfast studied when not engaged. A little after 12 to call at the Convent to see a Postulant. Saw her - allowed of her being admitted as a Postulant. Returned home by 1. Read a chapter or so in Canon Law. At 6.30 went to Richmond to open the Mission. Gave out the Rosary - delivered a short discourse. Heard Confessions up to near 9. Returned home.

**Thursday December 4th.** This morning left for Richmond about 8. Celebrated Mass at 9. Gave instruction after the 1st Gospel. Heard Confessions from 11 to 1 - made meditation. Drove out and made a few visits. Returned [at] 4 - recited Vespers and Compline. At 7 gave out the Rosary - instruction - night prayers - Confessions up to 9 - other clergymen assisted. Slept at Richmond.

**Friday December 5th.** Mass at 9 - resident Clergyman celebrated at 8. He preached at my Mass - Confessions from 11 to 2. Paid a few visits. At 7 recited Rosary - gave instruction - night prayers - Confessions up to 10. Read a little before retiring to rest. Vespers and Compline.

**Saturday December 6th.** Left early this morning for Melbourne. Recited Matins - heard Mass in St Francis - made meditation. Remained in the office until 10.30 - returned to Richmond - busy all day up to 4 hearing Confessions. Returned to Melbourne about 6. Went to St Francis, recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Heard Confessions without interruption up to 10.30.

**Sunday December 7th.** Rose at 6 - washed and dressed - morning prayers - meditation. At 7.30 left for Richmond - heard a few Confessions - made a short preparation for my instruction to the people - preparation for Mass. Gave Holy Communion to about 250 persons at the 9 o'clock Mass. Administered Confirmation after a short discourse to about 40 of both sexes - children and adults. At 11.30 commenced Mass. After the 1st Gospel preached. Examined account books and registers. Returned to Melbourne about 2. Visited the classes of the Christian Doctrine in St Patrick's, and Collingwood girls school. Attended Benediction in the Convent. At 6.30 went to St Francis - recited Hours. At 7 assisted at Vespers, sermon and Benediction.

**Monday December 8th.** Celebrated Mass at the Convent at 7. Went to St Francis - heard Confessions - recited Divine Office - meditation - business up to 12. Visited the Convent - gave permission to a Postulant to commence the Novitiate. Returned home about 1. Wrote a little - read a little of Canon Law. Meeting of the Catholic School Committee. Engaged until 3. At 7 night prayers and Confessions.

**Tuesday December 9th.** At 7 Mass - heard Mass afterwards - recited Hours - meditation. At 11 left for Ballarat - where we arrived about 3.30. After dinner visited the new Church. Purpose visiting Missions in neighbourhood tomorrow.

**Wednesday December 10th.** Celebrated Mass a little before 8. Today visited Coghills Creek, Clunes and Creswick. School teachers at Coghills Creek intend leaving. The Chapel at Clunes not approachable, the steps being removed. Called the attention of the resident to this. Children are too few to allow of a school being opened here. The reserve at Creswick is enclosed with a good fence. It was past 7 when we got back to Ballarat. Foot very painful.

**Thursday December 11th.** Heard Mass this morning. Recited the Divine Office - made a short meditation. Left for Melbourne by the 11.30 train. Reached Melbourne a quarter to 4. After dinner read for a short time - recited Vespers and Compline. Attended night prayers - heard Confessions.

**Friday December 12th.** Heard Mass this morning - recited the Divine Office - heard Confessions - wrote letters - made meditation. Business up to 12. Studied from 1 to 2.30. Recited Vespers and Compline. Went to St Francis about 6.30 - recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Attended night prayers - heard Confessions.

**Saturday December 13th.** About 7 celebrated Mass - thanksgiving made, went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - heard a few Confessions. Remained in the office until 12. Got a few letters via Marseilles. They do not contain anything of importance. The Nuns of the Good Shepherd had not left. Read from 12 to 2. Heard Confessions and recited during the intervals Matins for tomorrow. Dined at 4.30. Returned to St Francis about 6.30 - heard Confessions until 10.30. Arranged order of duty for tomorrow.

**Sunday December 14th.** Rose at 6 - dressed, said morning prayers - made preparation for Mass. At 8 commenced Mass. Gave instruction after the Holy Communion. Thanksgiving - recited Lauds - after breakfast recited Prime - on my return home recited Hours - made meditation - from 11 to 12 read a part of the Book of Leviticus - from 12 to 2 read a useful religious work. At 2.30 visited the Convent and St Mary's - on my return read until dinner time. At 7 attended Vespers, sermon and Benediction in St Francis.

**Monday December 15th.** Mass at 7. Heard Mass in St Francis. Recited Divine Office - made meditation - heard Confessions. Business in the office up to 12. Drove out to Heidelberg. The pastor was not at home. Returned about 2.30. Studied a little Canon Law. In the evening night prayers and Confessions.

**Tuesday December 16th.** Rose at 6. Morning devotions over, preparation for Mass - at 7 Mass - thanksgiving - went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Divine office - heard Confessions - made meditation. Revd. Kums to my surprise turned up - told that he would not be employed in his diocese - he importuned (How little shame!) to return to this diocese. On my return from the office about 12.30 - read for an hour Canon Law *de proprio ordinationis episco[po]*. From 2 to 3 studied something else. Night prayers and Confessions at 7.

**Wednesday December 17th.** Celebrated Mass a little before 7. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - made meditation - heard Confessions. Engaged in the office up to 12. Studied a good deal today. In the evening opened the retreat at Prahran. Recited Rosary - gave instruction - recited night prayers - heard Confessions. The attendance was pretty good.

**Thursday December 18th.** Rose soon after 6. Morning devotions over, left for Prahran. Preparation for Mass - recited the Divine Office. At 8.30 commenced Mass. Delivered a short discourse after the 1st Gospel - Confessions from 11 to near 1. Made a few calls. Went to Melbourne to appoint a time for the examination of the two students for the order of Subdeacon. Dine[d] at Prahran. Read as preparation for instruction this evening. At 7 Rosary - gave instruction, recited night prayers. Heard Confessions until 9.30. Returned home - engaged from 10 (or a little after) to 11 examining students.

**Friday December 19th.** Left for Prahran about 7.30. Heard Mass - recited the Divine Office - meditation - Confessions. Went to Saint Francis a little after 10. At 11 was present for a short time at a Musical Exhibition of our Common School children. From 12 to 1 o'clock examination of the students for the Holy order of Subdeacon. Presided for a short time at the exhibition in the Convent school. Begged Mr O'Shanassy to take my place and distribute the prizes. Left for Prahran. Engaged hearing Confessions from 2 to near 4. In the evening, Rosary - night prayers. Confessions up to 9. Returned to Melbourne. Made necessary arrangements for ordination tomorrow.

**Saturday December 20th.** Rose a little before 6. Morning prayers over, made preparation for Mass. A little after 7 commenced Mass. Gave Subdeaconship to Messrs. Gallen and Neagel. Had previously warned them not to present themselves unless they felt, so far as they were capable of judging, that they were called to the Sacred Ministry by God. When all was over, went to Prahran. Heard Confessions in the forenoon and in the afternoon up to 4. Dined at home. From 7 to 10 heard Confessions in St Francis. Studied for tomorrow's discourse at intervals. Recited Matins and Lauds about 4 in the afternoon.

**Sunday December 21st.** Rose a little before 6. Prayers recited, studied for a short time. At 8 left for Prahran. Heard Confessions. Gave Holy Communion to about 140 at 8 o'clock Mass. The Chapel was crowded - many kneeling outside. At 11 commenced Mass - preached after the 1st Gospel. Gave Holy Communion to 20. After Mass gave Benediction. All was over by 1. Visited the Convent between 2 and 3. Read a little of the Bible - recited Hours - made meditation. At 7 assisted at Vespers - Benediction, sermon. Spoke to the people on the necessity of subscribing to the Catholic Association. A little after 10 retired to rest.

**Monday December 22nd.** Commenced Mass at 7. Heard Mass in St Francis - heard Confessions. Directed Fr O'Donoghue to recite the Divine office with the students. Detained in the office until 12. Meditation. Wrote for a short time. Study till 3, took a short drive after dinner. At 7 night prayers and Confessions.

**Tuesday December 23rd.** Commenced Mass at 7. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited the Divine Office - heard Confessions. Business and study in the office until 12. At home read for an hour. Wrote letters for the home mail. Will send to the Holy Father £280, last instalment of Peter's Pence for this year. At 7 night prayers and Confessions.

**Wednesday December 24th.** Heard Mass this morning - recited the Divine Office - heard Confessions - meditation as usual - engaged in the office up to 12. Wrote letters for the Home Mail. Enclosed letter for Cardinal Barnabò with Bill of Exchange £280 for the Holy Father, under cover to the care of Dr Heptonstall. Posted letters. A letter to the Supervisor of the Oblate Fathers Dublin for a community to establish a Reformatory. Confessions from 2 to 4. And from 7 to 10.30.

**Thursday December 25th.** Commenced the 1st Mass at 8 - celebrated the 2nd immediately after. At 11 commenced the Solemn Mass - gave the Papal Benediction - church crowded - weather cool and pleasant - in the evening Solemn Vespers and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The usual private devotions were performed during the day.

**Friday December 26th.** At 7 Mass - heard Mass in St Francis - recited the Divine Office - meditation. Wrote a few letters for the English Mail. The Vicar-General sent a remittance of £100 to Dr Heptonstall for the Catholic Association.

Took a short drive before dinner. In the evening at 7 night prayers and Confessions.

**Saturday December 27th.** Rose at the usual hour - 6. Morning prayers over, recited the Divine office - preparation for Mass. At 7 commenced Mass. Went to St Francis after thanksgiving - heard Mass - recited the Divine office - heard Confessions - made in part my meditation. After breakfast resumed meditation.

Made appointments of teachers to schools vacant and about being vacant. Called at the Convent for a few minutes. Wrote from 1.30 to 2. Confessions from 2 to 4 and from 7 to 10. Recited Matins for tomorrow.

**Sunday December 28th.** Rose a little before 6. Devotions over, made preparation for Mass. Studied for a short time the subject of my instruction to the congregation. At 7 Mass - after the Holy Communion delivered a short discourse. After thanksgiving heard a few Confessions - meditation - recited Hours. On my return to St Patrick's about 10 resumed meditation - after which, read the Holy Scriptures for an hour - an hour's Canon Law - visited the Convent - nuns enter retreat this evening. Visited the Collingwood new Chapel school and St Mary's North Melbourne. At 7 assisted at Vespers, sermon and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament in St Francis.

**Monday December 29th.** Not feeling well did not celebrate this morning - heard Mass in St Francis - recited Divine office - heard Confessions - meditation. Remained in the office until 12. Visited the Orphanage. Read a little on my return. At 7 night prayers and Confessions. Recited Matins for [tomorrow].

**Tuesday December 30th.** Was unwell a good part of the early morning - from 2 till 6. Dressed and washed at 6 - recited Divine Office - morning prayers - heard Mass in St Francis - heard Confessions - recited Divine Office - meditation.

Made arrangements for preliminary meeting on 8th prox. [i.e. 8th January] for relieving creditors of St Patrick's College. Wrote to Dr Sheil apprizing of the time of spiritual retreat for the clergy. Left the office a little before 1 and went to Heidelberg - returned about 3 - recited Vespers and Compline. Wrote afterwards until 4.30, the time for dinner. At 7 evening prayers, Confessions.

**Wednesday December 31st.** Celebrated Mass at the Convent at 7. Heard Mass in St Francis, recited Hours - heard Confessions, meditation. Business in office up to 12. Read till 1. At 1 meeting of School Board - meeting not attended by more than one lay member. No quorum. Mentioned appointments and removals. Went to St Francis about 2. Heard a few Confessions - recited Vespers and Compline and Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Arranged order of duty for tomorrow. Returned to St Patrick's a little before 4 - changed clothes.

Strong wind blowing from the north - thermo[thermometer] in the verandah at St Francis 105° at 2 o'clock.

[Notes: £6 each for bed, stretcher iron[:] McEwen, Elizabeth Street]

## JANUARY 1864

**Friday January 1st** Morning prayers. At 7.30 went to the Convent of Mercy and gave the Sisters Holy Communion and received the renovation of their vows. With this ceremony they conclude their Retreat. On my return home recited the Divine Office and made preparation for Mass. At 11 celebrated Pontifically. Thanksgiving. After breakfast took a short drive into the country. When I returned home recited Vespers and Compline - then read and studied until 4. Dinner at 4.30. In the evening at 7 o'clock, *Te Deum* and Solemn Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. About 9 night prayers - then bed.

**Saturday January 2nd.** Morning prayers - Divine Office - preparation for Mass. Celebrated at the Convent. Went to St Francis - heard Mass. Recited the Divine Office. Heard a good many confessions. Study and pressing business occupied me in the office up to 11.30. Rode home. Studied till 2. Recited Vespers and Compline and Matins with Lauds for the next day. Confessions till 4. In the evening - Confessions without interruption from 6.30 to 10. Night prayers. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. To bed about 11.30.

**Sunday January 3rd.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 8 commenced Mass in St Francis. After giving Holy Communion - delivered a short discourse to the congregation. After thanksgiving returned to St Patrick's. Meditation from 10 to 11. Spiritual reading from 11 to 11.30. Attended in the vestry during the sermon. After this - spiritual reading till 2 with short interruptions - read 3 chapters of the Old Testament. Wrote for a short time. Took a walk till 4. At 4.30 dinner. In the evening at 7 assisted at Vespers - sermon and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Night prayers - at 9.30 to bed.

**Monday January 4th.** Morning prayers - being unwell and obliged to take medicine I did not celebrate. About 7.30 went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours. Heard Confessions - made my meditation. After breakfast - read and replied to letters. Read when not occupied with business. At 11.30 left the office. I rode home. The Education Committee met at 12 in the reception room. Looked over the examination papers of the candidates for school appointments. Agreed to defer giving a decision until tomorrow. The teacher from Portland to be examined in the interim. Studied till 1.30 - when I drove out. I called at the Convent of the Good Shepherd. Their penitents have not increased - they have only four - who are giving great satisfaction. Returned home by 3. Wrote till 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. At 7 attended night prayers - heard Confessions - made the usual visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament. Returned home about 8.30. Read for a short time Kinglake's *History of the Crimean War*. About 10 went to bed.

**Tuesday January 5th.** Morning devotions - Divine Office - preparation for Mass. At 7 celebrated Mass in the College Chapel. After thanksgiving went to St Francis. Heard Mass - recited Hours - heard confessions. After breakfast made my meditation. Arranged the order of duties for next day. Remained in the office till 11.30. The School Committee met at 12 - but few attended. Examined the examination papers. Appointed McDonnell to the vacancy in the school at Emerald - and the one who succeeded best in his examination - O'Halloran - as \*2nd\* to Warrnambool vacancy - and Birmingham to the Big Hill school in the Kilmore Mission.

This business over, studied for an hour before going to St Francis to hear confessions. I drove to the Convent of the Good Shepherd in order to see the Superioress on business. From this I went to St Francis - recited Vespers and Compline with Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. After this heard Confessions till 4. Dinner at 4.30. At 6.30 commenced hearing Confessions in St Francis and was so engaged up to past 10. Night prayers - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament. Got home about 11 - took a hot bath - and then to bed.

**Wednesday January 6th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At [8?] commenced Mass in St Francis - gave Holy Communion to a great many. Thanksgiving - heard Confessions. Recited Hours - breakfast. Meditation for an hour. Engaged in the office up to 11. Assisted at High Mass. Drove a short distance into the country. From 3 to 4 engaged studying for the Lenten Pastoral. At 4.30 dinner. Attended night prayers at St Francis. Heard Confessions. Returned home about 8. Read for a short time a few pages of Kinglake's *History*. About 9.30 to bed.

**Thursday January 7th.** Morning prayers. Had to take medicine early this morning. Heard Mass in St Francis - recited the Divine Office - heard confessions - made my meditation. Did business in the office up to 11.30. Drove to the Brighton Beach where I dined in the open air with the Clergy. The excursion was not without its adventure. We could not find out the place of rendezvous for some time. Losing patience and feeling a little tired, we were about to return to Melbourne when a lucky accident enabled us to find it out. With good appetites we attacked the eatables and enjoyed the open air entertainment. Returned to Melbourne in time for night prayers and confessions. Visits to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Retired early to bed.

**Friday January 8th.** Morning prayers - Divine Office - preparation for Mass. At 7 commenced Mass. After thanksgiving went to St Francis. Heard Mass - recited Hours - made my meditation. Heard a few confessions. After breakfast looked over one of the newspapers. Transacted business up to near 12. Rode home. After a short time walked to the Convent of Mercy. Saw the Revd. Mother, with whom I had a short conversation on matters of business. Wrote a Circular to the Clergy inviting them to make a collection in their respective Churches and Chapels some Sunday in this month for the relief of the sufferers by the flood. Told Fr. Bleasdale to copy it and get it printed.

On my return home I wrote for some considerable time. Studied a little. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at the usual hour. In the evening - took a short drive before going to St Francis. Attended night prayers - heard Confessions - visited the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Returned home about 8. Read for a short time. A little past 9 - to bed.

**Saturday January 9th.** Morning prayers. Did not celebrate this morning. Went to St Francis - heard Mass. Recited Divine Office - heard Confessions - made my meditation. After breakfast - looked over one of the newspapers. Arranged the order of duty for tomorrow. Read a religious book when not engaged. Left the office about 12. Weather cloudy and sultry - threatens to be wet and stormy. About 1 drove to South Yarra to return a visit - but had to return - the storm and rain having commenced. Drove to St. Francis - recited Vespers and Compline with Matins and Lauds for tomorrow - heard Confessions. Returned home about 4. Wrote for a few minutes. I feel very unwell - which I attribute to the weather. In the evening heard Confessions from 6.30 to 10. I have suffered much from my head today. Took a hot bath and went to bed. Before leaving St Francis said night prayers - and made my unworthy visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel.

**Sunday January 10th.** Morning prayers - preparation for discourse to the people. Went to St Francis soon after 7. Made my preparation for Mass. At 8 commenced Mass. After Holy Communion - preached. My head is still troublesome - preached with difficulty. Thanksgiving - meditation. Hours. Drove home to breakfast. Read a Religious book from 11 to 12. Wrote small portions of the Pastoral. Between 2.30 and 4 visited St George's and St Mary's. The children had assembled in the former when I visited. The attendance in St Mary's - though good - was not so good as formerly. Weather fine. Returned about 4. In the evening assisted at Vespers, sermon and Benediction. It was 9 when I got home. Night prayers - bed.

**Monday January 11th.** Morning prayers - Divine Office - preparation for Mass. About 6.30 celebrated Mass in the Convent of the Good Shepherd. After Thanksgiving went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - heard Confessions - made meditation. Engaged in the office up to 12. Rode home. Busy preparing the Lenten Pastoral. Took an hour's drive - called at Colonel Anderson's. On my return home resumed the writing of the Pastoral. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. About 6.30 went to St Francis. Attended night prayers - heard Confessions. Returned home about 8. Recited the Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. The Clergy entered on Retreat this evening. About 9.30 - to bed. Previous to leaving St Francis made my visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Lady Chapel.

**Tuesday January 12th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Celebrated Mass about 6.30 at Abbotsford. After Thanksgiving went to St Francis. Heard Mass - made meditation - having on the way from Abbotsford recited Hours - heard Confessions. Engaged in the office until 12.

Rode home - occupied in writing from 12.30 to 1.30. Visited the Orphanage. On my return home resumed writing - this kept me busy until 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. At 4.30 - dinner. In the evening at 7 attended night prayers - heard Confessions. Returned a little past 8, having made the visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament. Recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. After this read a few pages of history. About 9.30 to bed.

**Wednesday January 13th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Recited Hours to None. Celebrated Mass at Abbotsford. Concluded Mass about 7. After thanksgiving went to St Francis - heard Mass - made my meditation - heard Confessions. Remained [in] the Office doing business up to 12. On getting home - wrote till 1. Took an hour's drive. Resumed writing on my return. At 4 Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. About 7 attended night prayers. Heard Confessions. Returned home about 8. Having made my visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and L[ady] Chapel recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Read a few pages of history. About 10 to bed.

**Thursday January 14th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Celebrated Mass at Abbotsford about 6.30. Thanksgiving - recited Hours. Went to St Francis. Heard Mass - made meditation - heard Confessions. Engaged in the office up to 12. Wrote for an hour. From 2.30 to 3.30 drove out. Studied from 3.30 to 4. Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. In the evening at 7 attended night prayers - heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Lady Chapel. Returned home about 8 - recited Matins and Lauds. Read for a half hour - then to bed.

**Friday January 15th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Celebrated Mass in the College Chapel. The Clergy on retreat - gave them Holy Communion and addressed a few words to them afterwards. Insisted on the rubrics being strictly observed in keeping the most adorable sacrament with lighted lamp and in the administration of all the Sacraments. After breakfast met them - they were 26 in number - again in reference to the College debt. They all generously promised to cooperate in liquidating it - they pledged themselves to give or collect a certain amount. This properly speaking is not a College debt - but the debt of an extravagant Priest. About 12 - took breakfast. Visited the Good Shepherd Convent - Dean Slattery accompanied me. Called at Mr O'Shanassy's and Mr Archer's. Returned soon after 3. Wrote till 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. In the evening at 7 attended night prayers - heard Confessions. Made my visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Got home a little past 8. Read for a half hour. At 9.30 retired for the night.

**Saturday January 16th.** Morning prayers. Went to St Francis. Heard Mass - recited the Divine Office - made my meditation. Remained in the office until 10.30. Busy the remainder of the day in finishing the Pastoral. At 7 left by train for Geelong. Recited part of the Divine Office for tomorrow whilst on the train. Arrived in Geelong about 8. Took a little refreshment. About 10 retired to my room. Night prayers - bed.

**Sunday January 17th.** Morning prayers. About 10, preparation for Mass. At a little past 11 commenced High Mass in the Ashby School. The Dean of Geelong preached. After Mass laid the corner stone of the new Church according to rubric. About a thousand persons were present. Subscriptions amounted to about £150.

In the evening at 4 attended in the Convent Chapel, where I confirmed and received a postulant. Delivered a short discourse. Dinner at 6. At 7 attended the Vestry of St Mary's, then evening service. Recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. A little after 10 retired to my room. Night prayers, bed.

**Monday January 18th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 8 celebrated Mass in the Convent Chapel. Visited the male orphanage - St Augustine's, St Mary's and Ss Peter and Paul's Schools. I was very much pleased with them. At twenty minutes to 2 returned by train to Melbourne. Recited Vespers and Compline. At 4.30 - dinner.

In the evening attended night prayers in St Francis. Sat in the confessional for a short time. Made the visit to Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. On my return home recited Matins and Lauds for the following day. Read for an hour. At 10 to bed.

**Tuesday January 19th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. As I drove to Abbotsford I recited Hours. At 7 commenced Mass. After thanksgiving went to St Francis. Heard Mass - made my meditation - heard a few Confessions. After breakfast wrote to the Archbishop. The letter was marked Private and Confidential. It contained allusions to Fr. Heyne's conduct when in Castlemaine. Looked over the newspaper - made corrections in the Pastoral - or caused them to be made. Engaged in the office until 11.30. Told Fr McGirr - as he missed this year's real retreat - to make his retreat until Friday with Fr. Downing. Returned home a little before 12.

A French ship - *The Iris* - with female emigrants for New Caledonia - under the care of 4 Sisters of Mercy and Charity is in the Bay. The Clergy visited them and invited the Sisters ashore. From 12 to close on 2 engaged in writing - then paid a visit to the Convent of Mercy where two of the French Sisters of the ship *Iris* were. My stay was short. The Superioress said they had no complaint to make - they had trouble but no grievance. They have been 6 months out.

On my return read till 4 - then Vespers and Compline. At 7 attended evening prayers. Heard Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Lady Chapel. On my return home Matins and Lauds for the next day. About 9.30 to bed.

**Wednesday January 20th.** Morning prayers. Hours. Preparation for Mass. At 7 celebrated Mass at the Convent of Mercy. One of the French Sisters went to Holy Communion. Blessed the statues of the Blessed Virgin and St Joseph and indulgenced them. After thanksgiving went to St Francis - heard a part of Mass - made my meditation.

After breakfast I was engaged in the office up to 11. On my return home a little before 12 corrected proof sheet of Pastoral. After this wrote for some time. Drove to the Convent of Mercy and Abbotsford. Spent a few minutes at each place. Returned home about 2. Read till 4. Dinner 4.30. In the evening attended night prayers, heard Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Visited the new Orphanage. Got home a little after 8. Recited Vespers and Compline and Matins and Lauds for the next day. Took a bath about 10 - then to bed.

**Thursday January 21st.** Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for Mass. Celebrated Mass at Abbotsford about a quarter to 7. After Thanksgiving drove to St Francis - heard Mass - made my meditation - heard Confessions. After breakfast looked over one of the newspapers. Received visits. Did business in the office up to 11. Walked home. Read for a short time - then wrote a little. Between 1 and 2 - visited the Convent of Mercy and consecrated a Chalice. Returned home at 2. Read and studied till the hour for dinner. Recited Vespers and Compline before going to dinner. At 7 attended night prayers - heard Confessions - made my visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Returned home about 8. Recited Matins and Lauds. Read for an hour - then to bed.

**Friday January 22nd.** Morning prayers. Heard Mass at St Francis - recited the Divine Office - made meditation. Remained in the office until 10. On my way home called at the Convent of Mercy. Made preparation for going by train to Geelong. Gave Fr. Bleasdale the £1 fee for Dr Freeman with instructions to get a receipt and forward it to the person in New South Wales who remitted it. Left by the 11.30 train for Geelong - after a short delay in Geelong proceeded to Duneed where we arrived about 4.30. Recited Vespers and Compline and Matins and Lauds for the next day. Read portions of the 2nd number of the second series of the *Dublin Review* during the day and when not occupied in the evening. Heard a few Confessions. Dined at 6. Walked about for a short time after dinner. Read a good part of the evening. About 10 retired to my room. Night prayers - bed.

**Saturday January 23rd.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 8 commenced Mass. Thanksgiving - recited Hours. Breakfast. Made meditation. Read most of the fore and afternoon. Heard Confessions. At 1 drove to the other side of Mount Moriac, where there is a chapel, and heard Confessions till 3. Returned to Duneed and heard Confessions - with some interruptions - till dinner time. At 5 - dinner. In the evening a few confessions. Recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Read when not engaged with the Confessions. Made my visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament About 9 retired to my room. Night prayers - bed.

**Sunday January 24th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass and a short discourse on Confirmation. A little past 11 commenced Mass - gave Holy Communion to a good number. Dean Hayes then preached. After Mass I addressed a few words to those who presented themselves for Confirmation. After Confirmation I proceeded to lay the foundation stone of the Chancel.

It was 2 when I was prepared to take breakfast. After breakfast - walked up the Mount. On my return recited the Divine Office. At 6 dinner. Walked about for some time after dining. An hour's conversation. Retired to my room about 9.30. Night prayers. Read for a short time after going to bed.

**Monday January 25th.** Morning prayers - Divine Office. Heard Mass. The Dean celebrated. Made a short meditation. Left for Geelong a little past 7. Called for a few minutes at the Convent. Travelled by the 20 minutes to 2 train to Melbourne. Arrived in Melbourne at 20 minutes to 4. Got my English letters - looked over some of them. Dinner at 4.30. About 7 attended night prayers. Sat in the Confessional for a short time. Made my visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and to the Lady Chapel. Returned home about 8. Recited Vespers and Compline. Read my letters. About 9.30 to bed.

**Tuesday January 26th.** Morning prayers. Wrote letters for the English Mail. Hard pushed for time. Went to St Francis - heard the 8 o'clock Mass - recited Matins - heard a few confessions. Returned to my office - and wrote other letters for the Mail. Took a hurried breakfast and wrote others - just in time for the mail leaving Sandridge. Left the office about 11 - got home by 11.30. Visited the College - allowed the vestibule of the dining room to be done up - the outlay £4. School commenced yesterday - attendance small. Wrote for near an hour. Visited Abbotsford. Revd. Mother a good deal improved - but not allowed as yet to get up. Returned home by Richmond. Read from 3 to 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. In the evening at 7 - attended night prayers - heard Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Returned home by 8 - recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Read a little history. About 9.30 to bed.

**Wednesday January 27th.** Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for Mass. At 7 celebrated Mass at Abbotsford - after thanksgiving went to St Francis. Heard Confessions - made my meditation. Wrote to Fr. Dooley - Superior of the Vincentians - and to Fr. Carter - Ex-Provincial of the Jesuits - to send out Communities. Letters go by the *Great Britain*, which sails this afternoon. Wrote also to Dr Heptonstall - authorizing him to provide outfit and passages for two Religious of St Vincent de Paul - if Fr. Dooley should apply to him for it. Sent by the overland mail to Dr Heptonstall a draft for £200 - one hundred of which for our joint Credit Account - the other to be paid to Dr Parsons - brother to the late Fr. Parsons - provided he gave a receipt in full. Engaged writing up to 1. Went with the Vicar-General to Abbotsford - returned home by Richmond. From 3 to 4 - study. Then recited Vespers and Compline. In the evening - attended night prayers in St Francis. Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Returned home about 8. Recited Matins and Lauds. Read till 9.30. Then to bed.

**Thursday January 28th.** Morning prayers - recited Hours. Preparation for Mass. At 7 commenced Mass at Abbotsford. After thanksgiving went to St Francis - heard Mass - made my meditation - heard Confessions. Engaged in the office up to 12.

Walked home, calling at the Convent of Mercy for a few minutes. Wrote for a short time, then read till 2. Drove to the Emerald Hill Orphanage and afterwards to the Church at Prahran. Visited the schools in both places. Got back home by 4.

Recited Vespers and Compline - dinner at 4.30. In the evening - at 7 attended night prayers - Lauds - previously recited Matins and Lauds. Heard Confessions. Visited the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Returned home about 8. Read till 9. About 9.30 to bed.

**Friday January 29th.** Morning prayers - recited the 1st Hour. Preparation for Mass. At 7 celebrated at the Convent of Mercy. After thanksgiving went to St Francis. Heard Mass - made my meditation. Heard Confessions. Engaged in the office up to 12. Returned home about 12.30. Read a great part of the afternoon. Drove out for an hour. At 4 recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. In the evening attended night prayers - heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament. Got back home by 8. Recited Matins and Lauds - then read for better than half hour. About 10 to bed.

**Saturday January 30th.** Morning prayers. Recited the 1st Hour. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - made my meditation - heard Confessions. Occupied in the office up to 11.30. Visited the Convent of Mercy. The Revd. Mother not being at home, I did not stay more than a minute there. Visited the Convent of the Good Shepherd. The Revd. Mother is much better - saw her for a few minutes. Returned home about 12.30 - read for an hour - then wrote till 2. Went to St Francis - recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds for Sunday. Heard a few Confessions. Returned home at 4. At 4.30 dinner. Went to St Francis about 6.30. Engaged hearing Confessions till 10. Night prayers - visit to Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. On my return - studied for tomorrow morning's discourse. Took a hot bath before going to bed.

**Sunday January 31st.** Morning prayers. Went to St Francis about 7.30. Made preparation for Mass. At 8 commenced Mass. After administering the Holy Communion delivered a short discourse on the works of Penance. Thanksgiving. Returned to St Patrick's about 9.30. Recited Hours. Took breakfast - made my meditation - then read a Religious [book] from 10 to 11.30. Was in the Vestry during the sermon at last Mass. Then at 12 recited the *Angelus*. Conversated for a quarter of an hour with the Clergyman who celebrated and preached. Wrote for a short time - then read until past 2. Visited the Catechism classes of St Mary - St George and St Francis - attendance in each not what it ought to be. Teachers too few. How much we need a good Priest to devote himself to the work of the Christian Doctrine. Meantime many must be going astray. Returned home a little before 4. Read the life of a Religious - a disciple of St Philip Neri - until dinner time. After dinner took a walk in the garden - then wrote for a few minutes. At 7 assisted at Vespers - sermon - Benediction - recited Compline - night prayers. Returned home a little before 9. Retired to bed about 10.

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**Monday February 1st.** Morning prayers - Matins - preparation for Mass. At 7 celebrated Mass at Abbotsford. After thanksgiving drove to St Francis - recited Lauds and the 1st Hour as I went along. Heard Confessions on getting to St Francis - recited Hours - made meditation. After breakfast I was busy up to 12. Wrote to the Archbishop in reply. Walked home - wrote till 2. Visited the Convent of Mercy on business. Returned home by 3. Read till 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. After dinner drove to the Orphanage. Heard Confessions in St Francis from 7 to 9.30. Got home by 10 having said night prayers and made my visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Took a hot bath before going to bed.

**Tuesday February 2nd.** Morning prayers - Matins and Lauds - preparation for Mass. At 8 blessed the candles and distributed them. Celebrated Mass and gave Holy Communion. Heard Confessions early in the morning and after Mass. After breakfast - looked over one of the daily papers. Made a short meditation. Did business up to close on 11 - then went to the Convent of the Good Shepherd - where I clothed a lay Sister. Addressed a few words of exhortation to her. None but the Sisters were present - and the priest who assisted. Returned home about 12. Wrote till 12.30. Read the next half hour.

A little past 1 presided at a meeting of our Education Committee - important business was done. A full meeting will be called for next Wednesday. From 2 to quarter past 4 - history. Then recited Vespers and Compline. Wrote to Dean Hayes to forward to me a copy of his Orphanage report to the Government and requested him to tell the Revd. Mother of the Convent of Mercy Geelong to send me a copy of hers - if she sent one for the female Orphanage. At 7 attended night prayers - heard Confessions. Returned home about 8. Recited Matins and Lauds. Read for a short time before going to bed.

**Wednesday February 3rd.** Morning prayers - celebrated Mass at Abbotsford. Went to St Francis - heard Confessions - recited Hours. Engaged up to 10 - then made preparation to start by the 11.30 train for Ballarat. During the journey read two articles in the *Dublin Review* and a portion of an historical work. Arrived in Ballarat about 3.30. Lodged at the Presbytery. Dinner at 5. Before dinner walked to the new Church with the Archdeacon and one of the Clergy. Remained a short time in the Church. Read for an hour or more in the evening. Talked with the Clergy till 9.30. Then night prayers - bed.

**Thursday February 4th.** Morning prayers - heard Mass - made preparation. Recited the Divine Office. Looked over one of the local newspapers. Left Ballarat for Beaufort about 11. Stopped at Burrum Beet to feed horses and refresh ourselves. The Archdeacon of Ballarat accompanies me. Here we remained about an hour and a half. Arrived in Beaufort at 4. Dined with Mr Pohlman. Night prayers about 9. Then bed.

**Friday February 5th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Matins. Celebrated Mass at 9. Left Beaufort at 11 and arrived in Ararat at 4. The Archdeacon's horse was knocked up. Looked in at the new Church - met the resident Clergyman - then busy in his preparations for the opening on Sunday. Dined a little late. Took very ill during the night. I blame the fish for it. Said night prayers and retired to bed. But during the night I was very ill.

**Saturday February 6th.** Morning prayers - Divine Office - meditation. The preparations going on for the opening of the new Church prevented the celebration of Mass. After breakfast read the most of the forenoon. I am still suffering from the illness that attacked me yesterday. Walked a little during the afternoon.

Reading was my chief employment during the day and evening. Heard Confessions from 7 to 9. Night prayers. Slept badly during the night. Recited in the evening the Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Blessed the new Church before 7.

**Sunday February 7th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours - meditation. Went to the Church about 10. Heard Confessions till 11. Then commenced Mass - gave Holy Communion. The Archdeacon preached. After Mass I delivered a short exhortation before administering Confirmation - a few children were confirmed. It was 1.30 when we took breakfast. The weather broke - and heavy showers fell during the afternoon. Left Ararat at 2.30. The first few miles we got over with difficulty - owing to the perverseness of one of the horses. We got rid of this lazy brute - and a Catholic kindly obliged us with a good \*roadster\* in his stead. It was 8 - or 8.30 - when we arrived in Beaufort. The road was very heavy. Took refreshments and retired to my room. Night prayers - bed.

**Monday February 8th.** Morning prayers - Divine Office - Confessions - Mass. After Holy Communion - gave instruction to the few present. Left Beaufort about 11.30. Stopped an hour at Burrum Beet - arrived in Ballaarat about 4. Recited the Divine Office. Dined at 5. After dinner walked about for a short time. Read for an hour. Conversed with the Clergy until 9.30. Retired to my room - night prayers - bed.

**Tuesday February 9th.** Morning prayers - Divine Office - heard Mass - meditation. Left for Melbourne by the midday train. Read during the greater part of the journey a very instructive work. Recited with the Archdeacon of Ballaarat - who accompanied me - Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Arrived in Melbourne a little before 4.30. Read letters. At 7 attended night prayers. Heard Confessions. On my return a little past 8 read for a short time. Conversed with the Vicar-General and the Archdeacon until 9.30. Retired to my room - took a warm bath and went to bed.

**Wednesday February 10th.** Rose soon after 5. Morning prayers. Recited the first Hour - went to St Francis to celebrate the 7 o'clock Mass. I was a few minutes too late. Blessed the ashes and distributed [them]. Celebrated Mass - gave Holy Communion. After thanksgiving heard Confessions. Recited Hours. About 9.30 took my collation. Engaged in the office up to 11. Walked home. At 12 held an examination for Orders. This concluded about 1. Resumed the examination at 2 - it continued for a half hour. Dinner at 3. Wrote from 4.30 to 6. At 7 - attended night prayers - heard confessions. On my return home recited Vespers and Compline. Before leaving the Church - made my visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Chapel of the Blessed Virgin. Conversed with the Vicar-General and the Archdeacon of Ballaarat for an hour. About 10 took a hot bath - after which I went to bed.

**Thursday February 11th.** Morning prayers. Went to St Francis. Heard Mass. Recited Matins and Lauds - *Prima* and *Tertia*. Did little business in the office. At 10 presided at a meeting of the Catholic School Committee - agreed to start the training schools for male and female teachers. With regard to the latter the Revd. Mother was to be consulted in order to learn if she could undertake it.

Mr Geary was to be requested to help to establish the former. It was moreover agreed that the teachers should contribute 5 per cent to a fund for providing and keeping in repair school furniture - repairing buildings and establishing new schools. The secretary was instructed to notify at once Mr Denehy's dismissal from the St Francis Boys School and Mr McNamara's appointment thereto.

Left by the quarter past 12 train for Castlemaine. Before leaving told the Vicar-General to inform Mr O'Shanassy that I had no objection to a portion of the ground at Abbotsford being conveyed in trust for a female reformatory. Advised that land should be obtained from the Government for this purpose - with a building grant, Abbotsford being used temporarily as a reformatory. The Vicar-General would obtain from the Revd. Mother of the Convent of Mercy a copy of her report of the Orphanage which he would give Mr O'Shanassy.

Arrived in Castlemaine at 3.30. At 7 Rosary and night prayers. Announced the order of retreat to commence tomorrow morning. About 9 retired to my room - read for an hour. Bed. Tomorrow Mass at 7 - 8 and 9. Confessions from 11 to 1 and 7 to 8.

**Friday February 12th.** Morning prayers - Divine Office - Confessions - Mass - preparation for Mass. At 9 commenced Mass. Confessions were heard from 7 to 9. The Holy Mass was celebrated at 7 - 8 - and 9. Heard Confessions from 11 to 1. Recited Hours - made my meditation. Read a religious book when not engaged hearing confessions. Between 1 and 2 took a short walk. On my return to the Presbytery wrote for an hour. Wrote to the Vicar-General desiring to notify Fr Shinnick's appointment to Gippsland as senior Priest and superior to Fr. Nelan. Yesterday appointed Fr. O'Driscoll to Emerald Hill. Recited Vespers and Compline and Matins with Lauds for tomorrow. At 7 night prayers and the devotions of the Stations of the Cross. Delivered a short discourse. Heard Confessions till 9.30. A little past 10 - to bed.

**Saturday February 13th.** Morning prayers. Heard Mass - recited Hours - heard Confessions. After taking my collation - made my meditation. Heard Confessions during the day. When at leisure for any time I recited Vespers and Compline with Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Studied at intervals. In the evening heard Confessions till past 9. At 10 - night prayers - then bed. Early in the day I received my letters by the English Mail.

**Saturday February 14th.** Morning prayers - recited Hours - made meditation - preparation for Mass. Heard a few confessions. About 11 commenced Mass. Preached after giving the Holy Communion. When I concluded Mass I administered Confirmation to about 30 persons. It was past 10 when I finished my thanksgiving. After breakfast took a short walk. Read during the evening a religious book. At 7 after Vespers delivered a short discourse to a crowded congregation - then gave Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. About 10 retired to my room. Night prayers - to bed.

**Monday February 15th.** Morning prayers - recited the Divine Office - heard Mass - made my meditation. At 11 visited the Golden Point School. It was not opened - the new teacher having only just arrived. Left by the midday train for Melbourne. Read during the greater part of the journey. Arrived in Melbourne about 4. Dined. In the evening wrote letters. At 7 attended night prayers in St Francis - Sermon and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Heard Confessions - on my return home recited Vespers and Compline. About 10 took a hot bath - then to bed.

**Tuesday February 16th.** Morning prayers - Divine Office - preparation for Mass. At 7 celebrated Mass in the Convent - Abbotsford. After thanksgiving went to St Francis - heard Confessions - recited Hours - made meditation. Remained in the office until 11. Walked home. Was engaged the whole day writing letters. Answered the Cardinal Barnabò's letters in reference to Fr. Michael O'Driscoll's false charges and Barry's mendacious statement. I returned the latter as unworthy of notice. In the evening went to St Francis - attended the evening devotions - the sermon and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Visit made to the most Blessed Sacrament. Heard Confessions. On my return home recited Vespers and Compline. At 10 took a warm bath - then to bed.

**Wednesday February 17th.** Morning prayers - Divine Office - preparation for Mass. Celebrated Mass at Abbotsford. After thanksgiving went to St. Francis. Heard Confessions - recited Hours - made my meditation. Remained in the office until 10.30 - then returned home. Engaged writing letters till 1. Paid a few moments visit to the Convent of Mercy. On my return wrote letters for the English mail. After dinner I was engaged in the same work. At 7 attended the devotions in the Church - Sermon and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Concluded the visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament. Heard Confessions. On my return home recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. About 10 to bed.

**Thursday February 18th.** Morning prayers - heard Mass - recited Hours - heard Confessions - made my meditation. Spent but a short time in the office - had [to] return home to conclude my letters for the English mail. Gave the Vicar General the letters for the Cardinal - 2 in number - to be forwarded via Malta. Left by the quarter past 12 train for Sandhurst. Read most of the way. At Castlemaine Fr. Smyth joined me. We arrived in Bendigo about 4. Wrote to the Vicar-General to enclose in envelopes the two letters for the Cardinal to prevent accident from the seals on each. The wax without this precaution might stick to other letters and in separating they might be torn open - as has happened to letters from Rome to Melbourne. Sent a telegram desiring him not to post those letters till he received my letter of this evening. At 7 I gave out the Rosary - after which I preached - then I recited a few prayers and the Litany of the Blessed Virgin. Heard Confessions till past 9. About 10.30 - to bed.

**Friday February 19th.** Morning prayers - Divine Office - preparation for Mass. At 9 celebrated Mass - preached after the post Communion. Thanksgiving made - took the usual collation. Heard Confessions from 11 to 1. Visited the schools adjoining the Presbytery. The attendance was very good. Questioned some of the children in Catechism. The answering was middling - a few answered well. Visited Miers Flat. The school had been dismissed to allow the schoolmaster to accompany the children preparing for Confirmation to Bendigo. Returned a little before 3 after having looked over the foundations of the new Church. The work does not look well. After dinner and a little siesta studied for an hour or so. At 7 gave out night prayers - rosary - then preached. Recited the Litany of the Blessed Virgin. Heard Confessions till close on 10. About 11 night prayers and bed.

**Saturday February 20th.** Morning prayers - Divine Office - preparation for Mass. Heard Confessions from 8 to 9. At 9 commenced Mass. From 10.30 to 1.30 - engaged hearing Confessions - had time to make a few minutes meditation. Took a short drive as far as Epsom and examined the school building. It is a poor affair. Boards with iron roof. Dined at a little past 3 - Confessions without interruption from 6 to 11.30. Usual visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament. Night prayers - bed soon after.

**Sunday February 21st.** Morning prayers - Divine Office - heard a few Confessions - made short preparation for Mass. At 11 commenced Mass. After giving Holy Communion I preached. After, again addressed the congregation and administered Confirmation to upwards of 200 - there were a good many adults amongst them. It was about 2 when I took breakfast. Upwards of 800 persons approached the Holy Communion in Kilian's - and a large number received at the suburban Chapels - the fruit of this Mission. Took a short drive after reciting Hours and Vespers with Compline. On my return read till 5. Then dined. At 7 - assisted at Vespers - preached and gave Benediction. Heard a few Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament. About 11 night prayers - bed.

**Monday February 22nd.** Morning prayers - Divine Office. Heard Mass - made meditation. After collation went to Miers Flat - to lay the Corner Stone of the New Church. One of the Resident Priests celebrated Mass. Heard Confessions during the celebration. After the Holy Communion the Clergyman in charge of the Castlemaine Mission preached. After Mass we formed into a procession and proceeded to the site of the new Church. About 300 persons were present. I addressed a few words in explanation of the ceremony to those assembled and then laid the stone and blessed the foundations - dedicating the Church to St Augustine - the great Dr and Bishop. All was over about 12.30. I then went to the new rush - Raywood - about 20 miles from Sandhurst. I remained nearly two hours. Visited the school - there were 50 children present. A new weatherboard building with iron roof is in course of erection - it is 50 x 25.

Returned to Sandhurst a little after 5. Left by the quarter past 7 train for Castlemaine, where I arrived soon after 8. Recited Vespers and Compline. At 10 night prayers - bed.

**Tuesday February 23rd.** Morning prayers about 5.30. Left for Melbourne by the first train. Arrived about 11.30. Recited the Divine [Office] during the journey. Went to St Francis - read letters and gave interviews. Returned home a little before 12. Wrote till 1. Visited the Convent of Mercy. Revd. Mother went to Ballarat yesterday and had not returned. Saw the Sister who has charge of the Orphanage. Returned home about a quarter to 2. Saw Dean Hayes for a few moments. Busy writing. Dinner at 3. At 6.30 went to St Francis - recited Vespers and Compline.

At 7 attended the Rosary - sermon and Benediction. After this heard Confessions up to 8.30. Visited the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Lady Chapel. On my return home read for a short time. About 10 retired for the night.

**Wednesday February 24th.** Morning prayers. About 7.30 went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited the Divine Office - heard a few Confessions. After collation commenced business - letter writing and interviews occupied me up to 11.30. Walked home - wrote till 1.30 then visited Abbotsford - remained there a few minutes. Returned by Richmond - called on the resident Priest - he was not at home. Drove home. Wrote till dinner time. After dinner wrote to Dr. Heptonstall enclosing an *exeat* for the Revd. Thos. Barry - which he is not to deliver until he refunds the expenses of his outfit and passage to this Mission in hard cash. The amount is £65.

At 6.30 went to St Francis - recited Vespers and Compline. At 7 attended the Rosary - sermon and Benediction. Heard Confessions. Returned home about 9 - having made a sinner's visit to the Most Adorable Sacrament. A little past 10 - to bed.

**Thursday February 25th.** Morning prayers - Divine Office - preparation for Mass. At 7 commenced Mass at Abbotsford. After thanksgiving went to St Francis - heard Confessions - recited Hours. Wrote for the English Mail. Received a deputation in reference to the filling up of a vacancy in one of our female schools - said that the result of the Competitive examination would guide my decision as to the appointment to the vacancy. Left the office about 11.30 and walked home. Wrote for a quarter of an hour after getting home. Looked over and altered church building appropriations from the Government grant for this year.

Read part of the life of \*Baronius\*. A little past 1 to see the new Church now being roofed - the work looks well. Visited the Orphanage - the addition will soon be ready for the roof. Called at the Presbytery Emerald Hill - the clergyman was not at home. Returned home about 2.30. Read till dinner time. Went to St Francis about 6.30 - recited Vespers and Compline. Attended the Rosary - sermon and Benediction - heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Chapel of the Blessed Virgin. Returned home a little before 9. Recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Read for a short time after. About 10.30 - to bed.

**Friday February 26th.** Morning Prayers - recited Hours - preparation for Mass. A little after 7 commenced Mass at Abbotsford. After thanksgiving and the refreshment allowed at this time drove to St Francis - heard Confessions - made meditation. Business in the office up to 11.30. Walked home and wrote and read alternately till 2. Visited the Convent of Mercy. On my return read a religious book till 3.30.

Visited the College - examined the judgment book for the week. At 4 dinner. After dinner read till 6. At 6.30 left for St Francis - recited Vespers and Compline. Attended the Stations of the Cross - after which the Litany was sung and Benediction was given. Heard Confessions till near 9. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Returned home - recited Matins and Lauds. About 10.30 went to bed.

Today I instructed Fr. \*Riordan\*, the Correspondent for St Francis School, to write to the Board of Education requesting that St Francis Boys School should be made a training school for teachers according to the regulations of the Board.

**Saturday February 27th.** Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for Mass. Went to Abbotsford. Before celebrating, addressed a few words to the penitents on the life of St Marguerite of Cortona - whose feast the Church keeps today. After Mass I drove to St Francis - made my meditation - heard Confessions. On looking over the Telegrams from Sydney I read with great grief the announcement of the death of my dear, dear friend Dr Grant - Dean of Bathurst. R.I.P. Remained in the office till 11.30. Returned home - wrote and read alternately for an hour. Gave Mr Barrister Dunne an interview on a very painful subject - it occupied a great deal of time. A little past 1 went to Abbotsford to see what repairs would be required to make the stables habitable as a reformatory - thence I drove to St Francis. There I was engaged hearing confessions and reciting the Divine Office for tomorrow from 2 to 4. Then I returned home. At 4.30 - dinner. At 7 commenced hearing Confessions - it was 10 when this duty concluded. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Night prayers. Took a hot bath before going to bed.

**Sunday February 28th.** Morning prayers - preparation for discourse - preparation for Mass. At 8 commenced Mass. After giving Holy Communion I preached. Thanksgiving. About 9.30 returned home. Recited Hours. Breakfast. From 10 to 11.30 meditation and spiritual reading. Attended the sermon in St Patrick's at the late Mass - remained in the Vestry during the time. Read a devout book for a half hour or more. Granted an interview to a gentleman who called on church business. This occupied a quarter of an hour. Read a few Chapters in the Old Testament with the notes.

At 2 left the house on a visit to the Sunday Schools. At St Mary's the children were assembling - and at St Augustine's. The attendance in St Francis was very thin. At St Joseph's 160 were present - and 50 in the Glass House school. Returned a short time before the hour of dinner. At 7 assisted at Vespers - sermon and Benediction. Recited Compline and said night prayers. About 9.30 retired to my room.

**Monday February 29th.** Morning prayers - Divine Office - preparation for Mass. At 7 commenced Mass at Abbotsford. After thanksgiving went to St Francis - recited Hours and heard confessions during the celebration of Mass. Made my meditation. After collation - attended to business. Wrote a letter of condolence to the Archbishop - this morning before posting it I received one from him. About 12 returned home - read till 1 - then paid a visit of business to the Abbotsford Nuns. Returned about 2. Read till 3, the hour for dinner. From 5 to 6 - read. At 6.30 went to St Francis - recited Vespers and Compline. Attended the Rosary and Sermon - Benediction was given at the conclusion. Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Returned home about 9. Read for a short time before going to bed. About 10.30 bed

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**Tuesday March 1st.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 - Mass in the College Chapel. After thanksgiving went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - made meditation - heard a few Confessions. Remained in the office for business until close on 12. Returned home - read till 1.30, then drove to Emerald Hill - called at the Presbytery and the Orphanage. Returned home about a quarter past 2. Read till dinner hour - 3. From 5 to 6 study. At 6.30 went to St Francis, recited Vespers, Compline and Matins without Lauds. Attended the Rosary, Sermon and Benediction, heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. The usual prayer for my enemies - that they may be converted and live. On my return home recited Lauds, read a short time before going to bed. About 10 to bed.

Today in the afternoon heard for the first time that the Maryborough schoolmaster left the College. Directed another Teacher to be engaged to take his place.

**Wednesday March 2nd.** Morning prayers, preparation for Mass. At 7 celebrated Mass in the College Chapel. Thanksgiving made, went to St Francis. Heard Mass, recited Hours, heard a few confessions. Engaged in the Office up to 11.30. Walked home with the Vicar-General. Read till a little past 1. Then visited the Convent of Mercy - saw the Revd. Mother on business connected with the Orphans.

The heavy rain delayed me in the Convent until 2. Returned home and read till 3, the dinner hour. Weather wet. Walked a little while after dinner in the hall. Read for a short time, wrote a half hour. At 6.30 drove to St Francis - recited Vespers and Compline. Attended Rosary, Sermon and Benediction, heard Confessions. Made my visits to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Lady Chapel. On my return home recited Matins and Lauds for the next day. About 10 to bed.

**Thursday March 3rd.** Morning prayers - recited *Primam et Tertiam [Horas]* - preparation for Mass. At 7 celebrated Mass in the College Chapel. After thanksgiving went to St Francis. Heard Mass - made my meditation - heard Confessions. Office business up to 10.30. On my return home about 11 read over carefully the school regulations - read part of a devout book. At 1 presided at a meeting of the Catholic School Committee. It was 2.30 when we concluded the business of the meeting. Agreement between local committees and teachers to be submitted for lawyer's opinion. Mr O'Shanassy was the only lay member present. At 3 dined. Mr O'Shanassy and another layman shared the dinner with us. Looked over the Reformatory Act now under consideration of the Parliament. It is a vile act. The legislative oppression of a dull bigoted Upper [House] - dullness without respectability - it is the only stagnant pool in the Colony! What is to be done! One great man - truly great man - J. O'Shanassy - is rendered feeble by the jealousy of another man - who thinks he ought to be great without the quality of greatness.

At 6.30 went to St Francis - recited Vespers and Compline. Attended the evening devotions and sermon - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. On my return home recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Read for a short while. About 10 to bed.

**Friday March 4th.** Morning prayers - recited the two first Hours. About 7.30 went to St Francis - heard Mass - finished the Hours - heard a few Confessions. Busy in the office up to 10.30. On my return home read till 12.30. Then visited the Convent of the Good Shepherd on business. Thence I proceeded to Mr O'Shanassy's to advise with him on the Industrial and Reformatory Act. He was not at home. Returned home a half hour before dinner. Read for that half hour. After dinner wrote for better than an hour. At 6.30 drove to St Francis - recited Vespers and Compline - attended the devotions of the Stations of the Cross after which the Litany was sung and Benediction of the Most Adorable Sacrament. Visit to the Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Hear[d] Confessions till past 8. On my return home recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Read a little history. About 10 to bed.

**Saturday March 5th.** Morning devotions. Recited *Prima* - preparation for Mass. A little before 7 commenced Mass in the College Chapel. After thanksgiving went to St Francis. Heard Mass - recited Hours - made my meditation - heard a few Confessions. After collation read letters. Answered a letter from the Revd. Mother of the Geelong Convent of Mercy advising a deputation from the Catholics to wait on the Mayor and Town Council of Geelong and pray that their institute being an orphanage and public school might be exempted from the charge of rates. Looked over one of the daily journals. Arranged order of duty for tomorrow and the week. Walked home a little before 11.

Read a few pages of the life of one of the Companions of St Philip Neri. Read a short chapter out of the *Imitation*. Then wrote for a half hour. About 1 visited Abbotsford - examined the places that are to be repaired and made habitable. The Superintendent of Works was with me. From Abbotsford drove to St Francis - recited the Divine Office for tomorrow - heard Confessions. At 4 left St Francis for home. At 4.30 dinner. Wrote a little after dinner. Took a short drive before going to St Francis. Heard Confessions from 7 to near 10. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Night prayers. Returned home. After some minutes conversation retired to my room. Took a warm [bath] before going to bed.

**Sunday March 6th.** Morning prayers - studied for my instruction to the people. About 9.30 drove to Heidelberg. At 11 commenced Mass. After Mass instructed those prepared for Confirmation. About 50 were confirmed. It was 1 when I took breakfast. Left for Melbourne at 2. Called at Abbotsford for a few minutes. On my return home wrote for a short time then read a devout book till dinnertime. At 6.30 went to St Francis - assisted at Vespers - Sermon and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament - recited Compline. On my return home read for a short time. About 9.30 retired to my room. Night prayers - bed.

**Monday March 7th.** Morning prayers. Divine Office - preparation for Mass. At 7.30 commenced Mass at Abbotsford. After thanksgiving drove to St Francis - on the way recited *Primam*. Heard Confessions - recited Small Hours. After collation wrote to the Archbishop - did business in the office up to 11.30. Walked home. Wrote a little - read a little of M[oral] Theology - read a few pages of the life of a holy man. Visited for a few minutes the Convent of Mercy - visited Abbotsford for a few minutes on business. Returned home a little before 3. Had a conversation with Mr O'Shanassy with reference to the action we ought to take in regard to the Reformatory and Industrial Schools bill just passed the Upper House. He objected to a meeting or to any other action than patient suffering until the evil measure worked out its own remedy. After dinner had a long conversation with him as to what preparation should be made for the coming general election. We will talk over this matter again tomorrow.

O'Grady called early in the day. We spoke of the necessity of union among Catholics. He said that the seats for Villiers and Hey[tesbury] and Kilmore were in danger. Read a little after dinner - wrote for a while.

**Tuesday March 8th.** Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for Mass. At 7 commenced Mass in the Convent of Mercy Nicholson St. After thanksgiving went to St Francis - heard Mass - made my meditation - heard a few confessions. Remained in the office for business until 11.30. Walked home. Studied for about 2 hours. Called at the Convent of Mercy and examined and passed Miss Maginnis as a postulant. On my return home I wrote letters to many of the Clergy. This occupied me up to 3.

Mr O'Shanassy and Dr Brownless dined with us. Had a long conversation with the former about the Government votes for our charities. Wrote letters after dinner - posted them on my way to St Francis at 6.30. Recited Vespers and Compline - was pretty well through the second nocturn when Mr O'Shanassy called with the good news that the Ministry intended to be liberal in their money grants to our Orphanages - Good Shepherd and other charitable institutes. Attended prayers. Visited the Most Blessed Sacrament after hearing Confessions. Recited night prayers - finished the Lauds for tomorrow. About 10 to bed.

**Wednesday March 9th.** Morning prayers - the 1st Hour - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the College Chapel. After thanksgiving went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited the small Hours - heard a few Confessions - made my usual meditation. Business and writing letters detained me in the office till near 12.

Told Fr. Power of Cresswick that unless he conformed to the regulations of the Diocese with regard to the accounts he could not remain in the Diocese - he refused to do so and he therefore leaves. Not at all sorry for his retiring. On my return he [I?] commenced writing letters and was thus occupied until 1. Then I visited the Convent of Mercy on business - here my stay was very short. From 2 to 3 I was engaged in writing letters. After dinner walked for a short time over the grounds - read a little - wrote for a half hour.

At 6.30 drove to St Francis - recited Vespers - Compline and Matins for tomorrow. Assisted at the sermon and Benediction. Heard Confessions. Made my visit to the Most Adorable Sacrament and to Our Lady's Chapel. Night prayers. On my return home recited Lauds. Read a few pages of the life of a Holy Disciple of St P. Neri. About 10 to bed.

**Thursday March 10th.** Morning prayers - recited Hours. At 8.30 started for Kilmore. Made my meditation as I travelled the first few miles. Weather close and cloudy. Had several heavy showers. The horse got sulky when within 15 miles of Kilmore - close to Beveridge School. I called to see the School. The attendance was good - though the weather is unfavourable. There are no desks in the school. On my arrival in Kilmore I wrote to Fr. O'Hea complaining of this want and of his neglect to visit the school from time to time. He wants zeal and I fear piety. Our horse after a rest and a good feed made the rest of the journey very well. It was 2 when we arrived at the Presbytery. The evening turned out to be very wet. This is one of Saxeby's days. At 7 gave out the Rosary - delivered a short discourse and gave Benediction. About 10 retired to my room - night prayers - bed.

**Friday March 11th.** Morning prayers - heard Mass - recited the Divine Office - made preparation for Mass. Offered up the Holy Mysteries for poor Fr O'Rourke. *R.I.P.* Thanksgiving. After collation made my meditation - then visited the schools. The numbers in attendance notwithstanding the weather, which is showery, were very good - about a 100 in the boys' school - and close on 60 in the girls' school. Recited Hours - the *Angelus*. Then wrote for a short time.

Read or rather studied a portion of the tract *De actibus humanis*. Drove out for a short time. Weather very close and threatening. At a quarter past 4 - dined. Read for some time during the evening.

Recited Vespers and Compline before the evening devotions in the Church. At 7 recited the Rosary, delivered a short instruction, then gave Benediction. Conversed with the Clergy till 9 - when I retired to my room - night prayers - bed.

**Saturday March 12th.** Morning prayers - weather wet. Heard Mass. Recited the Divine Office - made my meditation. About 10 left for Heathcote. Read a good deal as I travelled along. Dean Hayes having taken another road from that which we took caused a long delay. Fr. Branigan went in search of him - and found him 7 miles on the lower road to Heathcote. We arrived at Heathcote about 4 - visited the Presbytery after dinner. Got the news of the arrival of the English Mail. Recited Vespers and Compline on my return to the Inn. Read and conversed alternately until 9.30. Retired then to my room - night prayers - bed.

**Sunday March 13th.** Morning prayers - Divine Office - meditation. About 10 went to the site of the new Church and blessed the foundations. Heard a few Confessions. At 11 commenced Mass. Gave Holy Communion to about 12 persons. Dean Hayes preached after Mass. The temporary Chapel was picturesque - being covered with the green branches of the forest trees. The congregation was very large and mixed. After the sermon - I laid the corner stone. The collection amounted to £78.

Left for Kilmore at 1 - where I arrived [at] a quarter to 6. Attended in the Church - recited the Rosary - preached and gave Benediction. Fr. Branigan and Dean Hayes - owing to their horses being knocked up - did not arrive till 8. About 9.30 retired for the night.

**Monday March 14th.** Morning prayers - Divine Office - heard Mass - made a short meditation. About 9 left for Melbourne. Arrived in Melbourne about 2.30. Weather oppressively hot. Read two English letters before dinner - and the rest after dinner. At 7 attended the devotions and instruction in St Francis. Heard Confessions. On my return looked over some of my English letters - handed to the Vicar-General Dr Heptonstall's statement of Accounts which came by this mail. About 10 to bed.

**Tuesday March 15th.** Morning prayers - Divine Office - at 7 commenced Mass in the College Chapel. After thanksgiving went to St. Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - made meditation. Engaged in the office till 11. Walked home. Wrote to Bishop Quinn enclosing an application from one of his priests for a Mission in this diocese. I told his Lordship that my reply would be in accordance with his advice. Received a letter from the Archbishop to which *d.v.* I will reply by the next Mail.

Instructed Mr Barry to commence his retreat for Minor Orders with Fr. Downing - Williamstown. Cautioned him not to present himself for Orders unless satisfied - as far as he could satisfy himself - that he was called to the Priesthood - and was advised to the important step by his Confessor.

Engaged writing up to 1.15. Visited the Convent of Mercy. The Revd. Mother read her annual report of the affairs of the Orphanage. I gave her permission to publish it. Advised that duplicates of the indentures for apprenticing the orphans should in each case be signed - one to be handed the party to whom the Orphan is apprenticed and the other to be kept by the Sister in Charge of the Orphanage. On my return home read reports and articles on Catholic Reformatories. Mr O'Shanassy called, with whom I conversed till dinner hour on the same subject. Read from 5 to 6.30. Then went to St Francis - recited Vespers and Compline. Attended devotions in the Church - heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament. Night prayers - home. About 10 to bed - having finished Matins for tomorrow.

**Wednesday March 16th.** Morning prayers - went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - heard Confessions - made my meditation. Engaged in the office up to 10.30. Walked home. Wrote till 1 - then attended a meeting of our School Board. Agreed to a form of agreement to be submitted to the Government Board. This agreement is between the Correspondent of each school with the head Master and the Assistant. It charges five per cent on the whole income of the head Master and assistant for repairs of building - school furniture etc. This was the only business done today. Visited Abbotsford. Dinner at 3. After dinner - the usual short siesta. Read and wrote alternately. Prepared circular to the Clergy on the Industrial and Reformatory School Bill - gave it to Fr. Bleasdale to copy. At 6.30 went to St Francis - recited Vespers and Compline and Matins. Attended the devotions in the Church - heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel - night prayers. Returned home - about a half hour's conversation - at 10 to bed.

**Thursday March 17th.** Morning prayers - Divine Office - meditation - preparation for Mass. At 11 commenced High Mass. After the post Communion Dean Hayes preached. The Church was - as is usual on feastdays - crowded. About 1 all was over. Went to Abbotsford to examine tenders for additions - repairs and alterations. The Superintendent of our Works disappointed and did not appear with the tenders. Returned home via Richmond. The Clergy dined with me today - and 2 good laymen. At 6.30 went to St Francis - recited Vespers and Compline and Matins. Attended the evening devotions - heard Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Night prayers. Returned home - conversed for an hour with Mr O'Shanassy. About 10.30 to bed.

**Friday March 18th.** Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for Mass at Abbotsford - delivered a short discourse to the Penitents. After Thanksgiving went to St Francis. Remained in the confessional until 9. Made a few minutes meditation. Business in the office until 11.30. Then went home. From 12 to 1.30 reading and writing alternately. Drove to Abbotsford and left the tenders there for the Sisters to decide. On my return home called at the Convent of Mercy. I did not go in as the Revd. Mother was not there. Read for a half hour. At 3 dinner. From 5 to 6 engaged writing. About a quarter past 6 drove to St Francis - recited Vespers, Compline and Matins - attended the devotions of the Stations - after which Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament was given. Heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel - night prayers. Returned home. Looked over a home Catholic newspaper. About 10 to bed.

**Saturday March 19th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 commenced Mass. After the *Introit* conferred Tonsure, and after the *Kyrie eleison*, Minor Orders on Mr G. Barry. Mass celebrated and thanksgiving made, I went to St. Francis. Heard Confessions and recited Hours. After collation - business up to 11. On my way home I called at Dr Brownless - he was not in. I left a note covering a cheque for £10.10 - a half yearly fee for 1864. Met the Dr. near the Government Treasury. At home a little before 12 - wrote for a short time - then made my daily meditation. Visited Abbotsford and the Convent of Mercy between 1 and 2. About 2 went to St Francis where I remained till 4. Heard Confessions and recited Vespers and Compline with Matins and Lauds for tomorrow during that time. In the evening heard Confessions from 6.30 to 9.30. Visit to the Lady Chapel and the Most Blessed Sacrament. Night prayers. About 10.30 to bed.

**Sunday March 20th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 commenced to bless the mimosa and arbor vitae branches. After having distributed to a few of the Congregation I commenced Mass. A great many approached the Holy Communion. After Thanksgiving drove home. Recited Hours. After breakfast made a half hour's meditation - read the *Imitation* from 11 to 12. Then read a few pages of the life of a devout and pious companion of St P. Neri. After read a few chapters of the Old Testament with the notes. Wrote for a short time. At 1.30 called for a few minutes at the Convent of Mercy. Between 2 and 4 visited several of the Sunday Schools. At 7 assisted at Vespers - sermon and Benediction. Recited Compline and Matins - night prayers. About 9.30 to bed.

**Monday March 21st.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 commenced Mass. Conferred the Order of Subdeacon on Mr George Barry. After thanksgiving went to St Francis - heard Confessions - recited Hours. After collation made meditation. Business up to 11.30. Directed the Vicar-General to forward to the Government the list of our Public Charities. Reminded Frs. England and Riordan to prepare a report of the Friendly Brothers Society - so as to have it published in this week's issue of the *Victorian*. Engaged writing to the clergy from 12 to 1.30. Visited the Convent of the Good Shepherd. Wrote to the Revd. Mother of the Convent of Mercy Geelong that I could not allow them Mass in the Convent on Holy Thursday. From 2.30 to 3 engaged writing - from 5 to 6 writing. At 6.30 went to St Francis - recited Vespers and Compline with Matins. Attended the evening devotions - heard Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel - night prayers. Returned a little before 10. To bed about 10.30.

**Tuesday March 22nd.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - celebrated at Abbotsford. After thanksgiving went to St Francis. Heard Mass - recited Hours - heard Confessions - made a short meditation. Busy in the office up to 11.30. Walked home. Wrote and read alternately until 1.30. Visited the Convent of Mercy on business. Read a little before dinner time. At 3 dinner. From 5 to 6 engaged writing. Then drove to St Francis - recited Vespers and Compline. At 7 the Office of the *Tenebrae* commenced. After the Office heard Confessions. Made my usual visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Night prayers. Returned home about 9.30. A little past 10 - to bed.

**Tuesday March 22nd.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - celebrated at Abbotsford. After thanksgiving went to St Francis. Heard Mass - recited Hours - heard Confessions - made a short meditation. Busy in the office up to 11.30. Walked home. Wrote and read alternately until 1.30. Visited the Convent of Mercy on business. Read a little before dinner time. At 3 dinner. From 5 to 6 engaged writing. Then drove to St Francis - recited Vespers and Compline. At 7 the Office of the *Tenebrae* commenced. After the Office - heard Confessions. Made my usual visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Night prayers. Returned home about 9.30. A little past 10 - to bed.

**Wednesday March 23rd.** Morning prayers - heard Mass - recited Hours - heard Confessions. Made imperfectly my meditation. Occupied in the office until 11.30. Walked home. Very busy preparing my letters for the English mail. Addressed letters to my Uncle Dr. Hynes - Dr. Heptonstall and Cardinal Barnabò on the Barry scandals and frauds. I will post them tomorrow. Enclosed Fr Potter's letter in that to my uncle. Sent Dr Heptonstall a draft for £150 - one hundred of which is to be paid to Mr Hardman on account of the sum due on the windows in the Lady Chapel in St Francis - the £50 to be lodged to our joint credit for the Catholic Association. The writing of the home letters occupied my time before dinner and after dinner up to 6.30. The Office of the *Tenebrae* commenced at 7. After the Office heard Confessions - and there were many. After hearing Confessions returned home. About 10 to bed - after having said my usual night prayers.

**Thursday March 24th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 8 commenced the solemn ceremonies, which were concluded about 11. Thanksgiving made, I spent a half hour before the Most Blessed Sacrament. I gave my attention to my European correspondence. Visited for a few moments the Orphanage. In the evening still busy with my letters. Posted some of them. The *Tenebrae* commenced at 7. At their conclusion - Confessions. About 9.30 returned home. Night prayers a little after 10 - then to bed.

**Friday March 25th.** Morning prayers - preparation for the solemn service of the morning. At 11 commenced this solemn service - the Church was crowded. By 1 all was over. On my return home finished my letters for the English Mail - the Vicar-General posted the one for the Cardinal Barnabò. At 7 the *Tenebrae* commenced. The Church was full to overflowing. A sermon was preached. After the Divine Office a collection was made for the Hospital which amounted to £80. Heard a few Confessions. The heat in the Church these few nights of the *Tenebrae* was oppressive. It was 10.30 when I got home. I soon retired to my room - night prayers - to bed.

**Saturday March 26th.** Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for Mass. At 8 commenced the ceremonies of the morning. It was near 12 when all were concluded.

About 12.30 visited for a few minutes the Convent of Mercy, thence I drove to Abbotsford, where I remained a few minutes. Through a mistake the Clergyman who should have given them Mass on Holy Thursday neglected to do so and owing to the Revd. Mother's letter not having been delivered to Fr. Donevan until this morning, when I found it on the Hall table and had it sent him, the religious had not the instruction they would otherwise have had. On my return home wrote for a little better than a half hour. From 2 to past 4 I was busy hearing Confessions, and from 6.30 to 11 p.m.. It was about 12 after night prayers when I got to bed.

**Sunday March 27th.** Morning prayers, Divine Office - preparation for Mass. At 11 commenced to recite the English prayers before Mass. It was 1 when I concluded all with the Papal Benediction. Visited Abbotsford for a few moments. On my return home I read a devout book until the hour for dinner. At 7 gave out Vespers - after the *Magnificat* delivered a short discourse to a crowded Church - then gave Solemn Benediction. The communicants in the morning in all the Churches were - thank God - very numerous. Night prayers a little before 10. About 10 - to bed.

**Monday March 28th.** Morning prayers - Divine Office - celebrated Mass at Abbotsford and addressed a few words of instruction to the Penitents - about 12 in number. After making my thanksgiving I went to St Francis and heard a few Confessions. After breakfast looked over two of the daily Journals. Wrote letters to Bishop of Hobartown and the Archbishop of Sydney - and others. This occupied me up to 1. Visited the Convent of Mercy - I remained about a half hour. On my return home I wrote a letter to the Revd. J. McGirr warning of the serious consequences to himself if he continues to hold sacrilegiously the Church money subscribed by the people during his administration of the Gippsland Mission - a foolish man. At a quarter to 3 went to the University to attend a meeting called for today. The doors were closed - there was no meeting. Returned home and wrote for a short time. Drove to Emerald Hill and visited the new Orphanage - thence to Prahran where I visited the Church. The present portion will soon be completed. On my return home - I read an instructive and interesting book till 5. Then I recited Vespers and Compline with Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. At 6.30 - dinner. The Clergy of Melbourne and a few lay friends dined and spent the evening with us. It was 11 when we separated. Night prayers - bed.

**Tuesday March 29th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. A little after 7 celebrated Mass at the Convent of Mercy. Thanksgiving made I went to St. Francis and heard a few Confessions - recited Hours. Answered letters and transacted business after breakfast. Left the office about 11. Walked home. Wrote and read alternately from 11.30 to 1. I then visited Abbotsford. Returned home by Richmond a little past 2. Wrote for a few minutes - made an hour's meditation. At 3.30 commenced to read Canon Law. At 4.30 dinner. Took a short drive before going to St Francis - recited Vespers and Compline. At 7 attended night prayers - heard Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Conversated for some time with the Vicar-General and the Archdeacon of Ballarat. About 10 - to bed.

**Wednesday March 30th.** Morning prayers - went to St Francis a little before 8 - heard Mass - recited Hours - heard a few Confessions - made my meditation. After breakfast I was engaged up to 11 - then walked home. Read a portion of the life of St Francis de Sales - this occupied an hour. Then read for a short time Canon Law. A little after 10 walked to St Francis - where I remained a few minutes - returned home, calling for a short time at the Convent of Mercy. The Revd. Mother was not in. On my return home I read till the hour for dinner with the exception of a short time given to writing. In the evening went to St Francis - recited Vespers and Compline and Matins. At 7 attended night prayers - heard Confessions. Returned home about 8.30 having made my visits to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. About 10 retired for the night.

**Thursday March 31st.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - a little before 7 commenced Mass in the College Chapel. After thanksgiving went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - heard Confessions - made my meditation. After breakfast - business and answering letters. Left the office about 11. From 11.30 to 12.30 read - then wrote a little. About 1 visited Abbotsford - where I remained a few minutes. On my return home about 2.30 read a little Canon Law - then read history till 4. Dined at 4.30. At 5 took a short drive before going to St Francis - recited Vespers, Compline and the Office for tomorrow. Attended night prayers - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady. On my return home read for some time. About 10 - to bed.

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**Friday April 1st.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. A little before 7 drove to Abbotsford, where I celebrated Mass. After thanksgiving drove to St Francis - heard confessions - made my meditation. After breakfast business and letters. Mr O'Grady called. Our conversation had reference to the Industrial and Reformatory schools and the *Victorian*. I told him frankly my opinion of the present Editor. He ought to be removed from a situation he disgraces. In the course of the day I sent him a copy of the circular I addressed to the Clergy in reference to the Industrial and Reformatory Schools Bill now before Parliament. He said that Mr Duffy got McCullough - the present Chief Secretary - to postpone its reading till his return from Sydney. Had a long conversation with Mr O'Shanassy at my house. Wrote to Fr. Shinnick to use his influence in favour of Mr King - he is recommended by Mr O'Shanassy. Read and wrote alternately for a considerable time. Visited the Convent of Mercy for a few minutes. Dinner at the usual hour. Mr O'Shanassy dined with us. A heavy thunderstorm broke over the City during the evening. Went to St Francis about 6 - recited Vespers and Compline with Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Attended night prayers - heard Confessions - visits to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Virgin's Chapel. Returned home a little after 8. Conversated with Mr O'Shanassy who stays tonight with us. About 10 retired to my room - took a hot bath and went to bed.

**Saturday April 2nd.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - recited the first 2 Hours. Commenced Mass in the College Chapel about 7. After making my thanksgiving I went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited the 2 last Hours. Heard Confessions and made my meditation. After breakfast wrote letters and transacted business in the office up to 11. Walked home - business and study engaged me. 1.30 drove to Abbotsford - here I remained a short time. From [there] I drove to St Francis - recited Vespers and Compline with Matins and Lauds for tomorrow - heard a few Confessions. Returned home about 4. Weather much like what it was during the previous night - stormy - with thunder and bright flashes of lightning and heavy rain. Air close and disagreeable at times. About 6.30 went to St Francis and heard Confessions until 9. Night prayers - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Drove home - read for a half hour. A little past 10 took a hot bath and went to bed.

**Sunday April 3rd.** Morning prayers - preparation for instruction to the people. About 7.30 drove to St Francis and made my preparation for Mass. At 8 commenced Mass - gave Holy Communion - then instructed the people. Thanksgiving - heard a few confessions - drove home - recited Hours - Breakfast - meditation for a half hour. Read portions of the *Imitation* - a few chapters of the life of St Francis de Sales - and 3 chapters in the old Bible. This took up a good portion of the forenoon and a little of the afternoon. Wrote for a half hour - then read again until 2.30. Then drove to Abbotsford to give Benediction (and for the first time). Returned home by 4. Read a portion of one of Lacordaire's *Conferences* before dinner. At 7 attended Vespers in St Francis - after which a sermon was preached and Benediction was given. On my return home read a little of the life of St Francis de Sales. Night prayers. About 10 - to bed.

**Monday April 4th.** Morning prayers - Matins - preparation for Mass. Celebrated Mass a little past 7 at Abbotsford. After thanksgiving went to St Francis - heard a few Confessions - recited Hours - made my meditation. After breakfast read letters delivered that morning. Did business in the office till 10.30. On my return home answered letters and read until 1.30. Visited the Convent of Mercy and Abbotsford between 1.30 and 2.30. On my return read from 3 to 4. At 4.30 dinner. Went to St Francis about 6.30 - recited Vespers and Compline - attended night prayers - heard a few confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. On my return home I recited Matins and Lauds. About 10 to bed.

**Tuesday April 5th.** Morning devotions - preparation for Mass. At 7 commenced Mass in the College Chapel. After Thanksgiving I went to St. Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - heard a few confessions - made my meditation. After breakfast wrote letters - advised the Revd. Mother of Geelong not to get into debt but to apply to the Treasurer for an advance on the Orphanage vote for this year. Transacted business in the office up to 11. Walked home - wrote in reply to Bishop Wilson's letter. Visited the Convent of Mercy between 1 and 2. On my return wrote for a short time then read until dinner time. A little past 6 went to St Francis - recited Vespers and Compline and Matins. Attended night prayers - heard Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. On my return home read history for an hour. About 10 to bed.

**Wednesday April 6th.** Morning prayers, preparation for Mass. A quarter before 7 commenced Mass. After Thanksgiving went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - heard Confessions - made my meditation. After breakfast business in the Office up to 11. Walked home. Read till close on 12. Mr. O'Shanassy called to know if I would allow the Hall of the Young Mens Society at Sandhurst to be rent[ed] to St Patrick's. I told him I could not - regretting to be obliged to reply in the negative. Conversed on other important matters until 12.30. Read till 1.30, when I visited the Orphanage and the Prahran Church. It was 3 when I returned. Had a conversation with Fr. Madden - begged of him to see Mr O'Grady and try to persuade him to put off his visit to Sydney until the Reformatory Question and the Charitable Estimates were passed.

Weather unsettled - storms of wind and rain at intervals. Read a little of the life of St Francis de Sales. Recited Vespers and Compline. After those wrote for a few minutes. Dined at 4.30. About 6 went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds - attended night prayers - heard Confessions. Visited the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Returned home a little after 8. Read for a short time. About 9.30 went to bed.

**Thursday April 7th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the College Chapel. After thanksgiving went to St Francis - heard Confessions - recited Hours - made a short meditation. After breakfast wrote a few letters - and did business in the office until 11.30. Walked home and made preparation for my journey to Castlemaine en route to Carrisbrook to lay the corner stone of the new Church. At a quarter past 12 left by train. Arrived in Castlemaine at the usual time. Read most of the way. Soon after my arrival at the Presbytery I recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4. Walked about for an hour after dinner. Read a little. At 7 attended night prayers in the Church. Chatted for an hour with the Clergy. About 9.30 to bed.

**Friday April 8th.** Morning prayers - Matins - preparation for Mass. At 8 celebrated Mass - thanksgiving. Recited Hours. After breakfast a few minutes meditation. Subject from the *Imitation*. Read the most of the forenoon and a good part of the afternoon. Took a long walk before dinner. Recited Vespers - Compline and Matins with Lauds. Read a few pages of the life of St Francis de Sales. About 9 to bed.

**Saturday April 9th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 8 Mass - thanksgiving. Recited Hours. After breakfast - about 10.30 left for Carrisbrook - where we arrived about 2.30. The road in parts was hilly - and bad on the low flat ground. Examined the new building. They have only undertaken the Chancel. The work is good - but the amount is very small indeed. Gave most of the morning to reading. Recited Vespers and Compline. About 9 night prayers. Read for a short time before going to sleep.

**Sunday April 10th.** Morning prayers - Matins and Lauds, preparation for Mass. At 10.30 blessed the foundations. At 11 celebrated Mass in the unfinished Chancel, the partially raised walls being covered with canvas. The sermon was preached after Mass by the Dean of Geelong. At the conclusion of the sermon I laid the corner stone. The amount subscribed was £95. About 500 persons were present. It was 1 when all was over. Paid a visit to one family. Read a good deal in the afternoon. Dined at 6. After conversed with the Clergy until 9 - when I retired to my room. Night prayers - bed.

**Monday April 11th.** Morning prayers - Matins and Lauds - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass. Thanksgiving. Left Carrisbrook for Castlemaine at 8.30. Arrived in Castlemaine at 12 - distance 25 miles. Recited Vespers and Compline at 2. Walked a good long walk before dinner. After dinner recited Matins and Lauds. A little conversation occupied [us] until 7. Attended night prayers. About 9 retired to my room.

**Tuesday April 12th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - at 8 celebrated Mass - thanksgiving - recited Hours. After breakfast drove to Fryers Creek to see the Church that is being built there - the work and material is excellent. I was hard pushed for time to meet the quarter to 1 train to Melbourne. Had to leave my luggage to be forwarded by the next train. Read during the 3 hours the journey occupied. Called at St Francis and got my letters. Read a few of them before dinner. At 7 attended night [prayers] - heard a few confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. On my return home recited Matins and Lauds. Had a long conversation with Dean Slattery about the misunderstanding between himself and his clerical assistant. The latter must be removed. About 10 to bed.

**Wednesday April 13th.** Morning prayers preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the College - after thanksgiving went to St Francis - heard Mass - heard a few Confessions - recited Hours - made my meditation. After breakfast looked over one of the newspapers - wrote letters - transacted business. Left the office about 11 - walked home. Wrote from 11.30 to 1.30 or close to it. Visited Convents of the Good Shepherd and of Mercy. Returned home about 3. Read and wrote alternately till 4.30. About 6 drove to St Francis - recited Vespers and Compline with Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Attended night prayers - heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. On my return home read for a half hour - then conversed with the Vicar-General till 9.30. Then to my room and after a little time to bed.

**Thursday April 14th.** Morning prayers - heard Mass - recited Hours - heard a few Confessions - made my meditation. After breakfast read letters - and answered some. Looked over one of the daily papers. Did business in the office until 11.30. From 12 to 1.30 - read a useful book. Visited the Convents of Mercy and Good Shepherd between 2 and 3. On my return home read till dinner time. About 6 went to St Francis - recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Attended night prayers - heard a few Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and to Our Lady's Chapel. On my return home read for some time. About 9.30 to bed.

**Friday April 15th.** Morning prayers - celebrated Mass about 7 in the College Chapel. After thanksgiving went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - made meditation and heard a few Confessions. After breakfast looked over one of the newspapers. Business and letters up to 11. Rode home. From 12 to 1.30 study. Drove out at 1.30 - visited the Orphanage and the Church at Prahran. On my return home read till 4.30. Dinner. About 6 drove to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Attended night prayers - heard Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Got home about 8. Read a few pages of history.

**Saturday April 16th.** Morning prayers - Mass at Abbotsford about 7. After thanksgiving went to St Francis - heard a few Confessions before breakfast - and made my usual meditation. At 9.30 breakfast. Read one of the daily Journals. Wrote letters in reply - regulated the order of duty for tomorrow - did other business. At 11.30 left the office for home. Read from 12 to 1. Drove to Mr O'Shanassy's in order to consult him on an application to the Government for aid for the House of the Good Shepherd. Returned a little before 2. Drove to St Francis - recited Vespers, Compline and Matins with Lauds for tomorrow - heard Confessions. Left St Francis at 4. At 4.30 dinner. About 6 drove to St Francis - heard Confessions from 6.30 to 9.30. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Night prayers then home. About 10.30 to bed.

**Sunday April 17th.** Morning prayers - preparation for my instruction to the people. Preparation for Mass. At 8 commenced the English prayers before Mass. Then Mass. After the Holy Communion delivered a short discourse. Having made my thanksgiving drove home. Recited Hours - made my meditation. At 9.30 or near 10 got my breakfast. Read from 10.30 to 1.30. Drove out to Mr O'Shanassy's to get his opinion on the form of application and statement of accounts in relation to Government aid for Abbotsford. We have asked for maintenance for 50 Penitents at the rate of £25 per head for this year. Returned home - on the way back I called at Abbotsford for Benediction. It was given by the Priest who was with me. Got home about 4 - read till 4.30. Then dinner. About 6 drove to St Francis - assisted at Vespers and Compline - Sermon and Benediction. Returned home about 9. A short time given to conversation. About 10 night prayers - then to bed.

**Monday April 18th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 celebrated Mass at Abbotsford. After thanksgiving went to St Francis - heard a few Confessions. Having previously recited Hours, made meditation. After breakfast looked over one of the newspapers - read letters - answered some. Engaged most of the forenoon and afternoon writing to the Clergy on important matters. Studied a little. Visited the Orphanage. Returned home about 3.30. Read till dinner time. About 6 went to St Francis - recited Vespers, and Compline [with] Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Attended night prayers - heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. On my return read for some time. About 9.30 retired for the night.

**Tuesday April 19th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - recited Hours. At 7 recited Mass at Abbotsford. After Thanksgiving went to St Francis - heard Confessions - made my meditation. At 9.30 breakfast - breakfast over, glanced at the news of the day. Read letters - replied. Did business in the office up to 11. Rode home. From 11.30 to 1 engaged reading. Then drove to the Convent of Mercy - and the House of the Good Shepherd. Got back home about 3.30. Read till 4.30, when not occupied with business. Dinner at 4.30. About 6 went to St Francis recited Vespers and Compline and Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Attended night prayers - heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Got home by 8. Half an hour's reading. A little past 9 - to bed.

**Wednesday April 20th.** Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for Mass - celebrated Mass at Abbotsford about 7. After thanksgiving went to St Francis - made my meditation. At 9.30 breakfast. After breakfast took a look at a newspaper - read letters and answered some of them. Busy in the office up to 11. Rode home - read and wrote alternately until 1. Presided at a meeting of the Education Board - instructed the Secretary to send 4 of each agreement for Masters and Assistants to the Correspondent of each school for signature - one to be sent to the Government Board of Education, another to our Board, the Correspondents and parties to the agreements keeping one each. To write to the Board of Education - asking that St Francis Boys School might at once be declared a training school for Masters and the Sisters of Mercy's a training school for females - and to request that the Head Master might be examined. It was 2 when business was concluded.

Visited the Convent of Mercy for a short time. On my return home about 3 - wrote till 4. Dinner at 4.30. About 6 went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Attended night prayers - heard Confessions. Visits to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. On my return home about 8 read for a half hour. To bed about 9.30.

**Thursday April 21st.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Recited *Prima*. At 7 celebrated Mass in the College Chapel. After thanksgiving went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - heard Confessions - made my meditation. Breakfast about 9.30. Business in the office until 11. Rode home - read from 11.30 to 1.30. Wrote letters for the English Mail. Visited the House of the Good Shepherd about 3. Examined the repairs and additions now being made. Returned by 3.30 - wrote letters for the English Mail. Dinner at 4.30. About 6 went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Attended night prayers - heard Confessions - visits to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. On my return home read for some time before going to bed. About 10 - to bed.

**Friday April 22rd.** Morning prayers - Prime - preparation for Mass. At 7 commenced Mass in the College Chapel. After thanksgiving went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - heard a few Confessions - made my meditation. About 9.30 breakfast - answering letters - giving interviews and other business up to 11.

Got home a little past 11. Prepared letters for the English Mail - this occupied till 1.30. Then drove to the Orphanage and the Church at Prahran. Returned home a little past 3. Looked through loose papers - destroyed a good many of them. Then wrote till 4. Weather showery but mild. Dinner at the usual time. Went to St Francis a little after 6 - recited Matins and Lauds for the following day. Attended night prayers - heard Confessions - made visits to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Returned home about 8 - read for some time. About 9.30 - to bed.

**Saturday April 23rd.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 celebrated Mass in the College Chapel. After thanksgiving went to St Francis. Heard Mass - recited Hours - heard Confessions - made my meditation. Breakfast at the usual time. Business and letters engaged me in the office until 11. Rode home.

From 11.30 to 1 - wrote and read at intervals. Visited Abbotsford. At 2 went to St Francis - recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds for the Sunday - heard Confessions. At 4 left for home. In the evening Confessions 6.30 to 9.30. On my return home conversed for a short time with the Vicar-General. Took a hot bath and then - a little past 10 to bed.

Before leaving St Francis made visits to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel - said night prayers.

**Sunday April 24th.** Morning prayers - Prime and Tierce - preparation for Mass. At 8 celebrated Mass at Abbotsford. After giving the Holy Communion to the Sisters and Penitents I delivered a short discourse on the presence of God. After thanksgiving returned home - recit[ed] the other two Hours and made meditation. About 10 breakfast. Read till a quarter to 11 - drove to St Francis. Assisted at Mass. After the Holy Communion a sermon was preached by Fr. Donevan in aid of the Orphanage at Emerald [Hill] - St Vincent's. Finished a letter to my uncle. Weather rainy. Walked home and posted such letters as I had ready for the English Mail. Read a few pages of the life of St Jane de Chantal. Then wrote till 2.30 when I start[ed] for Abbotsford to receive a convert and give Benediction.

Gave instruction to the convert - received her profession of faith - then administered Baptizm [sic] conditionally - instructed the other penitents, whom I invested in the Scapular. This ceremony concluded, I gave Benediction.

Weather very wet and cold. Returned home about 4.30. At 7 assisted at Vespers, Sermon and Benediction in St Francis. The congregation was very small owing to the very inclement weather. Returned home about 8.30. Matins and Lauds for tomorrow - night prayers - to bed about 10.

**Monday April 25th.** Morning prayers - Prime - preparation for Mass. At 7 commenced Mass. After thanksgiving went to St Francis heard Mass - recited Hours - heard a few Confessions - made my meditation. At 10.30. breakfast. Read letters delivered this morning. Told Fr. Bleasdale to prepare letters at once to the Education Board on the Training Schools.

Had several interviews with Clergymen on business pertaining to their Missions. Told the Vicar-General to write to Father Shinnick and inform him of [my] surprise on learning that he lived separately from the other clergymen without leave and that it is my instruction that they should live together. Fr. Moore to get a third of all stole fees after house expenses are paid and an equal share of Christmas and Easter dues. Returned home about 11.

Had a letter from the Superioress of the House of the Good Shepherd complaining of some difficulties she has to contend with in the government of her Community. I shall visit the Institute today and make inquiry. Wrote for a short time. Visited the Convent. At the request of the Revd. Mother I examined each Sister. I hope with God's grace to restore peace. A little past 3 attended a meeting of the Council of the University. Returned in time for dinner. About 6 went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds - attended night prayers - heard Confessions. + Returned home about 8. Weather wet and cold. Read for some time - [had] a short conversation with the Vicar-General. About 9.30 to bed.

+ N.B. a visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel.

**Tuesday April 26th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 celebrated Mass at Abbotsford. After thanksgiving went to St Francis - recited Hours. About 9.30 breakfast. Busy up to a quarter to 11. Left by train for Geelong. Soon after my arrival in Geelong I visited the Convent. On my return to the Presbytery I took a drive through the public gardens. Before dinner I recited Vespers and Compline. Wrote a few letters. After dinner walked in the garden for a half hour. Attended night prayers in the Church. About 9.30 retired to my room - read for a short time before going to bed.

**Wednesday April 27th.** Morning prayers. About 10 left for Duneed. Took refreshment there. A little past 12 left for Colac, where we arrived about 4. The road in parts is very bad. It rained during the night. Read for more than an hour after reciting the Divine Office. During the journey I made my meditation. About 9 night prayers. To bed at 10.

**Thursday April 28th.** Morning prayers. Heavy rain fell during the night and in the early morning. Recited Hours - made meditation. Left about 10. Weather cleared up before 12. Road very bad. Arrived in Camperdown at 4 - about a half hour later the Dean of Warrnambool arrived. Dined about 5. Spent the evening together. Read and conversed at intervals. About 9 night prayers and then to bed.

**Friday April 29th.** Morning prayers - Divine Office - meditation. Left at 10 for Terang. Arrived there about 1 - distance 12 miles - road very bad.

Dined at 3. Visited the Church site. Took a long walk in the neighbourhood of the town. The town is improving. Made arrangements to celebrate Mass in the Court House. Recited Vespers and Compline and Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Read a few pages of an interesting work after going to my room - and after night prayers. Room small and badly ventilated. To bed about 9.30. Read for some time after going to bed.

**Saturday April 30th.** Slept badly last night. Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for Mass - heard Confessions. At 9 commenced Mass - gave Holy Communion to 7 persons. Delivered a short discourse after Holy Communion. Advised to commence the erection of a small building in which Mass could be celebrated and school taught. They have a small sum of money already collected for the purpose. About 12 left for Mortlake or Mt Shadwell. Made my meditation as I journeyed along. Arrived there about 3. The Dean of Geelong had arrived by coach early in the forenoon. Visited the school. At 4 - dined. Heard a few Confessions in the evening - recited Vespers, Compline [and] Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Conversated most of the time before going to bed with Deans Hayes and Slattery. About 9 retired to my room. Night prayers. Read for some considerable time after going to bed.

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**Sunday May 1st.** Morning prayers - meditation - Hours. Heard a few confessions - preparation for Mass. Administered Confirmation to 6 persons before Mass - having briefly instructed them. Many approached the Holy Communion at the two early Masses and at my late Mass. Recommended the Congregation to contribute liberally to the Orphanage in aid of which the Dean of Geelong would then preach. Thanksgiving. Breakfast. Received a deputation on the providing this district with a resident Clergyman. Promised to do so when the people had provided me with the means to pay the passage from Ireland to the Diocese of one - and that they assure me of their ability to build a presbytery and secure to him a decent support. Left about 3 for Terang, where we arrived about 5. Remained here the night. Recited vespers and Compline. About 9 retired to my room. Night prayers - bed.

**Monday May 2nd.** Rose a little before 5 - dressed. Morning prayers - Matins and Lauds with the Litany of the Saints. Left about 6 for Camperdown. Recited Hours. Arrived in Camperdown about 9.30. Took breakfast. At 10 started for Colac. Made my meditation as we drove along. The morning was wet - but the rest of the day was very fine. Arrived in Colac about 2.30 - having made the journey of 32 miles, over very bad and hilly roads, in 4 hours and a half. Fr. Farrelly met me a few miles from Colac. Visited the school - the attendance was large - about 60 - some of the children are Protestants. The building is in good repair.

In the course of the evening received a deputation who stated the desire of the people to build a Church and their determination to do so if assisted by a share of the State grant. They already had promises to the amount of £500. I told them that next year I would give them a share of the State grant - but this year I could give them nothing - the plans should have my approval. Recited Vespers and Compline. Read an interesting and instructive book until bed time. About 9.30 night prayers - bed. I feel a little unwell.

**Tuesday May 3rd.** Morning prayers - Matins. I am suffering from a very severe cold. Left for Geelong at 7. Recited portions of the Divine Office as we travelled along. Made a feeble attempt at meditation. Stopped a few minutes to change horses. Arrived in Duneed about 12.30 - where I took a little refreshment. Proceeded on to Geelong where we arrived a little past 2. Left by the 4 o'clock train for Melbourne. Still suffering, called on Dr Brownless on my way home. He ordered something for me. Said night prayers - took the mixture prescribed - then a hot bath and a little gruel after going to bed.

**Wednesday May 4th.** Remained in bed till 8.30. Thank God, I feel myself quite recovered. Took a little gruel for breakfast. After breakfast walked to St Francis - remained till 11.30. Walked home. Called on the Doctor and reported myself well.

Wrote to the Revd. Mother desiring to her to inform the religious under her care that none of them would be permitted under any circumstances to visit distant places in the Diocese where there was no community of the Institute - that they ought to be mindful that in becoming Religious they renounced relatives and friends in order that they might devote themselves to God and His poor without reserve.

This note was addressed to the Revd. Mother of the Nicholson St. Convent of Mercy. Visited for a few minutes the House of the Good Shepherd. On my return home I wrote for an hour. Then read a religious book till dinner hour.

Before going to dinner, I received a note from the Revd. Mother of the Convent of Mercy in reference to mine. She enclosed a Telegram which I returned with a note advising the recall of the Sisters from Castlemaine, there being no community of the Order there. Mr O'Shanassy dined with us. Had a long conversation with him on the Industrial School and Reformatories. Attended in the Church about 7.30. Heard Confessions. Night prayers, visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. The devotions of the month are well attended. Recited Vespers and Compline on my return home. Read a few pages of the introduction to the life [of] St Frances de Chantal before going to bed.

**Thursday May 5th.** Morning prayers, Divine Office. Walked to St Francis about 10.30. Preparation for Mass. At 11 commenced High Mass. The Lesson and Gospel were read after the Holy Communion by the Master of Ceremonies. After thanksgiving, breakfast. Business up to 12. Returned home.

Had to hear a complaint from a layman against a Clergyman who in a fit of anger abused [him] in the public streets. Promised to inquire into the matter. Wrote to the Clergyman to call on me.

Wrote for some time. Took up the life of St Frances de Chantal which I continued until near dinner time. Mr O'Shanassy and Dr Brownless dined.

Attended the devotions in St Francis. Sermon and Benediction each evening after the prayers. Heard Confessions till 9. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. On my return home recited Vespers and Compline. Got to bed about 10.

**Friday May 6th.** Morning prayers - Divine Office - preparation for Mass. A little passed [sic] 7 commenced Mass in the College Chapel. After thanksgiving went to St Francis. Heard Mass - recited the Divine Office - made in part my meditation - heard a few Confessions.

After breakfast looked over one of the daily Journals - resumed my meditation. Business and letters till 12. Left the office then. On my reaching home I wrote for a short time. A half hour's study of Moral Theology. Presided at a meeting of the Catholic Education Committee. Visited Abbotsford between 2 and 3. Returned a little before 3. Looked over a part of the tract *De actibus humanis* - then read till the bell rang for dinner.

About 6 drove to St Francis. Recited Vespers and Compline then Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Attended the devotions in the Church - Sermon and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Heard Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel - night prayers. It was close to 9 when I returned home. Weather showery. About 9.30 to bed.

**Saturday May 7th.** Weather showery - morning prayers - Hours - preparation for Mass. A little after 7 celebrated Mass at Abbotsford. After thanksgiving drove to St Francis - heard Confessions. About 9.30 took breakfast - made my meditation. Engaged in the office until 11.30. Walked home. Told Fr Lordan to attend St Joseph's on Saturday afternoons at 6 to hear Confessions. Fr Donevan will take his place in St Francis.

Wrote for a short time. Studied till 2. Drove to St Francis - recited Vespers, Compline and Matins with Lauds for tomorrow. Heard Confessions till 4. Walked home. In the evenings heard Confessions from 6.30 to 9 or half past. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel - night prayers - home and bed about 10.30.

**Sunday May 8th.** Morning prayers - preparation for a short discourse to be delivered at Mass - preparation for Mass. At 8 commenced Mass - gave Holy Communion to a good many - preached - thanksgiving - drove home. Recited Hours. Breakfast. An hour's meditation. Read from 11 to 11.30. Then went to St Patrick's to hear the sermon. Read after the *Angelus* till 2. Visited the Sunday classes for Christian Doctrine assembled in St Mary's and St Francis. Walked about 4 miles. Dinner at the usual hour. About 6.30 went to St Francis. Assisted at Vespers - sermon and Benediction. Night prayers. Returned home about 9. To bed a little past 10.

**Monday May 9th.** Morning prayers - Divine Office - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the College Chapel. After Thanksgiving went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - heard a few confessions. Made my meditation. Engaged in the Office up to 11.30. Walked home. Studied with some few interruptions till 1.30. Visited Prahran Church. Returned home about 3.30. Studied till 4.30. Dinner. Assisted at the devotions in St Francis - preached and gave Benediction. Heard Confessions. Visit to Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Night prayers. Returned home a little past 9 - Matins and Lauds for tomorrow.

**Tuesday May 10th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 commenced Mass in the College Chapel. After thanksgiving went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited hours - heard a few confessions - made my Meditation. Occupied in the office till 11.30. Walked home - studied for evening instruction from 12 to 1.30. Took a short drive - on my return about 2.30 read, when not engaged with business, till close on the dinner hour.

About 6 went to St Francis - recited Vespers and Compline - assisted at the public devotions - preached and gave Benediction. Heard Confessions immediately after. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Night prayers. Returned home about 9. Recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. To bed a little past 10.

At 1.30 p.m. examined Mr Barry for Deaconship and Priesthood. The examination lasted till 4. The Vicar-General - the President of the College and another Priest assisted. Mr Barry will make his Retreat at Williams[town]. He was instructed to commence it this evening.

**Wednesday May 11th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 celebrated Mass in the College Chapel. After thanksgiving went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - heard Confessions - made my meditation. After breakfast business. Left the Office at 11.30. From 12 to 1.30 studied for the evening instruction. Visited the House of Mercy. Returned home by Richmond. From 2.30 to near 4.30 occupied with business and study. Dinner at the usual time. About 6.30 went to St Francis - recited Vespers and Compline - assisted at the public prayers - preached and gave Benediction. After the devotions heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel - night prayers. A little past 9 got home - recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow - about 10.30 to bed.

**Thursday May 12th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 commenced Mass. Thanksgiving over, went to St Francis. Heard Mass - recited Hours - made meditation. Breakfast over, attended to business in the office till 11.30. Prepared for my discourse to the people in the evening from 12 to 1.30 and from 2.30 to 4.30. About 6 went to St Francis - recited Vespers and Compline. Assisted at the devotions in the Church - preached - gave Benediction. Afterwards heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel - night prayers. About 9 returned home. Recited Matins and Lauds. About 10 to bed.

**Friday May 13th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the College Chapel. After thanksgiving went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - heard Confessions - made meditation. After breakfast looked over one of the daily Journals. Wrote a few letters. Interviews with clergymen and laymen on business. Left the office about 12. Walked home. Prepared for my evening instruction to the people. About 2.30 drove to Abbotsford - where I remained a few moments. Returned home direct from Abbotsford. Read till 4.30. Dinner. About 6 went to St Francis - recited Vespers and Compline. Attended the public devotions - preached - gave Benediction. At the conclusion of the service - heard Confessions. Visits to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel - night prayers. Returned home by 9.30. Recited Matins and Lauds. To bed about 10.30.

**Saturday May 14th.** Morning prayers. At 7, after preparation, commenced Mass. At Mass I bestowed the order of Deaconship on Mr Barry. It was late when I concluded. Went to St Francis - remained there till close on 12. Arranged the order of duty for tomorrow. From 12.30 to 2 - study. At 2 returned to St Francis. Recited Vespers and Compline with Matins and Lauds for tomorrow - heard a few Confessions. Returned home about 4. Read till dinner time. Went to St Francis about 6. Engaged hearing Confessions from 6.30 to 9.30. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Night prayers. Returned home. A little before 11 to bed.

**Sunday May 15th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - recited Hours - made a short meditation. At 11 recited the English prayers before Mass in St Francis - after which I commenced the Solemn High Mass - the newly ordained Deacon acted as the Deacon of the Mass. A sermon in aid of the Diocesan Seminary was preached by the Archdeacon of Ballarat. It was 1.30 when I made my thanksgiving. Breakfast. Returned home - wrote for a half hour. Read for some time. Conversated with the Vicar-General and the Archdeacon until 4. The latter then left by train for Ballarat. Dinner at 4.30. At 7 attended Vespers - Sermon and Benediction in St Francis Church. Recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Returned home about 9. Night prayers a little before 10 - to bed soon after.

**Monday May 16th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - recited Hours. A little past 7 celebrated Mass at the Convent of the Good Shepherd. After thanksgiving went to St Francis - heard a few Confessions - made my meditation. Engaged in the office until close on 12. Walked home. Looked over a theological work for an hour or so. Visited the House of the Good Shepherd - the Vicar-General accompanied me. Examined the additions now fast approaching completion - they will be a great advantage. Returned home about 3.30. Studied a little - then wrote till near dinner time. In the evening attended the devotions in the Church. Heard Confessions - visits to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel - night prayers. Returned home about 9. A little before 10 retired to bed.

**Tuesday May 17th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - Hours. At 10 celebrated and conferred Priesthood on George Barry - a student of our Diocesan Seminary. Engaged the whole of the day writing to the Clergy. A meeting of the Catholic School Committee was held to consider objections made to the 5 percent charged on the income of the Teachers for school purposes. The Committee confirmed the agreement. Some of the Clergy were present with two lay gentlemen - Mr Archer and Mr Geary. I was not present - but approved afterwards their decision. At 4.30 dinner. In the evening attended the devotions in St Francis Church - heard Confessions - visits to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Returned home a little after 8 - recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. About 10 to bed.

I examined the College accounts today 17th May. What is due to the College for the Scholars will more than cover the debt - which is between £35 and £40. I examined in the forenoon the accounts of St Francis Purgatorium Society and regretted to find that but little of the funds went to relieve the poor - the alms for Masses absorbed nearly all. I checked this application of funds and reduced the Masses to 3 in each week.

**Wednesday May 18th.** Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for Mass. Left at 7 for Abbotsford, where I celebrated Mass. After thanksgiving drove to St Francis. Remained in the Confessional till past 9. Business in the office until 10.30. Walked home. Studied Theology for about an hour. Gave an interview to a Clergyman on business. Took a short drive. Returned home a little before 3. Wrote for a short time - made my meditation in the forenoon and afternoon. Dinner at the usual hour.

Yesterday I looked over the College accounts - the house accounts are not as prepared for examination. About 6 went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds. Attended the evening devotions - heard Confessions - visits to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel - night prayers. Returned home about 8.30. Read for a half hour. Conversation with the Vicar-General. About 10 to bed.

**Thursday May 19th.** Morning prayers - *Prima* - preparation for Mass. At 7 commenced Mass in the College Chapel. After thanksgiving went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - heard a few confessions - made my meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. When not engaged with business read something useful. Left the office at 11. Walked home. Read from 11.30 to 1. Visited Abbotsford - called at the Richmond Presbytery on my way home. Reached home about 2.30. Read a little Theology - then wrote for a short time.

Fr. O'Riordan has just called to inform me - at the request of Fr. Williams - of an occurrence that took place at 12 last night disgraceful to him (Fr Williams). Two constables - a cab - and a woman of suspicious repute were at the gate. Williams said that two women seized him and took his watch from him!!! I told Fr. Riordan to tell Williams to see the Vicar-General. He has a choice - resignation and leave the Diocese, or an inquiry and its consequences. He said he would resign and leave the Diocese.

Dinner at 4.30. About 6 went to St Francis, recited Vespers and Compline, Matins and Lauds. Attended the evening devotions, heard confessions - visits to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel - night prayers. Returned home about 9. Conversed with the Vicar-General for some time. About 10 to bed.

**Friday May 20th.** Morning prayers, Hours, preparation for Mass. At 7 celebrated Mass at Abbotsford - addressed a short discourse to the Penitents. After Thanksgiving drove to St Francis. Heard a Confession, made my meditation. Remained in the office till 11. On my return home I wrote for a short time. Study of Theology from 12 to 1. Visited Abbotsford to hear the Confessions of the community at their own special request. Returned home about 3. Read till dinner time. In the evening a little past 6 went to St Francis. Recited Vespers, Compline, Matins and Lauds. Attended the evening devotions - heard Confessions, night prayers, visits to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Returned home about 9. About 10 to bed.

**Saturday May 21st.** Morning prayers, Hours, heard Mass in St Francis, made my meditation, heard a few Confessions. After breakfast, business up to 11. Arranged the order of Masses and duty for tomorrow. Studied from 12 to 1. Wrote letters for the English mail. Went to St Francis about 2. Recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Heard Confessions till 4. Returned home for dinner. About 6 went to St Francis - attended the devotions, heard Confessions till 9.30 or close on 10 - night prayers, visits to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Soon after my return home to bed.

**Sunday May 22nd.** Morning prayers - Hours - Mass and instruction at Abbotsford. Gave Holy Communion before the instruction. It was 10 when I returned home - took breakfast. After breakfast meditation for an hour. Attended in the vestry of St Patrick's during the sermon. From a quarter past 12 to 2 occupied myself with study of Theology and pious instructive reading. Between 2 and 4 visited St Francis - St Augustine's and St Mary's Sunday Schools. Dinner at 4.30. At 7 assisted at Vespers - and the person appointed to preach not being present - I preached. After the discourse - Benediction. About 9 returned home. At 9.30 retired for the night.

**Monday May 23rd.** Morning prayers - Matins and Lauds. Prepared letters for the English Mail - but not all. Wrote to Fr. Furlong for a Community to establish our Reformatories and Industrial Schools. Enclosed the letter to my Uncle - with a copy of the Reform. and Indust. Bill.

Went to Sandhurst by the midday train. On my arrival there wrote and posted other letters for England. Read the life of St Frances de Chantal during the evening. Retired early to my room - night prayers - read for a short time after going to bed.

**Tuesday May 24th.** Morning prayers - Matins and preparation for Mass. At 8.30 Mass - thanksgiving. Breakfast - Hours soon after breakfast - made a few minutes meditation. Visited the school. Building most unsuitable. Visited the Champaspie [Campaspe] School Chapel. It is about 15 miles from Sandhurst. Returned to Sandhurst about 5. After dinner I took a short walk. Read for an hour or more. About 9.30 I retired to my room - night prayers - bed.

**Wednesday May 25th.** Morning prayers - Matins - preparation for Mass. About 8 commenced Mass - thanksgiving - breakfast - recited Hours - made meditation. Left by the 11 o'clock train for Melbourne. Read nearly the whole of the journey. Arrived in Melbourne at 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. About 6 o'clock went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Attended the devotions in the church - heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel - night prayers. Returned home about 9.30. Read for a half hour. To bed about 10.30.

**Thursday May 26th.** Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for Mass - meditation. At 11 commenced Solemn Mass. After Mass carried the Most Blessed Sacrament in procession down the church and for a short distance outside within the enclosure - great crowds attended. It was 1.30 when all was concluded. At 2.30 went to the Convent of the Good Shepherd - where I bore the Most Blessed Sacrament in procession through the garden - at a temporary Altar gave Benediction. Gave Benediction again in the Convent Chapel. Returned home about 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. About 6 went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds - attended the devotions - heard Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel - night prayers. Returned home about 9.30. Read for a short time. About 10.30 to bed.

**Friday May 27th.** Morning prayers - *Prima* - preparation for Mass. A little past 7, Mass - thanksgiving. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - heard a few Confessions - made my meditation. Breakfast late. Business till 11 in office - but at all times to attend to pressing concerns. Engaged the whole of the day - except during a short visit to the Convent of Mercy to inquire after the Revd. Mother - who is ill. Dinner at 4.30. A little past 6 went to St Francis. Recited Matins and Lauds for the next day. Attended the devotions in the Church - heard Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Returned a little before 9 - read for a half hour. To bed soon after 10.

**Friday May 28th.** Morning prayers - *Prima* - preparation for Mass. At 7 commenced Mass in the College Chapel - Thanksgiving - went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - heard Confessions - made my meditation. After breakfast arranged the duty for tomorrow. Answered letters - left the office about 11.30. On my getting home I wrote for an hour and a half. Saw the President of the College on matters connected with the studies. About 1.30 visited the Convent of the Good Shepherd nuns - thence drove to St Francis where I heard Confessions (reciting the Matins and Lauds for tomorrow when not so engaged) till 4. Dinner at 4.30. About 6 went to St Francis. Read a little on the subject of my instruction to the people for tomorrow. Heard Confessions without interruption from 6.30 to 9.30. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel - night prayers. Returned home. Made a short preparation for tomorrow's discourse. About 11 to bed.

**Sunday May 29th.** Morning prayers. About 7.30 went to St Francis - preparation for Mass - recited *Prima*. At 8 Mass. After giving the Holy Communion I delivered a short discourse on the importance of frequent communion. Returned home a little before 10 - recited Hours - about 10.30 breakfast. After breakfast half hour's meditation. Attended in the vestry of St Patrick's to hear the sermon. From 12 to 2 pious instructive reading including a few chapters of the Old Bible with comments - visited the Sunday Schools of St George and St Francis - the attendance in the former was very good - in the latter, owing to a procession at St Mary's, it was but poor. It was 4 when I returned home. Read a little before dinner. About 6.30 went to St Francis - assisted at Vespers sermon and Benediction. Afterwards recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. About 10 night prayers - bed.

**Monday May 30th.** Morning prayers - *Prima* - preparation for Mass. At 7 - Mass in the College Chapel - after thanksgiving went to St Francis - heard Mass recited Hours - heard Confessions - made my meditation. After breakfast - business and correspondence up to 11.30. After my return home answered letters - received several of the Clergy on business. Drove to St Kilda. At 3 attended a meeting of the Council of the University. The business of the meeting was not concluded till 5. Dr Brownless was reelected Vice Chancellor. About 6.30 went to St Francis - recited Vespers and Compline - attended the evening devotions - heard confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel.

Received a long letter from the Bishop of Hobarton. He did not attend the Governor's *levée* as he did not get the place his rank entitled him to. He enclosed me a copy of his letter to the Governor. Recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. About 10 to bed. Do not feel very well.

**Tuesday May 31st.** Having spent a restless night owing to excruciating pain in my left foot, I did not get up till 7.30. Having dressed and said my morning prayers I drove to St Francis but was too late for 8 o'clock Mass. Recited Hours - heard Confessions - but suffered much all the time from my left foot. At 9.30 breakfast. Strove to make my meditation - I failed. Did business in the office up to past 11. Gave Fr. O'Keane his faculties for South Gippsland. He will leave on tomorrow. His faculties are *usque ad revocationem* [until withdrawn]. Wrote for some time. About 2 drove to the Convent of the Good Shepherd. Had a conversation with the Revd. Mother and Assistant about their establishing a juvenile Reformatory for females. The other Sisters - she said - had some difficulty in advising it just now. However they are to consider it again. Called on Fr. Madden and spoke with him about his change to Castlemaine. Got back about 3.30. Wrote a few letters. Dinner at 4.30. About 6 went to St Francis. Recited Matins and Lauds for the next day - attended the evening devotions - heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Home about 8. Read till near 9. About 9.30 to bed.

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**Wednesday June 1st.** Morning prayers - being still unwell and having to take medicine I did not celebrate this morning.

The Vicar-General goes to Daylesford to inquire into certain complaints - made by an anonymous writer - against the resident Clergyman, if on getting there he thought there were grounds for them. Drove to St Francis - where I remained transacting business though suffering great pain till 11. Returned home and wrote and studied when not having to attend to business alternately till 1.30. Took a short drive - on my return read till 4. Then recited Vespers and Compline. Had to answer letters. At 4.30 dinner. In the evening - attended the devotions in the Church - Benediction of the Most Adorable Sacrament and Litany. Heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Night prayers. Returned home about 8. Read till 9. At 9.30 to bed. (Recited Matins and Lauds before the evening devotions in the Church).

**Thursday June 2nd.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 or a little after celebrated Mass in the College Chapel. Thanksgiving made, I went to St Francis. Heard a few Confessions - recited Hours - made my meditation - but not to my liking, being still unwell and not able to give the necessary attention to the subject. Business up to 11 in the office. On getting home, wrote in reply to Bishop Wilson. Read - when not engaged with business. Between 2 and 3 visited the Convent of the Good Shepherd to advise with the Revd. Mother as to the preparations to be made for the accommodation of the children who may be sent to them to be reformed. Returned home by Richmond. Read till 4 - then recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at the usual hour. About 6 went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds for the following day. Attended Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament - heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Night prayers. It was 8 when I returned home.

Read till 9 then prepared for bed. Mornings cold and foggy - Midday and afternoon up to 5 fine. Nights cold and foggy.

**Friday June 3rd.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 or a little later Mass in the College Chapel. After thanksgiving went to St Francis - heard Confessions and Mass - made my meditation - recited Hours. Business in the office up to 11.30. Read and studied when not engaged with business till past 1. Then attended a meeting of the Catholic School Committee. This lasted a half hour. None of the lay members were present. Called to see the Revd. Mother of the Convent of Mercy, who has been ailing. Before this called on a Catholic family who live a short distance from Melbourne. It was about dinner time when I got back. Recited Vespers and Compline. The Vicar-General returned from Daylesford - he pronounced the complaints to be groundless - he saw enough to convince of this without questioning the Clergyman, who is doing good. About 6 went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds. Attended night prayers - heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Posted my reply to the Bishop of Hobarton. Returned home about 8 - conversed with the Vicar-General till 9. Then to bed. (Before going to St Francis this evening I wrote to the Revd. Mother of the Convent of Mercy to say I would on tomorrow celebrate Mass at the Convent for her intention).

**Saturday June 4th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - *Prima*. At 8 celebrated Mass at the Convent of Mercy - after thanksgiving went to St Francis - heard a few Confessions - recited Hours. Thank God I feel much better today. I received a letter from the Archbishop in which he gives particulars of Fr. Therry's last moments. It seems he was conscious of his approaching death - which he met with great calmness and self possession. I wrote a few lines to the Bishop of Hobarton giving some items of the news conveyed in this letter. Made my meditation. Business in the office till 11.30. Drove home and studied from 12 to 1.30. Before going to St Francis I called at the Convent of the Good Shepherd for a few minutes on business connected with the proposed Reformatory. Went to St Francis and was busy hearing Confessions from 2 to 4 - excepting the short time it took me to recite Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. A little after 6 went to St Francis and recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow - heard confessions from 7 to 10. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Night prayers. Home. Before going to bed - studied for a short time in preparation for my instruction to the people at Mass tomorrow.

**Sunday June 5th.** Rose at 6. After the *Angelus* washed and dressed - morning prayers - preparation for my instruction to the people. About 7.30 went to St Francis. Preparation for Mass. At [...] commenced Mass. After administering the Holy Communion I read, as is my wont, the Epistle and Gospel and then delivered a short discourse on the latter. It was 20 minutes past 9 when all was over. Thanksgiving. Sat a short time in the Confessional. Returned home - recited Hours - meditated for a short time on a chapter in the *Imitation of Christ*. At 10 breakfast - then a half hour's meditation and a half hour's spiritual Reading. Wrote for an hour. Weather squally and wet.

About 2 visited the Convent of Mercy - saw the poor sick Sister - she is fast leaving this wicked world for the heaven above.

Returned home a quarter past 3. Wrote a little. Then read a part of the life of St Francis of Assisi. This occupied till 4. Then read a little of the Old Testament with annotations for a half hour. Dinner at 4.30. A little past 6 went to St Francis. Assisted at Vespers and Benediction. The person - a young Priest - ordered to preach tonight disappointed - he had to read. Recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. About 9 returned home. Conversed with the Vicar-General for some time. Night prayers - bed.

**Monday June 6th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7.30 celebrated Mass. After thanksgiving recited *Prima* - then went to St Francis. Heard Mass - recited Hours - heard a few Confessions - made my meditation. After breakfast saw several of the Clergy on business. Left the office a little past 11. Got home by 11.30. Read for an hour the *Imitation of Christ*. Then wrote for a short time. After this studied Theology for a half hour or more.

About 1.30 visited the Orphanage. The children were at play. The institute is crowded. I hope we shall soon be able to prepare the addition for them - it is very much needed. From the Orphanage I drove to Prahran - visited the Church and schools. The attendance in the boys school was very poor. I advised the Teacher to visit those parents who keep their children at home or send them to Protestant schools and to persuade them to send their children to their own school. Returned home about 3.30. Saw Fr. O'Hea with regard to a retreat I propose giving in his Mission. We shall fix the time tomorrow. Wrote a little. Read an essay of Slavery. Wrote to Fr. Fennelly postponing to the 6th July the Mission I promised Carisbrook in consequence of my being previously engaged to open the Prahran Church on the first Sunday in July. Told him to send me his reply to my last note about the missing memorial of Inglewood.

Recited Vespers and Compline. At 4.30 dinner. At a little past 6 went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds - attended night prayers - heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Returned home a little before 8. Read till 9. About 9.30 to bed.

**Tuesday June 7th.** Morning prayers. Hours - meditation - preparation for Mass. Recited the Office of the Dead with the Clergy for V[enerable] Archpriest Therry, after which I offered up the Solemn Requiem Mass for his happy repose - gave the absolution. After thanksgiving - breakfast. That over, presided at a meeting of the Clergy - proposed the names of the Catholics I wished them to support at the coming Parliamentary elections. That meeting was over [by] a quarter past 12. Returned home. Read till 1.30. Visited the Convents of Mercy and Good Shepherd. The Revd. Mother of the former was not in. Returned home about 3. Wrote a letter - read a little Theology. Dinner at 4.30. A few of the Clergy dined with us. About 6 after the *Angelus* went to St Francis. Recited Matins and Lauds for the following day. Attended night prayers - heard Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Returned a little before 8. About 9.30 - to bed.

**Wednesday June 8th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. About 8 celebrated Mass at the Convent of Mercy. After Mass administered the Last Sacraments to Sister Mary Austin. Went to St Francis from the Convent. Here business kept me till 1. A meeting for the relief of the College Creditors was held at 12.30. None but the Clergy attended. I hope next month we shall be rid of this ugly business. On my return home I made preparation for a trip into the country to examine a site for an Industrial School in the neighbourhood of the Yan Yean. We only go as far as Heidelberg tonight.

I visited the Yarra Bend on my way out. I stopped a half hour in this abode of the greatest human misery that can befall man in this his state of trial and preparation for a better life. The whole place - dwellings and grounds - are quite unfit for the relief of this high misery. My friend Bishop Wilson, so experienced in what tends to alleviate it, has in just and eloquent indignation condemned the Asylum and its site. It has been somewhat improved since he last saw it, if it be possible to improve building badly arranged and a site utterly unfit for our insane fellow creatures. God help them, and reward them in the future life for all they suffer in this. It seems that the classes furnishing the greatest number to this asylum are the immigrant and mining classes.

We arrived in Heidelberg about 4.30. I read an amusing and instructive [book] on the way. Recited Vespers and Compline before dinner. Dined at 5. Walked for some time in the garden after dinner. Read a good part of the night. Went to my room about 9.30. Night prayers - bed.

**Thursday June 9th.** Morning prayers. We breakfasted early. About 8 we left for the Yan Yean. The Vicar-General joined me in the Divine Office, which we recited as we travelled the first few miles. Made my meditation. The[n] read an interesting work during the greater part of the journey. A few of the Catholics met us and accompanied to the section which I hope to obtain for a Reformatory School. It is well and healthily situated, having a frontage to the reservoir. The land is good and fairly timbered. The tramway is about 2 miles from it. Having taken some refreshment we returned to Heidelberg. Whilst riding back from the proposed site my horse stumbled, which caused me so to move in the saddle as gave me considerable pain, from which I am still suffering. We arrived in Heidelberg earlier than we expected. It was only 4. Dined at 4.30. Read a good deal during the evening. About 9 retired to my [room]. Night prayers - bed.

**Friday, June 10th.** Morning prayers. At 8 heard Mass. Recited the Divine Office. I am still suffering a good deal from the injury of yesterday. After breakfast made my meditation in the Church. Left at 10 for Melbourne. Read as we went along one of the daily newspapers with the Telegram of English news from Adelaide. Read and answered letters on arriving home. Saw Dr Brownless concerning the accident of yesterday - he advised bathing. About 1 o'clock I took a bath - it did not relieve me much. The Clergyman in charge of the Portland Mission is in town. This I did not expect. I hope nothing has gone wrong there. It is difficult to provide for that Mission - it is so lonely - so isolated - no Priest being within 50 miles of it - so that the resident clergyman is entirely to himself - a dangerous position.

Read for a considerable time before dinner. Wrote reply to Bishop Wilson's letter received this morning. Sent it to the post. Dinner at the usual time. Owing to my unfortunate accident I could not go to St Francis tonight. Recited Matins and Lauds - then read till near 9. Conversed some time with the Vicar-General Retired to my room a little before 10. Night prayers. Took a bath, as ordered by my medical adviser, then to bed.

**Saturday June 11th.** Remained in bed this morning till 8.30 owing to my not feeling well. I regret that I could neither celebrate nor hear Mass. Morning prayers over, I recited Hours *usque ad Nonam*, then took breakfast. Recited the last Hour. Business occupied me for some time. When I had a leisure half hour I made my meditation. Had a visit from the Dr. - Brownless. Arranged the order of duty for tomorrow. After this wrote a little. Then studied till 2, when I went to St Francis. The Divine Office for tomorrow and Confessions occupied me till 4. Drove home - dined at 4.30. Went to St Francis about 6. Heard Confessions from 6.30 to 9. Weather showery and cold. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Night prayers - home. About 10.30 to bed.

**Sunday June 12th.** Morning prayers, read for a short time in preparation for my instruction to the people - preparation for Mass. At 8 commenced Mass. After administering the Holy Communion I read the Epistle and Gospel of the day, then delivered a short discourse. Thanksgiving - heard a few Confessions. Returned home a little before 10. Recited Hours. Breakfast. From 11 to 11.30 meditation, spiritual reading. Heard the Sermon preached in St Patrick's. From 12 to 1 spiritual reading. Scripture from 1 to 2. Visited the Convent of Mercy to inquire after the Revd. Mother, who is ill. Visited the Christian Doctrine classes assembled in St Francis - the attendance was thin - but it was rather early. Walked home. Wrote for a quarter of an hour. Read from 4 to 4.30 the life of St Francis Assisi. Dinner at the usual hour. About 6.30 went to St Francis. At 7 assisted at Vespers, Sermon and Benediction, recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Returned home about 9. A little before 10 retired to my room. Night prayers - to bed.

**Monday June 13th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 celebrated Mass in the College Chapel. After thanksgiving went to St Francis - heard a few Confessions - recited Hours - made my meditation. Remained in the office until 11.30. Returned home. Had to take a hot bath, not feeling recovered from the strain I got last week. After the bath I visited the Convents of Mercy and Good Shepherd. Returned home about 3. Read for some time, then wrote till near dinner hour. In the evening attended night prayers in St Francis - heard a few Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel and I recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow - returned home. Read for a short time. Conversed with the Vicar-General on matters connected with the Missions. About 9.30 to bed.

**Tuesday June 14th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Celebrated Mass in the College Chapel about 7. After thanksgiving went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - heard a few confessions. Remained in the Office until 11.30. On my return home I had to take a hot hip bath. Walked to the Convent of Mercy to inquire after the Revd. Mother - who is seriously ill. On my return home I wrote letters to the Clergy - this correspondence occupied till dinner time. Mr O'Shanassy dined with us. Having to speak to him on important business I did not attend the night devotions in St Francis. He left about 10. Recited Vespers and Compline. Night prayers - to bed.

**Wednesday June 15th.** Morning prayers. Not feeling quite well I did [had] to decline celebrating the holy Mass. I heard the 8 o'clock in St Francis and recited the Divine Office and heard a few Confessions. Wrote several letters to the Clergy and transacted business in the office till 12. Walked home. By advice of the Doctor I applied twelve leeches to the injured part which is still giving trouble. This occupied me more than an hour. I drove to Abbotsford and returned by Richmond. Studied for my discourse this evening to the people in St Mary's on the opening of the Mission. At 5.30 went to St Mary's - gave out night prayers - delivered a short discourse - announced the order of religious exercises during the Mission viz. 7.30 and 8.30 Mass. Confessions from 7.30 to 9. Confessions from 12 to 1 and from 4 to 5. In evening at 7 night prayers - instruction and Confession. We were engaged - 4 priests and myself - hearing Confessions till 9. The attendance during the prayers and at the Confessionals was large. On my return I recited Vespers and Compline. About 10 - to bed.

**Thursday June 16th.** Morning prayers - Divine Office - preparation for Mass. About a quarter to 8 I went to St Mary's - at 8.30 celebrated Mass - delivered a short discourse. After Thanksgiving drove home. From 10 to 12 occupied with letters and other pressing business. Attended at St Mary's about 12 to hear Confessions. There were but few penitents. Studied from 2 to 4 for the evening instruction. Returned to St Mary's about 4 for Confessions - remained nearly a half hour. Dinner a little after the usual time. Studied a short time before going to St Mary's. At 7 recited night prayers - after which I gave instruction - the Chapel was very full. We were all busy hearing Confessions till past 9. Returned home - recited Vespers and Compline. About 10 to bed.

+ Made my meditation as usual.

**Friday June 17th.** Morning prayers - Divine Office - preparation for Mass. Went to St Mary's about 7.30. Heard Confessions. At 8.30 commenced Mass - delivered a short discourse. I had to alter the hours for hearing the Confessions to the morning and night. After thanksgiving returned to St Francis - got breakfast there - made my meditation. Engaged in business in the office till 12. Walked home. Read till 1.30.

Visited Abbotsford. On my return home - read till near dinner time. Recited Vespers and Compline. About 6.30 went to St Mary's - recited night prayers - Fr. Bleasdale preached. Heard Confessions till late. Returned about 9.30. A little past 10 - to bed.

**Saturday June 18th.** Morning prayers - Divine Office. Went to St Mary's about 7.30 - preparation for Mass. Confessions. At 8.30 commenced Mass - thanksgiving. Took breakfast at St Francis - made my meditation. Arranged the order of Masses and other sacred duty for tomorrow. Busy up to 12 - when I returned to St Mary's and heard Confessions till 2. Returned to St Francis where I recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds for tomorrow - after which I heard Confessions till 4. Dinner at the usual hour at home. Went to St Francis soon after 6. Engaged hearing Confessions without interruption till 10 or near it. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Returned home. Retired for the night about 11.

**Sunday June 19th.** Morning prayers - preparation for instruction to the people - Preparation for Mass. About a quarter to 11 left for St Mary's. At 11 read the English prayers usually said before Mass. Then Mass. After the Holy Communion I preached - Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament after Mass. Though the weather was wet the Chapel was well filled. It was past 1 when all was over. About 700 approached the Holy Communion. Mass was celebrated at 8 - 9 - and 11. During the day walked to the Convent of Mercy - saw a poor sick Sister who is dying and the Revd. Mother who is not well. Thence I walked to St George's. The children were assembled for Catechism. The attendance was not as good as usual owing to the weather. It was near 4 when I returned home. Read a little before dinner. About 6.30 went to St Francis - gave out Vespers - after which a sermon was preached by one of the Clergy attached to St Francis - Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament concluded the evening devotions. Recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Returned about 9. Read and conversed for a short time. Retired - night prayers - bed.

+ Meditation was made in the afternoon.

**Monday June 20th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. A little past 7 commenced Mass. After thanksgiving went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - heard a few Confessions - made meditation. After breakfast looked over one of the daily Journals - wrote several letters - gave interviews to several of the Clergy and a few of the laity. Left the office about 11.30. Engaged writing from 12 to 1 - with a short interruption of a few minutes. Told Fr. Courtney of his appointment to Woods Point and the Jamieson. Advised him to be careful of himself and do all the good in his power. Busy up to 1.30. Visited the Orphanage. On my return home read till the time for dinner. About 6 went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow - attended night prayers - heard Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Got back home about 8. Read till 9. About 9.30 to bed.

**Tuesday June 21st.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the College Chapel - after Thanksgiving went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - made my meditation - heard a few Confessions. After breakfast - business - wrote in reply to letters. Saw persons on business concerning the diocese and themselves. Left the office a little before 12. Walked home. Studied till 1.30. About 2 called at Abbotsford and on my return I called for a few minutes at the Convent of Mercy.

Read till 4.30 - then dinner. About 6 went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds for the next day - attended night prayers - heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Returned home - read for some time - about 9.30 to bed.

**Wednesday June 22nd.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. A little after 7 - Mass in the College Chapel - after thanksgiving went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - made my meditation. Heard Confessions. After breakfast commenced writing my English letters. With these I was occupied nearly the whole of the afternoon except the short time it took me to go to Prahran and visit the schools there. On my return resumed my correspondence. Dinner at the usual hour. About 6.30 went to St Francis. Recited Vespers and Compline. Attended night prayers - heard Confessions - made my visits to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Returned home at 8. Read till 9. About 9.30 to bed.

**Thursday June 23d.** Morning prayers - did not celebrate this morning but heard Mass in St Francis - recited Hours and made my meditation. After breakfast wrote several letters to the Clergy and finished my correspondence for the English mail. Returned home and wrote till 2.30. I leave for Epping in a few minutes to give a mission there. Arrived in Epping a little past 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dined. At 6.30 recited night prayers - gave instruction. Appointed 9 and 10 for the Masses - from 11 to 1 p.m. for Confessions, and from 2 to 4. At 6 prayers and instruction and Confessions afterwards.

**Friday June 24th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - *Prima*. At 10 commenced Mass - gave instruction - breakfast - Hours - Confessions till 2 - Meditation - wrote letters - heard Confessions at the appointed time. Dinner at 4.30. Night prayers at 6 - preached. Confessions till 8. A [few] Clergymen from Melbourne assisted us in hearing Confessions. Recited Vespers and Compline. About 9 retired to my room - read the life of St Francis Assisi for some time after going to bed.

**Saturday June 25th.** Morning prayers - matins - Lauds - *Prima* - preparation for Mass - Confessions. At 10 commenced Mass. Announced the hours when Mass would be celebrated tomorrow. Thanksgiving - breakfast about 11. Recited Hours - heard Confessions during the day. From 2 to 2.30 meditation. Confessions till 4. Dinner at 4. About 6 wrote a little. Weather cold and showery. Confessions from 6.30 to 8. Recited Matins and Lauds for the following day. About 9.30 night prayers - bed.

**Sunday June 26th.** Morning prayers - preparation for instruction to the people - preparation for Mass. Heard a few confessions before Mass. At 11 commenced to recite the English prayers before Mass. After Mass preached -then administered Confirmation to about 60 persons. Held a meeting at the conclusion of prayers in order to get the people to adopt active measures for the erection of a Church, which they need very much. The subscriptions promised and paid amounted to £110. I advised that collectors should be appointed and furnished with books with the authorization written on the inside of the cover and signed by the resident clergyman.

It was 2 when I got breakfast - after which I left for Melbourne. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. About a quarter past 6 went to St Francis - recited Matins. Assisted at Vespers - sermon and Benediction. Recited Lauds. Returned home about 9. Read a few pages of the life of St Francis Assisi. A little past 10 night prayers - bed.

**Monday June 27th.** Morning prayers - heard Mass in St Francis - recited Hours - made my meditation. After breakfast looked over one of the newspapers. Read my letters - had one from the Archbishop - replied to some. Business in the office up to 12. Fr Downing declines the charge of the Reformatory. I hope a fit person will soon turn up in order to start this much needed Institute. Returned home from the office about 12.30. Wrote till 1. Walked to the Convent of Mercy - where I remained a few minutes. At 2 drove out to make a few indispensable visits. I got home a little before the dinner hour. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner. About 6 drove to St Francis - recited Matins for next day. Attended night prayers - heard a few Confessions - made my visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. On reaching home I read a few pages of the life of St Francis Assisi. About 9.30 to bed.

**Tuesday June 28th.** Morning prayers. Drove to Abbotsford where I celebrated Mass at 8 - recited Hours - left for St Francis after thanksgiving. Heard a few Confessions and made in part my meditation. Wrote to the Archbishop in reply - sent him a copy of our Reformatory and Industrial Schools Act. Left the office about 12. Met Mr Archer as I walked and had a long conversation with him as we walked along concerning [the] Flannery case and the opposition just now given to the Board. Added a few sentences to the *Mandatum* [Instruction] issued in 1862 against collections made without authority by strange priests and religious for charitable and religious purposes outside the diocese. These men are giving great scandal. The *Mandatum* with this addition will be republished in time to be read next Sunday in the several Churches and Chapels throughout the Diocese. After giving directions for its being reprinted I was engaged writing up to close on 3. Visited the Orphanage. Returned a little past 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. About 6 went to St Francis - commenced hearing Confessions at 6.30. Night prayers were a little late. It was 9 when I ceased hearing Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Returned home about 9.30. To bed a little past 10.

**Wednesday June 29th.** Morning prayers - Divine Office - had to go to St Francis a little before 10 in order to allow the priest who had to celebrate 10 o'clock Mass in St Francis to go to Richmond to give the Congregation there Mass - having through forgetfulness omitted in the arrangements made yesterday to appoint a clergyman to officiate there in the absence of the resident. I celebrated the 10 and 11 o'clock Masses in St Francis. The 11 o'clock Mass was a Solemn Pontifical Mass. Got breakfast about 1. After breakfast saw persons on business - read my letters and replied to some. Returned home about 2. Looked over one of the daily papers. Wrote a few lines to one of the clergy - enclosing 2 copies of the *Mandatum*. Then jotted down a few things in the diary. Studied Theology for a short time. At 4.30 dinner. I was too unwell to go to St Francis tonight. Recited Vespers and Compline with Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Read till 9 the life of St Francis Assisi. About 9.30 retired to my room. Night prayers. With little hope of finding rest I went to bed.

**Thursday June 30th.** Slept little last night - suffered great pain the whole night. Rose late - washed and dressed. Morning prayers - recited Hours - breakfast - meditation. Was not able to stir out during the day. When not engaged in business - I read a religious book. Wrote a little and answered a letter. I fear I shall be confined to the house for some time. Recited Vespers and Compline at 4. Dinner at 4.30. I was not able to go to St Francis this evening. Recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow - read during the remainder of the evening up to 9 the life of St Francis of Assisi. About 9.30 retired to my room - said night prayers - to bed.

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**Friday July 1st.** Morning prayers - heard Mass, being unable to celebrate - recited Hours - made my meditation. After breakfast read my letters and answered such as required a reply. Dean Hayes called with very bad news about one of the Priests living with him. I hope it may not prove true. Advised as to the steps that should in prudence be taken. May God in His great Mercy save his Church from scandal. The quarter from which to apprehend its coming now was the least suspected. I hope and humbly pray that the report may be untrue. Studied most of the day. Took a short drive before dinner. Dean Hayes returns to Geelong this evening by the 7 [o'clock] train. He will give all particulars of this most distressing affair. We are all in the dark about it at present. Could not attend night prayers in St Francis. Called at the Presbytery for letters. Returned home and read till 9. About 9.30 night prayers - bed.

**Saturday July 2nd.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 8.30 commenced Mass in the College Chapel - thanksgiving - Hours - meditation - breakfast. Had a letter from Dean Hayes. His worse fears about Clamptett he thinks are well founded. God in His goodness help us. There is still room to hope that the report is not true. God grant it. I implored the powerful protection of Our Blessed Mother Mary - O that she may hear me, of all sinners the greatest, and save the Diocese from the suspected scandal. Wrote to Dean Hayes but with a sick heart. The responsibility of a mitre is indeed something terrible - and too much for me. Studied until 2. Called for a minute or so at the Convent of Mercy on my way to St Francis. Heard Confessions without interruption until 4. When I returned home recited Vespers and Compline. About 6 went to St Francis - recited Matins. I am still unwell. Heard Confessions from 7 to a quarter to 10. Made my visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Night prayers. Returned home - recited Lauds. About 11 to bed. Scarcely slept during the night through pain.

**Sunday July 3rd.** Had a bad night's rest. Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 8 celebrated Mass in St Francis - gave the Holy Communion to a great number of men and women. After the Holy Communion I preached on the obligation of almsgiving. Thanksgiving. Returned home about 10. Recited Hours - made meditation. At 10.30 breakfast. During the day up to 2 read the life of Dr. Milner. Recited from memory a chapter of the *Imitation*. Between 2 and 4 engaged visiting some of the Sunday Schools. The attendance in St Augustine's was better than usual. On my return home recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. About a quarter past 6 went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Assisted at Vespers - Sermon and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Night prayers. Returned home about 9. Read for a short time the life of St. Francis Assisi. About 10 to bed.

**Monday July 4th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 8 celebrated in the College Chapel. Went to St Francis - recited *Primam*. Heard a few Confessions. Transacted business in the Office up to 11. Returned and took breakfast. After breakfast made my meditation. Then wrote for a short time. A Clergyman called on business. I shall try to get the nuns of the Good Shepherd to start the female juvenile Reformatory as soon as possible. Read till 2. Visited the Convent of the Good Shepherd - the new Church at Prahran and the new Orphanage. Got back home about 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at the usual time. About a quarter past 6 went to St Francis. Recited Matins and Lauds. Attended night prayers - heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Returned home about 8 - read till 9. Took a warm bath just before going to bed.

**Tuesday July 5th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 8 celebrated Mass in the College Chapel. Thanksgiving made, went to St Francis - heard Confessions - recited Hours. Had letters from several Clergymen - one from Geelong confirming the evil report of the wretched Clampett. Remained in the office till 11. Then returned home to breakfast. The Vicar-General went to Geelong by the 11.30 train. He is to arrange with the Nuns and Dean Hayes about establishing in Geelong Industrial Schools in connection with the male and female Orphanages. After breakfast made my meditation for a short time. Wrote in reply to a letter from Sandhurst. Visited the Convent of Mercy. When I returned home I wrote for a half hour. Then read from a quarter past 3 till 4 - Vespers and Compline. Dinner. A little past 6 went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds - attended night prayers - heard Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Returned home a quarter past 8 - read till half past 9. To bed about 10.

**Wednesday July 6th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. A quarter past 8 Mass in the College Chapel. Thanksgiving over, went to St Francis - recited Hours - heard Confessions. Remained busy in the office until 11. Walked home and took breakfast. Wrote several letters - replied to letters from the Archbishop and the Bishop of Hobartown - having previously made my meditation. Walked to St Francis and as I passed the Post Office I posted these two letters. Returned home a little before 4. Wrote for a short time - recited Vespers and Compline. About 6 went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds - attended night prayers - heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Returned home a little past 8. Read a little of the life of Dr. Milner. About 9.30 to bed.

**Thursday July 7th.** Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for Mass. Celebrated Mass at Abbotsford at 8.30. After thanksgiving went to St Francis - made my meditation - heard a few Confessions. Busy in the office up to 11. Walked home and took breakfast. Had a conversation with Mr. O'Shanassy. Read till 2 then made a few visits. Returned home about 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Wrote a little. Dinner at the usual time. A little past 6 went to St Francis - heavy rain - recited Matins for tomorrow. Presided at a meeting for the purpose of establishing a society to collect alms for the relief of the poor. A good few were present. After addressing a few words to them, I left the matter in their hands. Attended night prayers - heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Returned home about 8. Read till close on 9. About 9.30 to bed.

**Friday July 8th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 or a little past celebrated in the College Chapel. Thanksgiving made - went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - made my meditation. Left the Confessional a little past 9. Busy in the office till 11.30. Walked home. Study till 12.30. Then wrote for a short time. At 1 presided at a meeting of the Catholic Education Committee. The meeting closed about 2. Visited the Convent of Mercy - saw the sick Sister and recited with her the Litany of Loretto. On my return home read till 4 then recited Vespers and Compline. Had a few friends to dine with us. I did not go to St Francis this evening. About 9.30 retired to my room. Night prayers - to bed.

**Saturday July 9th.** Morning prayers - Matins - preparation for Mass. At a quarter past 8 celebrated Mass in the College Chapel. Thanksgiving - went to St Francis. Heard Mass - recited Hours - heard Confessions - made a few minutes meditation. Business in the office up to 10.30. Arranged the duty for tomorrow. Walked home. Took breakfast about 11. After this looked over Dr Bleasdale's rough draft of School report. With a little application and industry he will soon have it ready for consideration - at our next meeting of the Catholic School Committee on Friday. After this read for about a half hour and then wrote for a short time - after which I studied for my discourse on tomorrow. At 2 walked to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Heard Confessions till [ ]. Returned home - read for my instruction to the people on the following day. Dinner at 4.30. Went to St Francis about 6.30 - heard Confessions till 9. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady's Chapel. Home. About 11 to bed.

**Sunday July 10th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 8 commenced Mass. After administering Holy Communion preached on the Gospel of the Sunday. Returned home about 9.30 - recited Hours - made my meditation. Breakfast at 10.30. Spiritual reading from 11 to 11.30. Attended the sermon in St Patrick's. From 12 to 1 devout reading. From 1 to 2 the Holy Scriptures. At 2 attended in the College Chapel to hear one of the Ecclesiastical students deliver a short discourse. After this I visited the convent and two of the Sunday Schools. This gave me a good long walk. It was a little past 4 when I returned home. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. At 6 commenced Matins and Lauds. About 6.30 or a little later went to St Francis. Assisted at Vespers - Sermon and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Returned home a little past 9 - read a few pages of the life of Bishop Milner. At 10.30 night prayers - bed.

**Monday July 11th.** Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for Mass. At 7.30 celebrated Mass at the Convent of the Good Shepherd - addressed a few words of instruction to the Penitents. After thanksgiving drove to St Francis - heard a Confession. Office business up to 12. Walked home. Wrote to the Dean of Geelong and the Clergyman of Duned. Then studied for an hour. Paid a short visit to the Convent of Mercy - visited the Convent of the Good Shepherd. Returned home about 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at the usual time. About 6 recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow - attended night prayers in St Francis - heard Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady's Chapel. Returned home about 8 - read till 9. About 10 to bed.

**Tuesday July 12th.** Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for Mass. At 7.30 celebrated Mass in the Convent of the Good Shepherd. After thanksgiving drove to St Francis - heard Confessions - made my meditation. Engaged in the office till 12. Mr Atkinson waited on me there and said he wished to give a piece of land at Belfast for a Catholic cemetery which he hoped I would consecrate. I promised to consecrate it provided it was conveyed to myself in trust for that purpose. I said I would name a committee of a few Catholics and the resident pastor to look after the ground and see that the burials were made according to the discipline of the Church. He kindly consented to have the deed made out in my name in trust. Walked home. Took breakfast about 12.30. Read from 1 to 2. Visited the Convent of Mercy and that of the Good Shepherd. Returned home by Richmond a little before 4 - recited Vespers and Compline. Read till the bell rang for dinner. About 6 recited Matins and Lauds. Went to St Francis - attended night prayers - heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady's Chapel. Returned home a little after 8. Read for a short time. Got to bed a little before 10.

**Wednesday July 13th.** Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for Mass. At 7.30 celebrated Mass in the Convent of the Good Shepherd. Thanksgiving. Drove to St Francis - made my meditation. Busy in the office till 11. Walked home - breakfast - study for a half hour - read for an hour - visited the Orphanage. Got my English letters about 3.30. Looked over them. Recited Vespers and Compline. Wrote for a half hour. Dinner. About 6 recited Matins and Lauds for the following day - went to St Francis - attended night prayers - heard Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady's Chapel. Returned home - read for a short time. About 9.30 to bed.

**Thursday July 14th.** Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for Mass. About a quarter past 7 celebrated Mass at Abbotsford. Thanksgiving made went to St Francis - made my meditation. Business in the office until 11. Walked home. Read one of the Home newspapers. A little past 11 drove to Heidelberg - visited the school - returned home about 4 - recited Vespers and Compline - then wrote till dinner time. About 6 Matins and Lauds for tomorrow - went to St Francis - attended night prayers - heard Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady's Chapel. Returned home about 8 - read for an hour. About 10 to bed.

**Friday July 15th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. A little past 7 celebrated Mass in the College Chapel. After thanksgiving went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - heard Confessions - made my meditation. Breakfast about 10. Business in the office until 12. Walked home. Study till 1. At 1 presided at a meeting of the Catholic Schools Committee. Meeting over about 2. Mr O'Brien called - had a long conversation with [him] about his standing for Villiers Heytesbury - did all I could to dissuade him from it, as another Candidate - Mr Martin, a Catholic - had already secured my support and that of the Clergy in that Constituency. Obstinate in his opinion, he could not or would not be convinced of the impropriety of his opposing a Catholic with certainty of their both being defeated and a Protestant being returned.

I had a note from the Revd. Mother of the Convent of Mercy Nicholson St. announcing the demise of Sister Mary Austin Collins, which sad event took place at 7.30 this morning. I called at the Convent and arranged about the obsequies. Returned home about 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner. Mr O'Shanassy and Dr Brownless dined with us. Told Mr O'Shanassy of my conversation with Mr O'Brien. About 6 Matins and Lauds - went to St Francis - attended night prayers - heard Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady's Chapel. Returned home - read for a short time - to bed at 9.30.

**Saturday July 16th.** Morning prayers - *Prima* - Tierce - preparation for Mass. Walked to the Convent of Mercy Nicholson St. where at 9 I celebrated Mass *presente cadavere* [before the body]. Thanksgiving. Went to St Francis. Busy in the office until 11. Walked home - Took breakfast. Study from 12 to 2. Confessions in St Francis from 2 to 4. Recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Dinner at 4.30. From 6 to 6.30 preparation for tomorrow's instruction. Weather cold and wet. Heard Confessions in St Francis from 6.30 to 9. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady's Chapel. Returned home - to bed about 10.

**Sunday July 17th.** Morning prayers. About 7.30 got to St Francis. Preparation for Mass. At 8 commenced Mass. After Holy Communion addressed the people on the necessity of at once entering on the important work of their salvation. Thanksgiving. Returned home - took breakfast. Hours before breakfast - meditation from 10.30 to 11. Religious reading till 11.30. Went to St Patrick's to hear the sermon. From 12 to 12.30 Spiritual Reading. Wrote to Dean Slattery a confidential note advising him and the Clergy of Belfast to give their support and influence to Mr Martin at the approaching election for Villiers Heytesbury - advised him to persuade Mr O'Brien to retire from the contest. After this wrote till close on 2. Weather cold, wet and stormy. At 2 attended in the College Chapel to hear one of the Ecclesiastical students deliver a short discourse. After this read the life of St Francis for nearly an hour - Vespers and Compline - with Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. The weather is so wet and windy I was unable to visit the Sunday Schools. Read portions of the Old Testament till called to dinner. About 6.30 went to St Francis - attended Vespers sermon - Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Congregation small, owing to the very wet and cold weather. Returned home about 8.30. A little past 9 night prayers - bed.

**Monday July 18th.** Morning prayers - Hours - meditation. At 9 heard Mass in St Francis. About 10 recited with the Clergy the Office of the Dead for the deceased Sister of Mercy - celebrated the Solemn Requiem Mass and gave the absolution. The weather still stormy and wet - the rain has fallen since Saturday almost continuously. The river is rising - and flooded a great part of the garden at Abbotsford. About 12 took breakfast. Read from 12.30 to 2 then paid a visit to Abbotsford - stopped but a few minutes. Returned home at 3. Wrote for a short time. Dinner at the usual time. About 6 recited Matins and Lauds - attended night prayers in St Francis - heard Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady's Chapel. Returned home about 8. Read for a half hour. To bed about 9.30.

**Tuesday July 19th.** Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for Mass. At 9 heard Mass. At 10 assisted at the Office of the Dead for Bishop Geoghegan, late of Adelaide and translated to Goulburn New South Wales. Afterwards sung Solemn Requiem Mass for him. Breakfast about 1 - meditation. At 3 delivered a short discourse to the Penitents at Abbotsford - now on retreat - gave Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Returned home in time to recite Vespers and Compline before dinner. At 6 recited Matins and Lauds - attended night prayers - heard Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady's Chapel. Returned home about 8. Read till 9. To bed about 10.

**Wednesday July 20th.** Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for Mass. At 7.30 Mass at Abbotsford. After thanksgiving went to St Francis - heard Mass - made my meditation - heard a few Confessions. Business in the office until [ ] - wrote letters in reply. Walked home. Study with a little interruption till 2.30. Went to Abbotsford - instructed the Penitents - gave Benediction. Got back home by 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner. Attended at St Francis about 6 - recited Matins and Lauds - attended night prayers - heard Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady's Chapel. Returned home about 8. Read till 9 - to bed about 10.

**Thursday July 21st.** Morning prayers - preparation [for] Mass. About 7 celebrated in the College Chapel - thanksgiving - went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - made my meditation. Heard a few Confessions. Business in the office up to 11.30. Breakfast about 12. Study with interruptions of business up to 2.30. Went to Abbotsford and delivered a short discourse to the Penitents on Retreat - gave Benediction. Returned home about 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner. About 6 Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. At 7 attended night prayers in St Francis - heard Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady's Chapel. Home about 8. Read till 9 - to bed about 10.

**Friday July 22nd.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass and instruction to the Penitents. At 7.30 celebrated Mass at Abbotsford. Addressed a short discourse to the Penitents. Confirmed a few of them. Gave Holy Communion to all the Catholics and the community of Religious. It was 10 when all was over. Busy nearly the whole of the day writing my letters for the English Mail. Recited Vespers and Compline with Matins and Lauds. About 6 attended a meeting to organise a Friendly Brothers Society for the relief of the Catholic poor and others who may need it. Heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Home a little past 8. Read till 9. About 10 - to bed.

**Saturday July 23rd.** Morning prayers - heard Mass in St Francis - recited Hours and made a short meditation. Business till 10. Drove to Richmond to see Fr Smyth - he was not in. Fr P. Riordan will do duty for Fr. Finn in Heidelberg and Fr. Finn will do duty in Melbourne. I leave today by the 12.15 train for Sandhurst. Busy writing from 11.30 to 12. Left by 12.15 train for Sandhurst. Read whilst on the road a *Journal* of the Statistical and Social Inquiry Society of Ireland. Dinner soon after arriving in Sandhurst. In the evening recited Vespers, Compline and Matins and Lauds for tomorrow - heard Confessions - read a few pages of the 2nd Vol. of the life of St Francis of Assisi before retiring for the night. About 9.30 night prayers - then to bed.

**Sunday July 24th.** Morning prayers - Hours - study - preparation for Mass. At 10 blessed the Church at Kangaroo Flat. About 11 or a little past commenced Mass. After the Holy Communion preached. The crowd outside the little Church was as great as that inside. The collection was between £30 and £40. Returned to Sandhurst about 1. Took breakfast. Afterwards recited Vespers and Compline - and a little later Matins and Lauds for the following day. Visited St Kilian's, where the children were assembled for Catechism. The attendance was small - owing probably to the opening of the new Church. Left Sandhurst for Melbourne by the 5 o'clock train. Read whilst the day light lasted. Reached Melbourne about 9 - took a little refreshment. About 10 - night prayers and then to bed.

**Monday July 25th.** Rose at 5 - washed and dressed - morning prayers. At a quarter past 6 left for the railway station. The train for Geelong started at 6.30. The morning was dark and cold - read the whole way. Arrived in Geelong at 8.30. Walked from the station to the Presbytery - found the Dean enjoying his breakfast and the local news. Soon took my breakfast. Glanced over the Melbourne and Geelong papers. Read an article in the *Dublin Review*.

Visited the Convent about 11. Had a conversation with the Revd. Mother about a Confessor for the Community - desired to name one of the three extraordinaries she thought would be acceptable to the Community. She named Fr Downing. I said I would arrange with him to visit weekly to hear their Confessions. This good Revd. Mother is very mindful of other people's failings and forgetful of her own - she has but poor notions of obedience and humility - she is wanting in the true spirit of a good religious. It is to be hoped that she will improve - she has great talent for management.

Visited the Orphanage - and St Augustine's school. After this drove to Ashby and looked over the Church now being built there. It will be a commodious and handsome building.

Returned to Melbourne by the 2 o'clock train. Read during the journey an article from the *Dublin Review*. The Archdeacon of Ballaarat and the Priest of Creswick got into the carriage I was in at the Ballaarat Junction.

Dinner at the usual hour. The Clergy go on retreat this evening. Went to St Francis - attended night prayers - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Home - recited Matins and Lauds. About 10 to bed.

**Tuesday July 26th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - *Prima*. At 8 Mass in the Convent of Mercy - thanksgiving - went to St Francis. Read my letters - wrote two. Looked over one of the morning papers. Left the office about 11 - walked home - made my meditation on the way. Breakfast - resumed my meditation. Received visits on business. At 2 drove to Emerald Hill - went over the New Orphanage. Called at the old Orphanage - visited the schools. There were seventy girls in the female school - and 74 boys in the other - the children looked healthy and cheerful. Got back home by 3. Wrote till 20 minutes to 4. A visit on business from the President of St Patrick's College - this occupied but a very short time. Having recited Vespers and Compline earlier than usual I will now commence Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Finished the Divine Office a little before dinner time. About 6 went to St Francis - attended night prayers - heard Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady's Chapel. Returned home and read the life of St Francis till 9. About 9.30 - to bed.

**Wednesday July 27th.** Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for Mass. About 7.30 commenced Mass at Abbotsford - after Thanksgiving went to St Francis. Read and answered letters. Left the office about 11. Walked home. Breakfast. Read a chapter in the *Imitation of Christ*. Wrote for a short time.

After this read till 1.30 then visited the Convent of Mercy. Did not remain any time, the Revd. Mother being engaged. Visited St George's - the school was closed, it being dinner. Walked over the ground which they are now planting. Returned home by 3. Read with a short interruption until 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. About 6 went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds - attended night prayers - heard Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady's Chapel. Returned home by 8. Read till 9. About 9.30 to bed.

**Thursday July 28th.** Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for Mass. At 7.30 Mass at Abbotsford. After Thanksgiving went to St Francis - heard Confessions - made my meditation. Business in the office up to 11.30. Walked home - breakfast. Study - and at intervals business - filled up my time till 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. At 4.30 dinner. About 6 went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds - attended night prayers - heard Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady's Chapel. Returned home about 8. Read till 9. About 10 to bed.

**Friday July 29th.** Morning prayers - Hours - study - preparation for Mass. At 8 commenced Mass - gave the Holy Communion to the Clergy who were on Retreat. Addressed a few words to them after Mass - renewed my instructions with reference to the *custodium* of the Most Blessed Sacrament - the Holy Oils and the pious administration of the Sacraments - especially the Holy Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony. Busy during the day giving them interviews and approving information sought for. Those who did not leave for their Missions divided themselves for dinner - some dining with me, others at St Francis Presbytery.

About 6 o'clock went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds - attended night prayers - heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady's Chapel. About 8 returned home - read till 9 - to bed about 10.

**Saturday July 30th.** Morning prayers - Hours. Not being well I did not celebrate this morning but heard Mass in St Francis. Heard Confessions - made my meditation.

Had to rebuke the Clergyman of Beechworth for his rudeness, selfishness and want of Charity. Busy in the office up to 11.30. Walked home. Breakfast. Read from 12 to 2. Drove to Abbotsford on business - did not stop there more than five minutes. Thence drove to St Francis - recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. After this I heard Confessions till 4. Returned home - dinner.

At 6 went to St Francis - about 6.30 commenced hearing Confessions - these were not over till 9. Weather cold and showery. + Returned home about 9.30. Read for a short time. A little after 10 to bed.

+Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady's Chapel. Night prayers.

**Sunday July 31st.** Morning prayers - Hours - meditation. Preparation for Mass. At 10.30 drove to Prahran to open the new Church. At 11 solemnly blessed it. At 11.30 commenced Mass. After the Holy Communion the Dean of Geelong preached. The church was crowded. It was 2 when I took breakfast at Mr Wardell's - he is the Architect of the Church. Returned home about 3.30. Read till 4. Then recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds for the next day. Dinner. About 6.30 went to St Francis. At 7 assisted at Vespers - Sermon and Benediction. Night prayers. Home. Read for a half hour. About 10.30 to bed.

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**Monday August 1st.** Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for Mass. A little past 7.30 celebrated Mass at Abbotsford. Weather cold and wet. After thanksgiving went to St Francis - heard Confessions and made my meditation. Busy in the office up to 11.30. Walked home. Read for a short time then wrote till 12.30. Read from 12.30 to 2.30. Recited Vespers and Compline and Matins for tomorrow. Dined with the Clergyman of St Kilda. Weather cold - windy and wet. Returned home soon after 7 - recited Lauds - read for better than an hour the life of St Francis - Assisi. Retired to my room about 9.30. Commenced my retreat. Night prayers - read the subject of tomorrow's meditation. To bed.

**Tuesday August 2nd.** Morning prayers. Heard Mass in College about 7 and again in St Patrick's at 7.30. Recited Hours. Meditation from 8 to 8.30. Spiritual reading till 9.30. Breakfast. Wrote for a short time. Spiritual reading from 10 to 11. Theology from 11 to 12. Between 12 and 1 - visits to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Virgin Mother of God. From 2 to quarter past 3 Spiritual reading from the *Imitation* and the Holy Scriptures with comments on the latter. After this Vespers and Compline. The office recited - I next read the life of St Stephen P[ope and] M[artyr], whose feast we this day celebrate. Engaged with Matins and Lauds for tomorrow until a quarter past 4. Dinner at 4.30. A half an hour's recreation. Read for some time. At 7 night prayers in the College Chapel. Spiritual reading till 9.30. About 10 to bed.

**Wednesday August 3rd.** Morning prayers. A little before 7 - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament. At 7 heard Mass and recited Hours. At 7.30 attended Mass again in St Patrick's during which I read the English "prayers at Mass". Spiritual reading - subject the finding of the relics of St Stephen by A. Butler. At 9 or a little past - breakfast - but before breakfast read the 3 points of my meditation for this morning. Spiritual reading till 10. From 10 to 10.30 meditation. After 10.30 examination of conscience. Read a few chapters in the *Imitation* from a quarter past 11 until 12 - Theology from 12 to 1. Then Spiritual reading - with some trifling interruptions on matters having reference to the College rules to be obeyed by the Ecclesiastical students - till 2. Then visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Mother of God. Vespers and Compline - Spiritual reading till a quarter past 3. Then Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. At 4.30 dinner. At 6 as usual the *Angelus*. Spiritual reading till 7. Recreation till 7.30. Then night prayers in the College Chapel with the students and household. A short lecture on the 1st commandment was read by the person who gave out the prayers. Said a few words to them on the necessity and advantage of prayer.

Spiritual reading till 9. A half an hour's recreation in conversation with the Vicar-General and another priest. Retired to my room about 10. Read over the points of tomorrow's meditation then a short prayer - to bed.

**Thursday July 4th.** Morning prayers. A short visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament. At 7 attended Mass in the College Chapel - recited Hours - at 7.30 heard Mass in St Patrick's - read the prayers in the *Garden of the Soul* appointed for Mass. Spiritual reading - the life of St Dominic, whose feast the Church keeps today - till 9 - then breakfast. From 9.30 to 10 read the same life - commencing where I had previously stopped. From 10 to 10.30 meditation. Resumed the perusal of the life of St Dominic - which I finished a little before 12 - then read till 12 the life of St Francis which I had begun some time past. *Angelus*. Theology from 12 to 1. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and our Blessed Mother Mary Mother of God. Approved of alterations or rather modifications of the rules for the observance of the Ecclesiastical students - shall keep a copy of them in my room. Spiritual Reading from a quarter before 2.

The Vicar-General interrupted me to communicate most painful matter - he said. Fr Sm[yth] of Rich[mond] told him that a layman heard from Fr F[inn] of Heid[elberg] that Fr Bl[easdale] was leading an immoral life! A Priest to communicate to a laic what he should have mentioned to me or the Vicar-General - but under no circumstances to the laity - has sinned grievously against religion and charity. I at once instructed the Vicar-General and the Dean of Geelong to institute a searching inquiry that the truth may be ascertained. May God have Mercy on us.

Resumed my spiritual reading and continued it till 3. Wrote a short address to the Clergy and Laity calling on them to give liberally to the collection for the Holy Father - St Peter's Pence. At 3.30 commenced Vespers and Compline - recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. This duty engaged me till close on 4.30. Dinner. From 6 to 7 Spiritual reading - recreation till 7.30. Night prayers in the College Chapel with the students - after which a short lecture was read on the 1st Commandment. Spiritual reading till 9. About 9.30 to my room - read over the points of Meditation for tomorrow - to bed.

**Friday August 5th.** Morning prayers - at 7 attended Mass in the College Chapel - recited Hours - after Mass made a short visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament. At 7.30 or a little more heard Mass in St Patrick's - read the prayers at Mass from the *Garden of the Soul*. After this Spiritual reading till 9 then breakfast - meditation from 9.30 to 10.

Examen of conscience - resolutions renewed and new ones formed. Early rising - *Angelus* when bell rings - morning prayers - Mass when able to celebrate - will hear Mass after celebrating when possible. Will when in Melbourne attend every morning and evening in the confessional and night prayers in St Patrick's or the College Chapel. Visit daily to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Mother of God. Each day if able I will visit a school when in Melbourne or in the neighbourhood of one when in [the] country. I will frequently during each day renew my sorrow for my sins and make an offering of my whole life to God. I will with the help of divine grace strive to correct my faults and bear with the imperfections of others - being mindful of those they have endured from me.

May God have mercy on me and make me entirely His. I will henceforth devote myself to His service - my own salvation and that of those committed to my spiritual care. I wish I could altogether retire from the weighty responsibilities of the Episcopacy and save my soul in some holy retreat. Hitherto I have done almost nothing for God's honor and my own poor soul. God help me. Holy Mary pray for me.

Went to St Francis. Visited the boys school. Returned home about 12. Made a General Confession to my Spiritual Director. A short Act of Thanksgiving - *Angelus*. Wrote for a short time. Between 1.30 and 3 visited the Convents of Mercy and the Good Shepherd. On my return home blessed a suit of Vestments I purchased for the College Chapel. At a quarter past 3 attended in the College to hear the judgements of the boys for the week read out. After this recited Vespers and Compline - made my visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Mother of God. Theology and Spiritual reading. Dinner at 4.30. At 6 went to St Francis - recited Matins - attended night prayers - at 7 heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and our Blessed Lady the Mother of God. Returned home about 8.30. Read a little. Retired early to bed.

**Saturday August 6th.** Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for Mass. At 7.30 celebrated Mass at Abbotsford. Thanksgiving made I went to St Francis. Heard Confessions - made my meditation. Read one of the daily journals on my return from the church to the office. Arranged the Church duty for tomorrow and the week - did other business - left the Office about 11. Walked home - took breakfast. The disagreeable affair alluded [to] in Thursday's diary was settled in all charity - the offending party made due reparation. Thanks to our Gracious good God. Wrote for a short time. About 1.30 visited the Convent of Mercy - took a cup of coffee there. From this went to St Francis - recited Vespers, Compline and Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Heard Confessions till 4. Then returned home. About 4.30 dinner. Went to St Francis a little past 6. Commenced Confessions at 6.30 and continued thus engaged without interruption till a quarter to 10. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel, the Blessed Mother of God. Returned home about 10.30. A little before 11 went to my room. Shortly after 11 to bed.

**Sunday August 7th.** Morning prayers - Hours - meditation - preparation for Mass. At 11 recited the prayers before Mass for the congregation. Then commenced the Solemn High Mass. Thanksgiving - returned home - breakfast a little past 1. Spiritual reading for a half hour. Visited the Convent - thence walked to St George's. The children were just assembling for Catechism - remained a short time. Walked home hoping to be in time for the Catechism in the Cathedral - was too late - recited Vespers and Compline [with] Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Mother of God. Dinner at 4.30. *Angelus* at the usual time. About 6.30 went to St Francis - assisted at Vespers - sermon and Benediction. Returned home about 9. Read for a short time the life of St Joseph Calasanctius. About 10 night prayers - bed.

**Monday August 8th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 celebrated Mass in the College Chapel - thanksgiving. Went to St Francis. Heard Mass - recited Hours - heard Confessions - meditation. About 9.30 breakfast.

Wrote to the Bishop of Hobart - business in the office till 12 - walked home - posted the letter to the Bishop as I passed the Office. Read Theology for an hour. Between 1.30 and 4 made a few necessary visits. On my return home I recited Vespers and Compline. Read till dinner the life of St Joseph Calasanctius.

After the *Angelus* went to St. Francis - recited Matins and Lauds - attended night prayers - heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Returned home a little before 8. Read for an hour. About 10 to bed.

**Tuesday August 9th.** Morning prayers. At 7 heard Mass - recited Hours - preparation for Mass - celebrated Mass - thanksgiving. Went to St Francis - heard Confessions - made meditation. About 9.30 breakfast. Half an hour's Spiritual Reading. Business in the office until 11. Visited St Francis Girls School and infant school - the attendance was good in both - the former needs some repairs outside - the latter is not well kept. Walked home. Wrote for a short time. Walked to Emerald Hill. Visited the Orphanage. Returned home by train. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament. Recited Vespers. Then read till 6, the hour for dinner. A good many Priests and a few lay friends dined with me. After dinner we spent the evening up to 10 very pleasantly. About 11 retired to my room - night prayers - bed.

**Wednesday August 10th.** Morning prayers - Divine Office - heard Mass and made my preparation. At 7.30 celebrated. Thanksgiving made went to St Francis - recited Hours - heard Confessions - meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Business in the office up to 12. Wrote to Bishop Wilson in reply to a note received this morning. Walked home. A half an hour's useless conversation with a great bore whom I could not shake off. Read Theology for an hour and better. Then read a little of the *Imitation*. About 2 visited the Convent of Mercy - between 2 and 3 visited St George's Schools. Took a long walk [sic]. Posted the letter to Bishop Wilson. About 3.30 directed my steps to St Francis. Made a visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Recited Vespers, Compline and Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. At 4.30 dined with the Clergy at St Francis and a few clerical and lay friends. The *Angelus* at 6. Attended night prayers in the Church. At 7 heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Returned home a little past 8. Had a long conversation with Mr O'Shanassy and others. About 9.30 retired to my room - took a warm [bath] then to bed.

**Thursday August 11th.** Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for Mass. About 7.30 celebrated Mass at Abbotsford - thanksgiving. Went to St. Francis - heard Confessions and made my meditation. Breakfast. Business. Read an interesting book in the intervals of leisure. Left the office about 11. Visited St Patrick's schools. The attendance in the girls school was small, that in the boys pretty fair. Building miserable - quite unfit for schools. On my return home wrote for a half hour. Theology for an hour. About 2 visited the Orphanage. Returned home about 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Read the life of St Joseph Calasanz till called to dinner. Dinner at 4.30. *Angelus* at 6.

Went to St Francis. Recited Matins and Lauds - at 7 attended night prayers - heard Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Virgin's Chapel. Got home a little before 8. Read till 9. At a quarter to 10 to bed.

The letters by the English Mail were delivered this morning. Had a letter from Cardinal Barnabò about the Chinese resident in this Diocese. I anticipated all his wishes in their regard. Newspapers were delivered in the evening.

**Friday August 12th.** Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for Mass. At 7.30 celebrated Mass at Abbotsford. Delivered a short discourse to the penitents. Thanksgiving. Went to St Francis. Heard confessions - made my meditation. Remained in the office till 12. Walked home - read for a short time. Wrote to several of the Clergy enclosing a short address to them and the people, advising that an early day be appointed for the Annual Collection for the Holy Father. Forwarded at the same [time] a translation of his reply in acknowledgement of the St Peter's offerings of last year. Presided at a meeting of the Catholic School Committee. This occupied an hour. At 2.30 visited the Convent of Mercy, thence walked to St Augustine's Schools, which I visited. The boys school was pretty well attended, and carefully conducted - not so the girls school. It was 4 when I returned home. Wrote a few letters enclosing address, and the Holy Fathers reply, announcing also the 5th of October as the time for holding the Conference. Dinner a little later than usual. After the *Angelus*, I recited Vespers and Compline. Went to St Francis, attended night prayers, heard confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Returned home about 8. Read for a short time. The Bishop of Hobartown who arrived today is staying with us. About 10, to bed.

**Saturday August 13th.** Morning prayers, went to St Francis. Heard Mass, recited the Divine Office, heard Confessions, meditation. Arranged the duty and Masses for tomorrow. Left the Office about 11. Walked home. From 11.30 till 2, busy writing to the Clergy. Recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Confessions from 3 to 4. Dinner at 4.30. Confessions from 6.30 to 10. Weather wet and cold. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Night prayers, to bed about 11. Had a letter from Revd. Mother of the Good Shepherd asking permission to receive a Postulant, a Miss Counsel. I will call there tomorrow or on Monday.

**Sunday August 14th.** Morning prayers, a short preparation for my discourse to the people who will be present at the 8 o'clock Mass in St Francis. Preparation for Mass. At 8 commenced Mass in St Francis. After giving the Holy Communion, I delivered a short discourse on the Mercy of God. Thanksgiving. Heard one Confession. Got home at 9.15. Recited Hours, made my meditation. Breakfast at 10.30. From 11 to 11.30 spiritual reading. Then at 11.30 attended in the vestry of St Patrick's during the sermon. From 12 to 12.30 spiritual reading. Wrote from 12.30 to 1.

Looked over a copy (certified to be a correct copy by the Bishop of Hobart, Right Revd. Robert W. Wilson) of [the will of] the Very Reverend John Joseph Therry, Archpriest of the Archdiocese of Sydney. It is a strange document and disputable, at least so it seems to me. About 2 I was present in the College Chapel whilst one of the students recited a Chapter from St Matthew and after gave the substance in replies to questions. Made a visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Mother of God. After this walked to Abbotsford accompanied by the Vicar-General of Hobart-town. Returned home a little before dinner. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dr Hall - Vicar-General of Hobart - and Mr McDonnell, Barrister, dined with us. About a quarter past 6 went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Assisted at Vespers - sermon - the Vicar-General of Hobart town gave Benediction. Returned home about 8.30. Read till 9. About 10 night prayers - to bed.

**Monday August 15th.** Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for Mass. A little before 8 commenced Mass at the Convent of Mercy. The Sisters conclude their retreat this morning. Heard Confessions in St Francis between 9 and 10. Read a chapter in the *Imitation*. Wrote letters. Left the office about 12 - walked home. Wrote for a short time. Made my meditation. Read for a quarter of an hour. At a little past 1 went to Abbotsford - received one of the Penitents into the Church after addressing a short discourse to the convert and the Penitents present. It was 4 when I returned home. Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. About quarter past 6 I went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow - attended night prayers - heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Mother of God. About 8.30 got home - read till 9. About 10.30 to bed.

**Tuesday August 16th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 commenced Mass in the College Chapel. After Thanksgiving went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - heard Confessions - made my meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Wrote letters - had several persons with me on business. Left the office a little before 12. Called at the Convent of Mercy as I walked home. Reached home a few minutes past 12. Wrote for a short time. Read a religious book for a half hour. At 1.30 went to Abbotsford to see what arrangements the Sisters were prepared to make for the total separation of the girls to be in the future Reformatory from the Penitents. Expressed to the Revd. Mother my doubts as to the vocation of their new Postulant. Returned home about 3. Theology from 3 to 4. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Virgin Mother of God. After this read till dinner time. About 6.15 went to St. Francis - recited Matins and Lauds - attended night prayers - heard Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Returned home a little past 8. Conversated for some time with the Vicars-General of Hobart town and Melbourne- to bed about 10.

**Wednesday August 17th.** Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for Mass. At 7.30 celebrated Mass in the Convent of the Good Shepherd - thanksgiving. Drove to St Francis - made my meditation - sat in the Confessional till a quarter past 9. Business in the office till 11.30.

Had a short conversation with Fr E. O'Dwyer. Advised to join his Order - as he was not suited for a Missionary life. He seems quite indifferent as to consequences. Read from 12 to 12.30. Then walked to St Francis - whence I went to the Railway Station and left by the 1 o'clock train for Williamstown and returned by the 2 o'clock train. Fr. Downing had gone to Geelong. Read from 3 to half past. Then wrote till 4. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament. Read a little Theology. Weather wet and windy. Dined at 4.30. The Vicar-General of Hobart Town and Mr McDonnell dined with us. About quarter past 6 went to St Francis - night wet and stormy. Recited Matins and Lauds - attended night prayers - heard Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. After this - home. Read for a short time. About 9.30 to bed.

**Thursday August 18th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. A quarter before 7 - commenced Mass in the College Chapel. After Thanksgiving went to St Francis. Heard Mass - recited Hours - made my meditation. Heard Confessions. Breakfast at 9.30. Wrote letters and transacted business up to 11.30. Walked home. *Angelus* at 12. Studied Theology from 12 to 1.

Wrote for a short time then visited Abbotsford - called at the Convent of Mercy on my return. The Revd. Mother not being in, I did not enter the Convent. Drove home. Read for a half hour - then walked to St Mary's Schools - examined the rolls - remained some time after doing so. The attendance in the boys school was small - whilst that in the girls was about 110. Walked home, where I arrived at 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Blessed Virgin. Dinner at the usual time. About 6 went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds. Attended night prayers - heard confessions.

Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady's Chapel. Returned home. Read for a short time. About 9.30 to bed.

**Friday August 19th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 celebrated Mass in the College Chapel. Thanksgiving. Went to St Francis - heard Confessions. Busy up to 11.30, when I left by train for Geelong. Visited the Convent of Mercy. Read and studied at intervals. Made my meditation. In the evening recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow - attended night prayers in the Church. About 9.30 retired to my room - prayers - bed.

**Saturday August 20th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 8 celebrated Mass in the Convent. Returned to the Presbytery for breakfast. Left for Duneed about 10. Weather and road bad. During the day read and studied at intervals. In the evening heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament. Read the life of a *Beati* until 9 - retired to my [room] having previously recited Matins and Lauds. Night prayers - bed.

**Sunday August 21st.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - heard Confessions. At 9 celebrated Mass and gave Holy Communion - heard Confessions again before celebrating at 11. Preached at the 11 o'clock Mass. Baptized a child. Returned to Geelong. In the evening assisted at Vespers - preached on the Gospel and alluded to the late great scandal. Dean Hayes gave Benediction. About 9.30 to bed.

**Monday August 22nd.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 8 celebrated Mass in the Convent - thanksgiving. Breakfast at the Convent. Arranged with Dean Hayes about his removal to Sandhurst - Fr. Downing to take his place in Geelong. Returned to Melbourne by the 20 minutes to 2 train. Read my letters before dinner. During the journey to Melbourne I recited Vespers and Compline, Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. At a little past 6 I went to St Francis - attended night prayers - heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Returned home - read for an hour. About 10 to bed.

**Tuesday August 23rd.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass and for the instruction with which I intend to open the Mission to the Prisoners of Pentridge. At 7 celebrated Mass in the College Chapel. At 8.30 left for Pentridge. Fr. England at 9.30 commenced Mass for the prisoners at which I assisted. Preached after the Mass. Recited English prayers before and after Mass. Appointed 2 o'clock for Confessions. After breakfast made my meditation. Read till 2. Then went to the jail - recited a few prayers - assisted by two Clergymen I commenced hearing the Confessions. It was past 4 when we concluded this duty. The poor prisoners are very well disposed. After dinner returned to Melbourne. I stopped at St Francis - recited Vespers and Compline, Matins and Lauds - attended night prayers - heard Confessions - made my visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady's Chapel. After this went home, read for a short time. About 9.30 to bed.

**Wednesday August 24th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass and for instruction to the prisoners. Left at 8.30 for Pentridge. Recited a few English prayers before Mass - commenced Mass at a little past 9.30. After the ablution, preached. From 2 to 4 Confessions. At 1.30 saw the Prisoners in [the] Panopticon, recited a few prayers with them and delivered a short discourse. After dinner returned to Melbourne. Recited Matins and Lauds - attended night prayers - heard Confessions, made my visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Mother of God. Returned about 8.30. At 10 to bed.

**Thursday August 25th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass and for instruction at the conclusion of the Mission to the prisoners. Left for Pentridge at 8.30. Recited English prayers before Mass. Then the Holy Mass. After Mass preached - and administered Confirmation. About 76 approached the Holy Communion. It was 12 when all was over. Returned to Melbourne about 1. Wrote my letters for the English Mail - posted some of them. Called with the Vicar-General at the Convent of Mercy. Recited Vespers and Compline on my return home. Dinner at the usual time. About 6 went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds - attended night prayers - heard Confessions. Made my visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady's Chapel. Returned home - wrote letters for the English Mail. About 10 to bed.

**Friday August 26th.** Morning prayers - busy writing letters for the English Mail. Heard the 8 o'clock Mass in St Francis. Recited Hours - made meditation - heard Confessions. Busy in the Office up to 12. Walked home. Wrote till 1. No meeting of the Catholic School Committee. Visited the Convent of Mercy - and approved after examination of two Novices being professed - and of a postulant being admitted to the Novitiate. Visited Abbotsford on business and on my return home wrote till 3.30 - when I attended in the College to hear the judgments for the week read. After this wrote a little and then recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at the usual time. About 6 went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds - attended night prayers - heard Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Virgin's Chapel. Returned home - read for an hour. About 9.30 to bed.

**Saturday August 27th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Recited *Primam* and *Tertiam*. At 7.30 celebrated Mass in the Chapel of the Convent of Mercy. Went to St Francis - heard Confessions - recited *Sextam* and *Nonam*. Busy in the office up to 11.30. Walked home. Wrote till 1 - when I went to Abbotsford to hear the Confessions of the Community at their own request. Went to St Francis about 2 - heard Confessions - and when not so engaged recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Left St Francis at 4 for home. At 4.30 dinner. Mr O'Shanassy dined with us. Confessions in St Francis from 6.30 to 9. Night prayers. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Blessed Virgin's Chapel. Home. About 10 to bed.

**Sunday August 28th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass and for my instruction to the people. At 8 commenced Mass. After the Holy Communion I delivered a short discourse. Thanksgiving after Mass - recited Hours. Breakfast. Made my meditation. Read till 10.30 - then had a conversation on business with a person who called. Assisted at the 11 o'clock Mass. Dean Hayes preached for the Nuns at Abbotsford. The collection was very good. Returned home about 1. A little before 2 visited Abbotsford for a few minutes - next went to St Joseph's as the children were about to commence Catechism. Called at the Convent of Mercy. Home. Wrote to the Archbishop and another person. Dinner at 4.30. About 6 went to St Francis. Recited Vespers - Compline - Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Assisted at Vespers - sermon and Benediction in St. Francis. Returned home a little before 9 - read for a short time. Night prayers - to bed.

**Monday August 29th.** Morning prayers, preparation for Mass. At 7.30 celebrated the holy Mysteries in Abbotsford - thanksgiving - went to St Francis - recited Hours before Mass. Heard Confessions - made my meditation. Business in the office until 12. Walked home - made two visits on the way. Read for a short time. Dictated two letters to the Board of Education. About 1 drove into the country to pay a necessary visit. Weather stormy and wet. On my return home read a little - wrote for a half hour. Had a visit from the Consul General of Spain. Dinner at 4.30. A little after 6 recited Vespers and Compline. Went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds - attended night prayers - heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Returned home. Read for some time. About 9.30 to bed.

**Tuesday August 30th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At a little before 7 commenced Mass in the College Chapel. After thanksgiving went to St. Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - made my meditation. Left the confessional a little past 9. Breakfast. Business until 11.30. Dean Hayes walked home with me. I objected to making his appointment to Sandhurst subject to any condition. I made the appointment simply for the good of religion and without any promise. Read and wrote at intervals for a half-hour. Recited Vespers and Compline about 2.30. Read after this till a quarter past 4. We had a few laymen to dine with us today - the Spanish Consul General - Mr O'Shanassy and Dr Brownless. They remained till 10. I retired to my room soon after their departure. Night prayers - to bed.

**Wednesday August 31st.** Morning prayers - Divine Office - preparation for Mass. Celebrated Mass at 7.30 in Abbotsford - thanksgiving. Went to St Francis - heard Confessions. Busy in the office up to 11.30. Walked home. Wrote a little - made my meditation. Visited the Orphanage. Returned home about 3. Paid a short visit to the Convent of Mercy. Recited Vespers and Compline. Wrote a few lines of sympathy to the Clergyman who lies dangerously ill at Castlemaine - I will if possible see him tomorrow. Read for a half hour. Dinner. About quarter past 6 went to St Francis. Recited Matins and Lauds. Attended night prayers - heard Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Chapel. Returned home. About 9.30 to bed. Weather all day and night stormy wet and cold.

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**Thursday September 1st.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. A little before 7 commenced Mass in the College Chapel. After thanksgiving went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - made my meditation. Left the confessional about 9. Breakfast - answered letters. Left the office about 11.30. Walked home. Wrote a letter then read till 1. Visited the Poor Schools of the Convent of Mercy. On my return home wrote for some time then study of Theology for an hour. After this read an interesting English work till called to dinner. A little past 6 went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds. Attended night prayers - heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady's Chapel. Returned home a little after 8. Read for a short time. About 9.30 to bed.

**Friday September 2nd.** Morning prayers - heard Mass - recited Hours - heard Confessions. After breakfast replied to letters - occupied in the office until 11.30. Walked home - engaged until about 1 - then attended a meeting of the Catholic School Committee - agreed to the reply to be given to a letter from the Government School Board with reference to the time set apart twice a week for religious instruction in the Model School. At 2.30 went to Abbotsford to advise as to the sending away a Postulant. Did not approve of the manner of doing it. Got home in time to hear the judgements of the College boys read. After this recited Vespers and Compline - then wrote till dinner hour. About quarter past 6 went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds - attended night prayers - heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Virgin's Chapel. Returned home about 8 - read for some time. About 9.30 to bed.

**Saturday September 3rd.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. A little before 7 commenced Mass in the College Chapel. After thanksgiving went to St Francis. Heard Mass - recited Hours - heard Confessions - made my meditation; after breakfast wrote letters.

In my reply to Dean Hayes I stated that his appointment to Sandhurst was unconditional - such as his appointment to Geelong - and without reference to the Order. Between 12 and 2 I drove to Preston. Saw the great reservoir there prepared for the supply of water to Melbourne from the Yan Yean - it was not as yet filled - but late this evening they will begin to fill it. The supply of water to the City and suburbs will be shut off till Monday to allow of this being done.

Heard Confessions from 2 to 4 - recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. About 6 went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds - heard Confessions from 7 to 10 without interruption. Night prayers - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Virgin's Chapel. After this returned home. About 11 to bed.

**Sunday September 4th.** Morning prayers - preparation for my instruction to the people at the 8 o'clock Mass. Preparation for Mass. Mass at 8 - preached after giving the Holy Communion. Thanksgiving. Returned home - recited Hours - Breakfast. Meditation for better than a half hour. Was present at the Sermon preached in St Patrick's. *Angelus*. Wrote for a short time. Read the Sacred Scriptures for an hour. From 1 to 2 Theology. At 2 was present in the College Chapel whilst one of the students recited a chapter from the Gospel of St Matthew - the other students questioned in it - I also put a few questions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and to the Blessed Virgin. At 20 minutes to 3 visited the children assembled in the Cathedral for Catechism - then walked to St Joseph's Sunday school - here but few children were in attendance. The boys were almost without teachers. Something must be done to establish the Christian Doctrine Society in Melbourne, that pious and devout persons may be induced to attend in the Churches and chapels to teach Catechism on Sundays. I had established this Society once before but owing to the unsettled state of the population - the rushes to new diggings - it dissolved of itself. It was near dinner time when I returned home - recited Vespers and Compline before dinner. About 6 went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds. Assisted at the Vespers - Sermon and Benediction. Returned home about 9. Night prayers - about 10 to bed.

**Monday September 5th.** Morning prayers. A quarter before 7 left by train for Castlemaine. Recited Hours and made meditation during part of my journey - read an interesting work the remainder of it. Visited the sick priest immediately on my reaching the Presbytery. Poor fellow his hours in this life are apparently few. Returned to Melbourne by 4. After dinner I fainted through weakness and a bad stomach. At 6 the *Angelus* - went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds - attended night prayers - heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Virgin. Returned home - read a little - retired early to bed.

I visited the school in Castlemaine and at Golden Point - the children had just left the latter, it being play hour.

**Saturday September 6th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. A little before 7 celebrated Mass in the College Chapel. After thanksgiving went to St Francis. Heard Mass - recited Hours - heard Confessions - made my meditation. Remained in the office till 11. Wrote letters, chiefly in reply. Not feeling quite well - I had to relax my mental application to business and study. Directed Dr Bleasdale to read for Mr. Archer the letters I instructed him to write to the Board in reply to theirs with reference to religious teaching in the Model Schools - he is to send in this letter tomorrow. Wrote and read at intervals during the day. Walked to the Convent. My head feels a little better. A little past 4 recited Vespers and Compline. About 6 went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds - attended night prayers - heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Virgin. Returned home about 8. Read for a short time - went early to bed.

**Wednesday September 7th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - a little before 7 commenced Mass. After thanksgiving went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - made my meditation - heard Confessions. Left the confessional at 9. At 9.30 took a little breakfast. Business in the [office] till 11. Then walked some distance before going home. From 12 to 1 read and wrote a little - answered letters. Visited the Abbotsford Convent. Examined the accommodation for the juvenile female Reformatory and that for the Penitents. Visited the Orphanage. Returned home about 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. About 6 went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds. Night prayers - heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Virgin. Returned home about 8. Read for a short time. To bed early. The English Mail will be delivered tomorrow.

**Thursday September 8th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - at 7 celebrated in the College Chapel. After thanksgiving went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - made my meditation - heard a few Confessions. English letters - read most of them. One was from Cardinal Barnabò about Barry - it is satisfactory. Barry has withdrawn his appeal - an appeal he ought never to have made. Looked over one of the local papers. Business in the office up to 12. Walked home calling at the Convent of Mercy. Read when not occupied with affairs of the Diocese. Took a short walk before 4. At 4 recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. A little past 6 went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds - attended night prayers - heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Virgin. Home - read for a short time. About 9.30 to bed.

**Friday September 9th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the College Chapel. Thanksgiving. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - heard Confessions - meditation - Breakfast. Answered letters - business in the office up to 11.30. Walked home. Business and study filled up the time between 12 and 3. Took a short walk. Vespers and Compline at 4. Dinner at the usual time. At a quarter past 6 went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds - attended night prayers - heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Virgin. Returned home about 8 - read for some time. At 9.30 to bed.

**Saturday September 10th.** Morning prayers - heard Mass and recited Hours - made my meditation - very busy up to my leaving by the 11.30 train for Geelong. Read the whole time of the trip. Recited Vespers Compline and Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Heard Confessions during the day. Read and studied when not thus engaged. Dinner at 5. Confessions in the evening from 7 to 9. About 10 night prayers - bed.

**Sunday September 11th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Celebrated Mass in St Mary's at 8 and in the Point Henry Church at 11. Heard a good many Confessions at Point Henry - 22 persons received the Holy Communion. Preached at Point Henry. At 3 opened the Orphanage attached to the Convent of Mercy in Geelong. The attendance was very large - the collection amounted to £60. Attended Vespers in the evening and delivered a short discourse. Gave Benediction. About 10 night prayers - bed.

**Monday September 12th.** Morning prayers - Matins and Lauds - preparation for Mass. Offered up the Holy Sacrifice at the Convent about 7.30. Returned to the Presbytery about 9. Recited Hours. Wrote a letter. Engaged writing to within 5 minutes of 12. Meditation. Day cloudy and wet - Vespers and Compline. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Virgin. Wrote for some time. The rest of the day was divided between reading and study. Took a short drive before dinner. Dinner at 4.30. Recited Matins and Lauds. Attended night prayers in the Church. Conversated with the Clergy until 9. Read for a half-hour - to bed.

**Tuesday September 13th.** Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for Mass. Celebrated Mass at the Convent of Mercy. Breakfast. Read for an hour. Visited the Church now building at Ashby. Left for Ballarat where I arrived about 3.30. Read during the journey. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. Took a walk after dinner. About 9.30 night prayers - bed.

**Wednesday September 14th.** Morning prayers - Divine Office. Preparation for Mass. Mass. Thanksgiving. Breakfast. Wrote letters - Hours - read for about 2 hours. Visited Buninyong - the school had been foolishly given up - told the teacher to open the school. Visited St. Patrick's Church. Returned to the presbytery a little before dinner. Recited Vespers and Compline. Walked for a short time after dinner. Weather cold - wet and breezy. Recited Matins and Lauds. About 9.30 night prayers - read for a short time after going to bed.

**Thursday September 15th.** Morning prayers - *Prima* - preparation for Mass. Mass. At 8 commenced Mass - thanksgiving. Read until breakfast. After breakfast answered letters. Visit[ed] the schools adjoining the presbytery - about 50 children were in each school. Weather wet and most unfavourable for the schools. Made my meditation. After this recited Hours - then read a very interesting and instructive book till 12.30. Drove out with the Archdeacon to visit the mining establishment of the Band of Hope - returned about 2. Read till 3. Recited Vespers and Compline - then Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Wrote for a short time. Then read the life of St Camillus de Lellis till dinner. After dinner walked for a short time in the verandah. Read during a part of the evening. About 9 retired to my room. Night prayers. Read a few pages of the Life of St Camillus. To bed.

**Friday September 16th.** Morning prayers - Hours - meditation - preparation for Mass. At 8.30 commenced Mass - thanksgiving - breakfast. Read a devout book. At 11 walked to St Patrick's - visited the schools - attendance small owing to the unfavourable weather. Paid a visit to the Hospital - the Catholics in the wards are few. Returned to the Presbytery about 1. Looked over one of the Melbourne newspapers. Recited Vespers and Compline. Spiritual reading for a half hour. Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Wrote a few letters. After this read till the time for dinner. Took a short drive after dinner. Read for an hour. Walked a short time in the verandah. About 9.30 - night prayers. Read for a short time - to bed.

**Saturday September 17th.** Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for Mass. At 8.30 Mass - thanksgiving - heard Mass - made my meditation. Breakfast. Answered letters. Read the life of St Camillus - till 12. *Angelus*. Took a walk. On my return resumed the reading of the life of St Camillus. Confessions from 2 to 4. Vespers - Matins and Lauds when not engaged hearing Confessions. In the evening Confessions from 7 to 9. Studied before going to bed for tomorrow's instruction. Night prayers - bed.

**Sunday September 18th.** Morning prayers - Prime - preparation for Mass. At 11 Mass - after administering the holy Communion I delivered a short discourse on the necessity of Good Works. Thanksgiving. About 1.30 breakfast. Read a religious book. At 2.30 I took a short walk having previously recited Vespers and Compline. On my return read the life of St Camillus. Assisted at Vespers in St Patrick's. Preached (or rather, to speak more humbly and correctly) attempted to deliver a short discourse on the Epistle read in the Mass of today - gave Benediction. At 7 dined. After dinner walked for an hour or better in the verandah. About 10 night prayers - bed.

**Monday September 19th.** Morning prayers - Prime - preparation for Mass. At 8 celebrated Mass - thanksgiving - heard Mass - recited Hours - made meditation. Breakfast. Read Canon Law for a short time - read a few pages of a religious work. Left about 12 by train for Geelong. Read during the greater part of the way. Soon after arriving at the Presbytery I recited Vespers and Compline and Matins with Lauds for the following day. Wrote to the Vicar-General. After dinner drove out for a short time. At 7 attended night prayers. Conversed some time with the Clergy. About 10 [I] retired - prepared for bed. Read a few pages of an interesting work when in bed.

**Tuesday September 20th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - Hours - celebrated Mass at the Convent. Thanksgiving. Left for Melbourne by the 2 o'clock train. Recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds - then read the remainder of the journey the *Dublin Review*. Arrived at the house a little before 4.30. Dinner. At 7 attended night prayers - heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Virgin. Returned home about 8. Read for a half[- hour]. Conversed with the Vicar-General until 9.30. Then to bed.

**Wednesday September 21st.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass - Hours - Confessions - meditation. Business up to 10.30. Left for Geelong by the midday train. Read nearly the whole of the way. Recited Vespers and Compline with Matins and Lauds after arriving at the Presbytery. After dinner and before studied in preparation for the introductory discourse of the retreat or Mission. At 7 night prayers - gave instruction on the advantages of a Mission or Spiritual Retreat - the Litany of the Blessed Virgin was sung - Confessions till 9. The Congregation was very large. Persons came 20 miles to attend the Mission. Made my visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Virgin. Conversed with the Clergy for a half [hour]. About 10.30 to my room - read a short time after going to bed.

**Thursday September 22nd.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - study for instruction to the people. At 8 commenced Mass. After the Holy Communion preached. The Congregation at the 7 o'clock and this Mass large. Confessions were heard from 7 to 9. After breakfast recited Hours - made my meditation. Asked the Archdeacon of Ballarat to preach in the evening as I did not feel very well. Answered letters. From 2 to 4 Confessions - recited Vespers Compline and Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. At 7 prayers - sermon by the Archdeacon and Confessions till 9.30. Visit to the Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Mother of God. About 10.30 to bed.

**Friday September 23rd.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass and instruction to the people. At 8 o'clock Mass delivered a short discourse after the post-Communion - thanksgiving. Breakfast. Hours - meditation. Wrote letters - read correspondence and replied. Took a short walk. Confessions from 2 to 4. Dinner at 4. After dinner Vespers Compline and Matins with Lauds for tomorrow. Studied for instruction to the people at the evening devotions. I feel very unwell. However I delivered a short discourse before the Litany. The attendance was large. Our Confessions kept us occupied until past 10. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Mother of God. To bed about 11. Read a little of a religious book before going to sleep.

**Saturday September 24th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 8 o'clock Mass. A large number received the Holy Communion. Heard Confessions nearly all through the day. Studied during the intervals and recited the Divine Office for tomorrow. In the evening Confessions from 8.30 to 11. Night prayers - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Virgin. Retired to my room about 11. 15 and to bed soon after.

**Sunday September 25th.** Morning prayers - Hours - study - preparation for Mass. At 11 o'clock Mass preached after the Holy Communion. About 800 received during the Mission. It was 1 when I took breakfast. Meditation. Took a walk in the garden. Visited the Church at 3 - when the children were assembled for Catechism. Studied for an hour. Recited Vespers Compline and Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Read till dinner time the life of St Peter Alcantara. At 7 assisted at Vespers and gave solemn Benediction. This concluded the Mission - the Church was crowded. About 10 night prayers - bed.

**Monday September 26th.** Morning prayers. Left 5 minutes past 8 by train for Melbourne. Recited Hours - made my meditation. After this read a work on America the remainder of the journey. On my arrival in Melbourne read my correspondence - answered letters and did other business. About 1.30 visited Abbotsford. At 3 attended a meeting of the Council of the University - this occupied two hours. Dinner at a quarter past 5. Heard of Fr. Quinlan's death. Will attend the Office and Requiem Mass for his repose tomorrow. *R.I.P.* About 6 went to St Francis. Recited Matins and Lauds - joined in night prayers in the Church - heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Mother of God. Home. Read for some time. About 9.30 retired.

**Tuesday September 27th.** Morning prayers. Left by the first train for Castlemaine accompanied by Frs England and Barry. Arrived there a little before 10. Commenced the Office of the dead soon after our arrival. Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by Fr Barry. About 12 Clergymen were present. Returned to Melbourne by the 1 train. Recited Vespers Compline and Matins and Lauds during the journey. Read a few pages of an interesting work on America. Dinner at 4.30. Attended night prayers in St Francis - at 7 heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Mother of God. Home about 8. Read till 9. To bed about 10.

**Wednesday September 28th.** Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for Mass. Celebrated Mass at 7.30 at Abbotsford. Thanksgiving - went to St Francis - heard Mass - made meditation - heard a few Confessions. Business and answering letters occupied me in the office up to 12. Walked home. I do not feel well today. Busy up to 2. Visited the Convent of Mercy for a few minutes. Returned home and read till 4 - recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at the usual time. A little past 6 drove to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds - attended night prayers - heard Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Mother of God. Got home by 8 - read for near an hour. To bed about 9.30.

**Thursday September 29th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. A little before 7 celebrated Mass in the College Chapel - thanksgiving made, went to St Francis. Heard Mass, recited Hours, made my meditation - heard a few Confessions. Business in the Office until 11.30. Wrote to the Clergy urging the necessity of making without further delay the annual collection for the Orphanage. Walked home. Read and studied from 12 to 1.30. Then visited the new Orphanage with the Vicar-General of Hobart-town. Returned a little before 4. Recited Vespers and Compline - after this read till the bell rang for dinner. At a quarter past 6 went to St Francis. Weather wet and squally. Recited Matins and Lauds - attended night prayers - heard Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Mother of God. Returned a little past 8 - read for some time, had to take medicine. About 9.30 to bed.

**Friday September 30th.** Morning prayers. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours, made my meditation, heard a few Confessions. Engaged in the office up to 12. Walked home. Wrote till a quarter past 1. Drove to Pentridge accompanied by the Vicar-General of Hobart-town. Got back home a little before 4 - recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner. A little past 6 went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds, attended night prayers, heard Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Mother of God. On my return home about 8 read for a half hour. At 9.30 to bed.

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**Saturday October 1st.** Morning prayers, preparation for Mass. A little before 7 commenced Mass in the College Chapel - thanksgiving, went to St Francis - heard Mass, recited Hours, made my meditation, heard Confessions. After breakfast arranged the Masses and other duties for tomorrow. Left the office about 11 for home. Wrote till 12. *Angelus*. Study, spiritual reading, Confessions from 2 to 4. Availed myself of an interruption in the Confessions to recite Vespers, Compline and Matins with Lauds for tomorrow. Dinner at the usual time. Confessions from 6.30 to 10. Night prayers, visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Mother of God. To bed about 11.

**Sunday October 2nd.** Morning prayers, preparation for Mass. Read a few pages of a small work on Indulgences. At 11 commenced the Solemn High Mass for the Exposition. All was concluded by 1. Spent my half hour in adoration before the Most Blessed Sacrament. Breakfast. During the day visited the children assembled for Catechism in St George's and St Francis Schools. Made a visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament in St Francis. Returned home about 4 - recited Vespers and Compline, read a little of the life of St Peter Alcantara. Dinner at 4.30. At 7 assisted at Vespers - the Most Blessed Sacrament was veiled during the Vespers and Sermon. Recited Matins and Lauds before going into the Church. Night prayers. Spent a short time before the Most Blessed Sacrament About 10 to bed.

**Monday October 3rd.** Morning prayers. From 7.30 to 8 adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament At 8 commenced Solemn High Mass. The Deposition [i.e. the end of the 40 Hours Exposition]. Church was very full - thanksgiving - heard Confessions. At 10 breakfast. Read for a short time. Left the office about 11. Walked home. Studied a little, then wrote for a short time. Weather cold, showery with high wind.

About a quarter past 1 visited the University and the School of Anatomy. Was not quite pleased with what I saw [in] this anatomy school - fragments of the human form here and there prepared for the professor's lectures. I left this human slaughter house very soon. Spent some time in the Museum of the University. Called at St Francis on my way home. Had but a short time to study for my instruction this evening at St Francis. Dinner at 4.30 - Vespers and Compline. At 7 attended prayers in St Francis after which I delivered a short discourse. The Church was crowded. Gave Benediction. Heard Confessions till a quarter past 10. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Mother of God. Studied for a short time before going to bed the subject on which, *Deo Volente*, I will at the 8 o'clock Mass address the people on tomorrow morning.

**Tuesday October 4th.** Morning prayers, preparation for Mass. Matins and Lauds. Attended in the Church at 7. At 8 commenced Mass. After the Holy Communion delivered a short discourse on Mortal Sin. The congregation at the 7 and 8 o'clock Mass was large. Heard Confessions after Mass. At 10 took breakfast. Received and read letters - wrote in reply to some of them. Left the office about 12. Wrote letters soon after I got home - made my meditation. Went to St Francis at 2 - recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Heard Confessions after doing this duty until 4. Then returned home - and wrote till dinner was announced. Weather cold and showery. At 7 attended night prayers, sermon and Benediction - afterwards heard Confessions till 10. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Virgin Mother of God. Returned home, studied before going to bed for tomorrow's instruction to the people.

**Wednesday October 5th.** Morning prayers, preparation for Mass. Confessions from 7 to near 8. At 8 commenced Mass - after giving holy Communion preached on the necessity of avoiding the occasions of sin. Thanksgiving, Hours and Confessions until about 10. Breakfast - read and answered letters, made my meditation. Left the office a little before 12. Drove home, weather wet and stormy. Got home about 12. Wrote for a short time. Spiritual exercises - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Blessed Mother of God. Study. Vespers and Compline, Matins and Lauds for the next day. After this Confessions in St Francis till 4. Weather very wet, cold and stormy. Read a religious book for a quarter [hour] before dinner. A little past 6 went to St Francis - read till the bell rang for evening prayers. Attended prayers, sermon and benediction. Heard Confessions till 10. Weather very stormy and wet. Returned home. Studied for a short time before going to bed.

**Thursday October 6th.** Morning prayers, study. Attended in the Confessional until about 8. Then commenced Mass. The number who received Holy Communion at the 7 and this Mass was very large. After Holy Communion I addressed the congregation for a half hour. Thanksgiving. Heard Confessions during the celebration of the 9 o'clock Mass. Received and wrote letters. Left the office about 11.30. Rode home. At 12 the *Angelus*. Wrote for a short time, meditation, spiritual reading - Theology. From 2 to 4 Confessions. Dinner at 4.30. Recited Vespers Compline, Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Confessions from 6.30 to 10. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Mother of God. Studied for tomorrow's discourse. It was late when I got to bed.

**Friday October 7th.** Morning prayers. Had to take medicine early this morning. Attended in the confessional from 7 to 9.30. Recited Hours - meditation. At 10 breakfast. Engaged in the office up to 11.30. Rode home - *Angelus*. Studied till 1.30. Visited the Convent of Mercy. A little past 2 went to St Francis. Recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds for tomorrow - then heard Confessions till 4. Attended at 7 night prayers - sermon and Benediction - heard Confessions till 10.30. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Mother of God. About 11 to bed.

**Saturday October 8th.** Morning prayers - had to take medicine about 5. Heard Confessions from 7 to 10. Breakfast - Hours - meditation. Left the office at 11.30. Studied from 12 to 1 - then wrote for a half [hour]. Visited the Convent of Mercy on my way to St Francis. Confessions from 2 to 4 uninterruptedly. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner. Recited Matins and Lauds. Confessions from 6.30 to 11. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Mother of God. About 11.30 to bed.

**Sunday October 9th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours. At 8 commenced Mass. At 7 and this Mass great numbers went to Holy Communion. About 4 thousand must have received the Most Blessed Sacrament during the Mission. I addressed a short exhortation after the Holy Communion to the congregation. Thanksgiving - returned home - commenced my meditation - at 10 breakfast. Resumed the meditation. At 11 attended the sermon and Mass in St Patrick's. Wrote for a short time. Spiritual reading until 1. Read a few chapters of the Book of Josue [Joshua] with notes. At 2 attend[ed] the students class of Scriptures. Visited the Convent of Mercy. Visited St George's and St Mary's Sunday Schools. Returned home a little past 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner. A little past 6 went to St Francis. Recited Matins and Lauds - presided at Vespers and Sermon - gave Benediction. Returned home about 8.30. Conversed with the Vicar-General until 9. At 9.30 night prayers - to bed.

**Monday October 10th.** Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for Mass. At a quarter past 7 Mass at Abbotsford - thanksgiving. Went to St Francis. Heard a good many Confessions. Wrote in reply to an invitation from Sydney. Gave interviews on business to several of the Clergy. Meditation. Left the office at 11.30 and rode for an hour. On my return home I wrote for a short time. An hour for the study of Theology - visited the Convent of Mercy. Returned home by 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Read till the bell rang for dinner. At 6 went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds - attended night prayers - heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Mother of God. Returned home about 8. Read for a short time then conversed with the Vicar-General until 9. At 9.30 to bed.

**Tuesday October 11th.** Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for Mass. At 7 celebrated Mass at Abbotsford - thanksgiving - went to St Francis - heard Confessions - made my meditation - business detained me in the office till 11.30. Took a short ride before going home. Engaged looking over letters till 1.30. Then visited the Orphanage - called at the Richmond Presbytery. Arrived at home about 3.30. Wrote for a short time - then Vespers and Compline. Studied till dinner. About 6 went to St. Patrick's - recited Matins and Lauds - attended night prayers - heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Mother of God. Returned home at 8 - read for a half hour. About 9 to bed.

**Wednesday October 12th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. A little before 7 commenced Mass. After thanksgiving went to St Francis - heard Confessions and Mass. Recited Hours - made my meditation - Breakfast. Busy up to 12 in the office. At 12 presided at the Conference - tract *de actibus humanis*. The conference closed a little past 1. About 20 priests were present. Rode home. Wrote for a short time. Visited Abbotsford and the Orphanage at Emerald Hill. Fever, in a mild form, has got in among the children there. Returned home a little before dinner time. The priests dined with us. Recited Vespers and Compline before dinner. Went to St Francis about 6.30 - recited Matins and Lauds - attended night prayers - heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Mother of God. Returned home about 8. Read for a half hour. About 9.30 to bed.

**Thursday October 13th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 6.30 celebrated Mass in the College Chapel. After thanksgiving went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - made meditation - heard Confessions. Study and business filled up the time till 11.30. Rode for an hour - called at Abbotsford to arrange about the juvenile Reformatory. Some of the religious object to it and without any good reason. It would not do now to abandon it as we made so much about it by petition to Parliament and letters to the Government. The Revd. Mother is most anxious to establish it. Visited the Orphanage. Returned home about 4 - recited Vespers and Compline. Read till dinner was announced. Answered letters. A little past 6 went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds - heard Confessions - attended night prayers. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home - read for some time. About 9.30 to bed. Dr Hall, Vicar General of Hobarttown, sailed this morning for Hobarttown.

**Friday October 14th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. A little before 7 commenced Mass. Thanksgiving over, went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - made my meditation - heard Confessions. Remained busy in the office reading letters by the English Mail, answering letters from the Clergy. Took a short ride. Studied from 12 to 2. Visited the Orphanage. On my return home recited Vespers and Compline. A little after 6 went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds - attended night prayers - heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Mother of God. About 8 home. Weather wet and stormy. Read for an hour. To bed about 10.

**Saturday October 15th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. A little before 7 Mass in the College. After thanksgiving went to St Francis. I feel very unwell. Weather wet and cold. Heard Mass - recited Hours - made my meditation - heard Confessions. Breakfast at 9.30. Looked over one of the Dailies and an English Catholic paper. Arranged the order of duty for tomorrow. Drove home about 12. Study till near 2 with little interruption. Went to St Francis at 2 - had a long conversation with Mr. O'Shanassy - recited Vespers and Compline and Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Confessions. At 4.30 dinner. Went to St Francis about 6. Commenced hearing Confessions at 7 - concluded the Confessions at 9. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and night prayers. Home. Retired early to bed - not being well.

**Sunday October 16th.** I did not rest much during the night in consequence of great pain. Morning prayers. *Prima* and Tierce - preparation for Mass. At 9 celebrated Mass in the Cathedral - suffered an agony during the Mass. Thanksgiving. Recited Sext and None. Breakfast - meditation. Wrote a few letters. At 2 was present at a discourse delivered by one of the students. After this wrote for a considerable time. Wrote letters to the Clergy with regard to Fitzgerald's election for the Upper House. Weather unsettled, showery. My illness prevented me from visiting the Sunday Schools. Read during the greater part of the afternoon. About 6.30 recited Vespers and Compline, Matins and Lauds. After this read till 9. About 9.30 retired to my room - night prayers - to bed.

**Monday October 17th.** Morning prayers at a late hour, not being able to rise before 8 in consequence of illness. Recited Hours - went to St Francis about 10. Remained in the office until 12. Returned home, read and wrote alternately till 1.30. Drove out with the Vicar-General for an airing. On my return home recited Vespers and Compline - read till dinner hour. About 6 went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds - attended night prayers and heard Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Mother of God. Got back home about 8. Read for some time. About 9.30 to bed.

**Tuesday October 18th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the College - thanksgiving. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - made my meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office up [to] 11.30. From 12 to 1 also engaged. At 1 drove to the Orphanage. The children look well - approved of the \*tents\* fitted up in the grounds. Visited Abbotsford - returned home about 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Wrote till dinner hour. A little past 6 went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds - attended night prayers - heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Mother of God. Returned home about 8. Read for some time - conversed with the Vicar-General and Dean Hayes. At 10.30 to bed.

**Wednesday October 19th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass. Thanksgiving. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - heard a few Confessions. Breakfast at 9.30. Business in the office up to 11. Left by the 12 o'clock train for Sandhurst accompanied by the Vicar-General and Dean Hayes. Dined on our arrival in Sandhurst. About 9.30 retired to my room - night prayers - bed.

**Thursday October 20th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 8 Mass. Thanksgiving. Breakfast. Meditation. Left for Echuca at 11. Recited Hours - read a work on America the remainder of the way. Arrived in Echuca about 4. Crossed to the New South Wales side of the River Murray on a pontoon bridge. Returned to the Hotel - dined. A heavy shower of rain fell during dinner. There not being sufficient accommodation for all the party, the Vicar-General and myself went to another Hotel, where we occupied one room for the night. About 9.30 said night prayers and then retired to rest.

**Friday October 21st.** Morning prayers - Hours - meditation, preparation for Mass. At 9.30 commenced Mass. Preached to the few assembled. After Mass the propriety of at once building a church was considered and agreed upon. After breakfast took a long walk. Dined at 1.30. At 3 left for Sandhurst. Recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Read an interesting work during the remainder of the journey. It was past 7 when we got into Sandhurst. Took a little refreshment. About 10 night prayers - then bed.

**Saturday October 22nd.** Morning prayers - Hours - Meditation - heard Mass - visited the new Church at Miers Flat. Left by the 12 o'clock train for Melbourne - arrived in Melbourne at 4. During the journey recited the Divine Office for tomorrow - after I read an instructive work till we got to the station or Terminus. Dinner at 4.30. From 7 to 9.30 heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady - night prayers. Home. About 10.30 to bed.

**Sunday October 23rd.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Prime and Tierce. At 8 commenced the Holy Mass. After Holy Communion preached. Thanksgiving. Returned home - recited Sext and None. Made my meditation. Breakfast. Read the Holy Scriptures till 11.30. Attended in the vestry of St Patrick's during the sermon. Visited St Joseph's Sunday School. Visited the Convent of Mercy. Looked in at the children assembled in St Patrick's for Catechism. The number of children in each place was large. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. About 6 went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. At 7 assisted at Vespers - sermon and Benediction in the Church. Returned home about 8.30. Read for a half hour or so. At 10 night prayers then bed.

**Monday October 24th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. A little before 7 Mass - thanksgiving. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited hours - made my meditation - heard a few Confessions. Engaged in the Office up to 11.30. Visited the Orphanage. Returned home about 3. Engaged writing letters for the English post up to 4 - recited Vespers and Compline. About 6 went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds - attended night prayers - heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Mother of God. Home. Read for an hour. About 9.30 to bed.

**Tuesday October 25th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - a quarter [to] 7 Mass - thanksgiving. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - meditation - heard a few Confessions. Busy in the office up to 11.30. Rode to Abbotsford thence back by Richmond. From 2 to 4 engaged writing letters for the English Mail. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner. About 6 went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds - attended night prayers - heard Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Mother of God. Returned home about 8 - read till near 9. At 9.30 to bed.

**Wednesday October 26th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 commenced Mass, thanksgiving. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - heard Confessions. Engaged in the Office transacting business with Clergymen and laymen and writing letters for the Mail that leaves today for England. Left the office about 12 and rode home. Made a visit between 1 and 2 - got home by 3 - recited Vespers and Compline. Wrote to the Archbishop. Engaged up to dinner time. At 6 went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow - attended night prayers - heard Confessions - made my visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Mother of God. Returned home. Read for an hour. About 9.30 retired for the night.

**Thursday October 27th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. About 7 celebrated Mass in the College - thanksgiving. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - heard Confessions. Occupied in the office till 12. From 12.30 to 1.30 engaged. At 2 drove out to see a site which I think might answer for a female Juvenile Reformatory. Weather very cold and showery. Returned home about 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. A little after 6 went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds - heard Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Mother of God. Returned home - read for some time. About 9.30 to bed.

**Friday October 28th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the College - thanksgiving. Went to St. Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours. Whilst in the Confessional felt a sickly chill creep over me - it grew worse as the day advanced. A heavy cold - hastened home - sent for Dr Brownless. Having seen him I took a hot bath and went to bed. Suffered a good deal up to a late hour of the night. I was not able to recite Vespers and Compline.

**Saturday October 29th.** I feel considerably relieved this morning. About 10 I got up and dressed. Morning devotions - Matins - Lauds and Hours - spiritual reading filled up the most of my time during the day. Arranged the duties for tomorrow. Recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. If health will permit I purpose going to Woodend to lay the corner stone of the new Church to be built there. Wrote for a short time in the evening - then read till 9. About 10 night prayers - then to bed.

**Sunday October 30th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 commenced Mass in St Patrick's - gave Holy Communion - thanksgiving. Took a little to eat. Left by the 9 o'clock train. Arrived at Woodend a little past 11. After Mass - laid the corner stone - preached. A good sum was collected. Visited Kyneton. Dinner at Woodend. Returned to Melbourne about 9. Recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Night prayers - bed.

**Monday October 31st.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Celebrated Mass - thanksgiving. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - made meditation - heard a few Confessions. Remained in the Office until 11.30. Rode home - read till about 2 and transacted business. Then visited Abbotsford and the Convent of Mercy. Recited Vespers and Compline before dinner. About 6 went to St Francis - heard Confessions till 9. Returned home. Not feeling well I had to appoint some priest to sing the Solemn Mass in my stead. Before leaving St Francis I made my humble visits to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Mother of God. About 10 after night prayers I retired to rest.

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**Tuesday November 1st.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - at 8 celebrated Mass in St Francis - gave holy Communion - thanksgiving - heard a few Confessions. Returned home - took a little to eat. The Doctor - noticing something serious in the swelling in my face - forbade me to leave the house and advised me to foment the part swollen. Nearly the whole of the day I was thus engaged. Did a little business - wrote a few letters. Recited the Divine Office - night prayers - to bed - but not to rest. Spent a most restless night.

**Wednesday November 2nd.** Could not celebrate nor hear Mass this morning. Morning prayers - recited Hours. So ill today that I was unable to do anything but follow out the instructions of the Dr. Now and then read a little - recited Divine Office. Retired early after night prayers.

**Thursday November 3rd.** Slept but little last night but feel thank God a good deal better. Morning prayers - Hours - meditation - very short. Much occupied during the day - wrote about fourteen letters - this fatigued my mind a good deal. Recited Vespers and Compline and Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Spiritual reading occupied the time not given to business and other matters. About 10 night prayers - then bed.

**Friday November 4th.** Morning prayers - Hours - meditation. Looked [over] one or two of the dailies. Spiritual reading - only interrupted when to attend to business or the Doctor's instructions. This is my birthday - age 52. Wrote to Bishop Wilson enclosing him the copy of a letter written by him to the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster condemnatory of Lotteries and other games of chance for pious purposes. Recited Vespers and Compline and Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Made a visit in spirit to the Most Blessed Sacrament. Spiritual reading. I renew all my good resolutions. O God help in thy holy service - and in my good resolutions - and grant that I may now begin to live virtuously - since I have hitherto done nothing. Engaged the whole of my time. Prayer - spiritual reading or other useful reading occupied the hours until late. About 10 night prayers - bed.

**Saturday November 5th.** Morning prayers - heard part of Mass - recited Hours. Had conversations on business with some of the Clergy - made my meditation - looked over one of the newspapers - spiritual reading. Wrote a letter to the Archbishop. Arranged the order of Masses for tomorrow. Sent a telegram to Dean Hayes stating that the doctor would not allow me to leave for Sandhurst to open on tomorrow the new Church at Miers Flat. Told him to celebrate the opening himself. Spiritual reading till 2 then recited Vespers and Compline. Visit in spirit to the Most Blessed Sacrament Wrote for a short time. Spiritual [reading] till 3. Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Spiritual reading till dinner - 4.30. Not being able to hear Confessions I devoted the whole of the evening to useful religious reading.

**Sunday November 6th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7.30 commenced the holy Mass. Thanksgiving - took a cup of coffee. Recited Hours. Attended to medical instructions for a few minutes - made my meditation.

After this read history till 12. From 12 to half past read the life of St Peter Alcantara. Then wrote letters to the Clergy who had not as yet made in their Missions the annual collection for the Orphanage. I was thus engaged up to a quarter to 2. Attended the recitation and explanation of a chapter in the New Testament by one of the students in the College Chapel. This occupied a little better than a half hour. Vespers and Compline. Read a useful work till 4.30. Dined. About 6.30 recited Matins and Lauds. The remainder of the evening up to 9.30 was devoted to suitable reading. Night prayers - bed.

**Monday November 7th.** Morning prayers. Not being quite well, I did not celebrate this morning. Recited Hours - made my meditation. Looked over two of the dailies. Had conversations on business with several of the Clergy. Letters - received and answered. When not engaged in the business of the diocese I employed my time in study and useful reading. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Mother of God between 1.30 and 2. Recited Vespers and Compline. Read till 4.30. Dinner. A little past 6 recited Matins and Lauds. Spiritual reading till 9.30. About 10 night prayers - bed.

**Tuesday November 8th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Whilst present at part of the 7.30 Mass recited Prime and Tierce. At 8 commenced Mass - thanksgiving. During the celebration of the next Mass I recited the other small Hours. Made my meditation. After breakfast looked over the newspapers - Spiritual reading - except when I had to read letters and attend to other business until 12.30 or 1. Visited the Orphanage - the first time I have been out since my illness. They had two deaths - owing to relapse. Two others are in a precarious state. All the others who have had fever are, thank God, convalescent.

Returned home about 3. Visited the Cathedral works - recited Vespers and Compline - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Wrote for a short time. Dinner at the usual time. About a few minutes past 6 went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds. Attended night prayers - heard a few Confessions - visit to the most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Mother. Returned home about 8.30. Read till 9 a religious book. About 10 to bed.

**Wednesday November 9th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 commenced Mass - thanksgiving. Went to St Francis - recited Hours - heard Confessions - made my meditation - heard Mass. Looked over one of the morning papers. Business - at intervals read. Left the office at 11. Rode home. Reviewed the correspondence with reference to the Asylum at Abbotsford. Visited the Convent of Mercy and Abbotsford - returned home a little before 3. Answered a letter received from the Geelong Convent. Wrote for a half hour. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at the usual time. A little past 6 went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds - attended night prayers - heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Mother. About 8 home. Read till 9 - to bed about 9.30.

**Thursday November 10th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 celebrated Mass at the Convent of Mercy - thanksgiving - refreshment. Went to St Francis - recited Hours - heard a few Confessions - made a few minutes meditation. Engaged in the office up to 11. Rode home. Wrote for a short [time].

Conversed with one of the Clergy about the solemn opening of a small Church in one of the neighbouring Missions. Fixed the day for this ceremony. Studied till 1.30. Drove out with the Vicar-General. Called at the Orphanage. Visited the Clergyman at Richmond. About 4 returned home - recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. In the evening a little past 6 went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds - attended night prayers - heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Virgin. Returned home, read for an hour. About 9.30 to bed.

**Friday November 11th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 commenced Mass in the College Chapel - thanksgiving - went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - made meditation - heard a few Confessions. Engaged in the office until 11. Rode home. Occupied up to 2. Visited Fr. Smyth who is dangerously ill. Returned home about 3.30. Recited Vespers and Compline. Read till the hour for dinner. In the evening went to Richmond to visit the sick priest - he is a very little better. Thence drove to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds - attended night prayers - heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Mother of God. Returned home - read for an hour. About 10 to bed.

**Saturday November 12th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. About 7 celebrated Mass at Abbotsford - thence went to St Francis - after thanksgiving - heard Confessions - recited Hours - made meditation. Business in the office engaged until 11.30. Arranged the duties for tomorrow. Rode home. Time occupied till 1.30. Walked to St Francis, calling at the Convent of Mercy. Heard Confessions - reading the Divine Office when not so engaged. Returned home about 4. Dinner at the usual time. About 6 visited the sick Priest at Richmond. Drove to St Francis - heard Confessions from 7 to 9.30. Returned home after making my visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Mother - night prayers. About 10.30 to bed.

**Sunday November 13th.** Rose a little before 5. Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Recited Hours. At 7 celebrated Mass in St Francis. Thanksgiving - meditation. Left for Sunbury by the 9 o'clock train. The Holy Mass did not commence till 12. Dean Hayes preached. The ceremony of laying the corner stone then took place. The church is dedicated to Our Blessed Lady of Mount Carmel. Returned to Keilor to dinner. After dinner drove home. The Doctor being with me I went to Richmond to visit the sick Priest. He received too many visitors during the day - which aggravated his illness - however he is now better. Soon after I got home I said night prayers and went to bed.

**Monday November 14th.** Morning prayers - Matins Lauds and Hours. At 7 celebrated Mass at Abbotsford. After thanksgiving went to St Francis - heard Confessions and made my meditation. Wrote letters. Decided on taking my passage in the *City of Melbourne* - which will leave for Sydney at 3 tomorrow afternoon. Had visits on business from Clergymen. At 11 left the office and rode home. Made preparations for my trip to Sydney. Called at the Convent of Mercy. On my return home wrote for an hour. After this busy until dinner time. Two lay gentlemen dined with [us]. They did not leave till 9. About 9.30 night prayers, bed.

**Tuesday November 15th.** Morning prayers - heard Mass at St Francis - Recited the Divine Office - heard a few Confessions - made my meditation. Very busy up to the time of my departure for Sydney. When we got outside the Heads I retired to my cabin not feeling over comfortable. I finished the recitation of the Office of the day - night prayers - not said as I would wish - to my miserable berth.

**Wednesday November 16th.** Spent an uncomfortable night. Got up late - washed - performed as best I could my morning devotions. Went on deck - recited the Divine Office - weather fine - wind against us. Read most of the day. Recited Vespers and Compline. In the early part of the [day?] tried to make my meditation. Retired early to my cabin. Night prayers. The wind continues unfavourable. Expect to get in tomorrow evening.

**Thursday November 17th.** Morning prayers - meditation - Divine Office. Employed most of the day reading. Wind dead against us - no chance I fear of reaching Sydney before tomorrow morning. In the afternoon the wind became favourable. It was late when I went to my cabin. Night prayers. Slept in my clothes expecting to be in early in the morning.

**Friday November 18th.** Arrived at the wharf about 5.30. Dressed - morning prayers. Landed about 6.30. Drove to the Vicar-General's residence - where I am now comfortably lodged. Recited the Divine Office. The Archbishop called early - drove out with him. Dined at St Mary's. Spent the time chiefly with the Archbishop. Returned to the Vicar-General's in the evening about 8. Read till 9. Night prayers - bed - read for an hour after going to bed.

**Saturday November 19th.** Morning prayers - Divine Office - Mass - thanksgiving - breakfast - meditation. Spent most of the day with the Archbishop - dined with him. Wrote letters - to be sent by the Mail that leaves today for Melbourne. Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. From 8 to 9 read - night prayers - bed.

**Sunday November 20th.** Morning prayers, Hours, meditation - preparation for Mass. A little past 11 commenced the Solemn Mass. It and the ordinations occupied 3 hours. Visited during the day with [the] Archbishop a Sunday School. About 300 children were assembled. The building is a poor temporary structure. A better or rather a building suitable for the purpose will soon be erected. On my return to St Mary's I recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner. In the evening attended Benediction. About 9 returned to the Vicar-General's. Night prayers. Read till 11.

**Monday November 21st.** Morning prayers - Divine Office - preparation for Mass - Mass - thanksgiving. Recited *Primam* - breakfast. Wrote for some time. Small Hours - made my meditation. About 11 posted my English Letters. Visited St John's College. It is a magnificent building. Called for a few minutes at the Refuge on my way to St Mary's. After dinner recited Vespers and Compline. Then drove out with the Archbishop for an hour or so. Recited Matins and Lauds. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Virgin's altar. Tea - a little conversation with the Archbishop. About 8 left for the Vicar-General's residence - my present domicile. Wrote a little - then read a few pages of Moral Theology. Night prayers - at 10 to bed - read till 11.

**Tuesday November 22nd.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - Mass - thanksgiving - breakfast - Hours - meditation. Went to St Mary's - read for an hour. Drove out with the Archbishop. About 4 left for Subiaco. Here we stopped the night - the religious were most kind. At 9 night prayers - read for some time before going to bed.

**Wednesday November 23rd.** Morning prayers - Divine Office - preparation for Mass. At 8 celebrated Mass - thanksgiving - breakfast, meditation. Spent the day at Subiaco. In the afternoon went to Paramatta, visited the Orphanage, returned to Subiaco, where we remained the night. Read a good part of the time between tea and bed. About 10 night prayers, bed.

Matins and Lauds for tomorrow

**Thursday November 24th.** Morning prayers, Hours, preparation for Mass. At 7 celebrated Mass - thanksgiving, breakfast, meditation. In the morning left for Penrith by train. About 11 set out on a visit to the French Missionary Station, but having missed the way we did not arrive there until late in the day. There were two Missionaries here, they had the care of 15 lads from the several Islands comprised in the Vicariate of Bishop Battaillon. The school hours for the instruction of these children of nature are in the forenoon and the afternoon. Between these hours they are for a time employed on the Farm. The missionaries speak highly of their capacity to learn. I saw the writing of some of them - it was very good. The Gospels are translated into their own languages. One edition of the translation was published in Sydney, and a good specimen of letter press it was. They sang a few hymns in the Samoan, the voices were sweet and musical. Returned to Penrith about 5. Dinner. Recited Vespers and Compline and Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Night prayers at 9, then to bed.

**Friday November 25th.** Morning prayers, preparation for Mass. Mass - thanksgiving, Hours, meditation. After breakfast visited the viaduct of the railway. It spans a deep creek at the foot of the Blue Mountains. Returned by train to Sydney. Took a little refreshment. About 8 drove to the Sacred Heart Presbytery. Read for an hour - night prayers, to bed.

**Saturday November 26th.** Morning prayers, preparation for Mass. Mass - thanksgiving. Presided at the clothing of four novices for the House of the Good Shepherd. This ceremony took up two hours. Gave Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at the conclusion. Took a short drive with the Archbishop. Weather squally and very cold. Read most of the day. After dinner, recited the Divine Office. Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Blessed Mother of God. Returned to the Sacred Heart about 9, read till 10 - night prayers, bed.

**Sunday November 27th.** Morning prayers, preparation for Mass. Mass - thanksgiving, breakfast, Hours. Wrote for an hour. Weather windy and cold, from 11.30 to 12 meditation. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Mother of God. Spiritual reading - *Angelus*. Visited the St Vincent's Hospital and Convent. Thence walked to St Mary's - recited Vespers and Compline. Then read an instructive book till 4. Matins and Lauds, dinner. Attended evening devotions in the private Chapel. Returned to the Sacred Heart about 8.30. Read till 10. Night prayers, bed.

**Monday November 28th.** Morning prayers, preparation for Mass, thanksgiving, meditation, Hours. Left by the 9 o'clock train for Campbelltown, where we arrived about 10.30. Saw a good many of my old friends and flock. Visited the Church. Read during the hours of leisure. Recited the Vespers and Compline of the day - with Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Walked through the town in the evening. At 9.30 retired to my room. Night prayers, bed.

**Tuesday November 29th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Mass at 8 - a good many of the people were present - most of them my old friends. Thanksgiving. Conversed for some time with a few of my former flock. After breakfast - Hours - meditation - Spiritual reading. Went to Camden. Saw the Church - a pretty building. Returned to Campbelltown about 4. Dinner. In the evening Divine Office. Read for an hour. About 9.30 night prayers - bed.

**Wednesday November 30th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Mass - thanksgiving - breakfast - Hours and meditation. The Archbishop arrived. We visited Appin. Returned to Campbell-town for dinner. Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds for the following day. Conversed during the evening with the Archbishop. About 9.30 retired with him to the Hotel. Night prayers - bed

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**Thursday December 1st.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Mass about 7.30 - thanksgiving - breakfast - Hours - meditation. Went to Picton by train - whilst there visited the Tunnel - we walked through it - the distance is short - about 300 yards. Returned to Campbelltown in the Archbishop's carriage and then had an opportunity of viewing the viaduct over the Menangle River. It is a fine work. Dined at 5. Vespers. About 10 night prayers - bed

**Friday December 2nd.** Morning prayers - left by the early train for Sydney. Recited the Divine Office and made meditation. Visited the University after dinner. Read most of the day. Returned to my old quarters at Sacred Heart about 9 - read till 10 - night prayers - bed. Early in the evening recited Matins and Lauds for the following day.

**Saturday December 3rd.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Mass a little past 7 - thanksgiving. Wrote for some time before breakfast. After breakfast engaged writing letters for some short time. I purpose returning to Melbourne next week. Visited a few places during the day - returned visits. Studied a little - recited Matins and Lauds. Returned to the Sacred Heart about 9. Read over the form of profession for a Sister of Charity - having to perform the ceremony on tomorrow at the Convent of the Sisters of Charity. Night prayers - bed.

**Sunday December 4th.** Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for Mass. At 8 the ceremony of profession - Mass. It was 10 when all was over. Left the Convent for the Sacred Heart about 1. Took a short drive with the Archbishop - visited Lyndhurst. Returned to St Mary's an hour before dinner. Recited Vespers and Compline and Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. The evening was spent in conversation with the Archbishop and a lay gentleman who dined with us. About 9.30 returned to the Presbytery of the Sacred Heart. Read for a half hour - night prayers - bed.

**Monday December 5th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - at 7.30 Mass. Thanksgiving. Breakfast - meditation - Hours. Wrote for some time. Drove out with the Archbishop. Weather cold and rainy. Remained at St Mary's most of the afternoon. Read a good deal. Went back to the Sacred Heart about 9. Made my preparation for sailing on tomorrow. Night prayers - bed.

**Tuesday December 6th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 commenced Mass - thanksgiving - Hours. Busy preparing for my return to Melbourne. Gave interviews to several persons. About 3.30 the Archbishop kindly accompanied me to the steamer. At 5 steamed out of the Bay. Evening fine - but towards night wind changed and blew strong against us. A rough stormy night. Sick.

**Wednesday December 7th.** Recited morning prayers somehow - made with difficulty my meditation owing to sea-sickness. Recited the Divine Office - but with great distraction. Read when I could during the day. Towards the evening illness increases. Retired early.

**Thursday December 8th.** Morning prayers - meditation and the Divine Office - all that I could do during the morning - being very ill. The weather is very stormy. Towards the afternoon the weather changed - becoming calm and more favourable. Read a good deal during the afternoon. Expect to reach Melbourne early tomorrow - about 10 retired to the cabin. Night prayers - bed.

**Friday December 9th.** Weather beautifully calm during the night. Arrived at the wharf a little before 6. Landed soon after and drove home. Washed and dressed. Heard Mass - recited Matins - Lauds and Hours. Busy from 11 to 1. Wrote for an hour. Vespers and Compline. Went to St Francis - my delay here was about an hour.

Engaged after leaving St Francis up to the hour for dinner. In the evening attended night prayers - heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady's Chapel. On my return home recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. About 9.30 to bed.

**Saturday December 10th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 commenced Mass - thanksgiving - went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - heard a few Confessions. Engaged in the office up to 11.30. Wrote to Bishop Wilson and the Archbishop. Arranged the order of duty for tomorrow. Studied from 12 to 1. Visited - accompanied by the Vicar-General - Abbotsford. Confessions in St Francis from 2 to 4. Recited Vespers and Compline with Matins and Lauds for tomorrow when not hearing Confessions. Dinner at the usual hour. Confessions from 6.30 to 9. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Blessed Mother of God - night prayers. Returned home - about 10.30 to bed.

The Revd. Fr Donevan called in the forenoon of today at the office to inform me that Mr Molyneux by the advice of his Confessor declines prosecuting his studies for the priesthood, considering that he is not called to that holy state. I gave him leave to remain in the College as a teacher until the breaking up of the school for the Christmas vacation. His two years study in All Hallows is a loss to the Diocese.

**Sunday December 11th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Mass at 9 in St Patrick's. After giving Holy Communion delivered a short exhortation. Thanksgiving - breakfast - meditation - Hours. Had to receive visits. Wrote for a short time. Read for an hour. At 1.30 visited the Convent of Mercy - visited the Sunday school in the Cathedral - commenced a letter to the Bishop of Hobart town. Left by the 4.30 train for Geelong. Read during a good part of the journey. After arriving recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow whilst walking in the garden of the Presbytery. At 9.30 night prayers - bed.

**Monday December 12th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 8 Mass - thanksgiving. After breakfast looked over an English paper - recited Hours - meditation. Visited Ashby - the clergyman having to attend a sick-call about 7 miles off I accompanied him. Returned a little before dinner. Recited Vespers and Compline. After dinner drove through the public gardens. On my return to the Presbytery recited Matins and Lauds. Read a few of my English letters - one was from the Cardinal in reference to the priests and others sent out from Ireland to make collection. About 9.30 retired to my room - read for some time. Night prayers - bed.

**Tuesday December 13th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. A little past 9 commenced the ceremony of reception - two lay Sisters received the Holy Habit. After this followed the profession of a choir Sister, Sermon and Mass. It was 12 when all was concluded. Between 1 and 2, attended the examinations in the Convent and distributed prizes. After this took a short drive before dinner. After dinner attended a play got up by the Convent children, the subject Dr Newman's *Callista*. It was well performed. Returned to the Presbytery about 7.30. Recited Vespers and Compline, conversed with the Clergy till 9 then retired - night prayers - bed.

**Wednesday December 14th.** Morning prayers. Left by the 8 o'clock train for Lethbridge. Here I looked at the ground adjoining the Reserve I intend to apply for as a site for a Reformatory. We had to wait here for the next train, a delay of 4 hours. It rained the whole time. Got into Ballarat about 3.30. Recited the Divine Office and read an instructive paper during the delay at Lethbridge and on the way thence to Ballarat. After dinner took a half hour's drive - visited the new Church. Spent the evening in conversation with the Clergy. About 9.30 night prayers - bed.

**Thursday December 15th.** Morning prayers - Divine Office - preparation for Mass - at 8 Mass - thanksgiving. Recited Hours - breakfast - wrote for a half hour. Looked over the local journals. Visited St Alipius girls and boys schools. Left Ballarat for Melbourne by the 12 o'clock train where we arrived a little before dinner time. Recited Vespers and Compline. In the evening attended the public night prayers in St Francis - heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Recited Matins and Lauds. Returned home - read for an hour. About 10 to bed.

**Friday December 16th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 celebrated Mass in the College - thanksgiving - went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - made meditation - heard a few Confessions. Occupied in the office until 11.30. Rode home. Busy till 1. Presided then at a meeting of the Catholic School Committee. This meeting concluded its business about 2.30. Took a short drive before dinner. A quarter [to?] 4 returned home and recited Vespers and Compline. Two lay gentlemen dined with us - Mr O'Shanassy and Dr Brownless. About 7 attended night prayers in St Francis - heard Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Recited Matins and Lauds. Home - read for a short time. About 9.30 to bed.

**Saturday December 17th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - Hours. At 7 celebrated in the Convent of the Good Shepherd. Thanksgiving. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - made my meditation - heard Confessions. Engaged in the office till 11. Visited the Convent of Mercy on business. Visited Mr O'Shanassy on business. Got to St Francis a little after 2. Confessions - Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds. Dinner at the usual hour. Studied a short time for my discourse tomorrow. Confessions from 6.30 to 10. Night prayers - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home - studied for a short time before going to bed. A little past 11 - to bed.

**Sunday December 18th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Study for instruction to the people. At 8 commenced Mass. After administering Holy Communion - I delivered a short discourse - thanksgiving. Went into the confessional for a short time. Recited Hours - made my meditation. Answered letters. Remained in St Patrick's Vestry during the sermon. Spiritual reading. Looked over some papers. Wrote for an hour.

A quarter to 2 attended in the College while one of the students delivered a short discourse. Visited the Convent of Mercy, St George's and St Mary's when Catechism was being taught. Attendance of children in both places was very good. Got back home by 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Looked into a question of Theology. After dinner walked about the grounds till 6.30 then went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds - attended night prayers - heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home - read for some time. About 10 to bed.

**Monday December 19th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass - thanksgiving - went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - made my meditation - heard Confessions. Business in the office until 12. Then visited the primary schools of the Sisters of Mercy - distributed the premiums. About 3.30 left for Dandenong - where I arrived a little past 6. Visited the site of the new Church. Dined at 7. Recited the Divine Office. About 10 - night prayers - and bed.

**Tuesday December 20th.** Morning prayers - Matins - Lauds and Hours - preparation for Mass. At 11 Mass - which I celebrated, after laying the foundation, in a tent. Dean Hayes preached. It was about 1 when all was over. Breakfast. About 2 left for Melbourne. Arrived in time for dinner. Attended night prayers in St Francis - heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home - read for a short time. Retired for the night about 9.30.

**Wednesday December 21st.** Morning prayers - Matins and Lauds. Preparation for Mass. Mass at 7 - thanksgiving - went to St Francis - recited Hours - heard Mass - made my meditation - heard Confessions. Engaged in the Office until 11. Then went to the College and distributed the premiums. This took about an hour and a half. After having discharged this duty I went to the Convent of Mercy, where I presided at the exhibition and distributed the premiums. This engaged me until near the hour for dinner. In the evening attended night prayers - heard Confessions. Made my visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Recited Vespers and Compline. Returned home - read for some time. About 10 to bed.

**Thursday December 22nd.** Morning prayers - Matins and Lauds - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass - thanksgiving - went to St Francis - recited Hours - made my meditation - heard Confessions. Busy in the office up to 11.30. Busy at home until 1. Took a short drive. Vespers and Compline on my return. Dinner. Attended night prayers - heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home by 8. Read for a short time. To bed about 10.

**Friday December 23rd.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass - thanksgiving. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - heard Confessions. Spent 2 hours at the examination of St Francis boys school. Rode home. Visited the Convent at Abbotsford between 1 and 2. Returned home by Richmond. Recited Vespers and Compline. Wrote letters to Cardinal Barnabò - enclosed £100, the balance of the Papal tribute for this year, making £500. Dinner - attended night prayers, heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home about 8. Read for some time. To bed about 10.

**Saturday December 24th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 celebrated Mass in the College Chapel. Thanksgiving. Went to St Francis. Heard Mass - recited Hours - busy hearing Confessions. Engaged in the office up to 12. Rode home. Read till 1. Visited the Convent of Mercy and Good Shepherd. Confessions from 2 to 4. Recited Vespers and Compline - Confessions from 6.30 to 10.30. Night prayers. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 11.30 to bed.

**Sunday December 25th.** Morning prayers - Divine Office - preparation for Mass. Celebrated my first Mass in the College. Celebrated High Mass at 11 in St Francis - gave the Papal Benediction after Mass. The sermon was preached after the Holy Communion by the Revd. Fr Riordan. It was past 1 when all was concluded. Took breakfast at home about 2. Between 3 and 4 visited the Convents. Dinner at the usual hour. Assisted at Vespers and sermon - gave Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Night prayers - returned home about 9. A little past 10 to bed.

**Monday December 26th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Celebrated Mass at 7 at Abbotsford - on my way thither I recited the Hours - having recited Matins the evening before. After making my thanksgiving I went to St Francis - heard Mass and a few Confessions. Busy writing for the English Mail which closes early today. Visited Pentridge in the afternoon. Returned before 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. About 6.30 went to St Francis - recited Matins - attended night prayers. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Returned home about 8. Read the life of Fr Matthew by Maguire till 9. About 10 to bed.

**Tuesday December 27th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 celebrated Mass in the College - thanksgiving. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - made my meditation - heard a few Confessions. Wrote letters - left the office about 12. Rode home. Weather stormy and cold. Visited the Convent of Mercy - the Revd. Mother was not in. Returned home. Busy till 2 - then visited Abbotsford - got back home about 3. Wrote till 3.30 - then recited Vespers and Compline. At 4.30 dinner - two lay gentlemen dined with us. About 6.30 went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds - attended night prayers - heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Returned home about 8. Read till 9. About 10 to bed.

**Wednesday December 28.** Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for Mass. At 8 celebrated Mass and gave the children their 1st Holy Communion. Addressed a few words of instruction to them both before and after. Thanksgiving - heard Mass - made my meditation. Busy in the office up to 11.30. Rode into the Country - near the bay - about 12 miles from town - where I dined with the Clergy *alla fresco*. Returned to Melbourne about 6.30. Attended night prayers - heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Recited Matins for tomorrow. Rode home. The Clergy with one lay person spent the evening with me. About 10 to bed.

**Thursday December 29th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 celebrated Mass in the Convent of Mercy - thanksgiving - went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - made my meditation - heard a few Confessions. Busy in the office up to 11. Rode home - engaged till 2. Visited the Convent at Abbotsford. Returned home by Richmond calling at the Presbytery - the Clergyman was not in. By 3.15 reached home. Wrote for some time - received visits on business. Recited Vespers and Compline.

Dinner at the usual time. Mr \*MacKay\* dined with us. The Vicar-General handed him the Mr Atkinson's letter dated Sydney in which was enclosed a tracing of the land he engaged to convey for a Catholic Cemetery at Belfast. About 6.30 went to St Francis - recited Matins - attended night prayers - heard Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Returned home about 8 - read till 9 an article from the *Dublin Review* on Reformatories. A little past 10 - to bed.

**Friday December 30th.** Morning prayers, preparation for Mass. At 7 celebrated Mass in the College Chapel - thanksgiving. Heard Mass in St Francis - recited Hours - made meditation. Engaged in the office up to 11.30. Rode home. Occupied from 12 to 1. Paid a few visits - returned about 3.30. Recited Vespers and Compline. Replied to Bishop Quinn's Telegram - forwarded the same to Bishop Wilson. Received a letter from the latter this evening. About 6.30 went to St Francis - at 7 attended night prayers, heard Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Recited Matins and Lauds on my return home. After this read the life of Fr Mathew by Maguire. About 10 to bed.

**Saturday December 31st.** Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for Mass. At 7 celebrated Mass at Abbotsford. Delivered a short discourse to the Penitents and the religious. Thanksgiving. Went to St Francis - heard Confessions. Occupied writing letters and transacting business until 11. Rode home. From 12 to 1 engaged. Visited the Convent of Mercy. Confessions from 2 to 4. Recited Vespers and Compline, Matins and Lauds. At 6.30, Solemn *Te Deum* and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Confessions till 11 without interruption. It was late when I went to bed.

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**Sunday January 1st.** Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for Mass. At 9 celebrated Mass at the Convent of Mercy. The Sisters renewed their vows and received the Holy Communion. Went to St Francis - meditation - prepared for the Solemn High Mass. At 11 gave the *Asperges* and commenced Mass. It was 12.30 when it was concluded. Thanksgiving. At 1 breakfast. Read a little of the Sacred Scriptures. Wrote for some time. At 3.30 gave Benediction at St George's. About 6.30 went to St Francis. Assisted at Vespers - sermon and Benediction. Recited Matins and Lauds. Returned Home about 9. Read for some time. Night prayers - about 10.30 to bed.

**Monday January 2nd.** Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the Convent of the Good Shepherd - thanksgiving. Went to St Francis. Heard Confessions. Posted a letter to the Bishop of Hobart - returning the letter and photograph he sent me. Did not leave the office till 11.30. Rode home - meditation. Visited the Convent of Mercy. Paid several necessary visits during the day. On my return home wrote for some time - Vespers and Compline - dinner. A little past 6 went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds - attended night prayers - heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady's Chapel. Returned home - read for an hour. About 10 to bed.

**Tuesday January 3rd.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Celebrated Mass at 7 in the College Chapel - thanksgiving - went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - made my meditation. Occupied in the office up to 11. Rode home. Busy until 2. Visited the Convent of the Good Shepherd. On my return studied till a quarter past 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner. About 6 went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Returned home - read for an hour. About 10.30 to bed.

**Wednesday January 4th.** Morning prayers. Heard Mass - recited Hours - heard Confessions - made my meditation. Occupied in the office up to 12. Rode home. Engaged most of the afternoon - a little study. Dinner at the usual time - having previously recited Vespers and Compline. Went to St Francis a little past 6 - recited Matins and Lauds - attended night prayers. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Study for some time. To bed about 10.

**Thursday January 5th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - at 7 celebrated Mass in Abbotsford - having previously recited Hours. After thanksgiving went to St Francis - heard Mass - made my meditation - heard a few Confessions. Engaged in the office up to 11.30. Rode home. Studied for a time. After this busy till 2. From 2 to 4 Confessions. Dinner at the usual time. Before dinner recited Vespers and Compline, Matins and Lauds by taking advantage for that purpose of the intervals of leisure during the time given to the Confessions. About 6.30 commenced hearing Confessions, and continued so occupied till 10.30. Night prayers and visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Returned. About 11.30 to bed.

**Friday January 6th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - at 8 celebrated in St Francis and gave Holy Communion. Thanksgiving - Hours - breakfast. Study till 11 - then assisted at the Solemn High Mass. At 12.30 rode home. At 1.30 presided at a meeting of the School Committee - important business was done. Between 3 and 4 gave the habit to a lay sister at the Convent of the Good Shepherd. It was near dinner hour when I returned home. Recited Vespers and Compline before dining. A few lay gentlemen, the Members of the Committee, dined with us. About 6.30 went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds - attended night prayers. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home - read for a short time before going to bed.

**Saturday January 7th.** Morning prayers - meditation. About 8.30 left for Lillydale - where on tomorrow I will open and bless a School Chapel. The road is bad - country for the most part poor and uninteresting. Arrived at Lillydale early in the afternoon. It is a pretty place. The land is good and most picturesque. Heard a few Confessions. Lodged the night with Mr Hubert de Castello. Retired early to my room - and soon after night prayers to bed. Read for some time before going to sleep.

**Sunday January 8th.** Morning prayers - Divine Office - preparation for Mass. Owing to a delay in procuring the carriage I did not commence Mass at the appointed time. Gave Holy Communion to a good many. Assisted and preached at the 11 Mass. The little Chapel was crowded. In the evening dined with the brother of the gentleman with whom I am stopping. Vespers and Compline. Night prayers. About 10 to bed.

**Monday January 9th.** Morning prayers - breakfast. Meditation. Left a little past 9 for Melbourne. Recited the Divine Office on the road - called at a school on the way. The attendance was very good. Arrived in Melbourne about 3.30. Read letters - recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner. About 6 went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds - attended night prayers - heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady's Chapel. Home - read for an hour. About 10 to bed.

**Tuesday January 10th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass - thanksgiving - recited Hours - heard Mass - heard a few Confessions - meditation - breakfast. Engaged in the office until 11. Rode [home]. Occupied at home the whole of the day till 4 writing and looking over letters. About 10 a.m. I visited the schools at St Francis - boys, girls and infant schools. They were well attended - clean and orderly. In the evening about 6.30 went to St Francis - attended night prayers. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Home - read for an hour. To bed about 10.

**Wednesday January 11th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 commenced Mass - thanksgiving. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - heard Confessions - made my meditation. Breakfast at 10. Occupied in the office until 11.30. Rode home. Engaged from 12 to 1. Visited Abbotsford and the Orphanage. Returned home about 3.30. Wrote till 4. Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. Went to St Francis about 6.30 - recited Matins and Lauds - attended night prayers - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Returned home - having called for a few minutes on Dr Brownless. Read for an hour. At 10 to bed.

**Thursday January 12th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Owing to the student being a little late in his attendance was a few minutes past 7 when I commenced Mass. After thanksgiving went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - made my meditation. Engaged in the office until 11.30. Visited St Mary's Schools. The attendance was large in both schools. Returned home about 12. Wrote for a short time - study. Between two and three visited Abbotsford and the Orphanage. Returned a little before 4. Wrote a little - Vespers and Compline - Dinner. About 6 went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds - attended night prayers - heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home by 8 - read till 9. About 10 to bed.

**Friday January 13th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 commenced to celebrate - thanksgiving. Heard Mass at St Francis. Recited Hours - heard Confessions - made my meditation. Answered letters and received visits on business. Engaged in the office until 11. Took a long ride. Presided at a meeting of the Catholic School Committee. This meeting did not break up till 2.30. Visited the Convent of Mercy on business. Studied on my return home for an hour. Then recited Hours. Dinner. A little past 6 drove to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds - heard Confessions. After night prayers visited the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Returned home about 8. Read till 9. A little before 10 to bed.

**Saturday January 14th.** Morning prayers. Having taken medicine the evening previous I did not celebrate this morning. Heard Mass at St Francis - recited Hours - made my meditation - heard a few Confessions. Breakfast. Wrote to the Bishop of Hobartton enclosing him the Telegram from Sydney announcing that the Queensland Sisters of Mercy left Sydney for Melbourne en route to Hobartton and thence with the Bishop for England. Busy in the office up to 11. Rode home. Wrote for a half hour. Study. Visited the Convent of Mercy about 1.30. Walked from that to St Francis. Recited Vespers and Compline and Matins with Lauds for tomorrow. Heard Confessions till 4. Rode home. Dinner a little before 5. Confessions from 6.30 to 9. Not many attended. Night prayers - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for a short time. About 10.30 to bed.

**Sunday January 15th.** Morning prayers. Preparation for Mass. *Prima* - Tierce. At 7.30 commenced Mass at Abbotsford - after the Holy Communion delivered a short discourse on the Holy Name to the Religious and Penitents. Thanksgiving. Returned home. Recited Sext and None - made my meditation. Spiritual Reading till 11.30. Went to St Patrick's and heard the sermon in the Vestry. It was 12.30 when Mass was concluded. Read the holy Scriptures for about an hour with notes. At 1.30 met a few good Catholics who were desirous of forming themselves into a Christian Doctrine Society in connection with the Cathedral. I addressed them briefly on the obligations - rules and indulgences of the Society. After this I visited the Sunday Schools of St Augustine and St Francis. About a quarter past 4 I returned home - recited Vespers and Compline. At 4.30 Dinner. About 6 recited Matins and Lauds. At 7 assisted at Vespers in St Francis - sermon and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Night prayers. About 10 to bed.

**Monday January 16th.** Morning prayers. Preparation for Mass - Hours. At 7 celebrated Mass at Abbotsford. Went to St Francis. After thanksgiving, made my meditation - heard Confessions. Busy in the office up to 11. Visited the Orphanage. Returned home about 2.30. Wrote letters - then studied from 3 to 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. Went to St Francis about a quarter past 6. Recited Matins and Lauds - attended night prayers - heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. At 9 opened the Clerical Retreat. About 10 to bed.

**Tuesday January 17th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - Hours. At 7 celebrated Mass at Abbotsford - thanksgiving. Went to St Francis - made my meditation - heard Confessions. Engaged in the office until 11. Rode to St Kilda passing by the Orphanage at Emerald Hill. On my return home about 2 I visited the Convent of Mercy. Got back home by 2.30. Dined with the Clergy who are on retreat. Reading during the early part of dinner. From 5 to 6 wrote. Then went to St Francis - recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds. Attended night prayers - heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for an hour. About 10 to bed.

**Wednesday January 18th.** Morning prayers - - preparation for Mass - Hours. At 7 celebrated Mass at Abbotsford. Went to St Francis - heard Confessions - made my meditation whilst hearing Mass. Busy in the Office until 11. Took a short ride before returning home. From 1 to 2 study. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dined at 2.30 with the Clergy. From 5 to 6 occupied. About 6 went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds - attended night prayers. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Returned home about 8. Read till 9. To bed a little before 10.

**Thursday January 19th.** Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the Convent of the Good Shepherd. After Holy Communion I addressed a few words to the Penitents. Went to St Francis. Heard Confessions and made my meditation. Remained in the office till 11.30. Rode home. Study from 12 to 1.30 occasionally interrupted by business. Visited one of the Convents. At 2.30 dinner in the College. From 5 to 6 study - now and then business. At a quarter past 6 went to St Francis - recited the Divine Office - attended night prayers - heard Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Returned a little before 8. Read till 9. To bed about 10.

**Friday January 20th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. A little past 8 celebrated Mass in the College Chapel. Before commencing I addressed the Clergy on those subjects that were most urgent with regard to the ministry and the temporal affairs of the Diocese. I particularly exhorted them to establish schools and to carefully watch over the education of the children - so necessary for the advancement of our holy religion in this Colony. The children must be kept out of Protestant Schools. All - about 26 - received the Most Blessed Eucharist. Busy the whole forenoon and a great part of the afternoon in admitting to private interviews the Clergy previous to their departure for their respective Missions. Those who did not leave today dined with us at 4.30. At 6 went to St Francis - recited the Divine Office - attended night prayers. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for an hour before going to bed. Not feeling well had to take medicine.

**Saturday January 22nd.** Morning prayers. Confined to the house during the forenoon by illness. I was however able to attend to business and perform my usual devotional exercises. Wrote to the Archbishop. Had a letter from the Bishop of Hobartton which I at once answered. Studied for my instruction to the people on tomorrow. Between 2 and 4 Confessions and the Divine Office - Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. At 4.30 dinner. Confessions from 6.30 to 9.30. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament. Night prayers. Home - to bed about 10.30.

**Sunday January 23rd.** Morning prayers - study for my discourse. Prime - preparation for Mass. At 8 commenced Mass - after holy Communion delivered a short discourse. Mass concluded - thanksgiving. Heard one poor woman's Confession. Returned home. Recited Small Hours - made my meditation. At 10.30 breakfast. Wrote for some time. At 11.30 went into the Vestry of the Cathedral to hear the sermon. From 12 to 1 engaged in writing and study. From 1.30 to 4 engaged visiting Convent of the Good Shepherd [and] St Joseph's Sunday School. Called at the Convent of Mercy. Recited Vespers and Compline on my return. A little past 6 went to St Francis - attended Vespers, sermon and Benediction in the Sacristy. Home about 8. Recited Matins and Lauds - about 10.30 to bed.

[Note: The entries for January 1 to 23 of 1865 were made in the back of the 1864 Journal. The [presumed] book with the remaining entries for 1865 has not been found]

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**Monday January 1st.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - Hours - meditation. At 11 commenced Solemn High Mass in St Francis. Thanksgiving. Breakfast at 1. Read till 2. Made several visits between 2 and 4. Vespers and Compline. At 4.30 dinner. At 6.15 took a short drive. Attended in St Francis at 7 to recite prayers and give Solemn Benediction. Confessions till 8. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady's Chapel. Home. Recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. About 10 to bed.

**Tuesday January 2nd.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7.15 celebrated Mass at the Convent - Abbotsford. Thanksgiving. Hours. Attended in St Francis to hear Confessions - meditation - Breakfast. Busy in the office till 11. From 12 to 2 study, now and then interrupted to attend to business. Went across the Bay to Williamstown where I remained till 3.30. Returned to Melbourne 4.15 - recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner a little later than usual. At 6.30 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read the *Dublin Review* for an hour. About 10.30 to bed.

**Wednesday January 3rd.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - Hours - at 7.30 celebrated Mass at Abbotsford. Thanksgiving. Had an interview with the Sisters who lately arrived (at their request). They complained that the Clergymen who travelled with them were a little too strict with them. The Revd. Mother complained of the Assistant Revd. Mother - disobedience and want of respect for her Superior were the chief charges. She is to be replaced by one of the sisters who lately came out. Went to St Francis - heard Confessions - made my meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office until near 11. Walked home. We dine at Brighton today. An early dinner and in the open air. Returned to Melbourne about 5.45. Recited Vespers and Compline. At 7 gave out night prayers. Heard Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Recited Matins and Lauds. Read the *Dublin Review* for a short time. About 10 to bed.

**Thursday January 4th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the College Chapel - thanksgiving. Went to St Francis - heard Mass. Hours - Confessions - meditation. At 9.30 breakfast. Business in the office until 11.30. Walked home. Study till 2. Took a walk to the public gardens. Returned a little before 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. About 6.15 Matins and Lauds - night prayers at 7. Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for an hour. About 10 to bed.

**Friday January 5th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass - thanksgiving. Hours. Went to St Francis, heard Mass - Confessions - made meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office till 11.30. From 12 to 1 Spiritual reading. Study till 2. Took a short drive - making a visit. Returned about 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. At 6.15 went to St Francis. Confessions till 9.30. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Night prayers. About 11 to bed.

**Saturday January 6th.** Morning prayers - Matins - Lauds and Hours - preparation for Mass. At 11 commenced High Mass in St Francis. At 12.30 thanksgiving. Breakfast about 1. Meditation. At 2 presided at a chapter of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd for the election to offices. The present assistant Revd. Mother was removed - and a successor elected. I delivered a short discourse on obedience before announcing the result of the election. Recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds - when at St Francis heard a few Confessions. Returned home about 4. Dinner at 4.30. Confessions from 6.30 to 10. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Night prayers. Home. About 11 to bed.

**Sunday January 7th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - preparation for instruction to the people. At 8 commenced Mass. After the Holy Communion delivered a short discourse - thanksgiving - Hours - meditation. A little past 10 breakfast. Spiritual reading. Heard Mass and the sermon in the sacristy of the Cathedral at 11. At 12 the *Angelus*. Wrote for a short time. Then read a chapter in the Old Testament with the notes - and part of an article on a theological subject in the *Dublin Review*. About 2 went to the Convent of the Good Shepherd Abbotsford - gave Benediction. Visited the Penitents - addressed them for a half hour. Next visited the Juvenile Reformatory class - delivered a short exhortation to the children in this class. The number of Penitents is 43 - amongst them are a few Protestants - the number of children in the Reformatory class is 20. From this Convent I went to that of the Sisters of Mercy. Saw Revd. Mother for a few minutes.

Home. Recited Vespers and Compline. Wrote a little. Then read till dinner time. At 6.30 Matins and Lauds. At 7 presided at Vespers and sermon in St Francis. Benediction. Returned home about 9. Read till 10. Night prayers - bed.

**Monday January 8th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. *Prima*. At 7.30 celebrated Mass in the Chapel of the Sisters of Mercy Nicholson Street - thanksgiving - Hours - went to St Francis. Remained a half hour in the Confessional - made my meditation. Engaged in the office until 10.30. Walked home. An hour's Spiritual Reading. Wrote a little. Study till 4. Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. A little past 6 Matins and Lauds. At 7 attended night prayers in St Francis - heard Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read the *Dublin Review* for a half hour. To bed about 10.

**Tuesday January 9th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the College Chapel - thanksgiving. Went to St Francis - Hours - heard Mass - Confessions - meditation. At 9.30 breakfast. Engaged in the office up to 11. Called on Dr Brownless on my way home to get his advice with regard to a pain in the leg which comes and goes quite suddenly - and whilst it continues is most excruciating - it does not last more than a few minutes. Read from 11.30 to 12. Study till 2 which was occasionally interrupted to attend to business. Made a few necessary visits between 2 and 4. At 4 Vespers and Compline. Dinner. At 6.15 went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds - night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for an hour. To bed about 10.

**Wednesday January 10th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the College Chapel. Thanksgiving. Went to St Francis - Heard Mass - Hours - Confessions - meditation. At 9.30 breakfast. Business in the office until 11.30. Walked home. Called for a few minutes at the Convent of Mercy. Busy all this day preparing my Lenten Pastoral. At 4 Vespers and Compline. Dinner. About 6 or a little past went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds - attended night prayers as usual in the Church - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for an hour. To bed about 10.

**Thursday January 11th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the College Chapel - thanksgiving. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - heard Confessions - made my meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Busy in the office until 11.30. Study and business filled up the time till 2.30. Called at Mr O'Shanassy's and the Convent of the Good Shepherd. At 4 Vespers and Compline. Dinner. Went to St Francis about 6.15 - recited Matins and Lauds - joined in public night prayers - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for an hour. To bed a little past 10.

**Friday January 12th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the College Chapel - thanksgiving. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - Hours - Confessions - meditation. At 9.30 breakfast. Engaged in the office until 11.30. Walked home. From 12 to 1 study. At 1.30 presided at a meeting of the Catholic School Committee. At 3 visited Mr O'Shanassy. Returned home about 5 - dinner. At 6.30 Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds. Night prayers. Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for an hour. To bed about 10.

**Saturday January 13th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass. Thanksgiving. Heard Mass in St Francis. Hours - Confessions - meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office till 12. Engaged from 12 to 2 with Mr O'Shanassy. Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds - Confessions. Dinner at 4.30. Confessions from 6.30 to 9.30. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. To bed about 11.

**Sunday January 14th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 8 Mass in St Francis - preached after the Holy Communion. Thanksgiving - Hours - meditation. Spiritual reading. A little past 10 breakfast. Spiritual Reading till 11. Heard Mass and sermon in the Cathedral. Study from 12.15 to 2.30. Visited St George's and St Francis Sunday Schools. A good long walk. At 4 Vespers and Compline. Dinner. Matins and Lauds. Assisted at Vespers in St Francis - preached. One of the Clergy gave Benediction. Night prayers. Home. Read for an hour. At 10.30 to bed.

**Monday January 15th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the College. Thanksgiving. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - Hours - Confessions - meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Busy in the office up to 11.30. Engaged at home writing and reading alternately until 2. Drove to Pentridge where I dined with the Clergyman. Returned to St Francis for night prayers - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. The day was oppressively hot. The wind blew strongly from the N[orth]. Drove to St Kilda. Returned home about 9. Recited Matins and Lauds. Hot wind still blowing. To bed about 11.

**Tuesday January 16th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Mass at 7 in the College - thanksgiving. Heard Mass in St Francis. Hours, Confessions - meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Hot wind still blowing. Heat oppressive. Busy in the office until 11.30. Walked home. All day within doors. Engaged preparing Lenten Pastoral - just finished it - not as yet revised. At 4 Vespers and Compline. Wind has turned round to the South. About 6.15 Matins and Lauds - night prayers in St Francis. At 7 Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for an hour. At 10 to bed.

**Wednesday January 17th.** Morning prayers. Went to Geelong by the first train. Recited Hours and made my meditation during the journey. Breakfasted at 9. At 11 assisted at a profession of a Sister of Mercy. Mass was celebrated by one of the Clergy. The Bishop-elect of Adelaide preached. Went to the Convent after the ceremony - gave the habit to a lay sister - gave Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Returned to Melbourne about 4. Dinner at 5. At 6.30 Matins and Lauds. Attended night prayers in St Francis - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home - read for a short time. To bed about 10.

**Thursday January 18th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the College Chapel. Thanksgiving. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - Confessions - Hours - meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Occupied in the office until 11.30. Walked home. Engaged the whole of the day preparing my Pastoral except when obliged to attend visitors and business. At 4 Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. At a quarter past 6 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for an hour. At 9.30 to bed.

**Friday January 19th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass - thanksgiving. Breakfast at 9.30. Business in the office up to 11.30. Home. From 12 to 2 occupied. Took a short drive - returned about 4. Vespers and Compline. Dinner. At 6.15 Matins and Lauds. Night prayers at 7. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for an hour. About 10 to bed.

**Saturday January 20th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass - thanksgiving. Heard Mass in St Francis - Hours - meditation - Confessions. Breakfast at 9.30. Arranged the order of duty for tomorrow. Engaged in the office up to 11 and at home from 11.30 to 1.30. Visited Abbotsford for a few minutes. Vespers and Compline. At 2.15 Matins and Lauds - Confessions in St Francis till 4. Dinner at the usual time. From 6.30 to 10.30 Confessions - night prayers. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 11.30 to bed.

**Sunday January 21st.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - Hours. At 11 solemnly blessed the new Church of St John the Evangelist in Hoddle Street Collingwood. Celebrated High Mass. The Bishop-elect of Adelaide preached the sermon. About 2 took breakfast. Read till 4. Then Vespers and Compline. At 6.30 Matins and Lauds. Presided at Vespers in St Francis - sermon - Benediction. Night prayers. To bed about 10.30.

**Monday January 22nd.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the College Chapel - thanksgiving. Afterwards heard Mass in St Francis - Hours - Confessions - meditation. At 9.30 breakfast. Busy in the office till 11.30. Walked home. Occupied all day in revising the Pastoral - as yet in manuscript - not satisfied with it. Had to grant several interviews to Clergymen and laymen. The Clergy's Spiritual Retreat commences this evening. At 4 Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 5 - a large body of the Clergy at dinner. One of the Jesuit Fathers conducts the Retreat. At 7 gave out the night prayers in St Francis. Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home - Matins and Lauds. Read after this till 10 - then to bed.

**Tuesday January 23rd.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours. At 7 Mass at the Convent of the Good Shepherd. Thanksgiving. Heard Mass in St Francis. Confessions - meditation. At 9.30 breakfast. Busy in the office until 11. Walked home. Revised Pastoral - sent it to be printed - will revise it again in proof. After this occupied writing till close on 2.

Visited the boys Orphanage at Emerald [Hill]. The two Aborigines (boys of 8 and 6 years old) seemed quite at home in the school. Returned home about 3.30. Read till 4. Then recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. About 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for a short time. Had a long conversation on missionary matters with a German Jesuit who goes to Adelaide - thence he will after some time proceed to the North to establish a Mission among the Aborigines. About 10.30 to bed.

**Wednesday January 24th.** Morning prayers. Preparation for Mass. Hours. At 7.15 celebrated Mass in the Convent at Abbotsford - thanksgiving. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - meditation - Confessions. Busy in the office till 11. Walked home. Busy writing letters for the English mail the whole of the day - except short intervals given to urgent business - and a quarter of an hour's walk before 4. At 4 recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at the usual time. About 6.15 Matins - Lauds after night prayers and Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for some [time]. About 9.30 to bed.

**Thursday January 25th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours. At 7.15 celebrated Mass at the Convent of the Good Shepherd. Thanksgiving. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - meditation - Confessions - breakfast at 9.30. Busy writing for the English mail. A little past 11 posted the letters myself. From 12 to 1.15 busy. Visited a Clergyman who was dangerously ill. He is better - and I trust out of danger. Returned home. Wrote for a short time. Read till 4 - then Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. About 6.30 Matins - at 7 night prayers. Lauds. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read a little. Conversated with a clergyman till 9.30. About 10 to bed.

**Friday January 26th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours. At 7.30 celebrated Mass for the Clergy on Retreat - gave them Holy Communion. Delivered a short exhortation to them. Read the *Observanda*. Thanksgiving. Gave interviews to them after breakfast. Revised the proof of the Pastoral. Read for an hour. Took a walk with Fr Kelly to the Botanic gardens. Returned about 3.15. Wrote a little. Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. About 6.30 Matins. At 7 night prayers. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for a short time. To bed about 9.30.

**Saturday January 27th.** Morning prayers - preparation. At 7 Mass in the College Chapel. Thanksgiving. Hours Prime and Tierce. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - Confessions - Hours Sext and None - meditation. At 9.30, breakfast. Revised second proof of Pastoral and corrected it. After this arranged the order of duty for tomorrow. Left the office at 11.30. Walked home. Wrote till 12.30. Read till 1.30. Then went to St Francis - recited Vespers and Compline, Matins and Lauds - Confessions. At 4.30 dinner. Confessions from 6.30 to 10. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Night prayers. Home. To bed about 11.30.

**Sunday January 28th.** Morning prayers, preparation for Mass. Hours Prime and Tierce. At 8 Mass. Preached after giving the Holy Communion. Thanksgiving, Hours Sext and None, meditation. At 10 breakfast. Spiritual reading till 11. Heard Mass in the Sacristy of the Cathedral, sermon preached by the Priest who celebrated. Study from 12.15 to 2.30. Visited St Francis Sunday School, the attendance was pretty good of boys and girls - about 300. Returned home about 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner. At 6.30 Matins and Lauds. Presided at Vespers in St Francis, one of the Jesuit Fathers preached. Benediction. Returned home about 8.30. At 10 night prayers - bed.

**Monday January 29th.** Morning prayers, preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass - Hours - thanksgiving. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - made meditation. Heard a few Confessions. At 9.30 breakfast. Busy in the office until 11.30. Walked home - occupied until 3. Then attended a meeting of the Council of the University - this was not over till 6. Dined on my return home. At 7 attended in St Francis for night prayers and Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Returned home a little past 8. Recited Vespers and Compline. About 9.30 to bed.

**Tuesday January 30th.** Morning prayers, preparation for Mass. Matins. At 7 Mass. Thanksgiving. Went to St Francis. Divine Office - meditation - Mass - Confessions. At 9.30 breakfast. Left the office about 11. Walked home. Another revision of proof of Pastoral. This is a task I don't relish at all. Wrote for a half hour. Then read till 1.30. Went out to make a visit - returned about 3.30. Read till 4. Vespers and Compline. Dinner. About 6.30 went to St Francis. I was a little late for night prayers. Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Matins and Lauds. Conversed with some of the Clergy for an hour. About 9.30 to bed.

**Wednesday January 31st.** Morning prayers, preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass. Thanksgiving, Hours. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - made meditation - heard Confessions. Engaged in the office until 10.30. The[n] returned home. Engaged, with short intervals of interruption to attend to business, with study and reading till 2.30. Dr Sheil and the Vicar-General left for Tasmania for a visit and for change of air at 9. They will reach Launceston tomorrow evening. Called at Abbotsford ~~on the way back~~. Got home about 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at the usual hour. At 6.30 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers in St Francis, Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for some time. To bed about 10.

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**Thursday February 1st.** Morning prayers, preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the College Chapel. Thanksgiving. Went to St Francis. Heard Mass - meditation - Hours - Confessions. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office until 11.30. Walked home. Study from 12 to 1.30. Drove to St Kilda and called at Abbotsford for a few minutes on my way home. At 4 Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. Night prayers at 7. Confessions till 10. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 11 to bed.

**Friday February 2nd.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours. A little before 8 blessed the candles in St Francis and distributed some of them to those present. Celebrated Mass. Thanksgiving. Confessions. About 10 breakfast. Occupied in the office until 11.30. Walked home. Busy until 1.30. Visited St George's schools. The boys had not returned from dinner, the girls were assembled - examined the roll and the inspector's report. Thence walked to St Francis - where I remained engaged reading for a half hour. Home by 3. Wrote for some time. Sent a copy of Government Crown grant of Church Land to Mr O'Shanassy - having previously read it over with care. Study till 4. Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. At 7 night prayers - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Matins and Lauds. Home. Read till 10. Then to bed.

**Saturday February 3rd.** Morning prayers. Preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass. Thanksgiving. Went to St Francis - heard Mass. Hours. Confessions - meditation. At 9.30 breakfast. Walked home. Busy preparing to leave by the mid-day train for Sandhurst. Read till 1.30 - then recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Arrived in Sandhurst about 4. Dinner at 5. Heard Confessions from 7 to 9.30. Night prayers. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. About 10.30 to bed.

**Sunday February 4th. Sexagesima Sunday.** Morning prayers. Hours. Left at 8.15 by train for Echuca. Made my meditation during the journey. At 11 solemnly blessed and dedicated the Church - celebrated Mass. Dean Hayes preached after the Holy Communion. I had heard a few Confessions before Mass. Returned to Sandhurst about 4.30. Recited during the journey Vespers and Compline and Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Dinner at 5.30. At 7 assisted at Vespers in the Church. One of the Clergy preached - gave Benediction. About 10 night prayers - bed. Early in the evening made my visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament.

**Monday February 5th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 8 Mass in St Kilian's. Thanksgiving. Hours - breakfast. Visited St Kilian's schools - meditation. Visited Back Creek schools. Left for Melbourne by midday train. Read a good part of the way. Arrived in Melbourne about 4. Weather very hot. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. At 7 attended night prayers in St Francis. Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Matins and Lauds. Home. Conversated with two of the Clergy for an hour. At 9.30 to bed.

**Tuesday February 6th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the College Chapel. Thanksgiving - Hours - heard Mass in St Francis - meditation - Confessions. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office until 11.30. Busy at home until 1. Visited the Convent of Mercy on business. Returned home about 1.30. Had an interview with Fr M.....: he had been complained to me by Fr B....., with whom he is living. Advised him to spend a few days at Keilor. Visited the Orphanages at Emerald Hill. Visited Abbotsford. Home by 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. At 6.30 Matins for tomorrow. Night prayers at 7 - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. To bed about 10. Weather very hot.

**Wednesday February 7th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours. Celebrated Mass at the Convent of the Good Shepherd. Thanksgiving. Went to St Francis. Sat in the confessional from 8.30 till 9. Breakfast at 9.30. Remained in the office until 11. Walked home. Did not stir from home today owing to the excessive heat. Studied a good deal - made my meditation rather late in the day. About 6.30 Matins - at 7 night prayers in St Francis. Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 9.30 to bed.

**Thursday February 8th.** Morning prayers. Was too ill to celebrate Mass this morning. Heard Mass. Hours. Confessions. Meditation. Could take no breakfast. Returned home early. About 12 got a little relief. Read till 1.30. Weather oppressively hot - the air feels as if on fire. Visited the Orphanages - the Reformatory and Magdalen Asylum. Called at the Convent of Mercy - returned by 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. About 6.30 went to St Francis. At 7 attended night prayers - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Recited Matins. About 10 to bed.

**Friday February 9th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At a quarter to 7 celebrated Mass. Thanksgiving. Went to St Francis. Heard Mass. Confessions - Hours - meditation. Breakfast a little past 9. Engaged in the office until 10.30. Walked home. I don't feel quite well today. Dr Sheil and Dr Fitzpatrick returned from Launceston. Read a good part of the afternoon. At 2 took a short walk. On my return wrote for a short time then read till 4. Dinner [at] 4.30. Went to St Francis about 6.30. At 7 night prayers - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 10 to bed.

**Saturday February 10th.** Morning prayers. Preparation for Mass - Matins - a little before 7 commenced Mass - thanksgiving. Hours. Heard Mass in St Francis - Confessions - meditation. At 9.30 breakfast. Busy in the office until 10. Arranged the Masses for tomorrow. Prepared to leave by the 11.30 train for Geelong. Recited the Office for tomorrow during the journey. Travelled on to Duneed. Dinner at 5. Read during the evening. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament About 9 night prayers - to bed.

**Sunday February 11th. Quinquagesima Sunday.** Morning prayers - Hours - meditation. Preparation for Mass. At 11 blessed the Chancel - then celebrated Mass. After Mass Fr. Kelly preached. The sermon over I administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 23 of both sexes amongst whom were a few old persons. About 1 breakfast. At 2 returned to Geelong. Called at the Convent of Mercy before going to the Presbytery. Assisted at Vespers and gave Benediction. Fr Kelly preached after Vespers. About 9.30 night prayers - bed.

**Monday February 12th.** Morning prayers. Left by the first train for Melbourne at a quarter to 7. Made my meditation and recited the Divine Office in the train. Arrived in Melbourne a quarter past 9. Read my letters. Breakfast. Read till 1 - then wrote for a short time. Instructed Dr Bleasdale to write to Mr Harcourt concerning the children to be sent to the Geelong Industrial School - to acknowledge the letter from Pakenham - and to call Mr Archer's attention to the letter from the Board of Education to Fr Courtney refusing to pay the School Master at the Jamieson his salary. Between 2 and 3 visited the Convent of Mercy. On my return home read till 4. Then recited Vespers and Compline. About 6.30 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read till 10. Then to bed.

**Tuesday February 13th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours. Blessed the Chapel of the Emerald Hill Orphanage and celebrated Mass - thanksgiving - went to St Francis - breakfast. Engaged in the office until near 11. About 12 went to give Benediction at the new Female Orphanage - Emerald Hill - and bless the interior of the building. Drove to Brighton - returned home about 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Wrote for a short time. Dinner at 4.30. About 6 went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for a short time. Conversed with two of the Clergy till 10. Then to bed.

**Wednesday February 14th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours. At 7 commenced the blessing of the Ashes. Distributed the Ashes - then celebrated Mass. Thanksgiving - Confessions. At the 8 o'clock assisted in distributing the Holy Ashes. After this Confessions. Busy in the office until 11. Walked home. Read, except when attending to business, until 1.30. Dinner at a quarter to 2. From 4 to 6 engaged. Recited Vespers - Compline - Matins and Lauds. At 7 attended night prayers in St Francis. Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read till 9. A conversation till 10 then to bed.

**Thursday February 15th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the College Chapel - thanksgiving. Hours. Heard Mass in St Francis - Confessions - made meditation. Business until 10.30 in the office. Walked home. Read till 1. Wrote till 1.30. Dinner. At 2.30 Vespers and Compline. About 3.30 drove to St Kilda. Called on Mr O'Shanassy on my way home. Drove to St Francis a little past 6. Recited Matins. At 7 attended night prayers - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Lauds. Home. Read for an hour. About 10 to bed.

**Friday February 16th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the College Chapel. Thanksgiving. Hours. Heard Mass in St Francis - Confessions - meditation. Occupied in the office until 11. Appointed the preachers for Lent and arranged the evening devotions. Walked home. Read from 11.30 to 12.30. Called with the Vicar-General at the Convent of Mercy. Examined their new purchase - it is not worth the money given for it. The house is a miserable concern. Visited the Convent day Schools. Got back home by 1. Wrote for a short time. Dinner at 1.30. From 2.30 to 6 Vespers and Compline. Study. Took a short drive at 6. At 6.30 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for a half hour. Conversed with [the] Vicar-General and Fr K. till past 9. Then to bed.

**Saturday February 17th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the College Chapel - thanksgiving - went to St Francis. Archdeacon McEncroe arrived from Sydney. He said Mass in the College Chapel. I heard Mass in St Francis - Confessions - Hours - meditation. Engaged in the office until 11. Walked home. Read until 1. Visited with the Archdeacon Abbotsford and the Convent of Mercy. Went to St Francis about 2 - recited Matins and Lauds for next day - Confessions till 4. Dinner at 4.30. Confessions from 6.30 to 10. Night prayers. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. To bed about 11.30.

**Sunday February 18th. Quadragesima Sunday.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 8 Mass in St Francis - after Holy Communion delivered a short discourse on Repentance. Thanksgiving after Mass. Confessions - Hours - meditation. At 10 breakfast. Assisted in St Francis at the 11 o'clock Mass. A charity sermon by Fr Kelly S.J. for the Orphanage after the Holy Communion. Returned home about 2. Wrote for a short time. Then recited Vespers and Compline. Studied till 4. Dinner 4.30. Recited Matins and Lauds. At 7 presided at Vespers - Sermon - Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady [sic]. Home. About 10 night prayers - bed.

**Monday February 19th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7.15 Mass in the College Chapel - thanksgiving - Hours. Heard Mass in St Francis. Made my meditation. Confessions - collation at 9.30. Occupied in the office until 11. Walked [home]. Business and study at intervals till 1. Vespers. Dinner 1.30. Study for the evening instruction till 5. Matins and Lauds. Took a short drive. At 7 attended the Rosary in St Francis - preached - Benediction. Confessions till 8.30. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Night prayers. Home. About 9.30 to bed.

**Tuesday February 20th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. *Prima*. At 7.30 Mass in the College Chapel - thanksgiving - Small Hours. Heard Mass in St Francis - made my meditation - Confessions. Collation 9.30. Letters - occupied in the office until 10. Walked Home. Study and writing at intervals until 1. Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 1.30. From 3.30 to 5 preparation for the evening instruction. At 5 Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. At 6 took a short drive. At 7 Rosary - preached - one of the Clergy gave Benediction. Confessions till 9. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Conversated for a short time with the Vicar-General, the Archdeacon of Sydney and another Clergyman. About 10.30 to bed.

**Wednesday February 21st.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 6.30 Mass in the College Chapel - thanksgiving - Hours. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - made my meditation - heard Confessions. At 9.30 collation. Occupied in the office until 10.30. Walked home. Study till 1. Vespers. At 1.30 dinner. Study for my evening discourse from 3.30 to 5.30. Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. About 6 took a short drive. At 7 Rosary - preached. Benediction was give[n] by the Priest who gave out the Rosary. Confessions until 9. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 10 to bed.

**Thursday February 22nd.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass at Abbotsford - thanksgiving - Hours. Went to St Francis. Heard Mass - meditation - Confessions. At 9.30 collation. Occupied in the office until 11. Walked home. Study till 1. Vespers. Dinner 1.30. A little past 3 study for evening instruction. At 5.30 Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Drove out for a short time. At 7 Rosary - preached - Benediction given out by one of the assisting priests. Confessions till 9. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. To bed about 10.

**Friday February 23rd.** Morning prayers. Preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the College Chapel - thanksgiving - Hours - went to St Francis - heard Mass - Confessions - meditation. At 9.30 collation. Engaged in the office until 11. Had to speak reprovably to Fr Bl[easdale] on account of misconduct. This grieved me very much. Advised [him] to make a retreat for a few days at one of the suburban Missions. Busy writing letters for the home mail which will close tomorrow. At 1 Vespers. Dinner at 1.30. In the afternoon busy with letters until 6. Took a short drive. At 7 gave out the Stations of the Cross - gave Benediction - Confessions till 9. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Night prayers. Home. About 10.30 to bed. Posted letters on my return home.

**Saturday February 24th.** Morning prayers. Preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the College Chapel - thanksgiving - Hours. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - Confessions - meditation. Wrote letters for the English Mail which closes at 10. Collation at 9.30. Arranged the order of duty for Sunday and the coming week. Left the office at 11. Walked home. Between 12 and 2 visited M[r] O'S[hanassy] on business. Visited the Orphanages at Emerald Hill. Archdeacon McEncroe of Sydney accompanied me. Went to St Francis a little past 2. Recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds for tomorrow then heard Confessions till 4. At 4.30 dinner. About 6.30 went to St Francis and heard Confessions till past 10. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Night prayers - home. About 11 to bed.

**Sunday February 25th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Study for my instruction to the people at Mass. At 8 commenced Mass in St Francis - preached after giving Holy Communion - Thanksgiving - Hours - meditation. At 10 breakfast. Spiritual reading. At 11 assisted at Mass in the Cathedral. After the Holy Communion Archdeacon McEncroe preached in aid of the re-erection of the Sydney Cathedral. I allowed another sermon to be preached for the same object in the Church at Richmond. The Holy Mass was concluded about 12.30. Read a little - conversed for a short time with the Archdeacon. Wrote then for nearly an hour. Between 2.30 and 4 visited the Convent of Mercy and St George's Sunday Schools. Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. About 6 went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds. Presided at Vespers. Fr Lentaigne preached - Archdeacon McEncroe gave Benediction. Returned home about 9. About 10 night prayers - bed.

**Monday February 26th.** Morning prayers. Preparation for Mass. Hours - At 7 celebrated Mass in the Convent Chapel Abbotsford - thanksgiving. Drove to St Francis - made my meditation - heard a few Confessions. At 9.30 collation. Occupied in the office up to 10. Consecrated five chalices for the Sydney Diocese. Walked home. Wrote a little. Sent a Telegram to Dean Slattery informing him that I would leave Melbourne tomorrow via Geelong and Colac for Warrnambool. Study till 1. Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 1.30. Between 4 and 5 Matins and Lauds. Read till 6. Took a short drive. At 7 attended the devotions in St Francis - Fr. Lentaigne preached. Confessions till 8.30. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Night prayers. Home. About 10 to bed.

**Tuesday February 27th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours - celebrated Mass about 7 at Abbotsford. Thanksgiving - went to St Francis - Confessions - meditation. At 9.30 collation. Left the office at 10. Busy preparing for my journey. Left by the 11.30 train for Geelong. Archdeacon McEncroe accompanied me. Read during the journey. The Archdeacon visited the Convent and Orphanages. In the evening I, accompanied by Dr Sheil, visited the Convent. Attended the devotions in St Mary's. Recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Retired early to bed.

**Wednesday February 28th.** Morning prayers - Hours - meditation. At 8 left for Colac. Fr Downing accompanied me as far as Duneed. From Duneed to Colac the Clergyman of this Mission came with me to Colac. I recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds on the journey. This duty over I read during the rest of the way an interesting old History of Armagh. Arrived in Colac about 4. Dined. Then took a long walk. At 9 night prayers - bed.

### MARCH 1866

**Thursday March 1st.** Morning prayers - meditation - Hours. At 7 left for Terang. Read most of the way to the first stopping place on the stoney [*sic*] rises. Here the horses were fed. This took an hour. Walked about during that time - and read an interesting paper I had with me. About 12.30 stopped an hour and [a] half at Camperdown. Here I got some tea and bread with a few eggs. On the way hence to Terang recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds. Arrived in Terang about 4.30. We dined here. Dean Slattery - who is with me - met me at Camperdown. After took a long walk - examined the fence round the Church site. About 9 night prayers - bed.

**Friday March 2nd.** Morning prayers. At 7 left for Warrnambool - 27 miles from this [place?]. Recited Hours - and made my meditation as we went along. After this read an interesting book I brought for nearly the rest of the way. Arrived in Warrnambool at 11.30. Took a little refreshment. Then walked through the town. On my return to the Presbytery I wrote a short note to the Vicar-General. Read one of yesterday's Melbourne papers. After recited Vespers and Compline. Visited the School between 12 and 1 - 90 children, boys and girls, were present. After Vespers and Compline wrote till 3.30. Dinner. Took a long walk after dinner. Between 6 and 7 recited Matins and Lauds. Read for an hour. Conversation half an hour. At 9 night prayers - bed.

**Saturday March 3rd.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 8 o'clock - Mass. Thanksgiving - Hours - Collation - meditation - Confessions in the forenoon. Read when not hearing Confessions. About 1.30 visited Woodford. Examined the children who are for Confirmation. Heard Confessions. Recited Vespers and Compline. Returned to Warrnambool about 3.30. Dinner. Matins and Lauds. Examined the children of Warrnambool who are preparing for Confirmation. Confessions till 8. Read for a short time. Night prayers. At 9 to bed.

**Sunday March 4th.** Morning prayers - Hours - meditation. Preparation for Mass. Study for instruction to the people. Heard a few Confessions. At 11 Mass - after Mass preached - administered Confirmation to upwards of 30 children and adults of both sexes - more children than adults. After breakfast visited the Hospital. On my return recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds. Heard a few Confessions before dinner. At 5 dined. At 6 gave out night prayers - preached - heard Confessions till 8.30. Conversed till 9 with the Dean. At 9.30 to bed.

[Separate sheet. Sermon notes?:

## The Love of God

Who will separate us from Charity. Rom: 8.35

He who loves Father or Mother more than me is not worthy of me. Mat: 10

To God alone be honour and Glory. Rom: 16

If anything could be added to God from our works, says St Thos., he who has charity would do more for God's felicity than for his own.

Master, which is the great commandment of the law? Jesus said to him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart, and with thy whole soul, and with thy whole mind. This is the greatest, and the first Commandment.

And the second is like to this. Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself etc. Mat. 22.35

The least charity loves God more than the greatest passion can love gold or silver: St. Thos.

The measure of loving God is to love without measure. St. Bernard].

**Monday March 5th.** Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for Mass. Heard Confessions. At 8 Mass - thanksgiving - meditation - collation. Work for a short time. Then read till 11. Went some 10 miles to see a party who thro' angry feeling closed the school in his neighbourhood, it being on his ground. I partly persuaded him to open it. Visited Woodford school - it was the recreation hour of the children. Returned to Warrnambool by 2. Heard Confessions - recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 3. Between 4 and 6 Matins and Lauds - and Confessions. At 6 gave out the Rosary - preached - concluded the devotions with the Litany of the Blessed Virgin. Confessions till 8.30. Conversed with the resident clergyman till 9. Then night prayers - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament - to bed.

**Tuesday March 6th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - Confessions. At 8 or a little past, Mass. A good many approached yesterday and this morning the Holy Communion - men and women. Thanksgiving - Hours - meditation. Wrote for a short time. Visited the sick in the hospital - thence took a long walk. Visited a family on the light-House island. Returned to the presbytery about 1.30. Heard Confessions till 3. Dinner. At 6 gave out the Rosary, having previously heard a good many Confessions. Preached - Confessions till 8. Recited Vespers and Compline, Matins and Lauds. About 9.30 night prayers - bed.

During the day wrote several letters in reply

**Wednesday March 7th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - Confessions. At 8 Mass. A good many went to Holy Communion. A hundred and upwards went during the 4 days mission. Hours. Collation. Dr. Sheil, Archdeacon McEncroe and two other clergymen arrived from Melbourne by the steamer. About 11.30 left for Belfast - Dr. Sheil and Dean Slattery accompanied me. Called at the school at Tower Hill. Number of children present 65. Average attendance 71. No. on the roll 90. Visited the church soon after I arrived in Belfast. The chancel arch is not safe. Recited Vespers and Compline, Matins and Lauds. Weather stormy and wet. Took a walk after dinner. About 9 night prayers - bed.

**Thursday March 8th.** Morning prayers - Hours - Collation. At 8 left for Portland - made my meditation on the way. I arrived in Portland at 3. My things got wet crossing the river. Recited Vespers and Compline. About 5 dinner. Took a short walk. At 8 recited Matins and Lauds with Dr Sheil. About 9.30 night prayers - bed.

**Friday March 9th.** Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for Mass. Heard Mass. At 8 celebrated Mass. Thanksgiving - collation. Took a long walk. Received a visit. Meditation and study from 11.30 to 1. Returned a visit. At 3 dined. Took a walk through the town. Recited Vespers and Compline. Read for some time. At 8 recited Matins and Lauds with Dr Sheil. At 9.30 night prayers - bed.

**Saturday March 10th.** Morning prayers - Hours. At 8 Mass - thanksgiving - meditation - heard Mass celebrated by Dr. Sheil - Collation. Read for an hour. Took a short walk. Confessions in the forenoon and until 9 in the afternoon. Recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. About 10 to bed.

**Sunday March 11th.** Morning prayers - meditation. At 8 celebrated Mass. Thanksgiving. Breakfast. Hours. Left for Heywood. Blessed and dedicated the Church to St Gregory the Great. It is a plain stone building - 50 by 20. Father Riordan the resident Pastor of Portland celebrated Mass - Dr. Sheil preached. The Dean of Warrnambool assisted at the ceremony. Returned to Portland about 4.30. I preached to a large congregation - then administered Confirmation to a large number of both sexes. A few grown persons were also confirmed. Gave Benediction. At 7.30 dinner. Took a walk after dinner. Recited Matins and Lauds. About 10 to bed.

**Monday March 12th.** Morning prayers. Hours. Meditation. At 8 left for Belfast. Arrived in Belfast about 4. Dinner at 4.30. The resident Priest was not at dinner, having gone to meet us and missed us. He returned just as we finished dinner. Took a long walk in the evening. About 8 recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. At 9.30 night prayers - bed.

**Tuesday March 13th.** Morning prayers. At 8 left for Yambuk. Preparation for Mass. At 9.30 Mass - preached - thanksgiving - Collation - Hours - Confessions from 11 to 2.30. Returned to Belfast which is 12 miles from Yambuk. Dinner at 4.30. Vespers and Compline. Took a long walk. Recited Matins and Lauds. At 9.30 night prayers - bed.

**Wednesday March 14th.** Morning prayers. At 8 left for Yambuk. Meditation - Confessions - preparation for Mass. At 10 commenced Mass. Gave the Holy Communion to about 90. After Mass preached and confirmed. The number confirmed was 20 boys and girls - one adult was of the number. Collation. On my return back to Belfast recited Hours. Wrote for a half hour. Then Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds. Read until 4. Dinner at 4.30. After dinner took a long walk. At 7 gave out the Rosary - delivered a short exhortation - Confessions till 8.30. At 9.30 night prayers - bed.

**Thursday March 15th.** Morning prayers - Hours - Confessions. Celebrated Mass at 9 in the Church. A large congregation attended this Mass and the one celebrated at 8. Thanksgiving. Collation. Read - or rather looked over - one of the Melbourne journals. Meditation - Confessions in the Church from 11 to 2. Vespers and Compline - dinner at 4.30. Took a long walk. At 7 Rosary - Confessions till 8.30 - Matins and Lauds. About 9.30 to bed.

**Friday March 16th.** Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for Mass. Thanksgiving. After collation went to Tower Hill to open the Mission there - meditation. Delivered a short exhortation at Mass. Confessions from 12 to 3.30. Returned by Koroit to Belfast. Examined the Church site in Koroit. Arrived in Belfast about 5. Vespers and Compline. Dinner. After dinner took a short walk. At 7 night prayers - Confessions till 8.30. Matins and Lauds About 10 to bed.

**Saturday March 17th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours - Confessions. At 8 Mass in St Patrick's Church - Belfast. Thanksgiving - collation - meditation. Went to Tower Hill. Engaged all day up to 3.30 hearing Confessions. The Archdeacon of Sydney preached here at the 11 o'clock Mass and made a collection for the Sydney Cathedral. Vespers and Compline Returned to Belfast about 4.30. Dinner. Took a walk after dinner. At 7 night prayers and Confessions till 9. Matins and Lauds. To bed about 10.30.

**Sunday March 18th.** Morning prayers - Hours - meditation - preparation for Mass. At 11 celebrated Mass in St Mary's Tower Hill - preached after giving Holy Communion to about 100 of both sexes. Administered Confirmation after a short exhortation to about 40 - a good many of them were advanced in years. Left for Warrnambool about 1.30. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4. Gave out night prayers. Dr Sheil preached. Confessions till 8 - Matins and Lauds. About 10 to bed.

**Monday March 19th.** Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for Mass - Confessions. At 8 Mass - thanksgiving - Collation. We start for Mortlake - distance 37 miles. Weather cloudy but pleasant. Read part of the Divine Office in the afternoon. Arrived in Mortlake about 3. Visited the Chapel - which is dedicated to St Patrick - a small weather-board building. Dined at 4.30. Took a long walk after dinner. Recited Matins and Lauds. About 9 night prayers - to bed.

**Tuesday March 20th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - Hours - Confessions. At 9 Mass - thanksgiving. About 9 went to Holy Communion. After Collation left en route to Cressey. Ascended the 2nd time Mount Elephant. Lost our way for an hour. Arrived at Cressey about 7. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 8 - a poor affair. About 9.30 night prayers - made my meditation early in the day. To bed after night prayers

**Wednesday March 21st.** Morning prayers. At 7 left for Geelong. Recited Matins and Lauds on the way. Recited Hours at Inverleigh where we stopped to refresh. Arrived in Geelong about 3. Fr Downing by mistake went the Colac road to meet us. Dinner at 4. Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds. Assisted at the evening devotions. About 9.30 to bed - meditation made on the journey.

**Thursday March 22nd.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours - heard Mass. At 9 celebrated Mass - thanksgiving - meditation - after collation visited the male Orphanage. There are now 30 children in this Orphanage. They are with one exception in good health. This Institute is well kept. The Hospital - a plain well ventilated little [building] - has been just finished. Left by the mid-day train for Melbourne. Recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds in the train. Arrived in Melbourne in time for dinner. Read a few of my English letters before dinner. At 7 assisted at the devotions in the Church - Confessions - night prayers. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. To bed about 10.

**Friday March 23rd.** Morning prayers - Hours - meditation. Read my English and Irish letters. Answered letters. About 11 went to St Francis. Engaged in the office until 12. Walked home. Wrote till 2. Visited the Convent of Mercy. Recited Vespers and Compline. At 3 - dinner. Busy from 5 till 6 - recited Matins and Lauds. Attended the devotions in the Church. Confessions - night prayers. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 10 to bed.

**Saturday March 24th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass - thanksgiving. Hours. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - Confessions - meditation. Busy all the forenoon and in the afternoon up to 2 writing letters for the English Mail and attending to matters of pressing moment. At 2 Matins and Lauds after Vespers and Compline. Confessions then till 4. Dinner. From 6.30 to 9.30 Confessions. Night prayers - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 11 - to bed.

**Sunday March 25th. Palm Sunday.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. *Prima* At 7 blessed the Palms in St Francis - distributed some of them. Then celebrated Mass - thanksgiving - Home - Hours - meditation. Assisted at the 11 o'clock Mass in the Cathedral. Read for a short time - wrote a little. Between 2.30 and 4 visited St George's Sunday school - not then opened - and St Francis Sunday School - the number attending catechism in the latter about 300. On my return home recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. Matins. At 7 assisted at Vespers, sermon and Benediction in St Francis. Home about 9. About 10 night prayers - to bed.

**Monday March 26th.** Morning prayers - Lauds - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass. Thanksgiving. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - Hours - Confessions and meditation. Occupied in the office until 11. Walked home. Engaged up to 1. Then Vespers and Compline. At 1.30 dinner. Between 5 and 6.30 Matins and Lauds. At 7 attended the evening devotions in St Francis - Sermon - Benediction - Confessions till 9. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady - Home. At 10 night prayers - bed.

**Tuesday March 27th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass. Thanksgiving. Heard Mass in St Francis - Confessions - meditation - Hours. Engaged in the office until 10.30. Walked home. Busy till 12.30. Visited Abbotsford on business. Dinner at 1.30. Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds. About a quarter to 7 went to St Francis. At 7 attended in the confessional during the devotions - sermon - Benediction. Confessions till 9. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 10 night prayers - bed.

**Wednesday March 28th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass - thanksgiving. Heard Mass in St Francis. Hours - Confessions - meditation. Left the office about 11. Rode home. Wrote for some time. Visited the Convent of Mercy for a few minutes on business. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 1.30. Busy during the afternoon till 5. Took a short drive. *Tenebrae* commenced at 6.30. Confessions after the *Tenebrae* until 9.30. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 10.30 night prayers - to bed.

**Thursday March 29th.** Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for the Solemn Rites of this day. At 8.30 commenced the Solemn Service. It was late when all was over. Occupied till 1. At 2 dinner with the Clergy at St Francis Presbytery. After dinner drove home. Recited Vespers and Compline. At 6.30 the *Tenebrae* in St Francis. After the *Tenebrae* - Confessions till 10. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady Night prayers - home. About 11 to bed.

**Good Friday March 30th.** Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for the Solemn Mass of the day. At 11 commenced the celebration. St Francis was crowded. After the holy Mass a sermon was preached - thanksgiving. At 2 dined. From 4.30 to 6.15 busy. At 6.30 the office of the *Tenebrae* commenced. After the *Tenebrae* Fr Lentaigne preached in aid of the funds of the Hospital. The Church and Vestry were crowded. About £90 were subscribed - Confessions - night prayers - Home. To bed about 11.

**Saturday March 31st.** Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for the celebration of the Solemn Services of the day. At 8 commenced the celebration. All was over by 11.30 - thanksgiving - collation. Home. Read for a half hour. Wrote for a short time. Study till 2. Confessions from 2 to 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. At 4.30 dinner. From 6.30 to 11 Confessions without any interruption. Seven clergymen were likewise engaged all that time hearing Confessions. Night prayers - To bed about a quarter to 12.

## APRIL 1866

**Easter Sunday April 1st.** Morning prayers - Divine Office - preparation for Mass. At 11 commenced Solemn High Mass. A sermon after Holy Communion. After Mass gave the Papal Benediction. All was over about 1. Breakfast at 1.15. Read for a short time. Between 2.30 and 3.30 took a short walk. Recited Vespers and Compline at 4. Dinner at 4.30. About 6 Matins and Lauds. At 7 Solemn Vespers and Benediction in St Francis. Night prayers. Home about 8.30. Bed a little past 10.

**Monday April 2nd.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the College Chapel - thanksgiving. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - Confessions - meditation - Hours. At 9.30 breakfast. Engaged in the office up to 11. Rode home. Study till 1.30. Visited Abbotsford with the Vicar-General on business. Returned home about 3.30. Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds - then read till 4.30. Dinner. At 7 attended night prayers in St Francis - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home at 8. *Converzatione* till 9 - to bed.

**Tuesday April 3rd.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - Hours. About 7.30 celebrated Mass at Abbotsford - thanksgiving. Went to St Francis - Confessions - meditation. Remained in the office until near 11. Rode home. Read for a short time. Returned a visit. Took a long walk. Returned about 2.30. Visited on business the Convent of Mercy - the Revd. Mother was out. Answered letters. Recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds. Dinner at 6. A few lay gentlemen and the Clergy of St Francis dine with us. It was past 10 when all departed. Night prayers - bed.

**Wednesday April 4th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the College Chapel - thanksgiving. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - Hours - meditation - Confessions. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office up to 11. Rode home. Read till 1. Took a long walk and visited Williamstown - called at the Convent of Mercy. Returned home about 2.30. Read till 3.30. Recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds. Dinner at 4.30. Read from a quarter to 5 to 6. Took a short drive. At 7 assisted at night prayers in St Francis. Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady.

**Thursday April 5th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the College Chapel - thanksgiving. Heard Mass afterwards in St Francis - Hours - meditation - Confessions. At 9.30 breakfast. Occupied in the office until 10. Rode home. Engaged up to 12. Studied Theology until 1.

Visited Pentridge. The clergyman was absent - left a note for him in which I again called his attention to the state of the roof of the Porch and of the main building requesting that they might be at once repaired. Returned to Melbourne about 3. Archdeacon McEncroe left at 3 for Sydney. Visited on business the Convent of Mercy. At 3.30 Vespers and Compline, Matins and Lauds. At 4.30 dinner. Read from 5.30 to 6. Took a short drive. At 7 night prayers and Confessions in St Francis. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 9.30 to bed.

**Friday April 6th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the College Chapel - thanksgiving. Heard Mass in St Francis. Hours - meditation - Confessions. Very busy in the office up to 10.30. Rode home. Looked over the daily journals. Read theology from 11.30 to 12.30. Wrote for a short time. At 1, meeting of the Catholic Education Committee. Made several appointments - one of which was to the female Industrial School at Prince's Bridge. I am most anxious that this latter should not disappoint me. After the meeting read for some time then took a short walk with [the] Vicar-General to the Public Gardens. Dr Mueller, who has the care of them, kindly accompanied us through them, showing us some of his most rare plants. Returned home a few minutes before dinner. At 6 recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds. Attended night prayers in St Francis at 7. Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 9.30 bed.

**Saturday April 7th.** Morning prayers. Did not celebrate this morning. Heard Mass in St Francis. Hours - meditation - Confessions. At 9.30 breakfast. Engaged in the office until 11. Rode home. Read till 1. Walked to St Francis. Visited St Mary's to examine the repairs done to the building. Approved of them and recommended others. From 2 to 4 Confessions. Recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds during the intervals. Rode home. Dinner at 4.30. Confessions in St Francis from 6.30 to 9.30. Studied for my instruction to the people tomorrow. To bed at 11.30.

**Sunday April 8th.** Morning prayers - *Prima* - preparation for Mass. At 8 commenced Mass. After Holy Communion gave instruction for a half hour. Thanksgiving. Home. Hours - meditation. At 10 breakfast. Spiritual reading until 11. Attended in the Vestry of the Cathedral to hear Mass and the Sermon. Spiritual [reading] from 12 to 1.30. Scripture reading. Wrote a little. Visited the Convent of Mercy - where I stopped two or three minutes. Visited St George's and St Francis. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament. Returned home about 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. At 6 Matins and Lauds. At 7 assisted at Vespers - sermon and Benediction in St Francis. Night prayers. Home. To bed at 10.

**Monday April 9th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 8 celebrated Mass in St Francis - thanksgiving. Hours - Confessions. Engaged in the office until 11. Rode home. Arranged with Fr. Parle for a Mission and Confirmation in Richmond. Examined papers from the Government Educational Board. Wrote in answer to a letter from the Revd. Mother, Convent of Mercy, Melbourne. At 1.30 visited the female Orphanage Emerald Hill and examined the buildings lately put up. Returned home about 3.30. Wrote a little - then recited Vespers and Compline. Read till a little before dinner time. Dinner at 4.30. At 6.30 Matins and Lauds. Night prayers in St Francis at 7. Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. To bed about 9.30.

**Tuesday April 10th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the College Chapel. Thanksgiving - *Prima - Tertia*. Heard Mass in St Francis - Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Meditation - Confessions. At 9.30 breakfast. Engaged in the office up to 10.30. Rode home. Spiritual Reading for a half hour. Secular reading. Wrote a little. [At a] quarter to 2 visited Williamstown - called in to see the School. Attendance was very good. Returned to Melbourne by 4. Vespers and Compline. Dinner. At 6.30 Matins - at 7 night prayers - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Lauds - business - home. About 10 to bed.

**Wednesday April 11th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass - thanksgiving. *Prima et Tertia*. Heard Mass in St Francis. Hours *Sexta et Nona* - meditation - Confessions. At 9.30 breakfast. Engaged in the office until 10.30. Rode home. Business till 12. Spiritual Reading and Secular reading. At 1.30 visited the Convent of Mercy on business. Returned home about 2. Received visitors. Read a few pages of a work on the Civil Wars of Ireland. Studied for an hour the tract *de legibus*. Wrote for a short time. After study and business alternately until 4 then Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. At 6.30 Matins. At 7 night prayers in St Francis - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Lauds - Home. About 10 to bed.

**Thursday April 12th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. A little before 7 commenced Mass. Thanksgiving - *Prima et Tertia* - heard Mass in St Francis. Hours *Sexta et Nona* - meditation. At 9.30 breakfast. Business in the office up to 10.30. Rode home. Read letters - answered some of them. Looked over the daily journals. Wrote a little. Theology for a half hour. Made two visits of compliment. Walked to Abbotsford with the Vicar-General where we remained a few minutes and returned home in time for dinner. About 6.30 recited Vespers and Compline. At 7 attended in prayers in St Francis Church. Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 10 to bed.

**Friday April 13th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass - thanksgiving. *Prima et Tertia*. Went to St Francis. Heard Mass - Confessions. Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the Office up to 10.30. Rode home. Looked over the daily journals. Answered Dr Geoghegan's letter in reference to the collection for the Sydney Cathedral. Recommended him to read for his people Archdeacon McEncroe's published appeal on the subject any Sunday he thought, and make the collection immediately after - and forward it to me or the Vicar-General for transmission to Sydney. Studied the theology for about an hour. Took a long walk. Returned about 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. About 6 commenced Matins and Lauds. At 7 attended night prayers in St Francis - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. To bed about 10.

**Saturday April 14th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 celebrated Mass in the College Chapel - thanksgiving. *Prima. Tertia*. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited *Sexta et Nona*. Meditation - Confessions - breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office until 11. Rode home. Study and writing from 11.30 to 2. Went to St Francis - Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds. Confessions till 4. Dinner at 4.30. Confessions from 6.30 to 9.30. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Night prayers - home. About 11 to bed.

**Sunday April 15th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 8 celebrated Mass in St Francis. Preached after the Holy Communion. Thanksgiving. Hours. Returned to St Patrick's. Spiritual reading and meditation till 10. Breakfast. Spiritual reading and meditation till 11. Heard Mass in the Sacristy of the Cathedral - sermon preached at the usual time. Read a few chapters of the Old Testament with notes. Study from 1 to 2. Visited St George's and St Mary's Sunday Schools. Returned home about 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. About 6 Matins and Lauds. Assisted at Vespers in St Francis. After Vespers - sermon and Benediction. Night prayers - home. About 10 to bed.

**Monday April 16th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 commenced Mass in the College Chapel - thanksgiving. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - recited Hours - meditation - Confessions. At 9.30 breakfast. Occupied in the office up to 10.30. Rode home. Business, reading and study filled up the time between 11 and 2. Visited Abbotsford. Walked there and back. At 4 recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. About 6 Matins and Lauds. Attended night prayers in St Francis - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 9.30 to bed.

**Tuesday April 17th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. A little before 7 commenced Mass in the College Chapel - thanksgiving - went to St Francis - heard Mass - Confessions - Hours - meditation. At 9.30 breakfast. Busy in the office up to 11. Rode home. News of the Great Britain steamer ship being sighted off Cape Otway - expected in the Bay not before 8 or 9 in the night. Visited the Convent of Mercy and received the resignation of the Mother Superior whose term of office expired and appointed Saturday for the election of the new Superior. Addressed a few words to the Community after having read that part of the constitution which relates to the election of the new Superior. Returned home and studied till 2. Walked to Abbotsford - remained there a few minutes. Returned home by 4. Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. Requested Dr Backhouse to go on board the *Great Britain* and accompany Bishop Murphy to my house. He will [be accompanied by?] 3 Jesuit Fathers and 2 lay Brothers being on board her - the latter are for this Diocese. This makes the Community 7 in number - 5 Fathers and 2 lay brothers. About 6 Matins and Lauds. Attended night prayers in St Francis at 7. Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Waited up till 10.30 in expectation of Bishop Murphy's arrival. Then went to bed.

**Wednesday April 18th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass - thanksgiving - went to St Francis - heard Mass - Confessions - Hours - meditation. The Bishop did not land last night - the Jesuit Fathers did. Fr Lentaigne, who on Tuesday informed that he ceased to be Superior, introduced Fr Dalton as his successor. The others - later in the day - were introduced to me at my residence. The Bishop of Hobarttown had arrived before my return home. I met him in the home of the Superior - Fr Dalton. Greetings over, I invited him to visit with me the Convents and Orphanages. This occupied us to 4.30. Dinner. The Jesuit Fathers dined with us. The Bishop remains with me till his departure for his diocese. At 6 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers in St Francis - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Conversated with the Bishop till 10. Then to bed. Today at 12 I held the conference - tract *de legibus* - owing to a mistake but few of the clergy attended.

**Thursday April 19th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the College Chapel - thanksgiving. Heard Mass in St Francis. Confessions - Hours - meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office up to 11. Walked home. Writing and study occupied me from 11.30 to 2. Took a long walk. Returned home a little before 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Then read a useful book till dinner time. A little past 6 recited Matins and Lauds. Attended night prayers as usual in St Francis - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. After a short conversation with Bishop Murphy and some of the Clergy retired to bed.

**Friday April 20th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass - thanksgiving. Heard Mass in St Francis - Hours - Confessions - meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office until 11. Walked home. Commenced writing my letters for the home mail - being obliged to leave on my visitation of the Ovens - Beechworth and other missions in that remote part of the diocese. About 2.30 took a long walk. Returned home about 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. A little past 6 Matins and Lauds. Night prayers at 7 in St Francis. Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 10 to bed.

**Saturday April 21st.** Morning prayers - Hours. Heard Mass in St Francis. Confessions - meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office up to 11.30. Went to the Convent of Mercy. Presided at the Election. The former Superior, the foundress of the Order in this diocese, was elected. Visited the Convent at Abbotsford - thence to St Francis. Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds. Confessions till 4. Dinner at 4.30. Confessions from 6.30 to 9.30. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady Home. To bed about 11.

**Sunday April 22nd.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - celebrated Mass in the College Chapel - thanksgiving. Hours - meditation. Spiritual reading. At 10 breakfast. Spiritual Reading till 11. Heard Mass and Sermon in the Sacristy of the Cathedral. Busy writing letters for the English Mail.

In writing to the Archbishop begged of him to prevent by all means in his power any change with reference to Dr Sheil's nomination to the diocese of Adelaide and to urge the immediate issue of the Bulls for his consecration. I pressed the same upon him in a former letter. Visited Mr O'Shanassy for whom I wrote letters of introduction to Cardinals Barnabò and Antonelli, to my Uncle Bishop Hynes and to Archbishop Cullen. He was not at home. I left the letters with his youngest son. Called at Mr Archer's for a few moments on business of the schools. Visited Abbotsford and gave Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Home by 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. The Jesuit Fathers dined with us today. At 7 assisted at Vespers sermon and Benediction in St Francis. Bishop Murphy gave Benediction in the Cathedral. *Converzatione*. To bed about 10.30.

**Monday April 23rd.** Morning prayers. Matins, Lauds and Hours. Heard Mass in the Cathedral at 9.30. Busy with letters etc. up to 11. Left about then for Kilmore. Arrived there accompanied by Dean Hayes about 4. Recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds together on the way. Read a good deal of Dr Newman's reply to Dr Pusey's *Eirenicon*. Dined late. Read during a good part of the evening. At 9 night prayers. Then to bed. Today from Kilmore wrote to the Bishop of Brisbane concerning certain remarks he was said to have used injurious to the character of the clergy of this diocese and that of Sydney.

**Tuesday April 24th.** Morning [prayers] - preparation for Mass. Celebrated Mass - thanksgiving - Breakfast - Hours - meditation. Left for the Seymour about 12. Arrived there about 5. Read Dr Newman's [reply] during most of the journey. Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds after I arrived at the Seymour. At 9 night prayers - bed.

**Wednesday April 25th.** Morning prayers - Hours - meditation. At 8.30 left the Seymour - arrived at Longwood about 1. Here we stopped an hour and a half and then proceeded to Euroa - where Fr Gallen met us. After a few minutes delay we travelled on to Violettown - where we arrived about 7. Dined soon after we arrived. At 9 night prayers - bed.

**Thursday April 26th.** Morning prayers - Hours - meditation. At 8 left for Benalla. Arrived there about 10. At 11 assisted at Mass. After Mass laid the foundation stone of the new Church, dedicating it to St Joseph. Dean Hayes preached. Left Benalla at 3.30 for Wangaratta. Here we arrived about 7. Recited the Divine Office during the journey. Dinner at 7.30. At 9.30 night prayers - bed.

**Friday April 27th.** Morning prayers - Hours - meditation. At 9 breakfast. From 10 to 2 busy writing letters etc. Drove to Tarawingee in the hope of seeing the children preparing for Confirmation. They had gone home when we got there but one child whom I examined - she answered very fairly. Returned to Wangaratta about 4.30. Recited Vespers and Compline before dinner. Read for some time after dinner. Arranged with Fr O'Callaghan to visit Chiltern, his Mission, on Monday and celebrate Mass and administer Confirmation there on Tuesday. At 7.30 night prayers in the Chapel. Conversed with Clergy till 9. Then retired to my room and soon after to bed.

**Saturday April 28th.** Morning prayers - Matins - Lauds and Hours - preparation for Mass. At 8.30 Mass - thanksgiving - breakfast. After breakfast read one of the Melbourne daily journals then wrote from 11 to 1. Then Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds for tomorrow - meditation. Study. Heard one Confession. Dinner at 4.30. Heard a few Confessions during the evening. After this read till 8.30. At 9.30 night prayers - bed.

**Sunday April 29th.** Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for Mass. At 9 commenced Mass. After Mass exhorted those who presented themselves for Confirmation. This Holy Sacrament was received by 9 males - boys and men - and 14 females - girls and grown persons. At the conclusion addressed a few words of advice to them. Thanksgiving - breakfast. At 11 assisted at Mass. After Mass laid the foundation stone of the new Church and dedicated it to St Patrick. Dean Hayes preached. The solemn ceremony was over about 20 minutes to 2. Read from 2.15 to a quarter to 3. Wrote a few letters. Recited Vespers and Compline Matins and Lauds - meditation. Dinner at 5. Read a good part of the night. At 7 night prayers in the temporary Chapel and sermon by one of the clergy. About 9.30 to bed.

**Monday April 30th.** Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for Mass. At 8 Mass - thanksgiving - heard Mass - meditation. Left for Chiltern, 25 miles off, at 10.30. Arrived in Chiltern about 3. Recited Vespers and Compline and Matins and Lauds for next day. Dinner at 5. At 7 night prayers - preached. Confessions till 9. About 10 to bed.

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**Tuesday May 1st.** Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for Mass. At 8 Mass - thanksgiving - Confessions. A good many approached the Holy Communion at my Mass - and those that preceded it. At 10 assisted at Mass - heard Confessions. Dean Hayes preached in aid of the Cathedral after Holy Communion at the 10 o'clock Mass. After this Mass I preached and administered Confirmation. It was 12 before all was over. Made meditation. Engaged up to 2. Examined and signed Baptism and marriage registries. Recited Vespers and Compline. About 2 left for Yackandandah. Recited Matins and Lauds on the way. Visited the Indigo school. About 25 children, boys and girls, were present. Building is of weather-board and is used as a Chapel. Arrived in Yackandandah at 5.30. We had to travel slowly - the horses being tired and the road very bad. Dined at 6. At 9 night prayers - bed.

**Wednesday May 2nd.** Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for Mass. At 8 celebrated Mass - gave Holy Communion to a good few - chiefly men. At the Mass celebrated at 7 a few went to Holy Communion and a good many at the one celebrated after mine. After Thanksgiving heard Confessions and Mass. Dean Hayes preached - I said a few words.

A little before leaving for Beechworth I received a deputation. The object was with reference to having a resident priest and building a Presbytery. I advised them that I would give them a resident priest when they proved to me in writing that they will be able and willing to provide for his decent support. As to the building of the Presbytery - the plan of which they submitted for my approval which I gave after having suggested alterations in the dimensions - I said I could have no objection and promised the £150 which had been reserved from the State aid for that purpose. Left for Beechworth. At 7 gave out the devotions for this month in the temporary church there. Preached - heard Confessions. At 9 night prayers - bed.

**Thursday May 3rd.** Morning prayers - Matins - preparation for Mass. At 8.30 Mass - thanksgiving. Breakfast. Divine Office. Wrote for a half hour. Answered letters. About 2 made meditation - visited the new Lunatic Asylum. Dined at 3. Read one of the Melbourne papers. Recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds. Wrote letters. Instructed the Vicar-General to give Fr. O'Connell his *exeat* enclosing Fr O'Driscoll's letters of recommendation - which I desired should be handed to him as a favourable testimony as to how he made his retreat. At 7 attended in the temporary Chapel to give out the evening devotions. Confessions. About 9 to bed.

**Friday May 4th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. *Prima* and *Tertia*. At 8 commenced Mass - thanksgiving. After breakfast Hours *Sexta* and *Nona*. Wrote a little. Read letters. Wrote to Fr O'Callaghan, Chiltern, in reference to McLaughlin's complaint, directing him - if he thought the account he sent in correct - to see that it was paid. Asked him why he removed this man without my permission, he being aware that this permission was necessary in all such cases. Admonished of his duty to deal quietly and charitably with the teachers - and to warn them against wilful errors and mistakes in marking up their rolls - and the great sinfulness of a false declaration in relation thereto.

Visited Stanley. Here is a good weather board chapel. A private school is kept in it. No aid is received from the Board of Education. About 25 children - all very young - were present when I called about 2.30. I condemned the wooden altar as unfit, and directed a suitable one to be got. Returned to Beechwood at 3. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner. Matins and Lauds. Meditation. At 7 gave out the devotions - preached - Confessions till 9. To bed at 10.

**Saturday May 5th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 8 Mass gave Holy Communion to 16 persons - some others received at the 7 Mass. Thanksgiving - heard Mass - recited Hours. Breakfast - meditation. Wrote a little. Heard Confessions during the day. Took a short walk about 2. On my return recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds. Dinner at 3.30. Confessions up to 9. At 10 night prayers - bed.

**Sunday May 6th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 8 Mass. After preached and administered Confirmation to 5 adults. A great many went to Holy Communion at each of the 3 Masses. Assisted at 11 o'clock Mass. Hours. After this Mass laid the foundation stone - the foundations of one aisle are already finished. The Church is dedicated to St Joseph. Dr Hayes preached. The ceremony was over about 1.30. About 1000 persons were present. Amount collected about £100. Made meditation. I leave immediately for Wangaratta. Recited Vespers and Compline. At 3 left for Wangaratta. Arrived 20 minutes to 6. Dined at 6. Recited Matins and Lauds as the night prayers were given out in the Church. Dr Hayes preached at night prayers - a collection was made for the Cathedral. Heard a few Confessions. About 10 night prayers. Bed.

**Monday May 7th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours. At 8 Mass. Thanksgiving. Meditation. Left for Benalla at 10. Read on the way. Arrived in Benalla about 3. At 4 Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds. Dinner. At 7 night prayers - Confessions. At 9 to bed.

**Tuesday May 8th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - Hours - Confessions. Mass at 7 - 7.30. At 8 celebrated Mass. About 56 went to Holy Communion. Left at 9.30 for Euroa. Arrived in Euroa about 2. At 3 laid the foundation stone of the Church, then dedicated it to St Michael the Archangel. Dr Hayes preached. Left for Longwood at 4.30. Arrived in Longwood at 5.30. Dinner at 6. Made my meditation late in the day. Recited Vespers and Compline - made arrangements for Mass on tomorrow. About 9.30 night prayers - bed.

**Wednesday May 9th.** Morning prayers. At 8 Fr Gallen commenced Mass. About a half dozen persons attended. Heard a few Confessions before Mass. Recited Matins and Lauds. After Mass addressed a few words to those present. Left for Seymour at 10.30. Got a little out of the way before reaching Avenel. Stopped an hour and a half at Avenel. Arrived at the Seymour at 3.30. Father Branigan met us here. Dined at 4.30. Took a short walk after dinner. Recited Matins and Lauds. Wrote for a short time. Then read for an hour. About 9.30 night prayers, bed.

**Thursday May 10th.** Morning prayers - Hours - meditation. Left the Seymour at 7 for Tallarook. There I dedicated the new Church to St Joseph. Celebrated Mass. Dean Hayes and Fr Branigan celebrated Mass - was present at both Masses. Heard a few Confessions. At 12 left for Kilmore - where we arrived about 2. Having washed myself, I answered letters. Recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds. Dined at 5. At 7 gave out the evening devotions - preached - gave Benediction - Confessions till 9.30.

**Friday May 11th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - Hours. At 8 Mass - thanksgiving. Breakfast at 9. Meditation. Read a few pages of a controversial work. Visited the Kilmore schools. Examined the children preparing for Confirmation. Read one of the daily journals. Recited Vespers and Compline. A little past 2 drove to the Survey school. I found the building in a very disgraceful neglected state. The master was absent on leave but about a half dozen children were assembled under the care of one of the farmer's daughters. The building is of blue stone with chancel. The principal gable has given a little and needs looking after immediately. The style of Architecture plain Gothic - the design is pretty. Returned to Kilmore about 3.30. Recited Matins and Lauds. Dinner. At 7 evening devotions - Dean Hayes preached. Benediction. Confessions till 9.30. Night prayers. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament. At 10.30 to bed.

**Saturday May 12th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. *Prima*. At 8 Mass - thanksgiving - Hours. Breakfast. Meditation. Read for a half hour. Confessions nearly the whole of the day. During the intervals of interruption I recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds and made preparation for my instruction to the people on tomorrow. Dinner at 4.30. Confessions from 7 to 10. Night prayers. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament. About 11 to bed.

**Sunday May 13th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 8 commenced Mass. About 100 persons went to Holy Communion. After Mass delivered a half hours discourse to those about to be confirmed. It was 10.30. Upwards of 200 boys and girls, men and women were confirmed. It was 10.30 when I concluded. Thanksgiving - *Prima*. Breakfast - small Hours - *Tertia Sexta et Nona*. Wrote a little - meditation. Spiritual reading for a half hour. After the 11 o'clock Mass I administered Confirmation to those who were too late for it in the morning. Recited Vespers and Compline. Left Kilmore about 2 and arrived in Melbourne a little before 6. The rain, so much needed, fell early in the day and continued the whole of the night. Dinner at 6.30. At 8 recited Matins and Lauds. Retired to my room early. Night prayers - bed.

**Monday May 14th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 celebrated Mass in the College Chapel. Thanksgiving. Recited *Primam*. Heard Mass in St Francis - recited small hours - heard Confessions - made meditation. Engaged reading my letters by the English mail. Left the office at 10. Occupied the whole day. At 4 Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. Mr & Mrs O'Shanassy called whilst we were at dinner. After dinner took my leave of them. They sail for Europe in the Great Britain on Wednesday. At 7 attended the devotions in St Francis. Confessions - night prayers - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. To bed about 10.

**Tuesday May 15th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the College Chapel. Heard Mass in St Francis. Confessions - Hours - meditation. Busy in the office up to 10. Walked home. Engaged up to 2. Called on the acting Governor, General Carey. Visited Abbotsford. It seems that the Bazaar for this Institute has realized more than £1000. Vespers and Compline on my return home. Dinner. At 6 recited Matins and Lauds. At 7 attended the devotions in St Francis. Confessions - night prayers - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. To bed about 9.30.

**Wednesday May 16th.** Morning prayers. Did not celebrate Mass this [morning] being obliged to take medicine very early. Went to St Francis - recited Hours - heard Confessions - made my meditation. Engaged in the office until 10. At 11.30 left for Geelong to preside at the election of the new Revd. Mother - the time of office having expired. About 3 called at the Convent and received the resignation of the late Revd. Mother. Visited the male Orphanage, which is admirably kept. Visited the female orphanage and Industrial School attached to the Convent - the management of these institutions is first rate. There are upwards of 50 boys in the male Orphanage and 50 girls in the female Orphanage. In the Industrial there are 13 girls. Returned to the Presbytery. Dined at 4. At 6 recited Vespers and Compline Matins and Lauds. At 7 attended the devotions in the Church - delivered a short discourse on devotion to the Blessed Mother of God. Conversed for an hour with the Clergy. About 9.30 to bed.

**Thursday 17th May.** Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for Mass. At a quarter to 8 presided at the election of the Revd. Mother of the Convent of Mercy. Mrs Maguire, late Revd. Mother, was elected. Celebrated Mass. Thanksgiving. Breakfast. Returned to the Presbytery about 9.30. Postponed my visit to Queenscliff on account of wet weather. I returned to Melbourne by the 1 o'clock train. Wrote for a short time. Dinner at the usual hour. Attended the devotions in the Church - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. To bed about 10. Weather stormy and wet.

**Friday 18th May.** Morning prayers. Not being well did not celebrate Mass this morning. Hours - Confessions and meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Left the office at 11. Walked home. Busy till 1. Visited the Convent of Mercy accompanied by Dr Hayes. Returned home about 2. Busy arranging the boundaries of the Richmond Mission. Weather still stormy with heavy showers of rain. At 4 recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. About 6.15 recited Matins and Lauds. Attended the devotions in St Francis Church. Can scarcely bend without considerable pain the right knee. Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Night prayers. Home. At 9.30 to bed.

**Saturday 19th May.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the College Chapel. Thanksgiving. Heard Mass afterwards in St. Francis. Confessions - Hours - meditation. Collation at 9.30. Busy in the office until 10.30. Engaged at home till 1.30. Visited the Convent of Mercy. Revd. Mother was not in - after a short stay went to St. Francis. Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds. Confessions filled up the time between 2 and 4. Dinner at 4.30. Confessions from 6.30 to 9.30. About 11 to bed.

**Sunday 20th May. Whitsunday.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Owing to the pain in my right knee I had to celebrate Mass privately in the College Chapel. Thanksgiving - Meditation - Hours. Breakfast. Wrote for a short time. Attended in the Sacristy of the Cathedral during the celebration of the 11 o'clock Mass and the Sermon. From 12.15 to 1.30 read. Between 2 and 4 visited the Sunday Schools of St. Francis and St. George. Got back home by 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. At 7 attended in the Vestry of St. Francis during Vespers - sermon and Benediction. Recited Matins and Lauds. Night Prayers. About 10 to bed.

**Monday 21st May.** Fr O'Driscoll called today to inform of the scandalous fall on yesterday, Sunday, of Fr. Donevan, declaring him to be undeserving of any further consideration. This man has erred so often - and been as often forgiven in his promising to repent and reform - [and] has now exhausted all forbearance. I have notified to him by letter that his faculties were withdrawn because of his disorderly life and advised him to return at once to England and seek an asylum there in some religious house.

Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7.30 Mass - thanksgiving - went to St Francis. Hours. Confessions - meditation. At 9.30 - breakfast. Left the office about 10.30. Walked home. Busy till 12. Then read till 2. Accompanied by the Vicar-General I called on Fr. Dalton - the Jesuit Superior at Richmond - to fix the boundaries of the Mission given to the Fathers as the permanent boundaries of the Richmond Mission. I approved of those of the Municipality of Richmond. The boundaries outside these are only temporary. But the Churches they might build within those temporary boundaries with the Bishop's approval would have a Mission attached to them. On my return home I called for a minute or so at Abbotsford - I saw the Assistant Revd. Mother. Got home by 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. At 6 or a little later recited Matins and Lauds. At 7 attended night prayers and the devotions of the month. Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. At 10 to bed.

**Tuesday 22nd May.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the College Chapel. Thanksgiving - heard Mass in St. Francis. Confessions - meditation - Hours. Breakfast at 9.30. Read for a short time. Examined some of the children in St. Francis Boys in the Christian Doctrine - answering on the whole satisfactory. Walked home. Looked over the rough proof of the rules for the Juvenile Reformatory at Abbotsford. Read a controversial work from 12.15 to 1.15. Visited St. Joseph's School - examined the children preparing for Confirmation in the Christian Doctrine. After visited Abbotsford. Went through part of the Institute. Returned home about 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. At 6.15 recited Matins and Lauds. At 7 attended the devotions in the church. Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home - about 9.30 to bed.

**Wednesday 23rd May.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the College Chapel. Thanksgiving - heard Mass in St. Francis. Confessions - Hours - meditation. At 9.30 breakfast. Engaged in the office until 10. At 10.30 drove out to the Monastery farm. Called on my way at the Essendon School. A good many children were in attendance - about the average. The teachers seemed attentive to their duty.

On my return home from the farm I visited the school at Pentridge. The children were saying their prayers previous to going home. The attendance was not numerous. The building is the worst of the kind in the Diocese. Got home about 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. At 4.30 Dinner. After dinner received a letter from Fr. Dalton concerning the boundaries of the Mission of Richmond. Wrote in reply stating that I could not define the permanent boundaries of the Missions of Hawthorne and Nunawading at present - but those of Richmond as described to him the other day are permanent. Appointed 12 tomorrow to see [him] on this subject. Attended at 7 the devotions in the Church. Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Night prayers - Home - About 10 to bed.

**Thursday 24th May.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass. Thanksgiving - heard Mass in St. Francis - Confessions - Hours - meditation. At 9.30 breakfast. Engaged in the office up to 10. Walked home - looked over the correspondence that passed between me and the Provincial Fr. O'Reilly S.J. on the subject of the Society establishing themselves here. Had a long conversation with Fr. Dalton and agreed to his suggestion as to the future permanent boundaries of the outlying Missions of Hawthorne and Nunawading, [and] that if the present temporary boundaries be ever altered they must be secured in Missions at those places of a radius of two miles round each church with parochial rights and privileges attached thereto. This arrangement has satisfied all concerned. Visited the Convent of Mercy. The Revd. Mother from Geelong was there. She came to Melbourne on business connected with the property of a Novice whose time of Profession has arrived. Returned home about 3. Wrote a letter - then read till 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30 - the Jesuit Fathers dined with us. At 6.30 Matins - Lauds. At 7 attended devotions in the Church. Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Night prayers. Home. To bed about 10.

**Friday 25th May.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the College Chapel - Thanksgiving. Heard two masses in St. Francis - Confessions - Hours - meditation. Collation at 9.30. Engaged in the office up to 10.30. Visited St. Francis boys school - examined in the Christian Doctrine the children preparing for Confirmation. Rode home. Read for some time some interesting matter in one of the English C[atholic] Journals. Wrote a little - then commenced my letters for the English Mail. About 2 visited the Convent of Mercy. Took a long walk after this. Returned home a little before 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. A meeting of the Catholic School Committee was held early in the day. At 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 attended the devotions in St. Francis. Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Night prayers - home. About 10 to bed.

**Saturday 26th May.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass. Thanksgiving. Heard Mass in St. Francis. Hours - Confessions - meditation. At 9.30 breakfast. Busy in the office until 11. Rode home. Occupied until 2. Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds for the next day. Confessions till 4. Rode home. Dinner at 4.30. Confessions from 6.30 to 9. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Night prayers. Read for the instruction I propose giving at Mass tomorrow. About 10.30 to bed.

**Sunday 27th May.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 8 celebrated Mass in St. Francis. After the Holy Communion delivered a short discourse. Thanksgiving - Confessions. Home. Hours. Meditation. At 10 breakfast. Spiritual reading.

Occupied writing letters for the English Mail up to close on 3. Posted them. Visited the Sunday School at St. Francis. The attendance was very large. Got home by 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. At 6.15 Matins and Lauds. Assisted at Vespers - sermon and Benediction in St. Francis. Night prayers. Home about 9. At 10 to bed.

**Monday 28th May.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass. Thanksgiving. Heard Mass in St. Francis - Hours - Confessions - meditation. At 9.30 breakfast. Engaged in the office until 10.30. Rode [home]. Wrote in reply to the Bishop of Brisbane. Busy up to 1. Study from 1 to 2.30. Recited Vespers and Compline.

Attended a meeting of the Council of the University at 2. This broke up about 4.30. Home. Dinner at 4.45. At 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 attended the devotions in St. Francis. Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Conversated for an hour or so with the Vicar-General. Night prayers - to bed.

**Tuesday 29th May.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Recited *Primam* and *Tertiam*. At 8 celebrated Mass in the Convent of Mercy. Thanksgiving. Examined a postulant for the Order of Mercy. Went to St. Francis. Recited *Sextam et Nonam*. Engaged in the office until 11. Rode home. Made my meditation. Wrote a little. Studied from 1 to 2.30. Walked with the Vicar-General to Abbotsford. One of the Sisters is dangerously ill with scarlatina. Remained at the convent a few minutes and then returned home. Read for a quarter of an hour. At 4 recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner. About 6.15 Matins and Lauds. Attended the devotions in the Church - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 9.30 to bed.

**Wednesday 30th May.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours. At 7.30 celebrated Mass at Abbotsford for one of the Sisters who lies dangerously ill of Scarlatina. Thanksgiving - visited the sick sister - said a short prayer for her in the cell. From the Convent - went to St. Francis. Took breakfast. Engaged in the office till 11. Rode home - made meditation. Answered letters. Took a short walk before 4. At 4 recited Vespers and Compline. At 4.30 dined. About 6.30 Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Assisted at the devotions in St. Francis. Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Night prayers. Home. At 9.30 to bed.

**Thursday 31st May.** Morning prayers. Hours. Preparation for Mass. At 11 commenced High mass. After Mass the procession of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Benediction. Thanksgiving. At 1 breakfast - meditation. At 2 or half past visited Abbotsford. Saw the sick Sister. There are but poor hopes of her recovery. Said a short prayer by her bed-side - blessed her. Returned home about 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. At 4.30 Dinner. At 6.15 Matins and Lauds. Assisted at the devotions in St. Francis. Preached before Benediction. Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Night prayers. Home. At 10 to bed

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**Friday 1st June.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass - in the College Chapel. Thanksgiving. Went to St. Francis - heard Mass. Recited Hours - Confessions - meditation. Engaged in the office until 10.30. Met Dr. Brownless on my [way] home. He reports unfavourably of the sick nun. He had a consultation with another medical man the evening before on her case. I was not many minutes at home when I received a note from the Assistant Revd. Mother announcing the death of the poor Sister. She died about 10. Visited at once the Convent. Arranged with Revd. Mother about the funeral and Requiem Mass for 10 tomorrow. Selected the site for the grave within the enclosure.

Returned home about 3.30. Recited Vespers and Compline. Read till 4.30. Dinner. At 6.30 Matins and Lauds. Assisted at night prayers and Benediction. Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 9.30 to bed.

**Saturday 2nd June.** Morning prayers. Hours. Preparation for Mass. About 10 commenced the Office of the Dead in the Chapel at Abbotsford. The Clergy from the city and some of the neighbouring Missions were present. After the Office I celebrated Mass assisted by the Vicar-General, Deacon and sub-Deacon. The solemn service over, the body of the deceased Sister was carried to the grave - the Clergy and sisterhood - with a few of the Laity - accompanying in procession. I returned home at 12. Took breakfast - made my meditation. Looked over one of the newspapers. Wrote a little. Study till 1.30. Walked to St. Francis. Recited Vespers and Compline and Matins for the next day - had to postpone Lauds to hear Confessions. Confessions over about 4. Rode home. Recited Lauds - then read till dinner time. From 6.30 to 10.15 Confessions with scarcely an interruption. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Night prayers - home. About 11.30 to bed.

**Sunday 3rd June.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. A[t] a quarter to 9 went to Richmond. About 9 commenced Mass. Gave Holy Communion to a very great number of both sexes - young and old. After Mass preached, then administered Confirmation to a great many of both sexes. Among them were a good many old people. It was 11.15 when all was over. Returned to Melbourne. Recited Hours. Took breakfast. Read for a short time. Wrote a little. Spiritual reading. Wrote several letters. Posted them as I went to St. Francis about 3 to visit the Sunday school. The number of children present was not as large as usual - weather unfavourable. Walked home. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dined at the Richmond Presbytery. At 7 assisted at Vespers - sermon and Benediction in St. Francis. Recited Matins and Lauds - night prayers. Returned home by 9. About 10 to bed.

**Monday 4th June.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - Hours. At 8 celebrated Mass at Abbotsford. Thanksgiving - went to St. Francis. Remained in the office until 11. Rode home. Occupied till 2. Visited the Convent of Mercy. On my return home had three interviews with persons - some having reference to the Public Schools under the Church. Read till 4 then recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. About 6.15 recited Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Attended Benediction and night prayers. Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. To bed about 9.30.

**Thursday 5th June.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. A little before 7 commenced Mass in the College Chapel. Thanksgiving. Hours. Heard Mass in St. Francis. Meditation - Confessions. At 9.30 breakfast. Engaged in the office until 10.30. Rode home - read and wrote at intervals for some time. Between 2 and 3 visited the Emerald Hill Orphanage. Called on Fr. Corbett [at] St. Kilda and visited with him the church ground at Prahran to select a site for a Presbytery. Returned to Melbourne about 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. About a quarter past 6 recited Matins and Lauds. Engaged revising a letter for the press on the proposed institution for the Blind. Attended Benediction - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for a short time. About 9.30 to bed.

**Wednesday 6th June.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the College Chapel. Thanksgiving. Hours. Went to St. Francis - heard Mass. Confessions - meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office until 11. Rode home. Occupied until 1. Study from 1 to 2. Between 2 and 3 recreation. At 3 recited Vespers and Compline. Then read a theological work till 4. Light reading till 4.15. About 6.15 Matins and Lauds. Attended in the Church during Benediction and night prayers - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Read for some time. To bed about 10.

**Thursday 7th June.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the College Chapel. Thanksgiving - Hours - heard Mass in St. Francis - meditation - Confessions. Engaged in the office until 11. Rode home - busy until 1. Study from 1 to 2. Walked to St Francis. Returned about 3. Read till 3.30. Then recited Vespers and Compline. After this duty read till near dinner. Weather stormy. About a quarter to 6 recited Matins and Lauds. Attended in St. Francis during Benediction. Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Night prayers - home. About 10 to bed.

**Friday 8 June.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At a quarter to 7 commenced Mass - Thanksgiving - Hours. Heard Mass in St. Francis - meditation - Confessions. Engaged in the office until 10.30. Rode home. Occupied reading from 11 to 12. Wrote for a while then read till 2.30. Visited Abbotsford on business. Returned home by Richmond. Recited Vespers and Compline. I am suffering from influenza. Dinner at 4.30. Did not visit St. Francis owing to being unwell. Recited Matins and Lauds. Read a theological work for an hour. About 9.30 night prayers. Took a warm bath and turned into bed.

**Saturday 9th June.** Morning prayers. Was unable to celebrate Mass - being very ill. Got up late and went to St. Francis. There I remained until 11. Rode home. Engaged until 1.30. Walked to the Convent of Mercy, where I stopped a few moments - thence I went to St. Francis, where I was engaged with Confessions and reciting the Divine Office - Vespers and Compline, Matins and Lauds for tomorrow from 2 to 4. Rode home. Read for a quarter of an hour. Dinner at the usual time. From 6.30 to 9 Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Night prayers. Home. About 10.30 to bed.

**Sunday 10th June.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. *Prima*. At 8 Mass. Owing to a heavy cold I was unable to preach. A large number went to Holy Communion. Thanksgiving - Hours - meditation. At 10 breakfast. Spiritual reading for an hour. Study till a quarter to 2. Then visited Abbotsford - called on Mr Wardell, Prahran, in order to determine as to the site for the Presbytery there. Returned home about 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. About 6.30 went to St. Francis. Attended in the vestry during Divine Service. The sermon was preached by one of the clergymen residing at St. Francis - recited Matins and Lauds. Home about 8.30. Read till 9. Night prayers at 9.30 and then to bed.

**Monday 11th June.** Morning prayers. Not being quite well I did not rise as early as usual. At 8 preparation for Mass. At 8.30 Mass - thanksgiving. Went to St. Francis. Engaged in the office until 10.30. Rode home. Hours - meditation and study filled up the time between 11 and 2. Visited Abbotsford. Returned home by Prahran. At 4 recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner. About 6.15 recited Matins and Lauds. Attended night prayers in St. Francis - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for an hour. To bed about 10.

**Tuesday 12th June.** Morning prayers - Hours *Prima et Tertia* - Preparation for Mass. At 9 commenced Mass in St. Francis. After Mass - exhorted for half hour or better the persons assembled for Confirmation. Confirmed upwards of 400. A few adults and aged persons were amongst the number. It was 11 when I had concluded. After taking breakfast I took a ride of 2 hours and a half. On my return home I recited Vespers and Compline - then read till dinner time. About 6.30 Matins. Attended night prayers in St. Francis. Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for a half hour. About 9.30 retired to my room - recited Lauds which I had to postpone - then to bed.

**Wednesday 13th June.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At a quarter to 7 Mass. Thanksgiving - went to St. Francis. Hours. Heard Mass - meditation - Confessions. Busy in the office until 11. Rode home. From 11.30 to 1.30 had to apply leeches to my knee, which has been most painful for some time. From 1.30 to 2 engaged with various matters in reference to education and Missions etc. Took a little exercise in the garden. After this read till 4. Then recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. About 6.15 recited Matins and Lauds. Attended night prayers in St. Francis. Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for some short time. About 9.30 to bed.

**Thursday 14th June.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours. Celebrated Mass in the Convent of the Good Shepherd, Abbotsford. Thanksgiving. Went from thence to St. Francis. Took breakfast. Occupied in the office until 11. Returned home - engaged writing until 1. Read till 2.30. Visited the Convent of Mercy. Called at Abbotsford. Returned home by Richmond and Prahran. At a quarter to 4 recited Vespers and Compline. Read till the bell rang for dinner. At 6.30 recited Matins and Lauds. Attended night prayers in St. Francis. Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for a half hour. At 9.30 to bed.

**Friday 15th June.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the College Chapel. Thanksgiving - went to St. Francis - heard Mass. Hours - meditation - Confessions. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office until 11. Rode home. Business and study at intervals filled up nearly the whole of the afternoon. Went out for a short time before dinner. Dined at the usual time - having previously recited Vespers and Compline. At 6.15 recited Matins and Lauds. Night prayers at 7 in St. Francis. Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for a short time. At 9.30 retired for the night.

**Saturday 16th June.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the College Chapel. Thanksgiving. Went to St. Francis. Heard Mass - recited Hours - made my meditation - heard Confessions. At 9.30 breakfast. Occupied in the office until 10.30. Rode home. Busy until 1. Called at the Convent of Mercy and at Abbotsford. In the latter they are very much afflicted on account of fever, scarlatina having broken out amongst the Penitents. On my return home called at Richmond to register my electoral right. Went to St. Francis about 2. Recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds. Heard Confessions. Left for home at 4. Studied during the half hour before dinner. From 6.30 to 9 Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Night prayers. Home. As I was preparing to go to bed - the small bell of St. Patrick's was rung. It was an alarm - the stable-loft was on fire. It was soon put out. About 11 I got to bed.

**Sunday 17th June.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours. At 8 celebrated Mass at Abbotsford. After giving Holy Communion I preached. Thanksgiving - visited the sick Penitents. Recited a little prayer for them and addressed a few words of comfort and encouragement to them. Returned home about 10.30. Took breakfast - made my meditation. Engaged reading up to 1.30. Then wrote till 2. At 2.30 visited Abbotsford to inquire after the sick. They are - Thank God - improving. Returned home about 3.15. Recited Vespers and Compline. Read till dinner time. At 6.30 recited Matins and Lauds. Not being well, I sat in the vestry during Vespers, Sermon and Benediction in St. Francis. Returned about 8.30. Read for a half hour. Conversated with a few of the the Clergy till 9.30. About 10 to bed.

**Monday 18th June.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At a quarter to 7 commenced Mass. Thanksgiving. Went to St. Francis. Hours - Confessions - meditation. Took a little tea and toast at 9.30. Engaged in the office until 10.30. Returned home about 11. Study - reading - business filled up the whole of the time between 11 and 3.30. Took a walk in the garden. Fixed the first Sunday of July next for the solemn dedication of Ss. Peter and Paul's Church, Ashby. At 4 recited Vespers and Compline. Read till dinner. About 6.15 recited Matins and Lauds. Night prayers in St. Francis. Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for a short time. About 9.30 to bed.

**Tuesday 19th June.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At a quarter to 7 Mass in the College Chapel. Thanksgiving. Recited *Primam* and *Tertiam*. Went to St. Francis. Heard in part Mass - Hours *Sexta et Nona* - meditation. Engaged in the office up to 10.30. Returned home about 11. Occupied at intervals with business, study and reading from 11.30 to 2. Visited Abbotsford on business. Visited with Fr. Dalton a site in Richmond on the hill which he thinks of buying. It is most eligible for the new Church. The price is rather high - upwards of £2000 for 2 acres. Returned home by 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. About 6.15 Matins and Lauds - night prayers in St. Francis - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 9.30 to bed.

**Wednesday 20th June.** Morning prayers. Not feeling well I did not celebrate Mass this morning. Drove to Pentridge in order to give a Mission to the prisoners in the prison there. Dr. Backhouse celebrated Mass. Heard Mass. Hours. After Mass preached. There were upwards of 200 present. At 1 preached to the prisoners who are in solitary confinement. These were in number about 40. Recited prayers for them. After this heard Confessions, assisted by 3 other Clergymen in the prison where Mass was said in the morning. We were engaged thus till past 3. Then recited a short prayer - gave the blessing and announced the hours for Mass and Confessions for tomorrow. Recited Vespers and Compline. Returned home about 4. Wrote for a short time. Dinner at 4.30. About 6.30 Matins and Lauds. Night prayers in St. Francis - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. At 9.30 to bed.

**Thursday 21st June.** Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for Mass. At a quarter to 7 celebrated Mass in the College Chapel. Thanksgiving - Hours - meditation. At 8.30 drove to Pentridge. Attended Mass in the gaol for the prisoners. Preached to them after Mass. Breakfast at 11. Read for a short time. Visited the school. Heard the children read. Examined in the Catechism. Looked over the school roll. About 35 were in the school. The building is poor and miserable. Spoke to the Pastor about erecting a suitable building. Steps for this purpose to be taken soon. Confessions of prisoners from 1.15 to 3. Returned to Melbourne. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner. At 6.30 Matins and Lauds - night prayers - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. To bed about 9.30.

**Friday 22nd June.** Morning prayers - *Prima*. At 8.30 left for Pentridge. Hours. Went to the prison about 10. Heard a few Confessions. Preparation for Mass. Recited aloud in English a prayer before Holy Communion - then commenced Mass. After Mass preached and administered Confirmation. At Mass about 58 went to Holy Communion. It was 12 when all was over. The prisoners were most edifying and attentive during the Mission. Returned to Melbourne about 2. Then took a long walk. Returned home a little before 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Read then till dinner was announced. At 6.15 Matins and Lauds. Attended night prayers in St. Francis - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. At 9.30 to bed.

**Saturday 23rd June.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 8 celebrated Mass in the College Chapel. Thanksgiving. Went to St. Francis. Heard Confessions. Hours. Breakfast at 9.30. Had to settle a little misunderstanding between the Clergy at St. Francis. Left the office a little past 11. Wrote for some time. Interview with the Architect - Mr. Wardell - about the contemplated additions to the Orphanage to [at?] at Emerald Hill. At 1.30 visited Abbotsford - from thence I went to the Convent - did not see any of the religious. Drove to St. Francis. Recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Confessions up to 4. Rode home. Read the Epistle and Gospel of tomorrow's Sunday Mass. Dinner at 4.30. A little past 6 went to St. Francis - heard Confessions from about 6.15 till past 9. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Night prayers. Home. The rain is coming down. About 10.30 to bed.

**Sunday 24th June.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Study for my discourse. At 8 commenced. After giving Holy Communion preached - thanksgiving - Hours - meditation. At 10 breakfast. Spiritual reading from 10.30 to 11. Attended in the Sacristy of the Cathedral to hear the sermon. Spiritual reading and study from 12 to 1.30 - then Scripture reading and study till 2.15. Visited St. Francis and St. George's Sunday Schools - in the former but few were as yet assembled, in the latter upwards of 200 boys and girls. Got home by 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. At 6.30 recited Matins and Lauds. Presided at the devotions in St. Francis - sermon and Benediction. Returned home about 8.30. Read till 9. Retired for the night about 9.30.

**Monday 25th June.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At quarter to 7 Mass in the College Chapel. Thanksgiving. *Prima et Tertia*. Went to St. Francis - heard [Mass]. Recited *Sextam et Nonam* - meditation - Confessions. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office until 11. Visited St. Francis girls and infant schools. Occupied nearly the whole of the day writing for the English mail. Made a short visit to the Convent of Mercy. Before 4, Vespers and Compline. At 4.30 dinner. At 6.15 Matins and Lauds - attended night prayers in St. Francis. Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 9.30 to bed.

**Tuesday 26th June.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7, Mass in the College Chapel. Thanksgiving - Hours *Prima et Tertia* - Went to St. Francis. Heard Mass Hours *Sexta et Nona* - Confessions - meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office until 10.30. Engaged writing letters till 2.30. Took a short walk. Returned home about 3. Weather wet and cold. Recited Vespers and Compline. Wrote for a short time - then read till dinner time or thereabouts. At 6.15 recited Matins and Lauds. At 7 attended night prayers in St. Francis. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for a short time. Conversation till 9.30 - then to bed.

**Wednesday 27th June.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7, Mass in the College Chapel. Thanksgiving - Hours - *Prima et Tertia*. Went to St. Francis. Heard Mass. Hours *Sexta et Nona* - Confessions. Engaged in the office until 11. Busy writing letters till 2. Visited Abbotsford - returned home by St. Kilda - about 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Read after this till the time for dinner. At 6.15 Matins and Lauds. Night prayers at 7. Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read a little. Conversated with a few of the Clergy till 9.30. About 10 to bed.

**Thursday 28th June.** Morning prayers. About 7.15 went to St. Francis. Hours - Confessions - heard Mass. Occupied in the office until 11. Rode home. Engaged until about 12. Took a long walk. Visited the Convent of Mercy - the Revd. Mother was not in. Returned home about 3.30. Engaged until 4. Then recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. About 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 attended night prayers - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Conversated with a few of the Clergy for a half hour. About 11 to bed.

**Friday 29th June.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours - meditation. At 11 commenced High Mass. It was over by 12 - thanksgiving. Breakfast about 1. At 1.30 visited the Convent of Mercy. Did not see the Revd. Mother. About 2 went out for a drive. Called on the Clergyman living at Prahran. Examined again the Church with a view to select the best site for the Presbytery about to be built. Returned home a little past 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at the usual time. A little past 6 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers in St. Francis - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for a half hour. About 10 to bed.

**Saturday 30th June.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. A little before 7 Mass - thanksgiving. Went to St. Francis - heard Mass. Hours - Confessions - meditation. At 9.15 breakfast. Engaged in the office until past 10. Rode home. Made preparation for my visit to Geelong. Left by the 11.30 o'clock train. After arriving there visited the Convent and the new Church to be dedicated on tomorrow. Dinner at 4.30. In the evening recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds. Heard Confessions. At 10 retired to my room - night prayers - bed.

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**Sunday 1st July.** Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for Mass. At 11 commenced the ceremony of the dedication of the Church at Ashby. I dedicated to Ss. Peter and Paul Apostles. Celebrated High Mass. Dean Hayes preached the dedication sermon after the Holy Communion. It was 2 when all was over. Breakfast. Visited the children assembled for Catechism in St. Mary's. Owing to the morning's solemn ceremony but few were in attendance. The usual number is about 200. Visited the boys orphanage - approved of the plans for additions to it - altering the elevation of the refectory from 13 to 14 feet. Visited the Convent of Mercy - returned to the Presbytery just in time for dinner. Recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds. Attended public Vespers. Dean Hayes preached and gave Benediction. About 10 retired to my room. Collection made for the new church in the Church £195. Received afterwards sums making more than £200. Night prayers - to bed.

**Monday 2nd July.** Scarcely slept during the past night owing to great pain in the limbs. Rose about 7. Morning prayers - was unable to celebrate or hear Mass. I am quite lame. If possible I will return to Melbourne today. Busy the whole of the morning. At 4 minutes to 2 left for Melbourne by train. During the journey recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds. Arrived home a little past 4. Dinner at 4.30. At 6.15 went to St. Francis. At 7 attended night prayers. Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Not having slept well last night I went to bed at 9.

**Tuesday 3rd July.** Morning prayers - had a very bad night. Could neither celebrate nor hear Mass. Recited Hours. Looked over the newspapers. Read letters. After directing answer to be given to some - wrote in reply to others. Meditation. Business. A little past 2 drove to St. Kilda. Called at Abbotsford on my return home. At 4 recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner. About 6.15 recited Matins and Lauds. Attended night prayers in St. Francis. Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Conversed with the Vicar-General and another of the Clergy till near 10. Then to bed.

**Wednesday 4th July.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the College Chapel. Thanksgiving - went to St. Francis - heard Mass - Hours - Confessions. At 9.30 breakfast. Engaged in the office until 10.30. Home from the office quarter to 11. Visited the office of the Clerk of Works at St. Patrick's - advised him to send a pencil drawing of the Benalla Church to Fr. Gallen. Looked over the plans of additions to out offices for the house - approved of them. They would give us here more room for servants and storage. Examined the plans for a proposed new contract for one of the Cathedral Towers which it is thought should be taken in order to allow of the bells being hung. Returned to the house about 4.30. Wrote for some time. Examined Clerical School returns. After this read Archbishop Manning's Pastoral Letter on the reunion of Christendom. About 2.15 visited the Orphanage, Emerald Hill, for a few minutes. Returned home about 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Read a controversial work until 4.30. Dinner. At 6.15 recited Matins and Lauds. At 7 attended night prayers - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Conversed with a few of the clergy till 9.30 - then to bed.

**Thursday 5th July.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the College Chapel. Thanksgiving - *Prima et Tertia*. Went to St. Francis. Heard Mass. Recited Hours *Sextam et Nonam*. Heard Confessions - made meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office until 10.30. Rode home. Examined correspondence about the Lilydale School. Dictated a letter on the subject to the Board. Wrote to the President of the St. Francis Young Men's Society about the annual collection for the Pope. Enclosed to him a copy of the Holy Father's reply in acknowledgement of last year's offering - to be read at the next meeting. Advised the summoning of a special meeting before Sunday to adopt measures for making the collection a success. After this wrote for some time. At 2 drove out in the direction of the cemetery in order to select a site for a Mortuary Chapel - and as a place of interment for the deceased Clergy of the Diocese. Called at Abbotsford and at the Presbytery of Richmond on my return home. Got home a little past 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. At 4.30 dinner. At 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers in St. Francis. Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 9.30 to bed.

**Friday 6th July.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the College Chapel. Thanksgiving - Hours - *Prima et Tertia*. Went to St. Francis - heard Mass - Hours *Sexta et Nona* - Confessions - meditation - breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in office until past 10. Rode home.

Wrote to Fr. Downing advising him not to allow the contractors for the finishing of the exterior of the Queenscliff Church to use the sea sand in the mortar or cement for the outside or inside of the building - but the wash sand of the fresh water creeks, as the former is very unfit for the purpose. Read till past 12. Then wrote a little. Read after this till 1. Then presided at a meeting of the Catholic Schools Committee. Business of meeting - consideration of a form of Agreement with Teachers prepared by the Government Board of Education. Confirmation of the appointment of assistant in St. Augustine's boys school. Meeting over [at] a quarter to 2. Read till 2.30. Took a drive till 4. Then Vespers and Compline. Dinner. At 6.30 Matins and Lauds. At 7 - night prayers in St. Francis - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for a half [hour] St. [Alphonsus] Liguori's *History of Heresies*. Conversed with the Vicar-General until 9. Retired for bed.

**Saturday 7th July.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the College. Thanksgiving. *Horae Prima et Tertia*. Went to St. Francis - heard Mass - Confessions - *Horae Sexta et Nona* - meditation. At 9.30 breakfast. Looked over one or two of the daily papers. Arranged the order of Masses and other duties for tomorrow and the week. Left the office at 10.30. Rode home. Read for some time. Wrote a little. Preparation for instruction to the people on tomorrow. Vespers and Compline. At 1.30 visited Abbotsford - then went to St. Francis. Recited Matins and Lauds. Confessions till 4. Rode home. Study for tomorrow's instruction [for] half hour. Dinner. From 6.30 to 9.30 Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home about 10. To bed, after night prayers, about 11.

**Sunday 8th July.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 8 Mass in St. Francis. After the Holy Communion preached. Collection made for the Holy Father. Thanksgiving - Hours - meditation. At 10 - breakfast. Spiritual Reading from 10.30 to 11. Heard Mass and sermon at 11 in the Vestry of the Cathedral. From 12.15 to a quarter to 2 spiritual reading. At 2 received a deputation from the Congregation of St. George's School Chapel Carlton on the subject of a second Mass on Sundays. Owing to the fewness of priests had to decline their request - advised to finish the present school building and to contribute generously to the funds of the Catholic Association, which are applied to the education of Priests for the Diocese and their passage - when ordained - from Europe to Melbourne. Promised to preside next Sunday at a meeting in St. George's for the purpose of organizing a collection for the much-needed increase of School and Chapel accommodation. The meeting with the deputation lasted about a quarter of an hour. At 2.30 visited the Convent of Mercy - Ss. George's, Mary's and Augustine's Sunday Schools. Returned home about 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. At 6.30 Matins and Lauds. Assisted at the Vespers in St. Francis - sermon and Benediction. Home. Night prayers at 9.30, then to bed.

**Monday 9th July.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 8 celebrated Mass in the College Chapel. Thanksgiving. Went to St. Francis. Hours - Confessions. At 9.30 breakfast. Engaged in office until 10.30. Rode home. Wrote to Dean Slattery about getting the heir of the late Mr. Atkinson to sign the conveyance (now ready) of the land promised to the Church in Belfast by his father. Read till 2. Took a short drive. Returned home by 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. At 6.15 recited Matins and Lauds. Attended night prayers in St. Francis at 7. Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady's Chapel. Home. About 9.30 to bed.

**Tuesday 10th July.** Morning prayers. Hours. Preparation for Mass. Office of [the] Dead for the deceased Sister of the Abbotsford Convent in the Convent Chapel at 10. Sung Solemn Requiem Mass after the Office. Returned home by 12. Engaged till 2. Drove to St. Kilda and back. At 4 Vespers and Compline. Dinner at the usual time. At 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers in St. Francis. Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 9.30 to bed.

**Wednesday 11th July.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the College Chapel. Thanksgiving. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Went to St. Francis. Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Heard Mass - heard Confessions - meditation. Breakfast 9.30. Engaged in the office until 10.30. Rode home. Occupied until 1. Visited the Convent of Mercy. A little past 2 took a walk in the Public Gardens. Returned home at 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. At 6.30 Matins. At 7 night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Lauds. Home. About 10 to bed.

**Thursday 12th July.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 or a quarter before 7 Mass - in the College Chapel. Thanksgiving - Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Went to St. Francis. Heard Mass. Hours *Sexta et Nona* - Confessions - meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office up to 11. Rode home. Busy until 12. Between 12 and 2 when not engaged in diocesan affairs, study. Visited Convent of Mercy and Abbotsford between 2 and 4. At 4 recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner 4.30. At 6.15 Matins and Lauds - night prayers in St. Francis at 7. Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 9.30 to bed.

**Friday 13th July.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass - in the College Chapel. Thanksgiving. Hours - *Prima et Tertia*. Went to St. Francis. Hours *Sexta et Nona* - heard Mass. Confessions. At 9.30 breakfast. Occupied in the office up to 11. Rode home. The time from 12 to 2.30 fully occupied. Took a long walk before 4. At 4 Vespers and Compline. Dinner at the usual time. At a little past 6 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for a short time, then conversed with a few of the Clergy till 10. At 10.15 to bed.

**Saturday 14th July.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the College Chapel - thanksgiving. Hours - *Prima et Tertia* - Went to St. Francis - heard Mass - Hours *Sexta et Nona* - Confessions - meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office until 11. Rode. Studied for my instruction to the people from 11.30 to 1. Then visited Abbotsford. Thence went to St. Francis. Vespers and Compline. Matins and Lauds. Confessions till 4. Dinner at 4.30. From 6.30 to 9.30 Confessions. Night prayers. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 11 to bed.

**Sunday 15th July.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 8 Mass. After the Holy Communion preached - thanksgiving. Rode home. Hours - meditation. At 10 breakfast. From 10.30 to 11 Spiritual reading. At 11 attended in the Vestry during Mass and the sermon. From 12 to 2 spiritual reading and study. Visited the Convent of Mercy at 2.30. At 3 presided at a meeting in St. George's for the purpose of enlarging that building. It was more than 4.30 when it was over. Dinner at 5. A little past 6 Vespers - Compline - Matins and Lauds. Assisted at Vespers - Sermon and Benediction in St. Francis. Returned home about 9. At 10.30 retired to my room. Night prayers - bed.

**Monday 16th July.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the College Chapel. Thanksgiving - Hours - *Prima et Tertia*. Went to St. Francis. Heard Mass - Confessions - Hours *Sexta et Nona* - meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office until 10.30. Rode home. Had a visit from Fr. O'Donnell about Fr. Donevan's *exeat*. Promised to give it when he would be about to leave the Colony. Occupied writing till near 12. Fr. Stack called. He wishes to remain in the diocese - promised to provide for him. Reading, study and business filled up the time to 2.30. Drove to St. Kilda. Returned home a little past 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. About 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers - Confessions. Visit to the Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for some time. To bed about 10.

**Tuesday 17th July.** Owing to my having taken medicine I did not rise till 9. Morning Prayers. Washed and dressed. Breakfast. Went to St. Francis - remained an hour in the office. Answered letters. Read from 11 to 12 - then heard read the report of the Magdalen Asylum. Approved it. Study till 2. Then took a long ride, returning home a little past 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. After the Divine Office, read till dinner was announced. At 6.15 Matins and Lauds. Night prayers in St. Francis at 7 - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for an hour the *Dublin Review*. About 10.30 to bed.

**Wednesday 18th July.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours. Went to Abbotsford to celebrate Mass but finding the Altar occupied drove to St. Francis, where I commenced Mass at 8.15. Thanksgiving. Remained in the Church during the celebration of the 9 o'clock [Mass]. Breakfast at a quarter to 10. Gave several interviews to Clergymen and laymen. Read letters - made my meditation. Left the office at 11. From 11.30 to 2 study and business. Went out for a short drive. Called at the Abbotsford Orphanage. Returned home about 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. About 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for an hour. About 10 to bed.

**Thursday 19th July.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. A little before 7 Mass in the College Chapel. Thanksgiving - Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Went to St. Francis. Heard Mass - Hours *Sexta et Nona* - meditation - Confessions. Engaged in the office until 10.30. From 11 to 1 interviews on business - letters and study. At 1 presided at a meeting of the Catholic School Committee - the meeting broke up a little past 2. Visited the Orphanage - the children were at play - it being the feast of their patron Saint they had no School. Returned home about 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. At 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers in St. Francis. Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for about an hour.

**Friday 20th July.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass - Thanksgiving. Went to St. Francis. Heard Mass - Hours - meditation - Confessions - occupied in the office till 10.30. Engaged at home till 12. Left by the 12.15 o'clock train for Kyneton. Read during the journey. Dined at Kyneton. Examined the works of the new Presbytery - now almost ready for the roof. Recited Vespers and Compline. Left by the 6 o'clock train for Castlemaine. Read a good part of the way and recited Matins and Lauds. Examined the new Church. It looks very well. The Sanctuary and Altar are in excellent taste. The Altar is marble - I bought [it] in Rome during my last visit. Conversated with the clergy till 9 then retired to my room. Night prayers - bed.

**Saturday 21st July.** Morning prayers - meditation some time in the day. Left by the 10 o'clock train accompanied by the Vicar-General and a Clergyman for Sandhurst. Visited Miers Flat. Returned to Castlemaine by the 3 o'clock train. Fr. Kelly S.J. arrived from Melbourne by the 4 o'clock train. Dinner at 5. During my stay in Sandhurst recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds. Confessions from 7 to 9. About 10 night prayers - bed.

**Sunday 22nd July.** Morning prayers. At 10 solemnly blessed and dedicated the transepts and Chancel of the Church - the aisle having been already blessed. Recited Hours - made preparation for Mass. At 11 commenced Solemn High Mass - Deacon and Subdeacon the brothers Frs. Moore. Fr. Kelly preached after the Communion. It was 2 when all was over. Thanksgiving - breakfast. At 2 drove to Guildford. Returned at 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 5. Gave out solemn Vespers. Dean Hayes preached - gave solemn Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. At 9.30 night prayers - bed. The Church is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin.

**Monday 23rd July.** Morning prayers. The Divine Office - preparation for Mass. At 8.30 Mass. Thanksgiving. Breakfast. Gave interviews to two persons. Read of Fr. Hall's death in the newspaper. He was Vicar-General of the late and present Bishops of Hobart. *R.I.P.* Wrote for some time. Hours. About 1 left by train for Melbourne. During the journey made my meditation and recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds for the next day. Arrived in Melbourne at 4. At 4.15 handed Dr. Sheil his Bulls etc. for the Diocese of Adelaide in the College Chapel and in the presence of the Vicar-General and two of the Resident Clergy. Dinner at 4.30. At 6.15 went to St. Francis. At 7 attended night prayers in the Church. Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Conversated with a few of the Clergy and the Bishop-elect of Adelaide till 9.30. About 10 to bed.

**Tuesday 24th July.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the College Chapel. Thanksgiving - Hours - *Prima et Tertia*. Went to St. Francis. Heard Mass - Confessions - Hours *Sexta et Nona* - meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Read and answered letters. Engaged in the office up to 10.30. Rode home. Occupied with letters and other pressing business till 1. Visited Mr. Dwight's the bookseller and paid him for Geary's *Casus Conscientiae* and Abbé Charbonnier's *Cours d'Instructions Familiales*. On my return home wrote and read at intervals until 2. Visited Abbotsford - called at the Presbytery, Richmond - Fr. Dalton was not at home. Got home about 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. At 4.30 dinner. About 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers in St. Francis. Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for a half hour. Conversated with the Vicar-General until 10 - then to bed.

**Wednesday 25th July.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. At 7.30 Mass at the Convent of Mercy - Thanksgiving. Went to St. Francis. Engaged in the office up to 11. Home. Occupied up to 1.30. Visited the Convent of Mercy with the Bishop-Elect of Adelaide. Returned home about 2.15. Visited Abbotsford - the Vicar-General accompanied me. Returned home about 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Read for my instruction to the people of North Melbourne tonight. Dinner. A little past 6 recited Matins. At 7 went to St. Mary's - gave out the Rosary - preached and gave Benediction. Confessions up to 9.30. About eight Clergymen assisted in hearing the Confessions. Night prayers. At 10.30 to bed.

**Thursday 26th July.** Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for Mass and for instruction to the people. At 9 Mass in St. Mary's - preached after the Holy Communion. Thanksgiving - meditation - went to St. Francis for Breakfast. About 10.30 breakfast. Engaged in the office until 11.30. Rode home. From 12 to 2 Confessions in St Mary's. Vespers and Compline. Letters for the English Mail. At 4 recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. At 6 or a little after Matins. At 7 gave out the Rosary at St. Mary's - Church crowded. Fr. Kelly S.J. preached. I gave Benediction. Confessions till near 10. Night prayers. Home. Nine Priests were engaged hearing the Confessions. At 11 to bed. Weather cold and wet.

**Friday 27th July.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours. Heard a few Confessions. At 9 Mass - preached after Holy Communion. Breakfast at 10.30. Home about 11.30. From 12 to 2 Confessions. Engaged writing letters for the English Mail from 2.30 to 3.30. Posted the letters myself. Got back home a little past 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. A little past 6 - Matins. At 7 gave out the first five petitions of the Psalter of Jesus. Fr. Kelly preached. Church crowded. I gave Benediction. Confessions till 10.30. Night prayers. Home. To bed about 11.30. Weather wet and cold.

**Saturday 28th July.** Morning prayers. Hours. Preparation for Mass. At 9 Mass. Heard a few Confessions before Mass - thanksgiving. At 10.30 breakfast. Did business in the office - answered letters. From 12 to 2 Confessions in St Mary's. Meditation - Vespers and Compline, Matins and Lauds. Confessions in St. Francis from 2.30 to 4. Dinner at 4.30. Confessions in St. Francis from 6.30 to 9. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Night prayers. Home. At 11 to bed.

**Sunday 29th July.** Morning prayers. Hours. Preparation for Mass. Confessions. At 11 o'clock Mass in St. Mary's. A large number approached the Holy Communion at this and the 9 o'clock Mass. Preached after the Holy Communion - thanksgiving. Gave Solemn Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. A little past 1 breakfast. Visited Dr. Brownless. Visited the children assembled for Catechism in the Cathedral. Recited Vespers and Compline. Made my meditation. At 4.30 dinner. At 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 assisted at Vespers, sermon and Benediction in St. Francis. Home by 9. About 10 to bed.

**Monday 30th July.** Morning prayers. Commenced my Retreat. Hours. Mass. Meditation. Spiritual reading for an hour. At 12 visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament. Spiritual reading till 2. Theology till 3. Had to receive two visits on business. Answered urgent letters. At 4.15 recited Vespers and Compline. At 4.30 or a little later dinner. From 6 to 7 recreation. Then a visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament. Night prayers. At a quarter to 7 Matins and Lauds. Spiritual reading till 9. Conversation on Church matters with the Vicar-General. At 9.30 to bed.

**Tuesday 31st July.** Morning prayers. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament. Hours. At 8.30 Mass. Spiritual reading. Breakfast at 9.30. Spiritual reading till 11 - meditation for half an hour. Spiritual reading till 12. Visit of half an hour to the Most Blessed [Sacrament]. Meditation then till [...]. Spiritual reading and two chapters with notes out of the Old Bible. Had to read and answer several letters. From 3 to 4 half hour's Theology - the other half hour [a] visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and spiritual reading - subject of meditation for the night and morning. At 4 Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. From 6 to 7 Spiritual reading - subject the life of St Ignatius. At 7 night prayers. A short meditation before the Most Blessed Sacrament. At 8 Matins and Lauds. Spiritual [reading] till 9. About 9.30 to bed.

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**Wednesday 1st August.** Morning prayers. A short visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament. Hours. At 8.30 Mass. A short meditation before breakfast. After breakfast a half hour's meditation. Read and answered letters. Spiritual reading till 12. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and meditation till 1. Had to read and answer letters. Recreation for a half hour. Spiritual reading, the Lives of the Saints, till 3. Theology from 3 to 4. Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. Recreation from 6 to 6.30. Spiritual reading till 7. From 7 to 8 visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament. Night prayers - points of meditation for next day - a short meditation on Our Lord's presence in the Most Adorable Sacrament. At 8 Matins and Lauds. Spiritual reading till 9. At 10 to bed.

**Thursday 2nd August.** Morning prayers. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and a short meditation thereon - Hours. At 8.30 heard Mass. Meditation on a subject taken from the *Imitation* from 9 to 9.30. Then breakfast - meditation and spiritual reading from 10 to 12. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and meditation thereon, [a] half hour - a half hour to 2 a special meditation on other great truths. From 1 to 2 engaged with a gentleman on business who came as a deputation which could not be postponed. Wrote letters. Spiritual reading from 3 to 3.30. The[n] Theology till 4. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament. Vespers and Compline. Dinner at the usual time. Recreation from 6 to 6.30. Spiritual reading till 7. Visit to Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament and meditation thereon. Night prayers - read points of meditation for tomorrow. At 8 Matins and Lauds - then Spiritual reading till [...]. A short conversation with the Vicar-General and the Vicar-General of Adelaide. The latter arrived from Adelaide this morning to be present at the Consecration of his Bishop. A little past 10 to bed.

**Friday 3rd August.** Morning prayers. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and short meditation - Hours. At 8.30 Mass. Meditation before breakfast. After breakfast meditation for a half hour. Spiritual reading and study till 12. From 12 to half past - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and meditation thereon. From 12.30 to 1 - ordinary meditation. Had to grant two interviews today. Spiritual reading from 2 to 3.30 - then study of Theology till 4. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament. Vespers and Compline. Letters. Dinner. From 6 to 6.30 recreation. From 6.30 to 7 spiritual reading. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament. Short meditation - Examen [of conscience] - night prayers. At 8 Matins and Lauds. About 10 to bed.

**Saturday 4th August.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the College Chapel - thanksgiving. Retreat concluded. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Went to St. Francis. Hours *Sexta et Nona* - heard Mass - meditation. Confessions. At 9.30 breakfast. Letters and order of duty for tomorrow and the week. Left the office about 11. Rode home. Read till 1. Visited the Convent at Abbotsford. Vespers and Compline. Matins and Lauds. Confessions till 4. Dinner at 4.30. Confessions from 6.30 to 9.30. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Night prayers. Home. About 10.30 to bed.

**Sunday 5th August.** Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for Mass. At 11 commenced Pontifical High Mass in St. Francis. Thanksgiving. At 1 breakfast. Read and wrote till 3. Visited St. George's and St. Francis. The children in those places had just finished Catechism. Returned home a little past 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. About 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 presided at Vespers - preached - gave Benediction. Returned home about 9. A little past 10 retired to my room. Night prayers - bed.

**Monday 6th August.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. A little before 7 Mass in the College Chapel. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Thanksgiving. Heard Mass - Hours *Sexta et Nona* - meditation - Confessions. At 9.30 breakfast. Left the office a little past 10. Rode home - looked over two of the daily papers. Wrote for a short time. Examined the Abbotsford report. It won't do. At 1.30 visited Abbotsford and advised the Sisters to prepare another. Called on the Clergyman at St. Kilda. Returned home about [...]. Vespers and Compline. A good many of the Clergy assembled for the Retreat, which commences tonight at 7, dined with us. At 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers in St. Francis. Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Looked over the Pontifical with reference to the Episcopal consecration. About 10 to bed.

**Tuesday 7th August.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - Hours *Prima et Tertia*. At 7.30 celebrated Mass in the Convent Chapel of the Sisters of Mercy. Thanksgiving. Went to St. Francis - Hours *Sexta et Nona* - meditation - heard part of the 8 o'clock Mass in St. Francis. Breakfast a little past 9. Engaged in the office until 10.30. Rode home. Studied till 12.30. Visited the Convent of Mercy. Returned home about 1.30. Read till 2. Visited Abbotsford - read over the new report - made a few corrections. Returned home at 4 - Vespers and Compline. Wrote for a short time. Dinner. A little past 6 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers at St. Francis. Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for some time - about 9.30 retired for the night.

**Wednesday 8th August.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - Hours. At 7.30 commenced Mass. Thanksgiving. Went to St. Francis. Heard Mass. Meditation - Confessions. Breakfast. Engaged in the office until 10.30. Rode home. From 11 to 11.30 spiritual [reading]. Read for a half hour the tract *de peccato* [On Sin]. Read from 12.30 to 1 an English controversial work. Looked over rubrics. At 1 received a deputation - agreed with the gentlemen comprising it that a [Voter] Registration Aid Society was absolutely necessary that we may have our legitimate influence at the public elections and promised to recommend the Clergy to give it their influence. Visit to Convent of Mercy. Called at St. Francis - got there the manuscript report of Abbotsford. On my return home requested Dr. Backhouse to leave it with the printer. Wrote a little. Read till 4. Vespers and Compline. Dinner. At 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read till 9.30. To bed.

**Thursday 9th August.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. At 7.30 Mass in the Chapel of the Convent of Mercy. Thanksgiving. Breakfast. Hence went to St. Francis. Occupied in office till 10.30. Rode home. Meditation and Spiritual reading till about 12. From 12 to 1 Theology - from 1 to 3 read part of a discourse in French on Faith. Then visited Abbotsford. Did not stop long there. Returned by Richmond a little before 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner. About 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers. Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 9.30 to bed.

**Friday 10th August.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours. *Prima et Tertia*. At 8 commenced Mass in College Chapel for the Clergy at the conclusion of their Retreat. Gave them Holy Communion. Read the *Decreta Provincialia et Observanda* and addressed a few words to them. Afterwards saw them all separately in the office. Left the office about 11. Rode home. Busy up to 12.30. Wrote for a short time. About 1 visited the Convent of Mercy. A little past 2 drove to St. Kilda - returned a little before 4. Vespers and Compline. Read a French discourse on Faith. Dinner at the usual time. At 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. To bed about 10.

**Saturday 11th August.** Morning prayers - Heard Mass. *Prima et Tertia - Sexta et Nona* - meditation - Confessions. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office until 11. Arranged duty for tomorrow and the week. Day very wet. Reading and study 11.30 to 1. At Confessions of the Sisters at Abbotsford at their own request from 1.15 to 2. Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds - then Confessions till 4. Dinner at 4.30. Confessions from 6.30 till 9.30. Night prayers. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. A little past 10 to bed.

**Sunday 12th August.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. *Prima et Tertia*. Mass at 8 in St. Francis. Preached after giving Holy Communion. Thanksgiving. Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Breakfast at 10. Spiritual reading. At 11 assisted at Mass in St. Francis. One of the Jesuit Fathers preached a sermon after the Holy Communion in aid of the Magdalen Asylum. The weather most unfavourable. About 1.15 returned home. Wrote a little then read till 2.15. Visited the Convent of Mercy. Visited St. George's - St. Francis and St. Patrick's Sunday Schools. Returned home about 4. Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. The Bishop of Hobarttown arrived as we were about to go to dinner. At 6.30 Matins and Lauds. Presided at Vespers. Fr. Smyth Vicar-General of Adelaide gave the Benediction. Home. Conversed for an hour with the Bishop of Hobarttown. At 10 night prayers - bed.

**Monday 13th August.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7.15 Mass in the College Chapel. Thanksgiving - Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Heard Mass in St Francis - Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Meditation and Confessions. Breakfast. Engaged in the office up to 11. Rode home. Wrote for a short time. Gave instructions about correspondence. Study for an hour. After this business up to 1.30. Visited the Convent of Mercy. Practice for the Solemn Ceremony of the Consecration at 2.30. At 3.15 visited the Convent of the Good Shepherd. Returned home about 4. Vespers and Compline. At 4.30 dinner. About 6.30 Matins. At 7 night prayers - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Conversed till 9.30 with the Bishops of Hobarttown and Adelaide. About 10 to bed.

**Thursday 14th August.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass. Thanksgiving - Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Heard Mass in St. Francis - *Sexta et Nona* - Confessions. Collation at 9.30. Engaged in the office until 11. English letters delivered. Rode home. Engaged until 1. Then attended a meeting in reference to the College reserve near the University. At 2 visited with the Bishop of Hobartton the Convents of Mercy and Good Shepherd. Returned home a little before 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Then wrote till dinner. From 7 to 9.30 Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Night prayers. About 11 to bed.

**Wednesday 15th August.** Morning prayers - Divine Office - preparation for Mass. About 11 proceeded in procession with Assistant Bishops, the Bishop-elect of Adelaide and Clergy to the Sanctuary. Subjoined is the report of one of the Dailies of the Solemn Ceremony [*The Age*, Thursday 16 August 1866. Not reproduced here. Ed.]. Engaged the whole of the afternoon. At 6.30 entertained the Bishops and about 70 persons - Clergymen and lay gentlemen at dinner in the College refectory. About 10.30 all separated. At 11 night prayers - to bed.

**Thursday 16th August.** Morning prayers - Divine office. Preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass - in College Chapel. Thanksgiving - went to St. Francis. Heard Mass. Hours - Confessions - meditation - breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office until 11. Home. Occupied up to 2. Visited with the French bishop the Convents and Orphanage. It was 5 when we returned home. Dinner. At 6.30 Vespers and Compline. Night prayers in St. Francis. Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Conversated with the Bishops till 10. Then to bed.

**Friday 17th August.** Morning prayers - Divine Office. Preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass. Thanksgiving - went to St. Francis. Heard Mass. Hours. Confessions - meditation. At 9.30 breakfast. Read and answered letters. Busy in office up till 11. Home. Busy till 1.15. Visit to a Catholic family. Visit to the Convent of Mercy - home by 3. Busy up to 4. The Bishops of Hobartton, Navigators [i.e. the French-born Bishop Eloi, Vicar-Apostolic of the Navigators Islands (Samoa). Eds.] and Adelaide left at 4.30 a.m. for Ballaarat. A little past 4 Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. About 6.15 Matins and Lauds. Night prayers - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 10 to bed.

**Saturday 18th August.** Morning prayers. Hours. Heard Mass in St. Francis - meditation - Confessions. Breakfast at 9.30. Looked over one of the dailies. Arranged the order of duty for tomorrow. Left the office about 11. Rode home. Busy till 1. Drove to Abbotsford - remained there a short time. Went to St. Francis. Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds - Confessions till 4. Studied for my instruction to the people till 4.30. Dinner. Confessions from 6.30 to 9.30. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Night prayers. Home. About 11 to bed.

**Sunday 19th August.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. At 8 o'clock Mass preached after giving Holy Communion. Thanksgiving. Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Meditation. At 10 breakfast. From 10.30 to 11 spiritual reading. At 11 attended in the Vestry of the cathedral during Mass and Sermon.

From 12 to 1 spiritual reading. From [1] to 2 read portions of the old Bible with notes. Between 2 and 4 visited St. Mary's and St. Augustine's Sunday schools. Between 4 and a quarter past Vespers and Compline. At 6.15 Matins and Lauds. Assisted at Vespers and sermon in St. Francis. Benediction - night prayers. Home. Conversated till 10 with a few of the Clergy, then to bed.

**Monday 20th August.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass. Thanksgiving - Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Went to St. Francis. Heard Mass - Confessions. Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Meditation. Busy in the office until 10.30. Rode home. Received visits. Wrote for some time - then looked over a few European Catholic newspapers. About 1 visited the Convent of Mercy. Between 2 and 3 called at the Governor's - a visit of ceremony. Did not see him. Returned about 3.30. Vespers and Compline. Read after this till dinner. At 4.30 dinner. About 6.15 - Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Bishop of Hobarttown returned from Ballaarat - conversated with him and a few of the Clergy till 10. Then to bed.

**Tuesday 21st August.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At a quarter before 7 commenced Mass - thanksgiving - Hours - *Prima et Tertia*. Went to St. Francis - heard Mass - Hours *Sexta et Nona* - meditation - Confessions. Engaged in the office until 11. Rode home. Received a long visit. After this, business and study filled up the time between 11.30 and 1.30. Took a long walk with the Vicars-General of Melbourne and Adelaide. Returned home a little past 3. Wrote for a short time. Then recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at the usual time. At 6.15 recited Matins and Lauds. At 7 attended night prayers in St. Francis - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Conversed with the Bishop of Hobarttown until 10. Then to bed.

**Wednesday 22nd August.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass. Thanksgiving. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Went to St. Francis. Heard two Masses. Recited *Horas Sextam et Nonam* - meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office until 10.30. Rode home. A little past 11 accompanied the Bishop of Hobarttown to the steamer sailing for Hobart-town at 12. Took my leave of him and returned home. At 12 visited the Convent of Mercy - there I stayed a quarter of an hour. Returned home and wrote till 1. Then read till 1.30. Visited Abbotsford - returned home by Richmond and St. Kilda. Read from 3.30 to 4. Then recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. At 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers in St. Francis - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 9.30 to bed.

**Thursday 23rd August.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At a little before 7 commenced Mass in the Chapel. Thanksgiving - Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Went to St. Francis. Heard Mass. Hours *Sexta et Nona* - Confessions - meditation. At 9.30 - breakfast. Occupied in the office up to 11. Rode home. Wrote for a short time. Will not attend the *Levéé* in consequence of the offensive anti-Catholic oath still taken by the Governor when assuming office. I have left the clergy free to act in this case; but if influenced by the proper feeling they will stop away. Visited the Catholic School Heidelberg. Returned to Melbourne about 4.30. Dinner. About 6.30 Vespers and Compline. At 7 night prayers - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for a short time - then conversed with the Vicar-General until 9.30. Then to bed.

**Friday 24th August.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. A little before 7 commenced Mass. Thanksgiving - Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Heard Mass in St Francis - Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Confessions - meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Looked over the Dailies. Engaged in the office until 11. Rode home. Busy till 12.30. Visited the Convent of Mercy. Wrote a letter in reply there. Returned home about 1.30. Wrote for a short time. Then study, now and then interrupted by business, till 2.15. Visited Abbotsford - returned by Richmond - calling for a few minutes at the Presbytery. Vespers and Compline. At 4.30 dinner. About 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for a half hour. About 9.30 to bed.

**Saturday 25th August.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass. Thanksgiving - Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Went to St. Francis. Heard Mass. Confessions - Hours *Sexta et Nona* - meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office until 11. Rode home. Read with some few interruptions for my instruction to the people on tomorrow till 1.30. Visited the Abbotsford Convent - thence went to St. Francis. Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds - then Confessions till 4. Home. Dinner at 4.30. From 6.30 to 9.30 Confessions. Night prayers. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 11 to bed.

**Sunday 26th August.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 8 Mass in St. Francis. After the Holy Communion - preached. Thanksgiving - Hours - meditation. At 10 - breakfast. Spiritual reading till 11. Assisted at Mass in the Cathedral. Gave out the prayers before and after Mass. The Clergyman who celebrated preached. From 12 to 1.30 except for a few minutes given to visitors - Spiritual reading. Visited the Convent of Mercy - visited St. Francis and St John's Sunday School. Returned home about 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Read till dinner time. About 6.15 recited Matins and Lauds. Presided at Vespers. Sermon, Benediction. Night prayers. Home. About 10 to bed.

**Monday 27th August.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. A little before 7 Mass. Thanksgiving - Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Went to St. Francis. Heard Mass. Hours *Sexta et Nona* - meditation - Confessions. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office up to 11. Busy the whole of the day writing letters for the outgoing English mail. Posted a few myself between 3 and 4. Wrote others. Dinner at 4.30. At 6.15 Matins and Lauds - night prayers - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for an hour. About 10 to bed.

**Tuesday 28th August.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 8 celebrated Mass in the Convent of Mercy. Thanksgiving. Breakfast. Wrote a letter for the English Mail. Went to St. Francis. Engaged in the office until 11. Rode home. Busy until close on 2. Then visited Abbotsford returning home by St. Kilda. About 4 Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. About 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Conversated with the French Bishop and the Vicar-General until 9.30. Then to bed.

**Wednesday 29th August.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 10 celebrated a marriage - then Mass. Instruction before and after the administration of the Sacrament of Marriage. All was over about 11. Breakfast. At a quarter to 1 lunched with the new married couple. Took a short drive before dinner. Vespers and Compline. Meditation early in the morning. At 4.30 dinner. At 7 opened a retreat or mission for the laity in St. George's - gave out prayers - preached. Bishop Eloi gave Benediction. Recited a few prayers at the conclusion. Confessions till past 9. Matins and Lauds. Evening wet, notwithstanding the Chapel was crowded. About 10 to bed.

**Thursday 30th August.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Study for my instructions to the people. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. At 8.30 Mass. Preached after the Holy Communion. At 10 breakfast. Busy in the office until 11. Rode home. Engaged up to 12. From 12 to 2 attended in St. George's for Confessions. From 2 to 3.30 visited the schools with the French Bishop Eloi. Weather very wet [and] sloppy. Recited Vespers and Compline. On my return home wrote for some time - then read till dinner. At 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 gave out the prayers for the Mission at St. George's. Fr. Lentaigne S.J. preached and Bishop Eloi gave Benediction. Confessions up to 9.30. We were 8 hearing Confessions. Conversated with the Bishop and Vicar-General until past 10. Then to bed.

**Friday 31st August.** Morning prayers. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Preparation for Mass. At 8.30 Mass in St. George's - preached after the Holy Communion. Thanksgiving. Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Breakfast about 10. Engaged in the office until 11. Rode home. Busy until 12. Went to St. George's. Confessions till 2. Visited St. Francis schools and those of Emerald Hill with Bishop Eloi. Returned home about 4. Recited Vespers and Compline and wrote for a time. Dinner. At 7 gave out prayers in St. George's. Fr. Kelly S.J. preached - Bishop Eloi gave Benediction. Recited a few prayers at the conclusion. Confessions till 10. Home. To bed about 11.

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**Saturday 1st September.** Morning prayers. Divine Office. Preparation for Mass. At 8.30 celebrated Mass in St. George's. Thanksgiving. Hours. About 9.30 breakfast. Meditation. Engaged in the office until 11. Home - studied till 12. Then Confessions in St. George's till 2. Went to St. Francis. Recited Vespers and Compline, Matins and Lauds. Confessions till 4. Dinner at 4.30. Confessions from 6.30 to 10 in St Francis. Two clergymen with Bishop Eloi heard Confessions from 7 to 10.30 in St. George's. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady after the Confessions. Night prayers. Home. About 11.30 to bed.

**Sunday 2nd September.** Morning prayers. Preparation for Mass. Hours. Study for instruction to the people. At a little past 11 celebrated Mass. After the Holy Communion preached. Thanksgiving. Distributed the *Agnus Dei* to those who went to Holy Communion. About 500 received the Most Blessed Sacrament in St. George's. It was 1 when I got breakfast. Weather stormy and dusty. Wind from the north. Visited the Convent of Mercy. On my return home read till 4. Then Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. In St. Patrick's Bishop Eloi gave Benediction and the Bishop of Adelaide in St. Francis. Recited Matins and Lauds. Read for an hour. Conversed with Bishop Eloi and the Vicar-General until 10. The[n] night prayers and to bed.

**Monday 3rd September.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. A little before 7 Mass in the College - thanksgiving - Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Went to St. Francis - heard Mass. Hours *Sexta et Nona* - Confessions - meditation. At 9.30 breakfast. Engaged in the office until 11. Rode home. Answered letters. Wrote for a short time. Had a dentist to examine my teeth. About 2 called at the Convent of Mercy - thence drove to the Yarra Bend Lunatic Asylum - recited prayers for the inmates - delivered a short discourse and then heard Confessions till near 4. Recited Vespers and Compline on my way home. Dinner a little past 4.30. About 6.15 went to St. Francis. Recited Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers. Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for a half hour. About 9.30 to bed.

**Tuesday 4th September.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours. Drove to the Yarra Bend about 8 where I heard a few Confessions and commenced Mass a little past 9. About 30 of the attendants went to Holy Communion. There were of lunatics present about 400. They were very attentive and quiet during the Mass and listened with much attention to the short instruction I gave them. All was over about 11.30. I visited a few of the cottages. They [are] clean and nicely kept and the patients seemed happy and comfortable. Returned to Melbourne about 12. Looked over two of the Dailies. Again placed myself in the hands of the Dentist. His operation took a half hour. Between 2 and 3 visited the Convent of the Good Shepherd. Returned a little before 4. Wrote for a short time. Vespers and Compline. Dinner at the usual time. About 6.15 went to St. Francis. Recited Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 9.30 to bed.

**Wednesday 5th September.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. A little before 7 Mass in the College. Thanksgiving. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Went to St. Francis. Heard Mass. Hours *Sexta et Nona* - Confessions - meditation. At 9.30 breakfast. Engaged in the office up to 11. Rode home. Engaged up to 12. Visited for a few minutes the Convent of Mercy. Engaged up to 2. Visited Abbotsford with the Bishop of Adelaide. Returned via St. Kilda a little before 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Then read till the hour for dinner. The Bishop of Adelaide and a few of the Clergy from the country dined with us. At 6.30 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. A few of the Clergy with the Bishop of Adelaide spent the evening with us. Separated about 10.30. About 11 to bed.

**Thursday 6th September.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. A little before 7 Mass - thanksgiving. Went to St. Francis - heard Mass. Hours. Confessions. Meditation. At 9.30 breakfast. Engaged in the office up to 10.30. Examined all the Marriage and Baptism Registries of St. Francis. Rode home. Read till 12.30. Visited the Convent of Mercy. Returned home about 1.30. Took my leave of the Bishop of Adelaide - who sails about 2 in the steamship *Aldinga*. Drove to Brighton. Returned home a little before 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. Weather has turned out to be wet and stormy. At 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Conversed some time with the Vicar-General. About 10 to bed.

**Friday 7th September.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. A quarter to 7 commenced Mass. Thanksgiving - Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Went to St. Francis - heard Mass. Meditation. Hours *Sexta et Nona* - Confessions. At 9.30 breakfast. Occupied in the office until 10.30. Rode home - read till 12. Visited the Convent of Mercy. On my return home presided at a meeting of the school committee. Between 2 and 4 drove to St. Kilda. At 4 Vespers and Compline. Dinner. At 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for some time. About 10 to bed.

**Saturday 8th September.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. A little before 7 commenced Mass. Thanksgiving. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Went to St. Francis. Heard Mass - Confessions - Hours *Sexta et Nona* - meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office until 11. Rode home. Occupied preparing for the instruction I purpose giving tomorrow at Mass. Between 1.30 and 2 - visited Abbotsford with the Vicar-General for the purpose of signing the Deed of Conveyance of the Abbotsford property to the Revd. Mother and 2 Sisters in trust for their Charitable Institute. From there I drove to St. Francis. Recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds. Then heard Confessions till 4. Rode home. Dinner at 4.30. From 6.30 to 9 Confessions. Night prayers. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. To bed about 10.

**Sunday 9th September.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. At 8 commenced Mass and after Holy Communion preached. Thanksgiving. Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Rode home - meditation. At 10 breakfast. Spiritual reading. At 11 attended in the Vestry during Mass and Sermon. Afterwards read portions of the Old Testament with [the] notes. Wrote a little. Gave directions to the Vicar-General as to the changes to be made of Clergymen from one Mission to another. Weather cold - wet and stormy. Between 3 and 4 - visited the Sunday School in St. Francis - about 300 children were present. Recited Vespers and Compline. Returned home a little past 4. Dinner at 4.30. About 6 - or a little past - Matins and Lauds. At 7 assisted at Vespers, Sermon and Benediction. Night prayers. Home. About 10 to bed.

**Monday 10th September.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. A quarter to 7 Mass. Thanksgiving. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Went to St. Francis. Heard Mass. Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Meditation - Confessions. At 9.30 breakfast. Engaged in the office until 10.30. English Telegrams from Adelaide. Rode home. About 12 visited the Convent of Mercy. Returned home at 1.30. Intimated to Fr. Moore his appointment to Ballarat as Senior Priest. Visited the Orphanage. Returned home by St. Kilda and Prahran. Called at the Presbytery Prahran - Clergyman was not in. Got home by 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. A little past 6 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 9.30 to bed.

Today received the first tidings of poor Dr. Wilson's death - the first Bishop of Hobart-town Tasmania. His death happened in Nottingham the scene of his early missionary zeal. It would appear as he returned to England - his native country - to die.

**Tuesday 11th September.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours. At 9.30 Office for the late Bishop Wilson. Then sang the Requiem Mass. It was 11 when all was over. Thanksgiving. Breakfast. Was home about 12. Read for an hour and [a] half. About 2 - visited the Convent of Mercy - afterwards called at the Orphanage. Returned home about 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. About 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers in St. Francis. Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for a short time. At 10 to bed.

**Wednesday 12th September.** Morning prayers. Went to St. Francis. Heard Mass. Hours. Confessions - meditation. At 9.30 breakfast. Looked over newspapers. Read correspondence. Wrote letters. Home about 11. Read till 12. Visited the Convent of Mercy. Home by 12.30. Read till 2.15. Drove to St. Kilda returning home by Richmond and Abbotsford. At 4 recited Vespers and Compline. At 4.30 dinner. A little past 6 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Read for a half hour. To bed at 9.30.

**Thursday 13th September.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At a quarter to 7 commenced Mass. Thanksgiving. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Heard Mass in St. Francis. Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Confessions - meditation. At 9.30 breakfast. Engaged in office up to 11. Rode home. Busy till 12. Visited the Convent of Mercy. Returned home about 12.30. Busy till 2 or past - then visited Abbotsford returning home by Richmond a little before 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Read till 4.30. Dinner. A little after 6 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for a short time. About 10 retired.

**Friday 14th September.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the College Chapel as usual. Thanksgiving. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Went to St. Francis - heard Mass - Confessions - Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Meditation. At 9.30 meditation. Engaged in office up to 11. Rode home. Read and wrote alternately till 12. Visited the Convent of Mercy. Met the Revd. Mother from Geelong there who came to Melbourne on business and to consult me on matters connected with her Community. Returned home about 1. Expected a meeting of the School Committee. We had no quorum. From 2 to 3 suffering bleeding from leeches. Between 3 and 4 study. At 4 Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. About 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for some time. About 10 to bed.

**Saturday 15th September.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. About 7 Mass. Thanksgiving. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Went to St. Francis. Heard Mass - meditation - Hours *Sexta et Nona* - Confessions. At 9.30 - breakfast. Engaged in office up to 11. Rode home. Study from 11.30 to 1.30. Called at the Convent of Mercy. From 2 to 4 Confessions - except the time it took me to recite Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds. At 4.15 dinner. Read for my instruction to the people from 6 to half past then Confessions till 9 or a little past. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Night prayers - home. About 10.30 to bed.

**Sunday 16th September.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. At 8 Mass in St. Francis. After the Holy Communion delivered a short discourse on the observance of the Lord's Day - thanksgiving. Heard a Confession. Recited Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Home. Meditation. At 10 breakfast. Read till 11 a Catholic newspaper. Attended in the Vestry of the Cathedral during Mass and Sermon. Spiritual reading from 12 to 1.15. Scriptural reading and study till close on 2. Then read a few pages of a remarkable work on our Blessed Lord. At 2.30 started on a visit to St. Joseph's Sunday School. The attendance of children and teachers was large. Here I was detained by the weather till 3.15 and had to walk home in a heavy shower of rain. Recited Vespers and Compline. Wrote a little then read till dinner time. At 4.30 dinner. A little past 6 Matins and Lauds. At 7 gave out Vespers in St. Francis. Sermon - Benediction. Night prayers. Home. Read for a half hour. About 10 to bed.

**Monday 17th September.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. A little before 7 commenced Mass. Thanksgiving. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Went to St. Francis. Heard Mass - Confessions. Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Meditation. At 9.30 breakfast. Engaged in the office up to 10.30. Rode home. Looked over a treatise on Mathematics - at least a few pages of it. Then read a little of the moral tract *de Peccatis* [on Sin]. Between 12 and 1 visited the Convent of Mercy. Returned home a little past 1. Wrote a reply to the Bishop of Adelaide. Engaged writing for a short time. Then read till past 2. Visited Abbotsford. Returned home about 4. Recited Vespers and Compline - then read till the time for dinner. At 4.30 - dinner. A little past 6 recited Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers in St. Francis. Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for some time. About 9.30 to bed

**Tuesday 18th September.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At a quarter to 7 commenced Mass. Thanksgiving. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Heard Mass in St Francis - Hours *Sexta et Nona* - Confessions - Meditation. At 9.30 breakfast. Engaged in office until 10.30. Rode home. Theology from 11.30 to 12. Visited the Convent of Mercy. From 12.30 to 2 Moral Theology and English reading now and then interrupted for business. Between 2 and 3 visited the boys Orphanage. After this took a short drive and returned home by 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Then read till dinner. Went to St. Francis [at a] quarter past 6. Recited Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for nearly an hour. About 10 to bed.

**Wednesday 19th September.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass. Thanksgiving. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Went to St. Francis - heard Mass - Confessions - Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Meditation. At 9.30 collation. Engaged in the office up to 10.30. Rode home. Studied Moral Theology until 12. Answered letters. Visited the Convent of Mercy. On my return home wrote for a quarter hour. Then read till 2. Took a short drive into the country. Returned home about 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at the usual time. A little past 6 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for about an hour. At 9.30 to bed.

**Thursday 20th September.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass. Thanksgiving. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Went to St. Francis. Heard Mass - Confessions - Hours *Sexta et Nona* - meditation. At 9.30 breakfast. Engaged in the office until 10.30. Rode home. Read till 12.30. Business and writing till 1.30. Took a long ride into the country. Returned home 4.15. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner. About 6.30 Matins and Lauds. Night prayers - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read a work on education for near an hour. At 10 to bed.

**Friday 21st September.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass. Thanksgiving. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Heard Mass in St. Francis - Hours *Sexta et Nona* - Confessions - meditation. At 9.30 collation. Engaged in the office until 10.30. Rode home. Read the life of St. Januarius and companions. Wrote for some time. About 12 Visited the Convent of Mercy. Returned home by 1. Presided at a meeting of the School Committee at 1.30. Weather wet and windy. Took a short walk between 2 and 3. Study between 3 and 4. Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. At a little past 6 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for a half hour. About 10 to bed.

**Saturday 22nd September.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass. Thanksgiving. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Went to St. Francis - heard Mass - Confessions - Hours *Sexta et Nona* - meditation. At 9.30 collation. Engaged in the office up to 11. Arranged the order of duty for tomorrow and the week. Gave interviews to Clergymen on business. Appointed Fr. Power to Geelong - Fr. Neville to Portland - Fr. O'Donnell to Creswick. Study from 11.30 to 12.30. Visited the convents. Went to St. Francis. Recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds - then Confessions till 4. Studied for my instruction to the people on tomorrow. Dinner. Between 6.30 and 9 Confessions - night prayers - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. A little past 10 to bed.

**Sunday 23rd September.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. At 8 o'clock Mass delivered a short discourse after giving Holy Communion. Thanksgiving. Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Home. Meditation. At 10 breakfast. Spiritual reading till 11. Heard Mass and Sermon in the Cathedral. Wrote a little. Then read a few chapters of the Old Testament with comments. After this read a controversial work till 2.30. Then visited St. Vincent's Sunday School. About 40 children were present - a number very much below that usually attending. Called at the Convent of Mercy on my return home. At 4 recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. At 6.30 Matins and Lauds. Assisted at Vespers - sermon and Benediction in St. Francis Church. Night prayers - Home. About 10 to bed.

**Monday 24th September.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 or a little before commenced Mass. Thanksgiving. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - Confessions - Hours *Sexta et Nona* - meditation. At 9.30 breakfast. Engaged in the office till 10.30. Rode home. Weather misty. Read till 11.30 - then wrote a little - then read again till 12. Visited the Convent of Mercy. Returned home about 1. Recited Vespers and Compline. Read till 3. Then attended a meeting of the Council of the University. Did not arrive back till about 4.30. Dinner. At 6.30 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for some time. To bed at 9.30.

**Tuesday 25th September.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 or a little before Mass. Thanksgiving. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Went to St. Francis. Heard Mass - Confessions - Hours *Sexta et Nona* - meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Occupied in the office until 10.30. Rode home. Answered letters. In reply to Mr. Archer stated that we should have our own training school for male and female teachers. Study till 2. A little past 2 called on Fr. O'Driscoll at Emerald [Hill] about the Immigrants House, which had not been visited as appointed. Called on my return home at the Prahran Presbytery, the Clergyman was not in. Got home a little before 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. At 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for some time. About 9.30 to bed.

**Wednesday 26th September.** Morning prayers - Hours. Went to St. Francis. Heard Mass - meditation - Confessions. Engaged in the office until 10.30. Rode home. Studied, except when obliged to attend to business, till 12. Father Lee arrived from Ballaarat - told him he had leave to visit Castlemaine for a month [to] assist Fr. Moore - and collect for the chapel he intends building at Ballaarat. Visited the Convent of Mercy - returned home about 1 - Looked over a report on schools \*assisted\* by the Government Board prepared by Dr. Bleasdale. The weather being wet I did not stir out - but made preparation for the instruction I am to give the people at Pentridge tonight on opening the Mission for them. At 4 Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. Left for Pentridge a little past 6. Gave out night prayers - preached. Gave Benediction with the Ciborium. Confessions. Returned to Melbourne about 9.30. The Vicar-General and three Priests assisted hearing Confessions. A little past 10 to bed.

**Thursday 27th September.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Matins - Lauds *et Prima*. left a little past 8 for Pentridge. Commenced Mass at 9. Preached after the Holy Communion. Thanksgiving. Breakfast at 10.15. Looked over the newspaper - meditation. Returned to Melbourne about 12.30. Engaged writing letters for the English mail up to past 3. Posted letters myself. Got home from the Post Office - walking slowly - about 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Wrote a little. Dinner at 4.30. About 6 Matins and Lauds. Drove to Pentridge. At 7 night prayers. Sermon by Fr. Kelly. Benediction - Confessions till 9.30. Home. To bed about 11.

**Friday 28th September.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours. Left for Pentridge a little past 8. About 9 commenced Mass. After the Holy Communion preached. Thanksgiving - breakfast - meditation. Returned to Melbourne about 2. Read correspondence and replied and visited the Convent of Mercy. Walked with the Vicar-General to the Botanic Gardens. Returned home by St. Francis. Called in to see the Exhibition and some of the Tasmanian exhibits. Got home about 3.30. Recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds. Dinner. A little past 6 left for Pentridge - gave out night prayers. Fr. Kelly gave Benediction - Confessions till 9. Returned to Melbourne. It was near 12 when I got to bed.

**Saturday 29th September.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours. Study for instruction to the people. A little past 8 left for Pentridge. At 9 Mass - thanksgiving breakfast. Confessions from 10.30 to 12.30. Returned to Melbourne - visited the Convent of Mercy for a few minutes. Went thence to St Francis - Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds - Confessions till 4. Rode home. Dinner. Confessions from 6.30 to 9.30. Night prayers - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 11 to bed.

**Sunday 30th September.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours *Prima*. Study for sermon. Left at 10.15 for Pentridge. Commenced Mass a little after 11. A good many went to Holy Communion at this and the early Mass. Preached after Mass - then administered Confirmation to a good many children and a few adults. After this presided at a meeting called for the purpose of raising funds to build a school house. Upwards of £70 were subscribed and I nominated a committee to look after the matter. About 2 breakfast. Hours *Tertia Sexta et Nona*. Home about 3.30. Recited Vespers and Compline. Wrote till near dinner time. A little past 6 recited Matins and Lauds - attended Vespers - sermon and Benediction in St Francis. Night prayers. Home. Read for a short time. To bed about 10.30.

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**Monday 1st October.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At a quarter to 7 commenced Mass in the College Chapel. Thanksgiving. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Went to St Francis. Heard Mass. Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Confessions - meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office until 10.30. Answered letters. Rode home. Wrote a little. Then read till 12. Occasionally interrupted to receive the visits of Clergymen on business. Visited the Convent of Mercy. Returned home and read till 2. Then visited Abbotsford - returned home a little before 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Read then till near dinner time. About 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers in St. Francis. Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for an hour. To bed about 9.30

**Tuesday 2nd October.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the College Chapel. Thanksgiving - Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Heard Mass. Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Confessions - meditation. At 9.30 breakfast. Engaged in the office until 10.30. Rode home. Read for some time - then wrote a little. Read again until 12. Visited the Convent of Mercy. Returned home about 1.15. Study of Theology till 2. Drove out to make a few visits. Returned home about 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner. A little past 6 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for an hour. About 10 to bed.

**Wednesday 3rd October.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass. Thanksgiving - Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Went to St. Francis. Heard Mass - Hours *Sexta et Nona* - Confessions - meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office until 10. Rode home. Study till 12. Visited the Convent of Mercy. Busy from 1 to 3.15. Walked to St. Francis - visited for a few minutes St. Francis girls school. Walked back home. Recited Vespers and Compline. Weather sultry. Read till dinner time. About 6.15 - Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for an hour. About 10 to bed.

**Thursday 4th October.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At a quarter to 7 commenced Mass. Thanksgiving - Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Went to St. Francis. Heard Mass - Hours *Sexta et Nona* - Confessions - meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office until 10.30. A good many applications for relief. Rode home. Fully occupied up to 12. Read an English controversial work till 1. Then Moral Theology till 2. Visited Abbotsford - returned home about a quarter to 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Then read till close on the dinner time 4.30. At a quarter to 6 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for some time. About 10 to bed.

**Friday 5th October.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass. Thanksgiving - Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Went to St. Francis. Heard Mass - Confessions. Hours *Sexta et Nona* - meditation. Weather stormy and wet. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office until 10.30. Home. Looked over the dailies. Wrote a little. Then study for [my] instruction on Sunday next till 3.15. Then read a few pages of a controversial work till 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. A little past 6 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers. Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for some time. About 9.30 to bed. Weather very stormy with rain.

**Saturday 6th October.** Morning prayers. Hours. Heard Mass in St. Francis. Confessions - meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office until 10.30. Arranged order of duty for tomorrow and the week. Rode home. Weather cloudy and damp - but calm. Wrote a little - then study for tomorrow's instruction till 1. Visited the Convent of Mercy - thence went to St. Francis. Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds - then Confessions till 4. Home. Dinner at 4.30. Confessions from 6.30 to 10. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Night prayers. Home. To bed about 11.

**Sunday 7th October.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. At 8 commenced Mass in St. Francis. Gave Holy Communion to a great many - then preached. Thanksgiving. Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Home. Meditation. At 10 breakfast. Spiritual reading from 10.30 to 11. Then attended in the Vestry of the cathedral during Mass and Sermon. From 12 to 1.30 study of the Holy Scriptures in the Vulgate and English. Wrote a little - then read till a quarter to 3. Visited St. George's and St. Mary's Sunday Schools. The teachers were very few in the boys school of the former and the children - owing it [is] said to sickness - were very few in the latter. Returned home a little past 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner. At 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 presided at Vespers in St. Francis - Sermon and Benediction. Night prayers. Home. About 10 to bed.

**Monday 8th October.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. At 7 celebrated Mass at the Convent of Mercy - Thanksgiving. Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Went to St. Francis. Confessions - meditation. At 9.30 breakfast. Engaged in the office until 10.30. Rode. Busy up to 12. Study with occasional interruptions from visitors on business until 2. Drove to Brighton returning home about 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. About 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Examined and sign[ed] deeds belonging to the Geelong Convent of Mercy *in re* Miss Lyons about to be professed. To bed at 10.

**Tuesday 9th October.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. At 7.15 Mass at the Convent of Mercy. Thanksgiving - Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Went to St. Francis - meditation. At 9.30 breakfast. Engaged in the office until 10.30. Saw Clergymen on business. Answered letters. Wrote for some time. Study till 2. Walked [to] Richmond - called at the Presbytery. Walked back to Melbourne. At 4 Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. About 6 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 10 to bed.

**Wednesday 10th October.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the College. Thanksgiving - Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Went to St. Francis. Heard Mass - Confessions - meditation. Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Breakfast at 9.30. Busy up to 11. At 12 presided at the Conference - Tract *de Peccatis*. The Conference was over at 1.30. Visited a dying person. Gave the *Benedictio in articulo mortis*. Returned home about 4 - Vespers and Compline. Wrote a little. Dinner at 4.30. About 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for an hour. To bed about 10. Weather wet - cold and stormy.

**Thursday 11th October.** Morning prayers. Heard Mass in St Francis. Hours - Confessions - meditation. Engaged in the office up to 10.30. Rode home. Read till 12 with few interruptions from persons calling on business. Visited the Convent of Mercy. Between 1 and 4 reading and business. Dictated a letter to the Secretary of the Royal Commission appointed to enquire into the state of education in the country declining to be examined personally before the Commission as the Catholic Church was not represented on it but volunteering written replies to their questions and such other information as they may desire. At 4 Vespers and Compline. Dinner. About 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for some time. About 10 to bed.

**Friday 12th October.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the College. Thanksgiving - Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Went to St. Francis. Heard Mass - Confessions. Hours *Sexta et Nona* - meditation. At 9.30 breakfast. Occupied in the office until 10.30. Rode home. Engaged up to 1.15. Then presided at a meeting of the School committee. Read in the rough my replies to the questions of the Education Commission and stated the substance of my reply to the invitation from the Commission. Between 2 and 4 visited the boys Orphanage. Spent a few minutes in the School. Returned home about 4. Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. About 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for some time. To bed about 10.

**Saturday 13th October.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass. Thanksgiving - Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Went to St. Francis. Heard Mass - Confessions - Hours *Sexta et Nona* - meditation. At 9.30 breakfast. Looked over the morning papers.

Arranged the order of duty for tomorrow and the week. Engaged in the office up to 11. Rode home. Busy till 1.30. Walked to St. Francis. Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds. Confessions till 4. At 4.30 dinner. From 6.30 to 9.30 Confessions. Night prayers. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 10.30 to bed. A lay Brother of the Jesuit Fathers died today. *R.I.P.*

**Sunday 14th October.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. At 8 commenced Mass. Preached after giving Holy Communion. Thanksgiving. Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Home - meditation. At 10 breakfast. At 10.30 went to St. Francis. Assisted at Mass. A charity sermon in aid of The House of Mercy was preached by Fr. Dalton S.J. Left the Church at 1. Walked home. Engaged writing and reading at intervals till 2.30. Visited the Convent of Mercy - and the Sunday schools of Ss George and Francis. Returned home about 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner. A little past 6 Matins and Lauds. Presided at Vespers in St. Francis - sermon - Benediction. Returned home about 8.30. About 10 night prayers - bed.

**Monday 15th October.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass - thanksgiving. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Went to St. Francis. Heard Mass. Hours *Sexta et Nona* - Confessions - meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office up to 10.30. Occupied at home in writing my replies to the questions put by the Royal Commission on Education. Answered letters. Visited for a few minutes the Convent of Mercy. About 2 drove to Brighton. Returned home by 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. At 6.15 Matins and Lauds. Night prayers - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for an hour. About 10 to bed.

**Tuesday 16th October.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass - thanksgiving. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Went to St. Francis - heard Mass - Confessions. Hours *Sexta et Nona* - meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office up to 10.30. Home. Occupied some considerable time writing replies to the questions of the Royal Commission on Education. Went to St. Kilda by train - walked thence to Chapel Street Station - there took the train for Melbourne. Arrived in Melbourne about 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. A little past 6 went to St. Francis - recited Matins and Lauds. Night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for some time. About 10 to bed.

**Wednesday 17th October.** Morning prayers. Went to St. Francis. Hours - heard Mass - meditation. Left the Confessional at 9. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office to close on 11. Rode home. Occupied up to 12. Visited the Convent of Mercy. On my return home read till 2. Study for evening instruction at the opening of the Collingwood Mission this evening. At a quarter to 3 went by train to Sandridge. Returned a little past 4. Dinner. About 6.15 prepared again for the evening instruction. At 7 arrived at St. Joseph's. Gave out night prayers - then preached to a very crowded congregation. Gave Benediction. Confessions till 9.30. Six priests with myself were hearing Confessions. Got home in a fierce dust storm about 10. At 10.30 to bed.

**Thursday 18th October.** Morning prayers - Matins and Lauds - preparation for Mass - Hours. Commenced the ceremony of reception at the Convent of Mercy about [ ] then commenced that of Profession. Mass. Ceremony of profession concluded after the Holy Mass. Sermon was preached by Fr. Lentaing S.J. After the sermon I gave Benediction. Left the convent at 1.30 and drove to Brighton. Returned home about 4. Vespers and Compline. Dinner. At 7 gave out prayers at St. Joseph's. Fr. Kelly preached - gave Benediction. Confessions till 10. The church was crowded - numbers not being able to get in, went home. Returned home about 10.30. To bed about 11.

**Friday 19th October.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Matins - Lauds *et Prima*. Went to St. Joseph's. Short preparation for Mass. At 8.30 commenced Mass - preached. Thanksgiving. Went to St. Francis. Took breakfast. Engaged in the office up to 11. Rode home. Occupied up to 1.30. Went to Williamstown. Returned to Melbourne [at] a quarter to 4. Vespers and Compline. Dinner. At 7 attended the Mission in St. Joseph's - gave out night prayers - Fr. Kelly preached. Benediction - Confessions till 9.30. The other Clergy - nine in number - were hearing Confessions till past 10. I retired unwell to bed.

**Saturday 20th October.** Morning prayers. Matins - Lauds *et Prima* - preparation for Mass. At 8.30 celebrated Mass in St. Joseph's. After I went to St. Francis. Breakfast at 10. Engaged in the office until 11. Rode home. Read till 12. Went to St. Joseph's to hear Confessions. Left St. Joseph's - where I was engaged uninterruptedly in the duties of the Confessional - at 1.30. Recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds. In St. Francis Confessions from 2 to 4. Rode home. Dinner. Confessions from 6.30 to 10. Night prayers - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. It is late in the day when I made my meditation. Made a short preparation for my instruction tomorrow. It was past 11 when I got to bed.

**Sunday 21st October.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours. Study for my discourse at Mass. At 11 commenced Mass at St. Joseph's. After Mass preached - then delivered a few words of instruction on Confirmation. Administered Confirmation to a good many adults. It was 1.30 when all was over. About a thousand persons of both sexes went during the Mission to the Sacraments and some converts were received. Thanks to God for this wonderful fruit of divine grace. About 2 breakfast. After this wrote a while. Then read till 2.30. Visited the Convent of Mercy and the Sunday Schools of Ss. George, Mary and Francis - a little too late for the two latter. I was a little tired by the time I got home - having walked. Vespers and Compline. Dinner. At 7 presided in St. Francis at Vespers - sermon and Benediction. Night prayers. Got home about 8.30. Read for an hour. About 10 to bed.

**Monday 22nd October.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass at Abbotsford. Thanksgiving. Hours. Went to St. Francis. Heard Confessions - made my meditation. Breakfast [at] 9.30. Left the office at 10 to prepare to go to Geelong by the 11.30 train. Read during the trip. Visited the Convent soon after arriving there. Arranged for the ceremony on tomorrow. Recited Vespers and Compline on my return to the Presbytery. Dinner. Took a short drive after dinner. Matins and Lauds. At 7 attended night prayers in the Church. Conversed till 9 with the Clergy. About 10 to bed.

**Tuesday 23rd October.** Morning prayers. Hours. Preparation for Mass. At 10 commenced the reception. This over began Mass - the profession being proceeded with in the mean time. At the conclusion I addressed a few words of instruction to the Novice, the newly professed Sister and those present. Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Thanksgiving. Read till 12.15. Returned to Melbourne by 4. Called at St. Francis on my way home for letters. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner. About 6.15 Matins and Lauds. Night prayers in St. Francis. Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for an hour. About 10 to bed.

**Wednesday 24th October.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. A little before 7 Mass - thanksgiving. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Went to St. Francis. Heard Mass. Confessions. Recited Hours *Sexta et Nona* - meditation. At 9.30 breakfast. Engaged in the office until 10.30. Rode home. Busy until 12. Visited the Convent of Mercy. Returned home about 1. Read till 2. Visited the Convent of the Good Shepherd. Returned home by St. Kilda. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. About 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for an hour. To bed about 9.30.

**Thursday 25th October.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - a little before 7 Mass - thanksgiving. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Went to St. Francis - heard Mass - Confessions - meditation - The Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Breakfast at 9.30. Occupied in the office until 10.30. Rode home. Busy preparing for the \* \* mail. A little past 2 posted letters - visited the Exhibition, where I stopped till 3.30. Got home a little before 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner [at] 4.30. A little past 6 Matins and Lauds. Attended night prayers at 7 in St. Francis. Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for near an hour. To bed at 9.30.

**Friday 26th October.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Mass at 7 in the College Chapel. Thanksgiving. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Went to St. Francis. Heard Mass. Confessions - meditation. Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office up to 11. Rode home. Occupied nearly the whole of the day - writing letters for the Home Mail *via* Suez. Posted the letters about 3. Took a long walk - returned home by 4 o'clock. Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. About 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for an hour. To bed about 10.

**Saturday 27th October.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass - thanksgiving. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Went to St. Francis - heard Mass - Confessions. Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office up to 11. Rode home. Study till 12.30. Visited the Convent of the Good Shepherd - thence went to St. Francis. Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds. Confessions till 4. Rode home. Dinner. From 6.30 to 9.30 Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Night prayers. Home. To bed about 11.

**Sunday 28th October.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. At 8 Mass. Preached after giving Holy Communion. Thanksgiving. Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Meditation. At 10 Breakfast. Spiritual reading till 11. Attended in the Vestry during Mass and sermon in the Cathedral. Study of the Scriptures from 12 to 1.30. Then read a few pages of a religious work. Visited the Sunday Schools of Ss. George, Mary, Augustine and Francis. Returned home by 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. At 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 assisted at Vespers in St. Francis - Sermon - Benediction. Night prayers. Home. To bed about 10.30.

**Monday 29th October.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass. Thanksgiving. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Went to St. Francis. Mass. Confessions. Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Occupied in the office until 10.30. Rode home. Read till 12.30. Visited Williamstown. The Clergyman was absent on a sick call. Paid a short visit to the School. Returned to Melbourne about 4. Vespers and Compline. Dinner. At 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read till 9. About 10 to bed.

**Tuesday 30th October.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours. At 9.30 commenced Mass at Abbotsford. After Mass preached and administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to about 50 children and adults. Thanksgiving. Returned home about 12. Breakfast. Read a little. At 1 walked to St. Francis - read letters. On my return home called at the Convent of Mercy - the Nuns (2, and a postulant) just arrived from Sydney where they landed last Monday from England - were introduced to me. At 2.30 visited the Convent of the Good Shepherd on business. Returned home about 4. Vespers and Compline. Wrote till Dinner. Weather oppressively hot - a strong wind from the N[orth]. About 6.15 went to St. Francis. At 7 attended night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 10 to bed.

**Wednesday 31st October.** Morning prayers - Matins - Lauds and Hours. Heard Mass in St. Francis - Confessions - Meditation. At 9.30 collation. Engaged in the office up to 11. Arranged Masses and duty for tomorrow's solemn feast. Rode home. Read for some time. Wrote a little. Visited the Convent of Mercy. About 2 visited the Orphanage belonging to the boys at Emerald. Went into the school - examined the new school and dormitory now being built. Returned by Prahran - home about 4. Vespers and Compline. Dinner. At 6.15 went to St. Francis. Confessions till 9.30. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Night prayers. Home. About 11 to bed.

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**Thursday 1st November.** Morning prayers - Divine Office. Preparation for Mass. At 11 commenced High Mass. It was over by 12 - thanksgiving. About 1 took breakfast at the Convent of Mercy. At 2 rode to St. Kilda by Richmond and Prahran. Arrived home about 4. Vespers and Compline. Dinner. At 6.30 Vespers of the Dead in choir in St. Francis. Confessions till 9. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Night prayers. Home. About 11 to bed.

**Friday 2nd November.** Morning prayers. Divine Office - preparation for Mass. At 10 Solemn Office of the Dead in the church - then Solemn Requiem Mass. Thanksgiving. Breakfast. Home. Hours and Meditation. Wrote and read alternately for some time.

Had the house examined by an Architect and Contractor who pronounced it to be most unsafe - especially my bed room. Had to remove to another room. Between 2.30 and 4 took a long walk. Vespers and Compline on my return home. Dinner. At 6.15 Matins. At 7 night prayers. Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Lauds. Home. About 10.30 to bed.

**Saturday 3rd November.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At a little before 7 Mass - thanksgiving - Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Went to St. Francis. Heard Mass. Meditation. Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Confessions. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office until 11. Arranged the Masses for tomorrow and the duty for the week. Rode home. Busy until 12. Then inaugurated a society of ladies for relief of the poor and for the introduction into the Diocese of Religious who would be entirely devoted to this most important duty of Charity. This occupied me until 1.15. Then visited the Convent at Abbotsford - remained here a very short time. Went thence to St. Francis - recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds - Confessions till 4. Study for instruction at Mass tomorrow. Dinner a little past 4.30. Confessions from 6.30 to 10. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Night prayers. Home. About 11 to bed.

**Sunday 4th November.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 8 Mass - preached after the giving [of] Holy Communion. Thanksgiving - Hours - meditation. Breakfast - Spiritual reading till 11. Heard Mass and Sermon in the Vestry of the Cathedral. After this I was occupied preparing for my visit to Ararat till 1.30. Visited the Convent of Mercy - and gave in charge to the Revd. Mother the Church plate - two Gold Chalices, a gold trowel and Pontifical insignia. Visited Abbotsford. Gave Benediction there. On my return home visited St. Joseph's Sunday School. About 150 children boys and girls were present - the teachers were numerous. Returned home a little before 4. Vespers and Compline. At 4.30 dinner. At 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 presided at Vespers - Sermon and Benediction in St. Francis. Night prayers. Home. Read for an hour. To bed about 10.

**Monday 5th November.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. About 7 Mass - thanksgiving. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Heard Mass in St. Francis. Hours *Sexta et Nona* - Confessions - meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office until 10. Rode home. Left for Geelong by the 11.30 train. Visited the Convent. Dined at the Presbytery. Left by the five minutes to 5 o'clock train for Ballarat - arrived there about 8.30. Recited Vespers, Matins and Lauds during the journey. About 10 night prayers - bed.

**Tuesday 6th November.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Mass in St Alipius. Thanksgiving - breakfast. Wrote letters. Left for Beaufort about 10. A terrible dust storm rose soon after leaving the Presbytery. Weather sultry and unwholesome. Recited Hours - made meditation. About 12 stopped for an hour at Lake Burrumbeet. Arrived in Beaufort about 4. Recited Matins and Lauds. Visited the Chapel - it was closed. Took a short walk. I feel very unwell. Retired early to bed.

**Wednesday 7th November.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Confessions - celebrated Mass - said a few words of instruction after the Holy Communion. Left at 11 for Ararat. Recited Vespers and Compline and Matins after leaving the half way house - where we stopped about an hour. Arrived in Ararat about 4. Recited Lauds. Dinner. At 7 opened the Mission - preached after reciting the prayers. There were but few present. About 10 to bed.

**Thursday 8th November.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 8.30 Mass. Thanksgiving. Breakfast. Read and answered letters. I was thus engaged up to 11.30. Studied till 1. Took a long walk - visited the school - upwards of 97 children of both sexes were present. Examined the children in the Christian Doctrine. Recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds. Confessions till 4. Dinner at 5. At 7 gave out night prayers - preached. Confessions till 9. About 10 to bed.

**Friday 9th November.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. A little before 9 commenced Mass - thanksgiving. Breakfast. Hours. Meditation. Took a walk - returning to the Presbytery about 12. Wrote for a short time. Study till 1. Went to the Church. Recited Vespers and Compline. Read and heard Confessions alternately till 2. Then Matins and Lauds - Confessions till 3.30. Dinner at 4. Visited the new Lunatic Asylum. At 7 gave out prayers - preached - Confessions till 9.30.

**Saturday 10th November.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 8.30 Mass. Thanksgiving. *Prima*. Breakfast. Read correspondence - replied. Hours *Tertia Sexta et Nona*. Meditation. Confessions from 1 to 4. Dinner. At 7 night prayers - Confessions till 9.30. About 10.30 to bed.

**Sunday 11th November.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Confessions. At 9 commenced Mass - thanksgiving. Breakfast. Assisted at the 11 o'clock Mass - preached after the Holy Communion. After Mass delivered a short discourse on Confirmation - then administered that Holy Sacrament to about 50 - adults, men and women, boys and girls. About 1 recited Vespers and Compline. At 2.30 left for Pleasant Creek. Made my meditation on the way. Arrived there about 5. Dinner at 6. Opened the Mission here with prayers and sermon. The little Church was crowded. Heard Confessions till past 9. Nearly all the Congregation at Ararat went to their religious duties - only one or two are suspected to have absented themselves. About 10.30 to bed. Weather cold and stormy with heavy showers.

**Monday 12th November.** Morning prayers. Divine Office - preparation for Mass. Confessions. At 9 commenced Mass. Holy Communion was given to a great number at this Mass and the 8 o'clock. Thanksgiving. Breakfast. Meditation. After the 10 o'clock preached and confirmed. At 1.30 left for Ararat. Weather stormy and cold - with heavy showers of hail and rain at intervals. Arrived in Ararat about 4. Recited Hours and Vespers and Compline. Read the English news just arrived. Took a long walk after dinner. Conversed with the Clergy until 9. Then night prayers - bed.

**Tuesday 13th November.** Morning prayers. Matins and Lauds - Hours. Wrote letters. Visited the school about 12 - remained there a short time. Heard the children read etc. Left for Beaufort. Weather very stormy - with rain and hail. Arrived in Beaufort about 5.30. Suffering from a severe cold. Did not get to the Chapel this evening. The two clergymen with me went. The little place was quite full. They were engaged with Confessions till 9. I recited Vespers and Compline. Then read till the Clergy returned. Feeling very unwell I retired soon to my room. Night prayers - bed.

**Wednesday 14th November.** Morning prayers. Divine Office. Matins and Lauds and *Prima et Tertia* - preparation for Mass. At 10 commenced Mass in St Mary's Chapel School Beaufort. Gave Holy Communion. After Mass preached and Confirmed 5 children - 3 girls and 2 boys. Thanksgiving. The building is of wood 45x20. The altar is clean - the sanctuary too shows care. The building needs some repairs to make it comfortable and tidy. Thanksgiving. Breakfast. Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Left Beaufort for Ballaarat about 10. Arrived in Ballaarat about 4. 28 miles. Weather cold and stormy. Made my meditation as we travelled along. Got English letters. Read them. Then dinner. In the evening Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds. About 9 night prayers - bed.

**Thursday 15th November.** Morning prayers. Hours. Heard Mass. Read the local journal. Breakfast. Read English papers. At 12 visited St. Alipius boys and girls schools. Examined the children in the Christian Doctrine. Boys did not answer satisfactorily. The attendance in the boys school was very good - that in the girls not so good. Boys school much cleaner than usual. Between 1 and 3 visited the Warrenheip school. Building badly kept. But few children were present - the others being employed on the farms just now. The children answered pretty well in the Christian Doctrine. Writing was pretty good.

Returned to Ballaarat about 3.15. Recited Vespers and Compline. Meditation. Then read till dinner. In the evening visited Sebastapool - with a view to select a site for a School Chapel. The Catholic population here is very large - larger than in Ballaarat proper. Returned home about 7.30. Tea. Recited Matins and Lauds - conversed with the Clergy till 9. Retired to my room. Night prayers - bed.

**Friday 16th November.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7.30 Mass - thanksgiving - Hours - meditation. Wrote a little. At 9.30 left for Happy Valley - 22 miles from Ballaarat and 10 from Smythesdale. Road bad - in parts very bad. Reached the School Chapel about 1. A few children were being taught the Christian Doctrine - they answered well the few questions I put to them in it. The building is of wood. It is about 60 x 25 - and in fair repair. The Altar looked neglected and crowded with school furniture which I ordered to be removed with a caution not to put on the Altar or within the Sanctuary what did not belong to them. Recited Vespers and Compline on the [way] back. Arrived in Ballaarat about 5. The Vicar-General whom I expected from Melbourne was there before me. Dinner. After dinner looked over the proposed alterations in my residence at Melbourne - suggested changes. Took a long walk between 7 and 8. Conversed with the Clergy till 10. Then night prayers - bed.

**Saturday 17th November.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Matins. At 8 Mass - thanksgiving. Breakfast. Hours. Meditation. Visited the site lately purchased for a Chinese Chapel. Wrote a little. The Vicar-General returned to Melbourne. Study till 1.30. Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds. Confessions till 4. Dinner at 4.30. Took a short drive between 6 and 7. Confessions from 7 to 9.30. About 10 night prayers - bed.

**Sunday 18th November.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours - Confessions. At 9 Mass in St Alipius Chapel. After giving the Holy Communion delivered a short discourse. Thanksgiving. Breakfast. Study for sermon at the 11 o'clock Mass. Assisted at this Mass - celebrated in St. Patrick's by Fr. Ly - a Chinese Priest. Preached after the Holy Communion to a very crowded congregation. All was over by 12.30. Returned to the Presbytery. Took a little refreshment. Recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds. Wrote a little. Visited the children assembled in St. Alipius Chapel School and St. Patrick's School for instruction in the Christian Doctrine. They numbered in both places about 300 - the teachers too were pretty numerous. In the evening at 5 presided at Vespers. Gave Benediction. Dined at 6. Took a short walk. Conversated with the Clergy till 9.30. Not feeling very well I retired to my room. Recited night prayers - to bed.

**Monday 19th November.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - Hours. At 8.30 Mass. Thanksgiving - breakfast. Instructed Fr. Moore in the presence of Fr. Ly - the Chinese Priest - to pay him as salary £5 per month. Pointed out to Fr Ly his duties. Left by the mid-day train for Melbourne. The Divine Office and useful reading filled up the time during the trip. Arrived in Melbourne about 4. Read letters. Dinner at 4.30. About 6.15 went to St. Francis. Night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Not feeling well I retired early to bed.

**Tuesday 20th November.** Morning prayers - heard Mass. Matins and Lauds. Breakfast. Engaged in the office until 10.30. Rode home. Busy all day removing or rather preparing my things for removal to the house rented during the repairing of my residence. Recited Hours - Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 5. About 6.30 went to St. Francis. Night prayers - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Recited Matins and Lauds. About 10 to bed.

**Wednesday 21st November.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours. Celebrated Mass at the Convent of Mercy. Thanksgiving. Breakfast. Went to St. Francis. Engaged in the office until 11. Rode home. Engaged arranging my room. Visited the Convent of Mercy. Between 1.30 and 3 engaged. Took a walk. On my return home recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner. At 6.30 went to St. Francis. Night prayers at 7 - Confessions - Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Matins and Lauds. About 9.30 to bed. Still feel very unwell.

**Thursday 22nd November.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours - celebrated Mass at Abbotsford - thanksgiving. Breakfast. Went to St Francis - Confessions. Engaged in the office until 11. Rode out with a Clergyman for an hour. Called at the Orphanage for boys. The new building will soon be finished. Visited the presbytery now being built at Prahran. Returned home about 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner. About 6.15 went to St. Francis. Recited Matins. At 7 night prayers - Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Lauds. Home. Conversated with the Clergy till 9.30. Then to bed.

**Friday 23rd November.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Celebrated Mass in the College Chapel. Recited *Prima et Tertia*. Heard Mass - Confessions - at 9.30 breakfast. Engaged in the office until 11. Rode on horse-back to St. Kilda - returned by Abbotsford. Read for an hour. Then took a long walk - calling at St. George's to see the new work now being built there - the foundations are very good. At 4 recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner. At 6.30 went to St. Francis - night prayers at 7 - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Matins and Lauds. Home. Conversed till 10 with the Vicar-General and a Clergyman on a visit here. Then to bed.

**Saturday 24th November.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Mass in the College Chapel. Hours. Heard Mass in St. Francis. Meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office until 10. Arranged the duty for tomorrow and the week coming in. Visited Abbotsford and the Convent of Mercy. Engaged up to 3. Took a little refreshment about 3.30. Left for Dandenong at 4.30. Recited Vespers and Compline and read a useful work during the journey. Arrived in Dandenong about 6.30. Visited the Church. Arranged all for tomorrow. Dinner about 7. Retired to my room a little past 10. Night prayers - bed.

**Sunday 25th November.** Morning prayers. Matins and Lauds - Meditation - preparation for Mass. At 9.30 blessed and dedicated the new Church. Hours - Spiritual reading. At 11.30 commenced Mass. After the Holy Communion Fr. Kelly S.J. preached. The Church is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mother of God. After Mass administered Confirmation to about 40 - amongst [them] were many adults and a few old persons. Addressed a few words of instruction to them. It was about 2 when all was over. Breakfast. Then left for Melbourne - on the way recited Vespers and Compline. Arrived home [at] a quarter to 5. Wrote till 5. Then dinner. Did not attend this evening devotions in St. Francis. After reciting Matins and Lauds I read till past 9. About 10 retired to my room - night prayers - bed.

**Monday 26th November.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. About 7.30 Mass in the College Chapel. Thanksgiving. Hours. Heard Mass in St. Francis. Meditation - Confessions. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office until 10.30. Occupied writing letters for the English Mail. Between 2 and 3 visited the Inter-Colonial Exhibition. Returned home a little before 4. Vespers and Compline. Letters for the English mail. Dinner. At 6.30 went to St. Francis - attended night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Matins and Lauds. Home. To bed about 10.

**Tuesday 27th November.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. About 8 Mass - thanksgiving - Hours - heard Mass - Meditation. Confessions. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office until 10.30. Busy writing letters for the English Mail. At 2 met a Fr. Hickie who requested permission to collect for the Dublin Catholic University. I explained to him the difficulties and great wants of this Diocese - assuring that but for them I would most willingly afford him every facility for the purpose. However I shall give him a Sunday in Melbourne to make his appeal - and get then what he can [and] and be done with it in the City. Between 2 and 4 visited Abbotsford and Prahran Presbytery. Vespers and Compline. Dinner. At 6.15 went to St. Francis - attended night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Matins and Lauds. Home. Read a little - conversed with the Clergy till 9.30. Then to bed.

**Wednesday 28th November.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass - thanksgiving - Hours - heard Mass. Meditation. Confessions. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office until 10.30. Rode home. Occupied writing till 12. Visited the Convent of Mercy and St. George's Schools. On my return home studied till 4. Vespers and Compline. Dinner. Went to St. Francis [at] 6.30. Recited Matins - at 7 night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Lauds. Home. Read till past 9 - then to bed.

**Thursday 29th November.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 6.15 Mass. Thanksgiving - Hours. Heard Mass in St. Francis. Meditation - Confessions. Breakfast at 9.30. Occupied in the office until close on 11. Rode home. Wrote letters. Between 12 and 1 visited the Convent of Mercy. Returned home 1.15. Study till 2. Visited Abbotsford - saw the sick there. Returned home by Richmond and Prahran. Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. At 7 attended night prayers in St. Francis. Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Matins and Lauds. Home. Read till 9. About 10 to bed.

**Friday 30th November.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass - thanksgiving - Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Heard Mass in St. Francis - Hours *Sexta et Nona* - Confessions - meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Received visits on business. Engaged in the office until 10.30. Study from a quarter to 11 to 12. Visited the Convent of Mercy. Made another visit - called at St Patrick's to examine plans for alterations in the house. Had to go to Abbotsford on business. Returned home about 4 - recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. Went to St. Francis about 6.15 - recited Matins. At 7 night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Lauds. Home. Read till 9. About 10 to bed.

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**Saturday 1st December.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 6.30 Mass in the College Chapel. Thanksgiving *Prima*. Heard Mass in St. Francis - Confessions - Hours - meditation. Looked over two of the Dailies. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office up to 10.30. Arranged the order of Masses and duty for tomorrow and the week. From 11 to 12 study for my homily to the people on tomorrow. Between 1 and 2 visited Abbotsford and the Convent of Mercy. Vespers and Compline. Confessions from 2 to 4. During the intervals between the Confessions recited Matins and Lauds. Dinner at 4.30. In the evening Confessions from 6.30 to past 10. Night prayers - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 11 to bed.

**Sunday 2nd December.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - *Prima*. At 8 Mass. Preached after the Holy Communion. Thanksgiving - Confessions. Returned home about 9.15. Hours. Meditation. At 10 breakfast. From 10.30 to 12 spiritual reading. Wrote for a short time - then read a few Chapters of the Old Testament with notes. Between 2 and 4 visited the Convent of Mercy - Ss. George's - Francis and Patrick's Sunday Schools. The attendance in all was very good. At 4 recited Vespers and Compline. Read till dinner time. At 6.15 Matins - at 7 assisted at Vespers - Sermon and Benediction in St. Francis. Night prayers. Returned home about 9. A little before 10 to bed.

**Monday 3rd December.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass. Thanksgiving - Hours *Prima et Tertia* - heard Mass in St Francis - Hours *Sexta et Nona* - Confessions. Meditation. Looked over two dailies. At 9.30 breakfast. Engaged in the office until close on 11. Rode home. Read for some time. Wrote in reply to Fr. Dunne, declining the interview he asked. About 1 went to St. Patrick's to consider the proposed alterations in the House. After some time came to a decision. About 2.30 visited the orphanage - on my return home visited the Clergyman at Prahran. Reached home about 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner. About 6.30 Matins. At 7 night prayers and Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Lauds. Home. Read for some time. About 9.30 to bed.

**Tuesday 4th December.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass - thanksgiving - Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Heard Mass. Confessions. Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office until close on 11. Home. Read a Sydney newspaper. Wrote a little. Studied Theology for an hour. About a quarter to 2 visited the Convent of Mercy. Between 2.15 and 4 visited Abbotsford. At 4 recited Vespers and Compline. Then read till dinner. About 6.15 Matins. At 7 night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Lauds. Home. Read till 9. About 10 to bed.

**Wednesday 5th December.** Morning prayers - Preparation for Mass - *Prima*. At 6.30 Mass - thanksgiving - Hours - heard Mass - Confessions - meditation. At 9.30 breakfast. Engaged in the office until 11. Rode home. Wrote a little. Study [of] Theology till 1.30. Visited the Convent of Mercy and the works going on at St. George's. Between 2.30 and 4 visited the female orphanage - remained a short time in the school - went through dormitories - found everything in nice order. Returned home about 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Read till dinner. About 6.30 Matins. At 7 night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read till 9. About 10 to bed.

**Thursday 6th December.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - *Prima*. At a quarter to 6 Mass - thanksgiving. Heard Mass. Hours - Confessions - Meditation. At 9.30 breakfast. Wrote and read letters. Engaged until a quarter to 11. Rode home. Wrote a little. Studied from 11.30 to 1.30. Accompanied by the Vicar-General I visited the Convent of Mercy and the Asylum at Abbotsford. Returned about 3.30. Recited Vespers and Compline - then read till 4.30. Dinner. About 6.15 Matins. At 7 night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Lauds. Home. Read till 9. A little before 10 to bed.

**Friday 7th December.** Morning prayers. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Went to St. Francis - heard Mass - Hours *Sexta et Nona* - Confessions - meditation. At 9.30 Collation. Engaged in the office up to 11. Rode home. Engaged up to 12. About 1 visited the Convent of Mercy. Called at St. Patrick's. Returned home about 2.30. Read till 3.30. Then recited Vespers and Compline. After this read till close on dinner time. Dinner 4.30. At 20 minutes to 7 Matins - night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Did not feel very well - had to apply something cooling to the head. Got relief. Read for some time. Conversated with the Vicar-General until 10. Then to bed.

**Saturday 8th December.** Morning prayers. Hours - preparation for Mass. About 8 celebrated Mass at Abbotsford. A good many of the penitents went to Holy Communion - and a large number of the Reformatory children received for the first time. After Mass I addressed a few words of instruction to them. Admitted to the Society of the Blessed Mother of God the penitents who made their Holy Communion - distributing amongst them the usual badges. After the ceremony I drove to St. Francis. I was engaged in the office until past 11. Arranged the order of duty for tomorrow and the week. From 12 to 1.30 busy. Meditation. Recited Vespers and Compline, Matins and Lauds. Confessions till 4. Dinner at 4.30. Confessions from 7 till 10. Night prayers. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. To bed about 11.

**Sunday 9th December.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - Hours - Meditation. At 11 commenced Mass at St. George's. Fr. Kelly preached after the Holy Communion. Mass over I laid the foundation stone of the additions to St. George's School. A heavy shower came down as I concluded the blessing of the foundations. The collection had to be made in that portion of the building hitherto occupied. It was very good. Breakfast about 1.30. Between 2 and 3 visited St. Patrick's Sunday school. The attendance was very thin owing to the weather and sickness. On my return home recited Vespers and Compline - then read a useful work till 4.30. Dinner. At 6.15 Matins - at 7 assisted at Vespers - Sermon and Benediction in St. Francis - Lauds. Night prayers. Home. About 10 to bed.

**Monday 10th December.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - Hours *Prima et Tertia*. At 6.15 Mass - thanksgiving - heard Mass. Hours *Sexta et Nona* - Confessions - meditation. Breakfast 9.30. Engaged in the office until past 10. Rode home. Read till 11.30 with a short interruption. About 12 visited St. Patrick's and the Convent of Mercy. Returned home about 1. Read till 2. Visited the Convent at Abbotsford. Returned home by Richmond and St. Kilda. Recited Vespers and Compline. Read part of a voluminous correspondence with the Board of Education and the various Heads of Denominations on the subject of mixed schools - namely on the propriety or otherwise of educating boys and girls in the same school. At 4.30 dinner. At 6.15 Matins - at 7 night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read a few pages of the *History of England*. About 10 to bed.

**Tuesday 11th December.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Mass - thanksgiving. Heard Mass in St. Francis. Hours *Sexta et Nona* - Meditation - Confessions. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office until 10.30. Read correspondence on mixed and separate. Wrote a little - engaged thus till 12. Visited Dr. Brownless - was overtaken by a great dust storm. Visited St. Patrick's - got home by 1. Read till past 2. Took a pretty good walk. Returned home about 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Read a little. Dinner at the usual time. At 7 night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Matins and Lauds. Home. Read till past 9. About 10 to bed.

**Wednesday 12th December.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. At 6.30 Mass - thanksgiving. Heard Mass in St. Francis. Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Confessions - meditation. Collation at 9.30. Engaged in the office until 10.30. Rode home. Spiritual reading till 12.30. Visited the Convent of Mercy - visited St. George's. As I walked home looked in at St. Patrick's. Wrote a little. Then read till 2. Visited Abbotsford - returned home by Richmond and St. Kilda. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. At 6.30 Matins. At 7 night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home.

Opened two tenders for additions to residence. Showed them to the Vicar-General. Agreed to put notice in the papers - that the acceptance or rather that tenders would not be opened till Friday. Wrote a little - then read till 9. To bed about 10.

**Thursday 13th December.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. At 6.30 Mass - thanksgiving. Went to St. Francis. Remained in the Confessional from 7.30 to 9. Recited Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Meditation. At 9.30 breakfast. Read and answered correspondence. Engaged in the office until 10.30. Rode home. Studied Moral Theology until past 12. Then read Tocqueville on America till 1. At 1.30 visited the Orphanage (female). Returned by Prahran. Read till close on 4. Then recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner. About 6.30 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read till [ ]. I feel rather unwell. Applied to the vinegar - received great relief. About 10 to bed.

**Friday 14th December.** Morning prayers. Hours. Heard Mass in St. Francis. Confessions - meditation. At 9.30 collation. Answered letters. Engaged in the office until 11. Rode home. Busy up to 12.30. Visited St. Patrick's girls and boys schools - called at the Convent of Mercy. Returned home about 2. Read till 2.30. Took a walk - returning home about 3.30. Read till 4. Then recited Vespers and Compline. Wrote a little. Dinner at 4.30. At 6.30 visited the new work at St. George's. Matins - at 7 night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home - visited a sick person in the neighbourhood. About 10 to bed.

**Saturday 15th December.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. At 6.30 Mass - thanksgiving. Went to St. Francis - heard Mass - Confessions - recited Hours *Sexta et Nona* - meditation. At 9.30 breakfast. Engaged in the office until 10.30. Home. Study for my discourse for tomorrow until 1. Visited the Convent at Abbotsford. Recited Vespers and Compline. From 2 to 4 Confessions - Matins and Lauds. Rode home. Dinner at the usual time. From 7 to 10.15 Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady - night prayers. Home. To bed about 11.

**Sunday 16th December.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. At 8 Mass - preached after giving the Holy Communion. Thanksgiving. Recited *Sexta et Nona*. Spiritual reading and meditation from 9 to 10. Breakfast. Spiritual reading from 10.30 to 12.30. Read a little of the Old Testament with notes. At 2 - visited the Convent of Mercy - then visited the Sunday Schools of St. Mary and St. Francis. The attendance in the former was large - in the latter very thin. Returned home about 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. At 6.30 Matins and Lauds. At 7 presided in St. Francis at Vespers - Sermon and Benediction. Night prayers. Home. To bed about 10.

**Monday 17th December.** Morning prayers. Preparation for Mass - Hours *Prima et Tertia*. At 7 Mass. Thanksgiving. A heavy thunder storm with a great fall of rain passed over the City during the night and early morning. Went to St. Francis - heard Mass - Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office until 10. Proceeded to Geelong by the 11.30 o'clock train. Read the English news during the journey. Visited the boys Orphanage and the Convent. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner. In the evening took a drive through the Gardens. Conversated with the Clergy till 9. Night prayers - then to bed.

**Tuesday 18th December.** Morning prayers. Matins and Lauds - preparation for Mass. Dedicated the Mortuary Chapel to the Blessed Virgin under the title of *Auxilium Christianorum* [Help of Christians]. Celebrated Mass in the Chapel - thanksgiving. Breakfast at 10. Recited Hours - made meditation. At 12.30 assisted at the exhibition in the Convent of Mercy. It was about 2 when all was over. Took a short drive. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4. About 6 Matins and Lauds. Was present at a play performed by the Convent children. Returned to the presbytery a little past 9. About 10 night prayers - bed.

**Wednesday 19th December.** Morning prayers. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Preparation for Mass. A little past 8 celebrated Mass in the Convent. Administered Confirmation to one of the Boarders about to leave the School for good. Conversed after breakfast with the Revd. Mother - with reference to the fitness of the Novice. Advised [her] to consult with her relative who placed her in this Convent. Returned to [the] presbytery about 10. Wrote a little. Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Meditation. At a quarter to 2 left by train for Melbourne. Recited Vespers and Compline - read during the rest of the journey. Arrived in Melbourne for dinner. In the evening went to St. Francis. Attended Novena and Benediction. Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Matins and Lauds. About 10 to bed.

**Thursday 20th December.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. A little past 7 Mass - thanksgiving. Went to St. Francis - heard Mass. Hours - Confessions - meditation. At 9.30 collation. Engaged in the office until past 10. Rode home. Read till 12. Then presided at the exhibition in the Convent of Mercy. This was not over till 5. Dinner. At 7, Novena in St. Francis and Benediction - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Matins and Lauds. Home. About 10 to bed.

**Friday 21st December.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Mass - thanksgiving. Went to St. Francis - heard Mass. Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Meditation - Confessions. At 9.30 collation. Engaged in the office until 11. Rode home. A little past 12 presided at the Exhibition in the College. Distributed prizes. This was not over until 1.30. Took a short drive before dinner. Recited Vespers and Compline. Read till Dinner. At 7 Novena and Benediction - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Matins and Lauds. To bed a little past 10.

**Saturday 22nd December.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Mass at 6.30 - thanksgiving. Went to St. Francis - heard Mass. Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Confessions. At 9.30 collation. Engaged in the office until close on 11. Rode [home]. Wrote for some time. About 1 visited Abbotsford - visited on my way to St. Francis the Convent of Mercy. Vespers and Compline - Confessions - Matins and Lauds - Confessions. About 4 left St. Francis for home. Studied for my instruction to the people on tomorrow. About 5 dinner. Novena and Benediction - Confessions from 7 to 10.30. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Night prayers. Home. A little past 11 to bed.

**Sunday 23rd December.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours *Prima, Tertia et Sexta*. At 8 commenced Mass. After giving Holy Communion delivered a short discourse. Thanksgiving - *Nona* - Meditation. At 10 breakfast. Spiritual [reading] from 10.30 to 12. Wrote a little. Read a few chapters of the old Bible with comments. At 1.30 visited the Convent of Mercy. Walked back home by St. George's and the Cathedral. No children were assembled in either of these places for the Christian Doctrine. Got home by 3.30. Vespers and Compline. Read till dinner. About 6.30 Matins and Lauds. At 7 assisted at Vespers and Sermon - gave Benediction after reciting the prayers for the Novena. Returned home about 9. Night prayers - to bed about 10.

**Monday 24th December.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. At 7 Mass. Thanksgiving. Went to St. Francis. Heard Mass - Confessions. Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Collation at 9.30. Engaged in the office until past 10. Rode home. Busy till 1. visited the Convent of Mercy and Abbotsford. Confessions from 2 to 4. When not engaged hearing Confessions I recited Matins and Lauds. Dinner at 4.30. At 7 Novena and Benediction - Confessions till a quarter to 11. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Night prayers. Home. A little before 12 to bed.

**Tuesday 25th December.** Morning prayers - Hours - meditation - preparation for Mass. Between 9 and 10 celebrated the 2 first Masses. At 11 commenced High Mass - gave the Papal Benediction after Mass. It was 1 when all was over. Between 2 and 4 visited the Convents. Weather very hot. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at the usual hour. At 7 Solemn Vespers and Benediction. Returned about 9. To bed about 10.

**Wednesday 26th December.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 8 Mass in St. Francis - thanksgiving. Divine Office. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged most of the day writing letters for the English Mail. Took a short walk before dinner. At 4 Vespers and Compline. Dinner. At 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 9.30 to bed.

**Thursday 27th December.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 8 celebrated Mass in the Convent of Mercy. Thanksgiving. Breakfast. Walked to St. Francis. Meditation. Busy then till 10. Finished letters for the English Mail. Left by [the] 11.30 train for Geelong. After dinner there went to Duneed - there stop[ped] the night. Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds. At 9 night prayers - bed.

**Friday 28th December.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. A little past 7 Mass - thanksgiving. Took a little refreshment. Left for Colac. Recited Hours and made meditation on the way. Stopped for breakfast [at] Winchelsea. Arrived in Colac about 1. Recited Vespers - Matins and Lauds before dinner. Left at 4 for Camperdown - where we arrived [at] a quarter to 8 - having travelled 64 miles with the same horses. Made arrangements for celebrating Mass tomorrow morning. At 9 night prayers - bed.

**Saturday 29th December.** Morning prayers. Hours. Preparation for Mass. At 7.30 Mass. Thanksgiving - breakfast. About 10 started for Warrnambool - 45 miles. Stopped an hour at Terang where we found the Dean of Warrnambool waiting for us. Here I made my meditation. We arrived in Warrnambool about 5. Vespers and Compline. Dinner. Between 8 and 9 Matins and Lauds - Confessions between 7 and 8. About 10 night prayers. Bed.

**Sunday 30th December.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. About 8 Mass - gave Holy Communion to a good many. Thanksgiving. Hours. At 10 breakfast. Left with the Dean for Woodford. Was present at the Mass he celebrated - preached after Holy Communion to a large congregation. Meditation. Vespers and Compline. Read a little of the New Testament. Returned to Warrnambool about 2. Wrote a letter. Recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds. Wrote letters. Dinner at 4.30. At 6.30 evening prayers - I preached to a numerous congregation - conversed with the Clergy till 9.30. Night prayers - bed.

**Monday 31st December.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7.30 Mass. A great many went to Holy Communion. Mass at 8.15. Heard Confessions during this Mass and some time after. A large number received at this second Mass. Breakfast at 9.30 - heard a few Confessions. I leave immediately for Belfast. Arrived in Belfast about 2.30. Recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds. Commenced the Lenten Pastoral for 1867. Dinner about 5. Heard a few Confessions in the evening. At 9.30 night prayers - bed.

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**Tuesday 1st January.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. About 8 Mass in the school room. A few were present. Dean Hayes said Mass later in the Church at which a large congregation assisted - made my Thanksgiving. Recited Hours. Meditation. About 10 proceeded to Koroit to lay the foundation or corner stone of the Church. More than a thousand persons were assembled on the ground. At 12 commenced the Solemn ceremony. The Church is dedicated to the Holy Name and Our Blessed Lady - title Jesus and Mary. Dean Hayes preached. The amount subscribed after the sermon was £273 - perhaps more. Returned to Belfast about 4.15. The distance is 15 miles. Recited Vespers and Compline. About 6 dinner. Took a long walk. Conversed some time with the Clergy. Retired a little past 9. Night prayers - bed.

**Wednesday 2nd January.** Morning prayers. Matins and Lauds - preparation for Mass. About 8 Mass. Thanksgiving. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Breakfast. Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Meditation - heard a few Confessions. Answered letters. Visited Koroit about 1. Examined the works of the new Church. I don't think the mortar is the right [one] - but little lime seems to me to be in it. Called Fr. Parle's attention to this and to the absence of through stones in one of the buttresses - as also the attention of one of the contractors was directed by me to the defect. The stones in the foundations are the very best. Walked over the site - suggested the purchase of the adjoining few acres as a site for a Convent School. Returned to Belfast a little past 3. Recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds. Dinner. After walked out returning about 8. Tea. Heard a few Confessions. About 9.30 night prayers - bed.

**Thursday 3rd January.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 8 Mass - thanksgiving. Answered a letter from the Revd. Mother [of] Abbotsford concerning the Bazaar she proposed at a time fixed for one in aid of the Orphanage. Of course I would not allow this. Breakfast. Wrote a little. Made preparation for my return to Warrnambool. Hours. Left at 12.30 for Warrnambool. Made my meditation as we went along. Arrived in Warrnambool [at] 2.15. Recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds. Wrote a letter. Looked over a Melbourne paper of yesterday's date. Dinner at 4.30. Took a long walk after dinner. Returned to the Presbytery about 8. Tea. Heard a Confession. Conversed with the Clergy till 9.30. Then night prayers - bed.

**Friday 4th January.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 8 Mass - thanksgiving. Breakfast - Hours - meditation. Engaged nearly the whole of the day writing the Lenten Pastoral for this year. Between 3 and 4 Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds. Dinner at 4.30. Took a long walk after. Returned to the presbytery a few minutes past 8. Took tea. Conversed with the Dean until 10. Night prayers - bed.

**Saturday 5th January.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7.30 Mass - thanksgiving. Made preparation for starting for Mortlake. Recited Hours - made meditation. Left for Mortlake at 10.30. Stopped about 1.30 to refresh. Recited Vespers and Compline. Arrived in Mortlake about 3.30. After dinner heard a few Confessions. Recited Matins and Lauds. Read for a good part of the evening. About 9.30 night prayers - to bed.

**Sunday 6th January.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 8 - Mass. A few went to Holy Communion. Thanksgiving. Heard Mass. Recited Hours - meditation. Breakfast. Assisted [at] 11 o'clock Mass after hearing Confessions. Dean Hayes preached. After Mass delivered a short discourse and administered Confirmation. Left at 2 for Terang. Arrived in Terang about 4.30. Recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds. Took a long walk. Read for some time. About 9 night prayers - bed.

**Monday 7th January.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - Hours - Confessions. At 8.30 Mass. About 20 went to Holy Communion. Preached. Administered Confirmation. Breakfast. Meditation. Left about 12 for Camperdown. As is my wont read during the greater part of the journey. Recited Vespers and Compline. Arrived in Camperdown about 2. Walked through the township. Visited the Common School. It was closed. The building is a poor affair and in a state of ruin. It must have cost a good deal. Dinner at 4. Recited Matins and Lauds. At 7 evening prayers in the Chapel. Delivered a short discourse. Heard Confessions. About 9.30 to bed.

**Tuesday 8th January.** Meditation. Morning prayers. Hours - preparation for Mass. At 8 Mass after hearing Confessions. Preached after giving the Holy Communion. About 16 received. Thanksgiving. Breakfast. About 11 left for Colac. Read during most of the journey. Recited Vespers and Compline. Arrived in Colac about 4. Visited the School Chapel - recited Matins and Lauds. Dinner. At 7 night prayers - delivered a short exhortation. Confessions. The Altar and Sanctuary were very untidy. About 9 to bed.

**Wednesday 9th January.** Morning prayers. Hours. Preparation for Mass. At 7.30 Confessions. At 8 Mass - about 39 received Holy Communion. Preached - thanksgiving - meditation. Breakfast. Left for Geelong at 10.30. Arrived in Geelong a little before 5. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner. Visited the Convent, the Industrial Schools and the Orphanages. Conversed with the Clergy till 10. The[n] night prayers - bed. Reproved severely the Clergyman who visits Colac for his shameful neglect of the Sanctuary there.

**Thursday 10th January.** Morning prayers. Matins. Preparation for Mass. At 8 Mass in the Convent Chapel. Thanksgiving - Lauds. Breakfast. Returned to the Presbytery. Recited Hours. Then wrote for some time. Meditation. Left by the 2 o'clock train for Melbourne. Recited Vespers and Compline. Read a useful work till we got to Melbourne. Telegrams by the English Mail [and] letters. Dinner at 5. At 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 attended night prayers in St. Francis. Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 9.30 to bed.

**Friday 11th January.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. *Prima*. At 8 celebrated Mass in the Chapel of the Sisters of Mercy. Thanksgiving. Went to St. Francis. Hours - meditation. Breakfast at 10. Engaged in the office until 12. English letters - occupied till 1. Visited the Convent of Mercy - visited the Orphanage. Called at the Church of Prahran. On my return - Vespers and Compline. Dinner. About 7 night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. To bed about 10.

**Saturday 12th January.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in College Chapel - thanksgiving. Went to St. Francis. Hours - heard Mass - Confessions - Meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office up to 11. Home. Weather oppressively hot. Occupied till past 1. Vespers and Compline. Confessions. Matins and Lauds between 2 and 4. Dinner at 4.30. Confessions from 6.30 to 10. Night prayers. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. To bed at 11.

**Sunday 13th January.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours. Blessed and dedicated to St. Peter the Epping Church. Dr. Bleasdale preached. Returned to Melbourne a little past 3. Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. Assisted at Vespers - Sermon and Benediction in St. Francis. Recited Matins and Lauds. About 9.30 night prayers - bed.

**Monday 14th January.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass - thanksgiving - Hours - Confessions - heard Mass - meditation. Left the office about 11. Engaged most of the day. Visited the Convent of Mercy and St George's. Returned home by 2.30. Read till near 4. Dinner. About 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers. Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. At 9.30 to bed.

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**Tuesday [January] 15th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - Hours. At 8 Mass in the Convent of Mercy - thanksgiving. Went to St. Francis - heard a few Confessions - meditation. The clergymen went on their retreat last night - Fr. Lentaigne conducts it. About 23 are in retreat. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office until 11. From 11.30 to 2 occupied. Visited the Convent at Abbotsford. Returned home by Richmond. Saw Fr. Dalton for a few minutes. Arranged with him for a mission to the soldiers - to be given early next week. Read the Pope's allocutions to Italy and Russia. Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. About 6.30 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers. Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament.]

**Tuesday January 15th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - Hours. A little before 8 Mass in the Convent of Mercy. Thanksgiving. Went to St Francis - heard Confessions - made my meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office until 11. From 11.30 till 2 occupied. Arranged Conferences for this year. Between 2 and 4 visited Abbotsford. Called on Fr. Dalton on the way back to arrange about a mission to be given to the soldiers early next week. Read the Holy Father's allocution to Italy - Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. About 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers - Confessions - Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. At 9.30 to bed.

**Wednesday January 16th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - Hours. At 7.30 Mass in the Convent of Mercy - thanksgiving. Went to St. Francis. Heard Confessions - made meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office until 11. Rode home. Read the Allocution addressed by the Holy Father to Russia. After this I was occupied up to 2.

Appointed Frs Lentaigne and Dalton and O'Driscoll confessors to the clerical retreat. Went out for a short drive. Returned at 3.30. Busy writing up to near 4. Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. At 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 9.30 to bed.

**Thursday January 17th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the Convent of Mercy - thanksgiving. Hours. Heard a few Confessions in St Francis. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office until 11. Rode home. Occupied till 2. Took a drive to St Kilda. Returned about \* \*. Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. About 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 10 to bed.

**Friday January 18th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - Hour *Prima*. At 8, Mass for the clergy in retreat. After Mass delivered a short address. Thanksgiving. Breakfast.

Occupied in receiving the visits of the clergy on the business of their respective Missions till 12. Read and answered letters. Between 2 and 4 took a short drive - on my return home recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. A little past 6 Matins and Lauds. At 7 evening prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for an hour. About 10 to bed.

**Saturday January 19th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the College Chapel - thanksgiving. Went to St Francis. Heard Mass. Hours - Confessions. At 10 baptized a child in the Cathedral. Left by the 11.30 train for Geelong. Recited Vespers and Compline. At about 2 visited the Convent of Mercy. Recited Matins and Lauds. Dinner at 4.30. Assisted to hear Confessions till 8.30. Night prayers. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. About 10 to bed.

**Sunday January 20th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours. At 6 celebrated Mass at the Convent of Mercy. About 8.30 left for Queenscliff - made my meditation as we went along. Spiritual reading. Arrived in Queenscliff about 10. At 11 blessed and dedicated the new Church. Fr. Downing celebrated Mass and Fr. Dalton S.J. preached. The Church is dedicated to the Most Holy Trinity. Returned to Geelong about 5.15. Recited Vespers and Compline - dinner. At 7 assisted at Vespers, sermon and Benediction. Recited Matins and Lauds. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament. About 10 to bed.

**Monday January 21st.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 8 Mass in St Mary's - thanksgiving. Breakfast. Hours. Meditation. About 2 left by train for Melbourne. Recited Vespers and Compline.

Arrived in Melbourne about 4. Wrote till dinner time. About 6.30 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for some time. About 9.30 to bed.

**Tuesday January 22nd.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - Hours *Prima et Tertia*. At 7.15 Mass in the domestic chapel. Thanksgiving. Went to St Francis - Hours *Sexta et Nona* - heard Mass - Confessions - meditation. Breakfast about 9.15. Engaged in the office up to 11. Rode home. Wrote a little. Took a half-warm bath. Between 12 and 1 visited the Convent of Mercy. Examined the additions now being made to the house. Between 2 and 4 visited the orphanages and the Chapel schools at Emerald Hill - the attendance [in] the latter, especially in the girls school, was very good. At 4 recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner. About 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for an hour. To bed about 9.30.

**Wednesday January 23rd.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. *Prima et Tertia*. About 7 Mass in the College Chapel - thanksgiving. Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Heard Mass in St Francis - Confessions - meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office until 11. Arranged the order of Conferences for this year. Rode home. Read and wrote at intervals till 12. Visited St Patrick's - visited the Convent of Mercy. Advised the Revd. Mother to send two sisters occasionally to instruct and console the sick poor in the hospital adjoining the Immigrants Home. On my way home called at St Patrick's - the stain[ed] glass for the S.W. window had arrived - the cases for the present are placed in the East aisle. Took a short drive calling at the orphanage. Returned home about 4 - Vespers and Compline. About 4.30 dinner. Matins and Lauds. At 7.30 night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 10 to bed.

**Thursday January 24th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. At 7 Mass - thanksgiving. Hours *Sexta et Nona* - Confessions - heard Mass - meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office until 11. Rode home. Occupied up to 2. Visited the clergyman of Emerald in order to arrange about the mission to be given the soldiers. Returned home about 3.30. Read till 4. Then recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner. About 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read till 9. About 10 to bed.

**Friday January 25th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. At 7 Mass in the domestic chapel - thanksgiving. Went to St Francis - heard Mass. Hours *Sexta et Nona* - Confessions - meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office until 11. Rode home. Occupied up to 2. Took a short drive. Wind strong from the North. At 4 Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. About 6.15 Matins and Lauds. Night prayers at 7. Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 9.30 to bed.

**Saturday January 26th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - Hours *Prima et Tertia*. At 7 Mass in the private Chapel - thanksgiving. Went to St Francis - heard Mass - Hours *Sexta et Nona* - Confessions - meditation. At 9.30 breakfast. Engaged finishing the letters I commenced yesterday for the English mail. At 1.30 visited the Convent of Mercy. Weather oppressively hot. Wind from the North.

Recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds. Confessions in St Francis till 4. Dinner at a quarter to five. Confessions from 6 to 10. Weather still oppressive. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Night prayers. Home. To bed about 11.

**Sunday January 27th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 8 commenced Mass in St Francis. Preached after giving the holy Communion. Thanksgiving. Hours. Wrote for some time. Breakfast at 10. Meditation, spiritual reading till 2. Visited St George's School. Catechism had not commenced though it was past the time and the children were assembled, this owing to the teacher's absence. Visited St Francis. The number of children assembled here for catechism was larger than usual. Got home by 4 - recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. About 6.15 Matins and Lauds. Presided at Vespers in St Francis - sermon and Benediction. Night prayers. Home. Heavy rain. About 10 to [bed].

**Monday January 28th.** Morning prayers. Heard Mass in St Francis. Hours - Confessions - meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office until 10.30. Heavy rain is falling. Returned home about 11. Read till 12. Went to Richmond to see Fr Dalton as to the hour when the mission was to begin this evening. He was not at home. Returned home about 2.30. Study, with a few minutes interruption on business, till 4. Vespers - Compline. Dinner at 4.30. At 7 recited night prayers and preached in the Barrack, it being the first evening of the mission to the soldiers. Order of the Mission is - prayers and sermon in the morning in the morning between 7 and 8. Between a quarter to 12 and a quarter to 1 prayers and instruction - at 7 p.m prayers and sermons. I returned home about 9. To bed at 9.30. Suffering from tooth ache.

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**January 28th.** Building grants from the Government Aid Fund for building Churches and Presbyteries to be applied for immediately for the following Churches and Presbyteries

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Daylesford Church	300
Hamilton Church	300
Epping Church	300
St John's Melbourne	300
Kyneton Presbytery	300
Prahran Presbytery	300

**Tuesday January 29th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - Matins. At 7 Mass - thanksgiving - Hours - heard Mass - Confessions meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Looked [over] three of the dailies. Engaged in the office until 11. Rode home. Read for some time - wrote a little - answered a letter. Study for an hour. Visited the boys and girls orphanages on Emerald Hill. Returned home about 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner. About 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 attended night prayers in St Francis. Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for an hour. About 10 to bed.

**Wednesday January 30th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At a quarter to 7, Mass in the private chapel - thanksgiving - Hours. Heard Mass in St Francis - Confessions - meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Letters - interviews on business etc. - kept me in the office until 11. From 11.30 to 1 occupied - sometimes reading - at other times receiving the clergymen and some lay persons on business. Visited the Convent of Mercy - looked in at the works going on at St Patrick's on my way home. Between 2 and 4 made several visits of obligation. At 4 Vespers and Compline. Dinner. Matins and Lauds a little past 6. At 7 night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for an hour. About 10 to bed.

**Thursday January 31st.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. A little before 7 Mass - thanksgiving - Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Heard Mass in St Francis - Confessions - Hours *Sexta et Nona* - meditation. At 9.30 breakfast. Engaged in the office up to 11. Rode home - study from 11.30 to 1.30. Visited the orphanages. Returned home about 4. Vespers and Compline. Dinner. About 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for some time. About 10 to bed.

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**Friday February 1st.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 celebrated Mass in the Barrack for the soldiers who had attended the mission. Forty went to Holy Communion. I preached after giving the Holy Communion. Thanksgiving. Hours - Confessions in St Francis - meditation. Engaged in the office until 11.30. Rode home. Study till 1.30. About 2 took a long walk. At 4 Vespers and Compline. Dinner. About 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Read for some time when I returned home. About 10 to bed.

**Saturday February 2nd.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. At 8 blessed the candles, distributed them - celebrated Mass - thanksgiving. Confessions. Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Engaged in the office until 11.30. Rode home. Busy writing when the Bishop of Adelaide was announced. He had been visiting that part of his diocese which borders on this. Conversated with him for some time. We visited together the Convent of Mercy. Confessions in St Francis from 2 to 4. Recited Matins and Lauds. Dinner at 5. Confessions from 6.30 to 10. Night prayers - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Conversated with the Bishop and Vicar-General for some time. About 11 to bed.

**Sunday February 3rd.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Study for instruction to the people. At 8 Mass - preached after giving Holy Communion - thanksgiving. Hours. At 10 breakfast - meditation and spiritual reading from 11 to 12. Wrote for a half hour - then read till 2.30. Between 2.30 and 4 visited the Sunday schools. At 4 Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 5. At 7 the Bishop of Adelaide gave out Vespers in St Francis. I remained [in] the Vestry doing the sermon and Benediction. The Bishop gave the Benediction. Returned home about 7. Night prayers. To bed about 10.

**Monday February 4th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours *Prima et Tertia* - Mass at 7. Thanksgiving. Heard Mass in St Francis - Hours *Sexta et Nona* - Confessions - meditation. At 9.30 breakfast. Engaged in the office until 11.30. Rode home. Occupied till 1. Visited the Convent of Mercy. Between 2 and 4 visited, with the Bishop of Adelaide, the Orphanage. At 4 Vespers and Compline. Dinner. At 7 night prayers. Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 10 to bed.

**Tuesday February 5th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At a quarter to 7 Mass - thanksgiving. Hours. Heard Mass in St Francis. Confessions - meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Left the office at 11.30. A meeting of the clergy on the action I should take in reference to Catholic Teachers in the Model School and their parents sending their children to it and other Protestant schools. I closed the meeting about 1. Engaged writing till 2. Between 2 and 4 visited the Orphanages. At 4 Vespers and Compline. Dinner. At 7 night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Matins and Lauds. Conversed some time with the Bishop of Adelaide and the Vicar-General. About 10 to bed.

**Wednesday February 6th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. At 7 Mass - thanksgiving. Heard Mass in St Francis. Hours - Confessions - meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office up to 11. Rode home. Occupied up to 2. Visited the Orphanages between 2 and 4. At 4 Vespers and Compline. Dinner about 5. At 7 night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Conversed with the Bishop of Adelaide and the Vicar-General for an hour. About 10 to bed.

**Thursday February 7th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Mass at 7 - thanksgiving. Heard Mass in St Francis - meditation - Confessions - Hours. At 9.30 breakfast. Left the office about 11. Rode home. Engaged till 2.30 preparing a Pastoral Letter for the press on the report of the Royal Commission on Education to be read next Sunday in the churches. Visited the Inter-colonial Exhibition between 2.30 and 4. At 4 Vespers and Compline. Dinner, Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Stopped talking with the Bishop of Adelaide and the Vicar-General for some time. To bed about 10.

**Friday February 8th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. At 7 Mass - thanksgiving. Heard Mass. Hours - Confession - meditation. At 9.30 breakfast. Engaged in the office until 11. Rode home. Wrote and read alternately till 12. Visited the Convent of Mercy. Returned home about 1. Read over proof of Pastoral Letter. Took a short drive with the Bishop of Adelaide after reciting Vespers - got back home by a quarter to 4. Wrote a little - then read till dinner. At 7 night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Recited Matins and Lauds. Home. Conversed with the Vicar-General till 9.30. To bed.

**Saturday February 9th.** Morning prayers. Having taken a little medicine last night I did not celebrate Mass this morning. Heard Mass in St Francis. Hours - meditation - Confessions. At 9.30 breakfast. Busy in the office until 11. Rode home. Took a foot bath. Read over a few of the Dailies. Wrote for a short time. It is now 12. Read till 1. Visited the Convent of Mercy. Recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds. Confessions. At 4.30 dinner. Confessions from 6.30 to 9.30. Weather oppressively hot. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Night prayers. About 11 to bed.

**Sunday February 10th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours. At 8 Mass in St Francis. After giving the Holy Communion the Pastoral Letter on Education was read - thanksgiving - meditation. At 10 breakfast. From 11.30 to 1.30 spiritual reading and study of the Holy Scriptures. At 2 gave the habit to a novice of the Convent of Mercy. The Bishop of Adelaide was present. Fr. Dalton S.J. preached. At the conclusion - Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Returned home about 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. At 7 attended in the vestry of St. Francis during Vespers, sermon and Benediction. Recited Matins and Lauds. Presided at a meeting of the Catholic Young Men's Society. Addressed the meeting for about a half hour. Returned home about 10. A little before 11 to bed.

**Monday February 11th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - Hours. At 8 celebrated Mass at Abbotsford. Thanksgiving. Breakfast. Drove to St Francis. Engaged in the office until 11. Rode home. Read till 12.30. Visited the Convent of Mercy. Returned home about 1.30. Wrote a letter. After this read till 2. Between 2 and 4 visited Abbotsford and the presbytery at Richmond. At 4 Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. At 7 night prayers - Confessions - Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Recited Matins and Lauds with the Bishop of Adelaide. Home. About 9.30 feeling fatigued I went to bed.

**Tuesday February 12th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Mass at 8.15 - thanksgiving - Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Meditation - Confessions. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office up to 11. Rode home. Wrote to the Bishops of Bathurst and Maitland.

Walked to the Convent of Mercy. Here I stopped about half an hour - called at St Patrick's on my way. About 2 recited Vespers and Compline. Read a few pages of Moral Theology. Visited Abbotsford. Returned home a little before 4. Read till 4.30. Dinner. At 7 night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Recited Matins and Lauds with the Bishop of Adelaide. Drove home. About 10 to bed.

**Wednesday February 13th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. At 7 Mass - thanksgiving. Heard Mass - Confessions - meditation - Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Breakfast at 9.30. Busy in the office up to 11. Rode home. Occupied up to 12.30. Visited the Convent of Mercy. Returned home about 1. Visited the Orphanages and their schools between 2 and 4. At 4 Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. At 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 9.30 to bed.

**Friday February 15th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. At 7.15 Mass. Thanksgiving. Heard Mass in St Francis - Confessions - Hours *Sexta et Nona* - meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Occupied in the office until 11. Rode home. Busy till 1. Visited the Convent of Mercy. Looked in at the works going on at St Patrick's. Returned home about 3. Engaged till 4 revising the Pastoral. Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. At 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 9.30 to bed.

**Saturday February 16th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. At 7 Mass - thanksgiving. Heard Mass. *Sexta et Nona*. Confessions - meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office up to 11. Arranged the order of duty for tomorrow and [the] week. Rode home. Study for sermon tomorrow from 11 to 1 with a short interval of interruption. Visited Abbotsford and the Convent of Mercy. Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds - Confessions. At 4.30 dinner. From a quarter to 7 to 10 dinner [?]. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Night prayers. Home. About 11 to bed.

**Sunday February 17th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. *Prima*. At 7 celebrated Mass in St Francis - thanksgiving. At a quarter past 8 drove to Broad-Meadows - 10 miles from Melbourne. Recited Small Hours and made meditation on the way. At 11.30 blessed and dedicated the school chapel at Broadmeadows. I preached after the Communion. Dedicated it to St Joseph. It is a good weather-board building. Returned to Melbourne about 3.30. Took a short walk. Recited Vespers and Compline. Wrote for a short time. Dinner at 4.30. At 6.15 Matins and Lauds. Assisted at Vespers, sermon and Benediction in St Francis. Night prayers. Home about 9. To bed at 10.

**Monday February 18th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. At 7 Mass - thanksgiving. Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Heard Mass - Confessions - meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office until 11. Rode home. Revised and corrected Pastoral. Gave the manuscript to Dr Bleasdale for the press. Raining heavily the whole of the forenoon. At 12 drove out to Keilor. Recited Vespers and Compline about 2. Dined at 3. Returned to Melbourne about 7. Night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Matins and Lauds. Home. About 10 to bed.

**Tuesday February 19th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. At 7.15 Mass - thanksgiving. Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Heard Mass - meditation - Confessions. Breakfast at 9.30. Occupied in the office up to 11. Heavy rain since yesterday. Drove home. Wrote a little. Read for some time. Had a visit from Fr Dalton with reference to one of the ecclesiastical students - McNamara. He said that Fr Lentaigne thought he had a vocation. I made Fr Dalton aware of a few particulars of temper which I begged him to communicate to Fr Lentaigne. [If he] was still of the same opinion notwithstanding, I would allow him to continue his studies on his complying with the conditions as to *pension*. Visited the Convent of Mercy and Abbotsford with the Bishop of Adelaide. Returned home [a] little past 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner a quarter to 5. At 7 night prayers. Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Recited Matins and Lauds. Home. Conversated with the Bishop of Adelaide and some of the clergy till 10. Then to bed.

**Wednesday February 20th.** Morning prayers. Hours. Heard Mass in St Francis - meditation - Confessions. At 9.15 breakfast. Engaged in the office until 11. Answered letters. Study of Theology. A little past 12 walked to St Patrick's to see how the repairs to the house were progressing. On my return about 1.30 accompanied the Bishop of Adelaide to the steamer starting for his diocese whither he now returns. Visited the female orphanage - went into the school. The children looked well. Looked in at the Presbytery now being built at Prahran. Returned home a little before 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Wrote a little. Dinner at 4.30. At 6.15 Matins - at 7 night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Lauds. Home. About 9.30 to bed.

**Thursday February 21st.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours. Celebrated Mass at Abbotsford - thanksgiving. Examined the Postulant and approved of her being admitted to the habit. Fixed next Tuesday the 26th for the reception. Drove to St Francis. Arranged Lenten sermons. Engaged in the office up to 11.30. Took a bath soon after getting home. Had a conversation with Dr Bleasdale immediately who was waiting for me. It was 12.15 when he left. Read till close on 1. Then walked to the Convent of Mercy. Returned home about 2. Theology. Had an interview with Fr. Corbett about getting out the Christian Brothers. I instructed to make application for two and a lay Brother, engaging to provide them with a house and place under their care St Francis boys school - but they must look after the school fees as their means of support. When he left, I resumed my study of Theology till 3. Took a short walk. On my return made my meditation, deferred till now. Vespers and Compline. At 4.30 dinner. At 6.30 Matins - at 7 night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Lauds. Home. Read for some time. About 9.30 to bed.

**Friday February 22nd.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. At 7 Mass - thanksgiving. Hours. *Sexta et Nona*. Heard Mass Confessions - meditation. At 9.30 breakfast. Occupied in the office until 11. Rode home. Commenced to write letters for the English mail. Read Theology for about an hour. Visited Abbotsford about a quarter to 3. Returned home by 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner. At 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for some time. About 9.30 to bed.

**Saturday February 23rd.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. At 7 Mass - thanksgiving. Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Heard Mass - Confessions - meditation. Breakfast. Busy in the office up to 11.15. Arranged the duty for tomorrow and the week. Rode home. Read over the instruction I purpose giving at my Mass tomorrow. Wrote a little. At 1 visited Abbotsford - after this I called at the Convent of Mercy. Recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds. Confessions from 2 till a quarter to 4. Rode home. Dinner. Confessions from 6.30 to 10. Night prayers - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and our Blessed Lady. Home. To bed about 11.

**Sunday February 24th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. At 8 Mass - preached after giving Holy Communion. Thanksgiving. Heard a Confession. Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Rode home. Meditation. At 10 breakfast. Read the evidence given before the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into our system of public education from 10.15 to 2. Visited St George's - Mary's - St \* Bastian\* France, John's and Joseph's Sunday schools. Recited Vespers and Compline. On my return resumed my perusal of the evidence on education. At 4.30 dinner. At 6.15 Matins and Lauds. Assisted at Vespers in St Francis - sermon - Benediction. Night prayers. About 10 to bed.

**Monday February 25th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass - Thanksgiving. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Heard Mass. Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Confessions - meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office up to 11. Busy most of the afternoon writing letters for the outgoing English mail. At 4.30 dinner. At 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home about 9. At 9.30 to bed.

**Tuesday February 26th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours - meditation. At 10 celebrated Mass at Abbotsford, where I admitted a Postulant to the religious habit. It was 12 when all was concluded. Fr Kelly preached. Between 2.15 and 4 visited the female Orphanage. At 4 Vespers and Compline. Wrote for a short time. Dinner. At 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for a short time. To bed about 9.30.

**Wednesday February 27th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - Hours *Prima et Tertia* - At 7 Mass - thanksgiving. Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Heard Mass - Confessions - meditation. At 9.30 breakfast. Engaged in the office up to 12. Conference from 12 to 2.30. Tract *de virtutibus* [on Virtue]. Visited the female Orphanage. Returned home about 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Wrote for a short time. Dinner a little past the usual time. At 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 9.30 to bed.

**Thursday February 28th.** Morning prayers. Did not celebrate Mass this morning, having the night previous and early this morning taken Medicine. Recited Hours. Heard Mass in St Francis - Confessions - meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Engaged in the office until 11. Rode home. Looked over a few of the local and English journals. Visited the Convent of Mercy. called at St Patrick's on my walk back home. The new walls of the additions to the house will soon be completed. Wrote for a short time when I got home. Dinner at 4.30. At 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for a half-hour. About 10 to bed.

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**Friday March 1st.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. At 7 Mass - thanksgiving. Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Heard Mass - Confessions - meditation. At 9.30 breakfast. Engaged in the office until 10.30. Rode home. From 11 to 12 read a few pages of a work on America. Visited the Convent of Mercy. Called at the College - conversed some time with two of the Fathers. Returned home about 2. Wrote and read at intervals till 2. Took a drive between 2.30 and 4. At 4 Vespers and Compline. Dinner at a quarter to 5. At 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for some time. At 9.30 to bed.

**Saturday March 2nd.** Morning prayers. Hours. Heard Mass in St Francis - Confessions - meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Busy in the office until 11. Rode home. Read till 1. Visited Abbotsford. Recited Vespers and Compline. From Abbotsford went to St Francis. Confessions from 2 to 3.30. Then Matins and Lauds. Dinner at the usual time. A hot wind blowing since yesterday. Confessions from 6.30 to 10.15. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Night prayers. About 11.30 to bed.

**Sunday March 3rd.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. *Prima et Tertia*. At 8 Mass. Read the Lenten Pastoral after giving Holy Communion. Thanksgiving. *Sexta et Nona* - meditation. At 10.15 breakfast. Spiritual reading from 11 to 12. Read a few chapters in the Bible with comments - conversed for a half hour with one of the clergy. Between 2 and 4 visited two Sunday schools - St Francis and St Patrick's - was a little late for the latter. At 4 Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. At 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 presided at public Vespers - then sermon and Benediction. Night prayers. Home about 9.30. To bed at 10.

**Monday March 4th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. At 7 Mass - thanksgiving. Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Heard Mass in St Francis - Confessions - meditation. At 9.30 breakfast. Engaged in the office up to 12. At 12 presided at a meeting of the Catholic School Committee with reference to an unpleasant correspondence with the Board of Education. After attending this meeting I was engaged in other business up to 2.30. Then visited the Orphanage. Returned home about 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. At 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read a little. At 9.30 to bed.

**Tuesday March 5th Shrove Tuesday.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Left by the 6.15 train for Sunbury. Recited Hours in the train. Heard Confessions at Sunbury before Mass. Mass - gave Holy Communion to about 35. The majority were young persons, boys and girls, whose first Communion it was. After Mass and before administering Confirmation I preached. I confirmed about 40. All of these, as were some who made their first Communion, were from the Government Industrial School. These boys looked well - they showed they were carefully looked after - and wholesomely fed. I visited the schools about 12. I was agreeably surprised to find so great a change there for the better in everything since my last [visit]. But the female Reformatory is an eye sore and should be removed far away. In the report of my visit this was stated. Returned to Melbourne about \*?.30\*. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. At 6.15 Matins. At 7 night prayers - Confessions visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 10 to bed.

**Wednesday March 6th. Ash Wednesday.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 blessed and distributed the ashes. Mass - thanksgiving - Confessions. Hours. Distributed the ashes after the 8 o'clock Mass. Collation at 9.15. Engaged in the office up to 11. Rode home. Took a tepid hip bath. Read for some time. Visited the Convent of Mercy. Weather very hot - wind blowing strongly from the North. Drove to St Kilda. Returned home by Richmond. Thermometer in the veranda 139° - about dinner time. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. About 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 night prayers. Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Conversed some time with the Vicar-General and another clergyman - for a half hour. About 10 to bed.

**Thursday March 7th.** Did not sleep much last night due to the heat and the mosquitos. Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. At 7 Mass - thanksgiving. Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Heard Mass - meditation - Confessions. At 9.30 collation. Engaged in the office up to 11. Rode home. Between 11 and 12 wrote and read alternately. Visited the Convents of Mercy and Good Shepherd. Returned home about 2.30. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dined at 3. Recited Matins and Lauds at 5.30. Took a short drive before night devotions in St Francis. At 7 night prayers - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for a half hour. About 10 to bed.

**Friday March 8th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. At 7 Mass - thanksgiving. Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Heard Mass. Confessions - meditation. At 9.30 collation. Engaged in the office until 11. Rode home. Read till a quarter to 12. Took a tepid bath. Wrote for a short time. Read till 10. Visited the Orphanage. Returned home about 2.30. Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 3. Between 5 and 6 Matins and Lauds. Took a short drive between 6 and 7. At 7 assisted at night prayers \*in\* St Francis - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. Read for a short time. Conversed with Vicar-General and one or two priests. To bed about 10.

**Saturday March 9th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass - thanksgiving. Hours. Heard Mass. Confessions - meditation. At 9.30 collation. Left by the 11.30 train for Ballarat. Read the Office during trip. Fr Lentaigne was with me. Reached Ballarat about 3. Dined at 4. Heard Confessions in the evening. Retired to rest about 10.

**Sunday March 10th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 11 commenced Solemn Mass. Fr Lentaigne preached - the occasion being the opening of the new organ. Collections made by tickets and in the church amounted to £340. At 1.30 breakfast. Recited Hours - Vespers and Compline. Visited the Sunday school in St Alipius. But few children and teachers were present owing to the late Solemn Mass and sermon. Took a short drive. Dinner at 4.30. At 7 o'clock Vespers I preached and gave Benediction. The church was crowded. At 9.30 retired to my room. Matins - night prayers - bed.

**Monday March 11th.** Morning prayers. Hours. Heard Mass. Left by the 6.30 train for Melbourne where we arrived at 10.30. Made my meditation on the journey up. Study for this evening's instruction. At 2.30 Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 3. Between 5 and 6 Matins and Lauds. Study for instruction. At 7 gave out the Rosary - preached - gave Benediction. Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 10 to bed.

**Tuesday March 12th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. At 7 Mass - thanksgiving - Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Heard Mass. Confessions - meditation. At 9.30 collation. Engaged in the office until 11. Study till 1 for the evening instruction. Posted a letter. Walked back home, calling for a few moments at the Convent of Mercy. Vespers and Compline. Studied till dinner time - 3. Between 5 and 6 Matins and Lauds. Then study. At 7 assisted at the Rosary - preached. I gave Benediction. Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 10 to bed.

**Wednesday March 13th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. At 7 Mass - thanksgiving. Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Heard Mass - Confessions - meditation. At 9.30 collation. Engaged in the office until 11. Home. Wrote till 12. Study for evening instruction. Between 1.30 and 2 visited the Convent of Mercy and Abbotsford. Recited Vespers and Compline on my return home. Read then till dinner. At 5.15 recited Matins. Made preparation for the evening's discourse. At 7 assisted at the Rosary - preached - gave Benediction. Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Night prayers. Home. To bed about 10.

**Thursday March 14th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - Hours *Prima et Tertia*. At 7 Mass. Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Heard Mass. Confessions - meditation. At 9 collation. Engaged in the office until 11. Wrote for a short time on returning home. Between 12 and 1 visited the Convent of Mercy. Between 1.15 and a quarter to 3 studied for my evening instruction in St Francis. At a quarter to 3 commenced Vespers and Compline. At a little past 3 - dinner. From 5 to 6.30 study. At 7 assisted at the Rosary - preached - gave Benediction - Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Night prayers. Home. Conversed some little time with a few of the Clergy. About 10 to bed.

**Friday March 15th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Matins - Lauds and Hours. Celebrated Mass in the Convent at Abbotsford - thanksgiving. Drove to St Francis. Busy in the office until 11. Between 11 and 12 read and wrote at intervals. Visited the Convent of Mercy. Called at St Patrick's on my return home. Reached home about 2. Read a little. At a quarter to 3 recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner. About 3.30 Matins and Lauds. At 7 gave out the prayers of the Stations of the Cross - gave Benediction - Confessions - night prayers - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 10 to bed.

**Saturday March 16th.** Morning prayers. Hours. Heard Mass in St Francis. Confessions - meditation. At 9.30 collation. Engaged in the office up to 11. Returned home. Read with a short interruption from 11.30 to 12.15. Wrote for a short time - then recited Vespers and Compline. About 2 went to St Francis - recited Matins and Lauds - Confessions till 4. Dinner at 4.30. Confessions from 6.30 till 10. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Night prayers. Home. About 11 to bed.

**Sunday March 17th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours. At 11 commenced High Mass. Had to leave the church immediately after Mass. Dean Hayes preached. After the sermon a collection was made for the Cathedral. During the afternoon I visited several of the Sunday schools. At 4 recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. Matins and Lauds at 6.15. Assisted at Vespers - sermon and Benediction in St Francis. Home about 9. Conversed some time with the Vicar-General. About 10 to bed.

[From large diary. Ed.:

**Monday March 18th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours. Mass at 7. Heard Mass. Confessions - meditation. Collation at 9.30. Engaged in the office until 10.30. About 11 left en route for Woods Point. During the journey to Mr. De Castella's Yering where a [I?] stop the night - recited the Divine Office and read some pages of an interesting work. Weather very favourable - road indifferent. Reached Yering about 4. Dined at 6.30. Recited night prayers for the family. To bed about 11.]

[From small (travelling?) diary. Ed.:

**Monday March 18.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. At 7 Mass - thanksgiving. Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Heard Mass. Confessions - meditation. Engaged in the office until [sic] 10.30. Left en route for Woods Point a little past 11. During the first stage to Mr. de Castella conversation, interesting reading and the Divine Office filled up the time. Arrived at Mr. de Castella's about 4. Dinner at 6.30. Retired for the night after reciting night prayers for the family about 11.]

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[From large diary. Ed.:

**Tuesday March 19th.** Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass - thanksgiving. Breakfast at 8. Started for Marysville - 36 miles. The road was over high ranges and across gullies rich in magnificent trees and shrubs of tropical growth. The beautiful and graceful fern tree abounds in the ranges and gullies. Fr. Woods possessing a good knowledge of Botany and Geology, enjoyed very much the journey through the most interesting and wild country. We stopped to \*feed\* at \*Fernshaw\* 18 miles from Yering. Here I recited Vespers and Compline. Reading and conversation relieved the tedium of the journey. When within 8 miles of Marysville one of the wheels broke off at the arm of the axle. Fortunately we were within view of a poor Inn at Fisher's River. Here we spent a miserable evening and night. The Divine Office - and meditation which I omitted in the morning - conversation and reading enabled us to pass away the time pleasantly and usefully. Night prayers at 9. Then bed.]

[From small (travelling?) diary. Ed.:

**Tuesday 19.** Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for Mass. At 7, Mass - thanksgiving. Breakfast about 8.30. Started soon after for Marysville, about 55 miles from Woods Point, which we did not reach this evening, owing to an axle breaking. This accident fortunately happened within a short distance of a small township 9 miles from Marysville.

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[From large diary. Ed.:

**Wednesday March 20th.** Morning prayers - Hours - meditation - at 8.30 collation. We had to ride to Marysville. The buggy was fastened to a cart and thus brought in. At Marysville we got repaired. This is a small town in a valley between the mountains through which a river of the clearest water flows. It is 56 miles from Woods Point. Here we had to remain the night. I retired early to rest in order to start in good time in the morning. I recited night prayers for our party and the household before going to bed. Scarcely slept during the night owing to the family\*fleas\*, large and numerous.]

[From small (travelling?) diary. Ed.:

**Wednesday 20th.** Morning prayers - Hours - meditation - collation. Left at a quarter to 10 on horseback for Marysville, where I hope to have the axle of the buggy repaired. We had to walk nearly the whole of the hilly, mountainous road. Arrived in Marysville in good time. The buggy can be repaired, and I hope to take it on within 5 miles of Woods Point, beyond which we will not be able to take it.]

*Up to this the road is excellent - well made. Walked through this town. There are few Catholics here - no school. Recited Vespers and Compline, Matins and Lauds. Read and wrote at intervals. Dinner a little past 3. Took a short walk after dinner. Conversed with clergy till 9. Recited night prayers for ourselves and the people of the house.]*

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[From large diary. Ed.:

**Thursday March 21st.** Morning prayers - Hours - meditation - collation. Walked some distance before the buggy, which broke down again when it came in sight - another wheel and at the arm of the axle broke off. This accident decided our future mode of travelling. We had to take to the saddle and thus perform the 56 miles. The road crossed gullies grandly covered with great trees - the ferns attracting most attention - forming sometimes an avenue - at others in rich and graceful borders - stretching up then down the steeps - winding along the sides of lofty mountains - overhanging deep ravines. We arrived at the Springs, 15 miles from Woods Point, at 8. The only place where we could dine and warm ourselves was the public Bar. At 10 night prayers - bed.]

[From small (travelling?) diary. Ed.:

*Thursday 21. Morning prayers, Hours, meditation. Left at 7.30 - but did not go far when the buggy broke down. Had to take to the saddle. Arrived at the Springs about 9.30 at night. Retired to bed after taking refreshment.]*

**Thursday March 21st.** Morning prayers - Hours - meditation. Left at 7.30 but did not go far when the Buggy broke down. Had to take to the saddle. Arrived at the Springs about 9.30 at night. Retired to bed after taking refreshment.

[From large diary. Ed.:

**Friday March 22nd.** Morning prayers - meditation. Hours. Left at 10. Arrived at Matlock - a small town on the very summit of a mountain 4000 ft. above the level of the sea - and 5 miles from the Point. Here we have a good school chapel of weatherboard. I stopped to examine the place. A few children chiefly girls were present. The reason why so few were there was the racing which was held in the town the previous day. The children read well and the writing was good. A young man is in charge of the school. I should like these mixed schools to be under the care of married people or women of mature age. Arrived at the presbytery, Woods Point, about 12. The building is the humblest of the kind - two very small rooms. School chapel is not far from it. A large weather-board building unfinished inside. The altar looks neglected - called the Clergyman's attention to it. Recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds. At 7 gave out the Rosary and opened the mission in a short discourse. Confessions. At 10 night prayers - bed.]

[From small (travelling?) diary. Ed.:

*Friday 22. Proceeded on our journey to Woods Point, where we arrived about 2. Recited Vespers and Compline, Matins and Lauds. At 7 gave out the Rosary - delivered a short discourse. Heard Confessions. About 10 - night prayers - bed.]*

**Friday March 22nd.** Morning prayers - Hours - meditation. Proceeded on our journey to Woods Point, where we arrived about 2. Recited Vespers and Compline, Matins and Lauds. At 7 gave out the Rosary - delivered a short discourse. Heard Confessions. About 10 night prayers - bed.

[From large diary. Ed.:

**Saturday March 23rd.** Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for Mass. At 8 Mass. Fr Courtney celebrated at 7. The congregation was pretty large. Thanksgiving. Heard 9 o'clock Mass. Meditation. Busy in the forenoon writing letters for the English mail. Confessions 2 to 4. Visited the Hospital on Friday. Confessions in the evening up to 10. Night prayers - bed. Recited early in the day Matins and Lauds.]

**Saturday March 23rd.** Morning prayers - Hours - preparation for Mass. At 8 Mass - thanksgiving - heard Mass. Engaged most of the day writing letters for the English Mail. Vespers and Compline. Did not go to the Church for Confessions between 2 and 4. Matins and Lauds. Dinner at 4. Confessions in the evening. Received an address from some of the laity - replied to it. Appointed an hour tomorrow to receive an address from the Clergy and another from the laity. About 11 to bed.

[From large diary. Ed.:

**Sunday March 24th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass - gave Holy Communion to a good number. Heard Mass. Hours. Confessions. Meditation. Assisted at 11 o'clock Mass - preached - administered Confirmation. Took a walk through the town about 2. Recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds. Dinner at 4.30. Took a little walk. At 7 night prayers and sermon. Could not visit Gaffney's Creek as agreed upon. Received a deputation from there. About 10 to bed.]

[From large diary. Ed.:

**Monday March 25th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass - thanksgiving. Mass at 8 and 9. Hours - meditation. Confessions between the Masses. A good many went to Holy Communion. Left about 11 en route back to Melbourne. As we approached Matlock heavy and drenching rain fell the whole day. Reached the Springs about 1.30. Here owing to the heavy rain we stopped the night. Recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds. At 9 night prayers - bed.]

[From large diary. Ed.:

**Tuesday March 26th.** Morning prayers - Hours - meditation. Left at 7.30. Heavy rain the whole of the morning. Not having a topcoat I got wet through and dry again before reaching the Inn where we stop to feed. Resumed the journey after an hour's rest. Arrived in Marysville at 4. Recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds. Here we change the saddle for the buggy. Dinner at 6. Night prayers at 8.30. To bed.]

[From large diary. Ed.:

**Wednesday March 27th.** Morning prayers - Hours - meditation. At 8 started for Yering. Arrived there without incident about 3.30. Recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds. Dinner a little past 4. Read during the greater part of the evening. Night prayers for the family and ourselves at 9. To bed.]

[From large diary. Ed.:

**Thursday March 28th.** Morning prayers - Hours - meditation. At 10 left for Melbourne - where we arrived about 3. The Bishop of Brisbane had quite unexpectedly arrived a little before me. He most emphatically denied Keating and Renehan's charge of having spoken against the morality of the Clergy of this diocese. Recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds. on the road. Dined at 3.30. Attended the devotions in the church. Past [passed] half an hour before the Most Blessed Sacrament now \*externally\* exposed for the 40 Hours Adoration. The church was crowded. The Confessionals were well attended. Heard Confessions till past 10. About 11 to bed.]

[From large diary. Ed.:

**Friday March 29th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7.30 Mass - thanksgiving. Divine Office. Confessions. Collation at 9.30. The Bishop of Brisbane sang the High Mass - the Most Blessed Sacrament was then removed - Benediction being given. On yesterday received the invitation to go to the Convocation to be held in Rome on the feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul. Have decided on accepting it. Visited the Convent of Mercy. Replied to letters. Dinner at 3. At 6.15 drove out with the Bishop of Brisbane. At 7 I gave out the devotions of the Stations of the Cross. Gave Benediction. Confessions till 10.30. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. To bed about 11.15.]

[From large diary. Ed.:

**Saturday March 30th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass - thanksgiving. The Divine Office. Confessions. Collation at 9.30. Engaged in the office until 10.30. The Bishop of Brisbane leaves for Sandhurst by the midday train. Occupied up to 12.30. Visited the Convent at Abbotsford and the Convent of Mercy. Recited Vespers and Compline. Confessions from 2 to 4. Recited Matins and Lauds. Dinner. From 6.30 to 10.30 Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Night prayers. Home. To bed about 11.30.]

[From large diary. Ed.:

**Sunday March 31st.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass and instruction to the people. *Prima et Tertia*. At 8 Mass. After giving Holy Communion preached. Thanksgiving. Home. Meditation - breakfast - spiritual reading. Wrote for a half hour. Between 2 and 4 visited Abbotsford - Ss. Joseph, Mary's and Augustine's Sunday schools. The attendance of children was fair - the teachers were fair. At 4 Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. At 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 assisted at Vespers, sermon and Benediction in St. Francis. Night prayers. About 10.30 to bed.]

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[From large diary. Ed.:

**Monday April 1st.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. At 7 Mass - thanksgiving. Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Heard Mass. Confessions - meditation. At 9.30 collation. Engaged in the office up to 10.15. Spiritual reading. Wrote a little. Occupied looking over past correspondence and arranging papers. Visited the Convent of Mercy and Abbotsford. Returned a little before 3. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 3. At 5.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 attended devotions in St. Francis - Rosary - sermon and Benediction. Confessions till 9.30. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. To bed a little past 10.]

[From large diary. Ed.:

**Tuesday April 2nd.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours. *Prima et Tertia*. At 7 Mass - thanksgiving. Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Heard Mass - Confessions - meditation. Collation at 9.30. Engaged in the office until 10.30. Drove home. Occupied up to 12.30. Visited the Convent of Mercy and the female orphan school and Abbotsford. Returned home about a quarter to 3. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner. At 5 Matins and Lauds. At 7 was present in St. Francis during the devotions - Rosary - sermon and Benediction. Confessions till 9.15. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Night prayers. Home. About 10.30 to bed.]

[From large diary. Ed.:

**Wednesday April 3rd.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. At 7 Mass - thanksgiving. Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Heard Mass - Confessions - meditation. Engaged in the office until 11. Wrote for some little time on my return home. The Bishop of Brisbane returned from Ballarat - visited Abbotsford and the orphanages with the Bishop. Returned home about 4. Dined. About 6 recited Vespers and Compline. Attended the devotions in the Church. After Benediction - Confessions till past 9. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Night prayers. Home. To bed about 10.]

[From large diary. Ed.:

**Thursday April 4th.** Morning prayers - Divine Office - preparation for Mass. Thanksgiving. Heard Mass. Hours. Confessions - Meditation. Collation at 9.30. Walked home after business. The Bishop of Brisbane leaves today for his diocese at 3. Busy most of the day. Vespers and Compline. At 3 dinner. At 5.15 Matins and Lauds. Attended the devotions in St. Francis. Confessions till 9. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Night prayers. Home. About 10 to bed.]

[From large diary. Ed.:

**Friday April 5th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Heard Mass. Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Confessions - meditation. At 9 collation. Left the office about 10. At 11.30 started by train for Geelong. Read an interesting paper during the journey. Soon after arriving in Geelong visited the Convent and the boys orphanage. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4. At 5.30 Matins and Lauds. At 7 attended the public devotions - conversed with the clergy till 9 - then retired for the night.]

[From large diary. Ed.:

**Saturday April 6th.** Morning prayers. Hours. Left at 9 for Colac. It rained the whole day. We arrived in Colac about 4. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner. About 6 Matins and Lauds. \*.....ed\* for some time. A little past 9 night prayers - bed.]

[From large diary. Ed.:

**Sunday April 7th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours. Confessions. Mass. Left at 10 for \*...dit\*. After Mass blessed and laid the cornerstone of the new building, having previously preached. I dedicated the Church to the Passion of Our Most Blessed Lord. I left \*...dit\* for Duneed at 2. It was 7 when I arrived at the Presbytery. Dined at 7.30. Recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds. At 9 night prayers - bed.]

[From large diary. Ed.:

**Monday April 8th.** Morning prayers - preparation for starting. At 9 left for Geelong. Recited Hours - made meditation. Visited the Convent in Geelong. Left by the 2 o'clock train for Melbourne. Recited in the train Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds. Reached Melbourne a little before 4. The Jesuit Fathers Moore and Mulhall, and two Germans who arrived in the *True Britain* from England on Saturday, dined with us. At 7 attended the devotions in St. Francis. Confessions till 9. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady - night prayers. Home. About 10 to bed.]

[From large diary. Ed.:

**Tuesday April 9th.** Morning prayers. Hours. Heard Mass. Confessions - meditation. At 9.30 collation. Engaged in the office until 10.30. At home busy until 12.30. Visited the Convents - called at Richmond presbytery. Dined at 3. At 5 Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds. At 7 was present at the devotions in St. Francis. Confessions till past 9. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 10 to bed.]

[From large diary. Ed.:

**Wednesday April 10th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - Hours *Prima et Tertia*. Mass 7.15 - thanksgiving. Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Heard Mass - Confessions - meditation. At 9.30 collation. Busy in the office until 10.15. Engaged at home sorting correspondence - writing and receiving visits till 1. Visited Abbotsford and then went to Prahran - looked over the new Presbytery just erected there. Recited Vespers and Compline. Returned home a little before 3. At 3.15 dinner. About 5.30 Matins and Lauds. Between 6 and 7 engaged drawing up order of duty for the Holy Week. At 7 attended in the sacristy during the evening devotions. Confessions till past 9. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 10 to bed.]

[From large diary. Ed.:

**Thursday April 11th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. At 7 Mass - thanksgiving. Heard Mass. Hours *Sexta et Nona* - meditation - Confessions - collation at 9.30. Engaged in the office until past 10. At home occupied writing, receiving visits and attending to other pressing business until 1. Between 1 and 2.30 visited the Convents. Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 3. About 5 Matins and Lauds. Between 6 and 7 busy arranging the order of duty with regard to the *Tenebrae*. At 7 assisted in the sacristy during the devotions. Confessions till 9.15. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 10 to bed.]

[From large diary. Ed.:

**Friday April 12th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. At 7 Mass - thanksgiving. Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Heard Mass - meditation - Confessions. At 9.30 collation. Engaged in the office until 10.30. Home. Occupied until 12. Visiting and attending to such business as now and then pressed for attention till 1.30. Visited the Convent of Mercy and the Orphanage. Home by 2.15. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 3. About 5 Matins and Lauds. At 7 evening devotions, Stations [of the Cross] and Benediction in the Church. Confessions till 9.30. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Night prayers. Home. To bed about 10.30.]

[From large diary. Ed.:

**Saturday April 13th.** Morning prayers. Hours. Heard Mass. Meditation - Confessions - Collation at 9.30. Engaged in the office up to 10.30. Arranged order of duty for tomorrow and the week. On getting home read till 1.30. Visited the Convent of Mercy. Vespers and Compline. Matins and Lauds. Confessions till 4. Dinner at 4.30. Confessions from 6.30 to 10. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Night prayers. To bed about 11.]

[From large diary. Ed.:

**Sunday April 14th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. *Prima*. At 7 commenced blessing the palms - distributed to a few. Mass. Gave Holy Communion to a great number. Thanksgiving. Hours. Meditation. Breakfast at 9.30. Spiritual and other reading from 10 to 2. Visited Ss Mary - Francis - Augustine and John's Sunday schools. On my return wrote for a short time. Then recited Vespers and Compline. Read two Chapters with notes of the Old Testament. Dinner at 4.30. A little past 6 Matins and Lauds. Assisted at Vespers, Sermon and Benediction in St. Francis. Night prayers. Home. To bed about 10.]

[From large diary. Ed.:

**Monday April 15th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. At 7 Mass - thanksgiving. Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Heard Mass - Confessions - meditation. Engaged in the office until 10.30. Occupied at home up to 1.30. Visited the Convent of Mercy at Abbotsford. Returned home about 2.30. English letters delivered today. Vespers and Compline. Dinner 3.30. Matins and Lauds 5.15. At 7 devotions in St. Francis - lecture and Benediction. Confessions till 10. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 11 to bed.]

[From large diary. Ed.:

**Tuesday April 16th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours *Prima et Tertia*. At 7 Mass - thanksgiving. Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Heard Mass - Confessions - meditation. Collation at 9.30. Engaged in the office until 10.30. Occupied visiting schools in the forenoon - on my return home about 12.30 busy till 2. Visited and looked over the works going on at the house. How slow! I fear the rains will fall before the roof is finished. About a quarter to 3 recited Vespers and Compline. At 3 dinner. About 5.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 attended the devotions in the Church. Confessions till 9 - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 10 to bed.]

[From large diary. Ed.:

**Wednesday April 17th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - Hours *Prima et Tertia*. At 7 Mass - thanksgiving. Hours *Sexta et Nona*. Heard Confessions - Collation - meditation. Engaged in the office until 10.30. Home. Occupied till 12.30. Visited the Convent of Mercy and St. Patrick's - on my return home wrote for a short time. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 3. From 5 to 6 engaged. At 6.30 *Tenebrae*. Confessions till 9.30. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 10 to bed.]

[From large diary. Ed.:

**Thursday April 18th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours. At 8 commenced Mass - consecration of the oils. Laid the foundation stone of the mortuary chapel in the general cemetery, having previously received a formal guarantee in legal form from the Trustees that they would convey to me and trustees appointed by me and my successors in case of vacancy by death or otherwise the site of the Chapel 100ft by 100ft. Dedicated the Chapel to the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph. A large number of the Clergy and people assisted and subscribed towards the erection. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 3.30. *Tenebrae* at 6.30. Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and night prayers. Home. About 10.30 to bed.]

[From large diary. Ed.:

**Friday April 19th. Good Friday.** Morning Prayers - preparation for Mass of the Presanctified. Hours - meditation. At 11 commenced the solemn service. On the conclusion of Mass Fr. Kelly preached to a vast congregation. Meditation after thanksgiving. During the day visited for a short time the Convents. Dinner at 3. Vespers and Compline about 5. *Tenebrae* at 6.30. Sermon to a very crowded congregation by Fr. Dalton. Collection in aid of the Hospital about £90. Confessions till 9.30 - night prayers. Home. To bed about 11.]

[From large diary. Ed.:

**Saturday April 20th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - Hours. At 8 commenced the solemn ceremonies of the day. All was over about 11.30. Thanksgiving. Engaged up to 1. Then visited the Convents. Recited Vespers and Compline - Confessions from 2 to past 4. Dinner at 5. Matins and Lauds. Confessions from 10.30 to close on 11. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Night prayers. About a quarter to 12 to bed.]

[From large diary. Ed.:

**Sunday April 21st. Easter Sunday.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - Hours. At 11 commenced High Mass. It was concluded about 12.30. Thanksgiving. Meditation. At 1 breakfast. Spiritual reading till 2. Wrote a letter. At 3 commenced the ceremony of receiving two novices and professing one as lay Sisters of the Community of the Good Shepherd. It was 4 when I concluded. Recited Vespers and Compline. At 4.30 dinner. At 6.15 Matins and Lauds. At 7 sermon in St. Francis immediately after I gave Benediction. Night prayers. About 10 to bed.]

[From large diary. Ed.:

**Monday April 22nd.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours. At 8 Mass. Thanksgiving. Confessions. Engaged in the office until 10. Wrote a letter. Study - meditation. Between 3 and 4 visited the Convents. At 4 Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 4.30. Matins and Lauds a little past 6. Night Prayers at 7. Confessions till 8.30. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. To bed about 10.]

[From large diary. Ed.:

**Tuesday April 23rd.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 8 Mass in the Convent. After Mass addressed a few words of instruction to the children on whom I was about to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation. A convert was amongst those confirmed. Thanksgiving. Breakfast. Meditation. Left by the 11.30 train for Geelong. Read nearly the whole time of the trip. Visited the Convent of Mercy soon after my arrival. Dinner at 4. Took a short drive after dinner. Vespers and Compline. Attended night prayers - conversed with the Clergy till 9.30. Then returned to my room and soon after to bed

[From large diary. Ed.:

**Wednesday April 24th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Matins - Lauds and Hours. At 10 commenced Mass. Preached after Mass then administered Confirmation to about 400 - boys, girls and a few old people and adults. Thanksgiving. Breakfast. About 11.30 clothed a lay-Sister at the Convent. Returned to Melbourne by the 2 o'clock train. Read during the trip. Vespers and Compline. Dinner. At 7 attended night prayers in St. Francis. Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 10 to bed.]

[From large diary. Ed.:

**Thursday April 25th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Matins, Lauds and Hours. At 10 commenced Mass in Abbotsford. After Mass professed a religious - Fr. Dalton preached. After the Sermon I gave Benediction. Breakfast. Busy most of the day. Received the visits of a good many of the Clergy. Received a deputation about the erection of a Church at Brunswick. Promised to promote the good work. Saw that part of the great South stained glass window just fixed. The figure - the chief one - is that of Our Saviour ascending into Heaven. Engaged till 4. Then Vespers and Compline. Dinner. At 7 night prayers. Confessions - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady. Home. About 10 to bed.]

[From large diary. Ed.:

**Friday April 26th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Matins - Lauds - *Prima et Tertia*. Celebrated Mass at the Convent of Mercy. Thanksgiving. Engaged in the office till 10.30. Took final leave of a good many Clergy from the country who had to return home today.]

**Sunday April 28th. Low [Sunday]** Celebrated Mass at 8 and preached - thanksgiving - Hours. Breakfast. Business to 1. Received and replied to addresses from the Clergy and laity. Went on board the steamer about 1. The steamer sailed at 2. Recited the Divine Office. Weather calm. Thank God I feel very well, but sad and distressed in mind.

**[Monday] April 29th.** Rose early - morning prayers. No sea sickness. Weather calm and pleasant. Recited Hours - made my meditation. Reading, conversation and the Divine Office fill up the time between morning and bed time.

**Tuesday 29th.** [*sic*] Weather all that we could wish. No sea-sickness. Morning prayers - meditation - Hours. Time employed as yesterday.

**Wednesday April 30th.** Time of rising - religious exercises - study and recreation - same as yesterday. Weather calm.

## MAY 1867

**Wednesday May 1st.** The same arrangement of time as yesterday. Matins and Lauds always anticipated [i.e. said on the previous day. Ed.]. A change in the weather - wind high and sea rough. A little sick.

**Thursday May 2nd.** Everything as the day before. Weather rough. Still feel a little unwell.

**Friday May 3rd.** I feel better today - sea not so rough. Time employed in the usual way. Expect to arrive at King George's Sound to-night. Were at anchor about 11.

**Saturday May 4th.** Morning prayers. Landed early. Celebrated Mass. Heard Mass. Met the Bishop of Adelaide at the Hotel. Breakfasted. Went on board the steamer about 12. Left for Point de G[alle]. Time employed as before. The Bishop and myself occupy the same cabin. Vespers and Compline, Matins and Lauds early in the evening.

**Sunday May 5th.** Rose at an early hour. Recited Hours - made my meditation - preparation for Mass. At 10.30 commenced Mass. A few of the crew attended. Dean Hayes delivered a short discourse. Thanksgiving. About 12 breakfast. Read a good deal during the day. Recited Vespers and Compline, Matins and Lauds before dinner. Weather calm.

**Monday May 6th.** Morning prayers. Hours. Meditation before breakfast. Reading, conversation and the Divine Office filled up as usual the time between rising and going to bed.

**Tuesday May 7th.** Time occupied nearly as yesterday.

**Wednesday May 8th.** Nothing occurred deserving notice.

**Thursday May 9th.** Observed the same regularity in the distribution of my time as I proposed to myself and observed since my departure from Melbourne.

**Friday May 10th.** Time filled up as arranged when beginning the voyage.

**Saturday May 11th.** Nothing to note. Time spent in the usual way.

**Sunday May 12th.** Celebrated Mass at 7 in the Cabin. The Bishop of Adelaide said Mass immediately after. Thanksgiving. Hours. Meditation. At 10.30 Dean Hayes said Mass for the passengers and crew. The Bishop of Adelaide and I attended. The Dean delivered a short discourse. Read at intervals during the day a few chapters of the *Imitation* and New Testament.

**Monday May 13th.**

**Tuesday May 14th.**

**Wednesday May 15th.** Sea very rough. I am suffering a little from sea-sickness. The usual course of reading and study interrupted. Wind contrary - ship makes little way. Recited the Divine Office and made meditation.

**Thursday May 16th.** Prayers. Hours. Meditation before breakfast. Reading and study. Before dinner - Matins and Lauds. Weather rough.

**Friday May 17th.** Weather not a bit improved. We shall not arrive as soon as we expected at Galle.

**Saturday May 19th.** Contrary wind. Will not reach anchor till early tomorrow morning. Came in sight of Galle about 4.

**Sunday May 20th.** Landed early. Celebrated Mass in the Church at 7.30. Thanksgiving. Heard Mass. Breakfast at an Hotel. Drove through part of the town. Hours. Went on board the *Surat*, the Steamer which takes us on to Suez. She is very much crowded. A Spanish Bishop from the Phillipine Islands is a passenger en route like ourselves to Rome. At 12 she steamed out of the harbour. The cabin set apart for the Bishop of Adelaide and myself is a very bad one - but being the only one with [only] two berths, we had to take [it] or be with others. The ship is shamefully crowded. Read a little Recited Vespers and Compline, Matins and Lauds. The Monsoons continue to trouble us.

**Monday May 21th.** Weather very rough. The Captain contemplates going south in order to go beyond the influence of the monsoons.

**Sunday May 26th.** After a good deal of suffering we are still a long way from Aden. A lady died on board. At 7 I celebrated Mass. The Bishop of Adelaide and Dean Hayes also celebrated privately. At 10.30 the Chaplain of the Spanish Bishop celebrated Mass publicly. A good many Spaniards being on board, we had a rather fair congregation.

**Monday May 27th.** Weather stormy.

**Wednesday May 29th.** Came in sight of land early this morning. Weather improved.

**Thursday May 30th.** Celebrated Mass about 7. Arrived at Aden about 6.30. Some of the passengers landed.

**Friday May 31st.** Landed early. After taking a little tea the Bishop of Adelaide and self drove to the Settlement. Remained a short time with the priest. He returned with us to the ship. Left for Suez between 12 and 1.

## JUNE 1867

**Saturday June 1st.** Heat most oppressive. The wind being ahead relieves us a good deal in this great heat.

**Sunday June 2nd.** Celebrated Mass early. Dean Hayes celebrated in the Saloon for the Catholic passengers. At this Mass the Bishops were present. A calm sea and \*heavens\*.

**Monday June 3rd.**

**Tuesday June 4th.**

**Wednesday June 5th.** Arrived at Suez about 6. Did not land till 10, the Steamer having got aground which conveyed the passengers luggage. The passengers for Marseilles and Southampton were taken on to Alexandria, thence to proceed the next day to their destinations. Slept at Suez.

**Thursday June 6th.** Morning prayers. Hours. Heard Mass. Meditation. Visited the Convent of the Good Shepherd nuns. Here we remained but a few minutes. Left by train for Cairo. Recited the Office in the train. Arrived at Cairo about 1 - 4 hours - visited the Convent of the Franciscans and that of the Good Shepherd nuns to arrange about Mass tomorrow morning. Visited the famous Mosque and other places. Dined at 6. Walked in the evening through the town. About 10 prayers - bed.

**Friday June 7th.** Morning prayers. Hours - preparation for Mass. Celebrated Mass at the Convent of the Good Shepherd. Spent the day in sightseeing. Dined late. To bed about 10.

**Saturday June 8th.** Morning prayers. Hours. Meditation. Left by the 8 o'clock train for Alexandria, where we arrived at 1. Read most of the way. Having secured rooms at the Hotel situated close by the Church, we visited the Bishop and arranged for Mass the next day. After dinner took a long drive. Recited Matins and Lauds. About 10 night prayers - bed.

**Sunday June 9th. Pentecost** Morning prayers. Hours - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass in the Archbishop's private Chapel. Thanksgiving. Breakfast. Meditation. At 3 left by the French steamer for Naples - rather crowded. A Bishop from China and the Guardian of the Holy Sepulchre are passengers. Recited Vespers and Compline, Matins and Lauds.

**Monday June 10th.** At sea en route to Messina. Rough weather and contrary wind.

**Tuesday June 11th.** Heavy sea and contrary wind.

**Wednesday June 12th.** Arrived at Messina about 2 a.m. Landed immediately. Washed. Morning prayers. Heard Mass. Recited Hours - meditation. During the day visited the Cathedral, St George's Benedictine church and other places - the Convent of the Capuchins from which one obtains the best view of town and harbour. The religious have been deprived of this Convent - and the few permitted to remain are obliged to feed the poor - which they always did. The priests are forbidden to wear the habit. *O tempora! O mores!*

**Thursday June 13th.** Morning prayers. Hours. Meditation. Mass. Engaged seeing the sights of Messina. Visited the Hospital - a spacious building.

**Friday June 14th.** Morning prayers. Hours. Left by early train to Catania - where we arrived after 3 hours. Visited the magnificent church of the Benedictines, museum etc - of which they have also been despoiled. The Abbot has been made Archbishop of the place but he is without home and means. The town is large and well built. The Churches are large and handsome interiorly. Returned to Messina about 8. The Divine Office. At 10 to bed.

**Saturday June 15th.** Morning prayers. Hours. Heard Mass. Meditation. Left at 12.30 for Naples. Steamer small and dirty.

**Sunday June 16th.** Arrived at Naples early in the morning. Landed. Engaged rooms at the Hotel di Roma. Preparation for Mass. Celebrated Mass in the adjoining Church. Thanksgiving. Breakfast. Visited a few of the Churches [and] Museum and then proceeded by train to Pompeii. Went through a good part of the excavated City. Returned to Naples by 5. Dinner. Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Took long walks through the City. About 10 prayers - bed.

**Monday June 17th.** Visited early in the morning a small town some short distance from Naples remarkable for its amphitheatre where there is a prison in which St. Januarius was confined. Left at 10.30 for Rome, where we arrived unusually late, about 9. Proceeded to St. Isidore where we left the Bishop of Adelaide, thence to Santa Maria in Posterula, our abode during our stay at Rome. About 11 night prayers - bed.

**Tuesday June 18th.** Morning prayers. Hours. Mass. Thanksgiving. Time occupied receiving visits and visiting up to a quarter to 4. Recited Vespers and Compline, Matins and Lauds. In the evening made a few visits. Saw in part the excavations of St. Clement's. Returned home about 8. Supper at 9. Took a short walk. About 11 night prayers - bed.

**Wednesday June 19th.** Morning prayers. Hours. Preparation for Mass. At 7.30 Mass. Thanksgiving. Breakfast. Received visits. At 9.30 called on Cardinal Barnabò. He was not at home. Visited the Bishops of Cork and Birmingham. Had a visit from the Bishop of Adelaide about 12. Saw Cardinal Barnabò about 1. He said the Archbishop had returned to Sydney *molto discontentato* [highly displeased] - the Pope would [not?] sanction his nominations [of Bishops?]. The conversation with him was only for a few minutes. Called on the General at St. Augustine's, a return visit. He was not to be seen. Got back to Posterula about 2.15. Wrote for a short time. Paid Dean Hayes this morning £30.18.0 - leaving a balance due still of £10. In the afternoon about 3.30 paid him this balance of £10. This closes our account and nothing remains due. Recited Vespers and Compline, Matins and Lauds. In the [evening] visited with the Bishop of Adelaide St. Paul's and St. Peter's. Was introduced to Dr. Mullock, Bishop of Newfoundland. Returned to the Convent about 8.30. Supper 9.15. Night prayers. 10.30 - bed.

**Thursday June 20th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 6 Mass - thanksgiving. Collation. Left for St Peter's about 7.30 - joined in the procession. About 300 Bishops were in the procession. It concluded as usual with Benediction by the Holy Father about 11.30. Dinner at 12.15. Between 1 and 2 meditation - spiritual reading - Vespers and Compline, Matins and Lauds from 2 to 5. Letters for Australia up to 6.30. Took a long walk, calling in at one or two churches. Returned to the convent a little before 9. Supper. About 11 night prayers - bed.

**Friday June 21st.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7 Mass. Thanksgiving. Received visits - Collation - Hours - meditation. Wrote a letter to Dr. Heptonstall concerning a student of the name O'Hanlon who asks for his *exeat* after having spent 5 years in All Hallows at the expense of the diocese. Visited the Vatican and wrote my name in visitors book. This [is] the anniversary of the Holy Father's coronation. Then went shopping for a short time. Returned to Posterula about 12. *Angelus*. Dinner. Conversed some time with the religious. Received visits. Read a short time. Siesta. Recited Vespers and Compline between 3 and 4 - Matins and Lauds at 4.

In the evening witnessed an inspection of the troops in Villa Borghese. The men looked well. Returned home about 8. After supper drove for an hour through Rome to see the illuminations in honor of the Pope's Coronation. The[y] were but a poor display. About 11 night prayers - bed.

**Saturday June 22nd.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. A little past 7 Mass - thanksgiving. I took a tepid bath, which did me a great deal of good, and Collation. Hours. Visited Cardinal Cullen - Archbishops Manning and Leahy. Stopped a short time in the Romano Typographio belonging to the Propaganda. Books poorly printed and very dear - bought but one. Returned to Posterula a little past 12. Dinner. About 1.30 Meditation. At 3.30 Vespers and Compline.

Looked over the *Catalogui librorum qui praestant in Romano Typographio* [Catalogue of books available from the Roman Press]. [At] a quarter past 4 Matins and Lauds. Wrote for a short time. Read till 6. Went out for a walk. Visited the Hospital of St. James in the Corso. The two wards I saw were the best ventilated and the cleanest I have ever been in. Each ward is about 200 ft. long by, I think, 20 ft. - the elevation is, I should think, 20ft. The floor was marble, scrupulously clean, with ventilators. The beds were most comfortable - furnished with all one could desire for himself. In each ward is a handsome altar in a recess which is visible to all and at which Mass is celebrated every day. A large church remarkable for its design, which is deserving of all praise. This church is open to the Public.

Witnessed from the \*Pincio\* the procession, from Sta. Maria in Popolo, of the Most Blessed Sacrament - was present afterwards at the Benediction in the Church. Returned home about 8.30. Read a little. At 9.30 supper. About 11 night prayers - bed.

**Sunday June 23rd.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 8 Mass. Thanksgiving. Hours. Breakfast. Meditation. Had to try on the *Pontificalia* brought this morning. Spiritual reading.

Had a visit from my old Regent or Master of Studies. *Angelus* 12. Read from 1.30 to 3.30 an Italian sermon. At 3.30 Vespers and Compline. Read the same [sermon] till 4.30. Then Matins and Lauds. Received visits. The Bishops of Birmingham and Clifden called. Visited the Church of Santa Maria Maggiore and that of the Angeli lately restored and improved. Walked back to Posterula. Received a letter from Dr. Heptonstall. At a quarter past 9 Supper. Wrote for a short time. About 11 night prayers - bed.

**Monday June 24th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - thanksgiving. Took a bath - breakfast. Hours. Meditation - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament. Visited a few Churches before dinner. At 12 dinner. Studied Italian - recited Vespers and Compline at 3.30. Read till 4.15. Then recited Matins and Lauds. Wrote for a short time. About 6.30 went out for a walk - visited a sick priest in the Vatican. Returned to the Convent about 9. Supper at 9.30. *Conversazione*. About 11 night prayers - bed.

**Tuesday June 25th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 7.30 Mass. Thanksgiving. Hours. Collation. Meditation. The weather is wet. Two religious of St Augustine called on me. Called by invitation at the establishment Fratelli d'Alessandri - Photographers - to have my likeness taken, it being their intention to present the Holy Father with [an] Album containing the likenesses of the Bishops at present in Rome. It was 12 when I got back to the Convent. Dinner. Between 1 and 3.30 busy looking over the statistics and other papers of the diocese in preparation for my report to the Holy See. At 3.30 Vespers and Compline. A little past 4 - Matins and Lauds. Busy with receiving visits and reading papers for my report till 6.30. Took a walk till 8.30. Returned to the Convent. At 9, supper. Read till 10.30. Then night prayers and bed.

**Wednesday June 26th.** Morning prayers - heard Mass. Hours. Took a bath. Collation. Meditation. Engaged from 9.30 to a quarter to 12 returning visits. Dinner at 12. Busy after dinner with the copy of the introduction of my report. Engaged with reading papers till a quarter to 4. Then Vespers and Compline. Wrote for some little time. At 4.15 Matins and Lauds. Reading and visits from some Bishops filled up the time till 6. Took a long walk between 6.30 and 8.30. read till Supper. At 9.30, supper. About 10.30 night prayers - bed.

**Thursday June 27th.** Morning prayers - Mass - thanksgiving. Recited Hours. Breakfast. Meditation. Engaged till 11. Made a few visits. Home by 12. Dinner. Looked over a great many papers in preparation for my report to the Holy See. Vespers and Compline, Matins and Lauds. Went out late for a walk. Returned about 8.30. Supper at 9.30. *Conversazione* till near 11. Night prayers - bed.

**Friday June 28th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - Mass. Thanksgiving - Hours - bath - breakfast. Meditation. Engaged till 11. Signed address to the Holy Father. Dinner at 12. Read till 3. Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds. About 6.30 went out for a walk. Assisted at Solemn Vespers in St. Peter's. Returned to the Convent - took a little refreshment. Went out to see the illumination of St. Peter's - which was grand - and that of the city. Returned about 10.30. Night prayers. Retired immediately to rest.

**Saturday June 29th.** Feast of the Holy and great Apostles Ss. Peter and Paul. Up at 4 - celebrated Mass at 5. Short thanksgiving. At a quarter past 6 left for St Peter's. The solemn and highly interesting ceremony was not concluded till 1. The Holy Father delivered a homily after the singing of the Gospel. About 430 Bishops assisted in copes. Dinner at 1.30. At 3 Vespers and Compline. Meditation. At 4 Matins and Lauds. Late in the evening to \* \* to witness the fire works in the Piazza del Popolo. They surpassed all of the kind I ever saw. Returned to the Convent when all was over. Night prayers - bed.

**Sunday June 30th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. At 6 Mass - thanksgiving. Went to St. Paul's about 9 to assist at the functions there. The Pope was present and a great crowd of Bishops. The Church looked grand - it was illuminated. Returned home about 1, no one being permitted to leave until after the departure of the Holy Father. The heat and dust on the road was very great. I felt for the poor priests who had to walk - they were very many. Recited Hours. Dined at the Irish College. The Cardinal and a good many Irish Bishops were there. Suffering a cold [and] the loss of voice I left early and returned to the Convent. Vespers and Compline, Matins and Lauds. Busy looking over documents. In the evening took a short drive. Supper at the usual time. *Conversazione*. Night prayers - bed about 10.

## JULY 1867

**Monday July 1st.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Mass at 7. Hours and Meditation. Went to the Vatican about 11, when the address from the Bishops assembled in Rome was presented to the Holy Father. He replied and announced that a General Council would be held soon. It was a little past 12 when we returned to the Convent. Dinner. Read between 2 and 3. Then recited Vespers and Compline. From 5 to 7 busy preparing my report. Took a long walk, returning to the Convent about 8. At 9 Supper. Matins and Lauds. *Conversazione*. About 11 to bed.

**Tuesday July 2nd.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Mass. Thanksgiving. Collation. Hours. Meditation. Between 10.15 and 11.30 engaged returning visits. Dinner at 12. Between [2] and 3 read. At 3 commenced Vespers and Compline. Engaged looking over papers till 4. Then Matins and Lauds. At 5.30 went to an Academy held by the students of the Roman College under the direction of the Jesuit Fathers in the Church of St Ignatius. This was not over till 9. Some of the recitations were good and well delivered. The music was exquisite. At 11 night prayers - bed.

**Wednesday July 3rd.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Mass - thanksgiving. Took a tepid bath. Collation. Hours. Meditation. Engaged writing letters till 12. Begged my uncle to get 3 of the students now in their 3rd year's Divinity promoted to deaconship in order that they might be ready to leave for Melbourne with the 4 priests lately ordained for the diocese. Wrote to Dr. Heptonstall to hasten this matter. In Melbourne they can read their last year's Divinity with the Jesuit Fathers. Dinner. Between 1.30 and 3 read a few pages of the life of one of the saints lately canonized. Then Vespers and Compline occupied till 4. Then Matins and Lauds. From 5 to 7 busy revising and finishing the report. Attended an Academy in the Chiesa Ss. Apostoli. Returned home about 9. Supper. Wrote till 10.30. At a quarter to 12 night prayers - bed.

**Thursday July 4th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Mass. Thanksgiving. Hours. Collation. Meditation. Between 9 and 11.30 engaged paying visits. At 12 dinner. From 1 to 3 read a few pages of the life I commenced yesterday. At 3 Vespers and Compline. Wrote for a short time. Read till 4. Matins and Lauds. Had several visits. At 7 went out for a walk. Saw the illuminations at the Capitol. Returned home about 9. Supper. Read till 10.30. Night prayers - bed.

**Friday July 5th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Mass - thanksgiving - bath - collation - Hours - meditation. At 9.30 went to the banks - lodged to my credit there £100 for which I received a receipt stating the exchange into *scudi* McBean and Co. Returned to the Convent about 11. Wrote for a short time - then spiritual reading. Dinner a little past 12. From 1 to 3 read Italian. At 3 Vespers and Compline. Read an English paper. At 4 Matins and Lauds. Engaged up to 6.30. Drove to St Laurentius' Church and cemetery. Both worthy of attention - the former, now being restored, because of its antiquity and curious style; the latter on account of its admirable arrangement. When finished it will surpass anything of the kind I have seen. Returned to the Convent about 8.30. Read till supper time. About 10.30 night prayers - bed.

**Saturday July 6th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - Mass - thanksgiving - Hours - heard Mass - meditation - Collation. Busy with report - accounts. Wrote for a short time. Looked over an English newspaper. Made a few visits between 10 and 12. Dinner a little past 12. Read from 1.30 to 4. Then Vespers and Compline, Matins and Lauds. Wrote letters. Visited St. Agnes and another ancient Church in its neighbourhood dedicated to Sta. Constanza and others. Returned to the Convent about 8.30. Read till Supper. At 10.30 night prayers - bed.

**Sunday July 7th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - Mass - thanksgiving - Collation - Hours - Meditation. Looked over a few Catholic Italian and French journals. There is a Beatification today in St Peter's. Spiritual reading filled up the time between 10.30 and 1. Dinner. Had two religious from St Augustine's to dine with us. The afternoon reading till 3. Then Vespers and Compline - reading again till 4. Then Matins and Lauds. Between 6.30 and 8 visited St. John Lateran and the Church of the Holy Cross in Jerusalem, where I saw the following most precious relics - the Holy Cross - a nail - two spines of the Crown of thorns - the finger of St Thomas - and the cross beam of the cross upon which the good thief died. Returned to the Convent about a quarter to 9. Supper. *Conversazione*. At 10.30 night prayers - bed.

**Monday July 8th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - Mass - thanksgiving. *Prima*. Bath - other Hours. Breakfast. Meditation. Engaged till 9.30. Drove out till 11 making a few visits. Read from 11 to 12. Dinner. Read from 1 to 3. Vespers and Compline. Read till 4. Matins and Lauds. Went to walk about 6.30 and visited several Churches. Returned to the Convent about 8.30. Read till 9. Supper. *Conversazione*. At 10.30 night prayers - bed.

**Tuesday July 9th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - thanksgiving - Hours - collation - meditation - took a walk before 12. Bought two statuettes - one of the Blessed Virgin and the other of St Peter. 30 francs for the two. Dinner at the usual time. Walked for some time after dinner. Looked over and corrected a copy of Report. Read a part of the life of one of the saints lately canonized. At 3 recited Vespers and Compline. At 4.30 Matins and Lauds. Called on the Bishop of Adelaide, who leaves Rome tomorrow. He was not in. Met the Holy Father taking a long evening walk. He is seemingly in the very best health. Returned to the convent about the *Ave Maria*, 8 o'clock. Read an Italian and [an] Irish paper. At 9, supper. Wrote for a short time - *Conversazione*. About 11 night prayers - bed.

**Wednesday July 10th.** Morning prayers - Preparation for Mass - Mass - thanksgiving. Bath. Collation. Hours. Meditation. Engaged till 10. Between 10 and 12 made visits. Paid Sig. Simonetti for the statue of the Immaculate Conception 60 *scudi*. Dined. Wrote for a short time. Read till 3. Then recited Vespers and Compline. At 4 Matins and Lauds. Received visits. At 5.30 went out for a drive - called at several places on business. Returned to the Convent about the *Ave Maria*. Read till 9. Supper. *Conversazione*. At 11 night prayers - bed.

**Thursday July 11th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - Mass - thanksgiving. Hours. Collation. Meditation. Spiritual reading till 9.30. Between 10 and 12 made several visits. Dinner a little past 12. From 1 to 3 study of Italian and the perusal of an interesting work. About 3 Vespers and Compline then read till 4. A little past 4 Matins and Lauds. Received visits. Between 6.30 and 8 took a long drive. Read till 9. Supper. *Conversazione*. At 10.30 night prayers - bed.

**Friday July 12th.** Left at an early [hour] by train for Albano. Recited Hours and made meditation in the railway carriage. Reached Albano about 11. The omnibus which took me from the station was very slow in getting over the few miles between the station and town. Visited several of the sights in and about Albano in the early part of the day, having previously made my visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament. In the evening drove by the Upper Gallery to Castel Gandolfo, returning by the lower one - a most delightful drive - scenery charming. It was late when I got back to the Inn. Walked to Ariccia and took a good look at the viaduct commenced by the [Pope] Gregory *XVI* and completed by Pio *IX*. At 10 night prayers - bed.

**Saturday July 13th.** Left at 8 for Frascati. Passed through Marino - where I delayed a short time to visit the Cathedral and the Augustinian Fathers. Arrived early in the afternoon in Frascati - visited several of the Churches after dinner. Walked later in the evening through town - which is but poorly lighted. Recited Vespers and Compline, Matins and Lauds. At 11 night prayers - bed.

**Sunday July 14th.** Not having brought my papers with me I did not ask leave to celebrate Mass, not being known to any one. Heard Mass - and part of a discourse on the Gospel of the day - in the Cathedral. Rode to Tusculum and admired the magnificent view from its heights. The ruins are all uninteresting if I except that of the Amphitheatre. At 11 left Frascati *per vettura* (cost 2 1/2 *scudi*) for Roma. Reached Rome about 1. Dined. For the first time since my arrival in Rome I took a siesta. About 4.30 Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds.

In the evening visited St Paul's and the Church of the three fountains - the supposed site of the Apostle's martyrdom. This church was closed so we had to return without seeing it. Got home by 8.30. Supper at 9. *Conversazione*. About 10.30 night prayers - bed.

**Monday July 15th.** Morning prayers -preparation for Mass - Mass - thanksgiving. Took a bath. Breakfast. Hours. Meditation. Wrote for some time. Busy all the morning. Looked over several papers having reference to Ecclesiastical affairs. Dinner at 12 or a little after. Between 1 and 3 study. About 3 Vespers and Compline. Between 3 and 4 read instructions from the Holy Office *circa Observationem Constitutionis P.M. Benedicti XIV, quae incipit Sacramentum Poenitentiae* [On observing that Constitution of the Supreme Pontiff Benedict XIV which begins *Sacramentum Poenitentiae* [The Sacrament of Penance]. A little past 4 Matins and Lauds. Read till 6. Took a long drive. About 8 returned to the Convent. Supper at 9. Read from 9.30 to 10.30. Then night prayers - bed.

**Tuesday July 16th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - Mass - thanksgiving. Collation. Busy up to 10. Hours - meditation. Dined at the usual time. Between 1 and 3 reading and study. Then Vespers and Compline. About 4 Matins and Lauds. Received a paper in which an account of the death of Bishop O'Connor was announced at the age of 71. He died on the 10th. *R.I.P.* Took a long drive this evening returning to the Convent about 8. Read till 9. Supper. *Conversazione* till 10.30. Night prayers - bed.

[From small (travelling?) diary. Ed.:

**Wednesday July 17.** ...*The scourging of St. Andrew, a fresco by Domenichino in a small church dedicated to the Apostle, adjoining that of St. Gregory Magnus on the Caelian Hill. A copy, and a good one, of this celebrated fresco is in the Bishop's House, Melbourne. In the same church is a fresco of the Crucifixion of St. Andrew by Guido R.. Rival pieces.]*

**Wednesday July 17th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - Mass -thanksgiving. Busy till 9.30. Walked out till 11.30. Recited Hours. About 1 meditation. Wrote a letter. Recited Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds. A little after 6 visited the following churches - St Gregory's, where I saw the table - marble - at which he fed every day 12 poor persons - an angel, it is believed, appeared amongst them one day. In a small church adjoining, dedicated to the Apostle St Andrew, is a picture in fresco by Domenichino of the scourging of the Apostle previous to his Crucifixion, of which I have a good copy. I bought it mistaking the subject for another. It was in the dining room before the repairs of the house commenced this year. It is a true and I think a good copy. The next church was that of the Passionists, dedicated to the martyrs John and Paul - St. Alexius, and St Sabina. Got home a little past 8. read the *Osservatore Romano*. Supper. *Conversazione*. At 10.30 night prayers - bed.

**Thursday July 18th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. Hours. At 8 celebrated a Solemn requiem Mass for Bishop O'Connor O.S.A. Bishop of Saldes, who ended a holy life on the 10th of this month. Busy all the forenoon. Dinner at the usual time. *Conversazione*. Study till 3.30. Vespers and Compline - at 4 Matins and Lauds. Read till 6. Took a drive till 8. Called at several places on business. Looked over the Roman official journal of this date. About 10 night prayers - bed.

**Friday July 19th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - Mass - thanksgiving. Took a bath. Meditation. - Breakfast - Resumed meditation. Hours. Wrote for a short time. Made a few visits before 12. Dinner at the usual hour. Between 1 and 3 reading and study. At 3 Vespers and Compline. Study till 4. Then Matins and Lauds. Read till 6. Drove out - visited a few churches. Returned to the Convent about the *Ave Maria*. Read one of the Roman journals. Supper at 9. *Conversazione*. About 10.30 night prayers - bed.

**Saturday July 20th.** Morning prayers - Preparation for Mass - Mass - Thanksgiving. Collation. Very busy all this morning. Saw the Cardinal Barnabò - had a long conversation with him about the difficulties in Australia. I said in reference to the priests now in Rome from Brisbane without their Bishop's leave that their conduct in thus abandoning their diocese ought not to be overlooked, as if not noticed might lead in future to consequences serious and injurious to religion there and elsewhere. I said in reply to an enquiry about Brisbane that I was not sufficiently informed as to its embarrassment to give a safe opinion - I was never there. Returned to Posterula about 12. At 1 Hours. Study till 3. Vespers and Compline. Busy packing till 5. Matins and Lauds. Took short drive with Dean Hayes. Returned to the Convent about 8.30. Posted a letter to Dr Fitzpatrick in reply to his by the May mail. Supper. *Conversazione*. At 10.30 prayers. - Bed.

[From small (travelling?) diary. Ed.:

**Roma 21st. July 1867.** Amount due to Dean Hayes 22 scudi.

Sta. Maria in Posterula: Paid.

Roma 21st. July 1867 +J.A.G.]

**Sunday July 21st.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - Mass - thanksgiving - Hours - Collation - Meditation. Engaged up to 12. Dinner at the usual hour. From 1 to 3 study and spiritual reading at intervals. At 3 Vespers and Compline. Read till 4 - then Matins and Lauds. Received a few visits. Drove to some of the Churches in the neighbourhood of Rome outside the walls. Returned to Posterula about 8. Read till 9 o'clock Supper. *Conversazione*. About 10.30 night prayers - bed.

**Monday July 22nd.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass - Mass - thanksgiving - Hours - bath - Collation - Meditation. Busy the whole of the day making preparations for my departure tomorrow. Paid all bills. I owe Romanini for a plain [plain] white mitre and a cord for the pectoral [cross]. Vespers and Compline, Matins and Lauds at or about the usual time. In the evening took a short drive and engaged my passage for Terni by train. Had a *Conversazione* after Supper. At 10.30 night prayers - bed.

**Tuesday July 23rd.** Left by train at 6.30 for Terni. Dean Hayes accompanied thus far. He proceeded on to Foligno. Recited the Divine [Office] of the day, and Matins and Lauds for tomorrow. Visited most of the Churches - amongst them that of the Augustinians soon after arriving in Terni - which was about 1. I drove to the Cascade. About 10 night prayers - bed.

**Wednesday July 24th.** Morning prayers. Left by the early train for Perugia. Met Dean Hayes at the Foligno station on his way to Assisi where we afterwards met on my visit from Perugia to the Sanctuary. Returned to Perugia after seeing the remarkable Sanctuaries and making there my visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament about 5. Dined. Recited Vespers and Compline, Matins and Lauds. Visited the Cathedral - the Church of St Augustine - where I hope *Deo volente* to celebrate the Holy Mass tomorrow. The religious live in a secular house, the convent being turned into a barracks. Read a little during the evening. About 10.30 night prayers - bed.

**Thursday July 25th.** Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. About 7 celebrated - thanksgiving - Collation - Hours. Left for Arezzo, where I arrived about 10. In the course of the day visited most of the Churches. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament. Recited the Divine [Office] and made my meditation as usual.

**Friday July 26th.** In the morning heard Mass. Hours - meditation - collation. Visited the Library, Museum etc. Left for Florence, where I arrived at 5. Dinner. Visited a few of the Churches - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament as usual. Night prayers. About 11 to bed.

**Saturday July 27th.** Morning prayers. Divine Office. Meditation. Breakfast. Left at 10.30 for Lucca. Arrived there about 2. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Cathedral - visited a good many of the Churches. Arranged with the Augustinian Prior about Mass tomorrow. The Church and Convent of these religious have been taken from [them] and they now officiate in a little chapel adjoining their great Church. Recited the Divine Office - made my meditation as usual. Night prayers about 10 then to bed.

**Sunday July 28th.** Morning prayers. Hours. Meditation. Preparation for Mass. Celebrated Mass about 7 in the small Chapel under the care of the religious of St Augustine. Thanksgiving. Breakfast. Was present during High Mass in the Cathedral - visited several villas in the neighbourhood of Lucca. Returned to the Hotel. About 5 dined. Between 6.30 and 8 drove round the walls enjoying very much the surrounding scenery, which is not to be surpassed. About 10.30 night prayers - bed.

**Monday July 29th.** Morning prayers and other devotions with the Divine Office as usual. Heard Mass. At 12 left for the baths. Took the first bath at 5. I feel the better of it. Walked through the picturesque little village. Made my visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and recited Vespers and Compline. Night prayers early - to bed.

**Tuesday July 30th.** Morning prayers. Divine Office. Heard Mass. Took a bath. Breakfast. Had a long walk - during which I made my meditation. Engaged on my return to the Hotel writing till near 3. Vespers and Compline. Dinner. Matins and Lauds between 4 and 5. Took a long walk between 7 and 9. About 10 night prayers - bed.

**Wednesday July 31st.** Morning prayers. Left about 6 for Lucca. Heard Mass - recited Hours. Left at 12 for Bologna - Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 6. Read till 7. Took a walk through the town. About 10 prayers - bed.

## AUGUST 1867

**Thursday August 1st.** Morning prayers - heard Mass in the Cathedral - Hours - Meditation. At 12.30 left for Piacenza. Read during the journey. Visited several of the Churches in this town. The Cathedral is a fine old building - a curious mixture of styles. Recited Vespers and Compline. Visit in the evening to the Most Blessed Sacrament. About 10 prayers - bed.

**Friday August 2nd.** Morning prayers - heard Mass. Matins, Lauds and Hours. Meditation. At 12.30 left for Milan. Busy writing letters - one to Dr Heptonstall with a draft for £75-0-0 and another to the Manager of the L. and W. [London and Westminster?] Bank enclosing two drafts for a £100 each - dates 26th April and 27th May. This letter I addressed under cover to the care of Dr Heptonstall. I posted the letters myself. Dinner late. Recited Vespers and Compline. Looked over English news. About 10.30 night prayers - bed.

**Saturday August 3rd.** Prayers. Hours. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament. Breakfast. Read English news[paper]. Wrote a short time. Will leave, *Deo volente*, by train at 12.30 perhaps for Verona en route to Trent. Left for Verona. Here I stop the night. Dined at 5. Vespers and Compline - Matins and Lauds - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament in one of the Churches. Walked through the town looking at its old Churches and monuments. About 10 night prayers - bed.

**Sunday August 4th.** Rose early - morning prayers - visit to a neighbouring Church. Left for Trent at 6. Recited Hours and made meditation on the way. Arrived in Trent by train about 8 minutes past 10. Preparation for Mass. About 11 celebrated Mass at the Altar of the Crucifix which was erected in the midst of the great council of Trent. Offered up this Mass for the usual intention - for myself, the priests and people of the diocese - thanksgiving. Returned to the Hotel d'Europa. Breakfast. Wrote for a short time - visit[ed] several of the Churches in the afternoon and some of the remarkable views of the country. Vespers - Compline - Matins and Lauds. About 10 prayers - bed.

**Monday August 5th.** Morning prayers. Heard Mass. Hours. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament. Left about 10 for Bolzen - Bozen or Bolzano - made my meditation on the way - spiritual reading. Arrived in Bolzen about 12. The rail-way not being as yet open to Innsbruck I shall have to travel by the Diligence which will leave tomorrow. At 2 visited the church in the neighbourhood of the Hotel which is the principal one here. It is a fine gothic building. I bought a photograph of the exterior and interior as also good oil colored views of the picturesque country of this part of the Tyrol and of the costumes of the people. About 2.30 recited Vespers and Compline, Matins and Lauds. At 3.30 dinner. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament in the nearest Church. Took a short walk. The rain falling rather heavily, returned to the Hotel. Read till 7. At 8 took a light supper - then a walk till 9. Wrote for a short time. Night prayers - bed.

**Tuesday August 6th.** Anniversary of Consecration. Morning prayers - preparation for Mass. About 7.30 Mass in the Church near the Hotel. Thanksgiving. Hours - breakfast - meditation. Walked through the town. Read on my return for some time. At 2 left by Diligence for Wettewalt, a small port town en route to Innsbruck. Expense 4 florins and some small coin. After 6 hours uncomfortable I arrived at this place. About 9.30 dinner. Here I stop the night. Prayers about 10.30 - bed.

**Wednesday August 7th.** Morning prayers - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament in the neighbouring pretty church. Posted the remainder of the way to Innsbruck - cost £1. Recited the Divine Office and made meditation at the usual time. Stopped at the Austria Hotel - not over comfortable. Innsbruck has some handsome Churches and a large Convent and Church belonging to the Capuchins. The town itself is large and well built. About 10 night prayers - bed.

**Thursday August 8th.** Morning prayers - Divine Office. Left at 8.30 for Munich - called Monico and Munchen, by Italians and Germans. Made my meditation on the way. Arrived in Munich about 4. Stopped [at] the Hotel du Behn. Finished the Divine Office - dined. Walked through the City in the afternoon. About 10 night prayers - bed.

**Friday August 9th.** Morning prayers. Breakfast. called at Mayer's establishment. His works I very much admired - and his stain[ed] glass is very fine. I regret the window for St Patrick's was not ordered from here - called at the Banker's and got two pounds converted into French francs. Made my visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament in the beautiful Church of St Bonifacius belonging to the Benedictines. Returned to the Hotel. Recited the Divine Office. Wrote for some time. Missed an early train for Augsburg. Left in the evening Munich and arrived in Augsburg at 9. Soon after refreshment night prayers - bed.

**Saturday August 10th.** Morning prayers - Divine Office. Breakfast. Heard Mass. Meditation. Left at 12.30 p.m. for Stuttgart where I arrived at 9.30. Night prayers - bed.

**Sunday August 11th.** Morning prayers - Divine Office - preparation for Mass. About 7.30 Mass - thanksgiving. Took a bath - meditation - breakfast. Left for Strasbourg at 11.30 - visited the Cathedral too late to pay my visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament. About 10 night prayers - bed.

**Monday August 12th.** Morning prayers - Divine Office. left at 10 for Chalons. Here I stopped the night. Poor accommodation. About 10.30 night prayers - bed.

**Tuesday August 13th.** Prayers - Divine Office - Meditation. Left for Meaux at 8.30. Here I remained until 8, when I left for Paris. Visited the fine Cathedral of Meaux - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament. Arrived in Paris about 9 but did not get to the Hotel till 10. Night prayers - bed.

**Wednesday August 14th.** Morning prayers. Divine Office. Had some difficulty in getting quiet lodgings - called at the Irish College. Got letters there. Saw the V.P. [Vice President] Fr Murphy - and arranged to say Mass in the College chapel tomorrow. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament. Went in the evening to see the Great International Exhibition. Divine Office - meditation. About 11.30 prayers - bed.

**Thursday August 15th.** Prayers - Divine Office - preparation for Mass. About 8 Mass - thanksgiving in the Chapel of the Irish College. Left Paris at 20 minutes past 3 for Amiens - made my meditation in the railway carriage. Arrived in Amiens about 6. Having dined, made a visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament in the nearest church. In the evening the town was illuminated in honour of the great feast [of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin]. Walked through the town, which in parts was most tastefully illuminated. About 10 prayers - bed.

**Friday August 16th.** Prayers - Divine Office. Was too late for Mass - visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament. Meditation. Paid a visit to the Cathedral. Left for Boulogne. Here I stop the night. Vespers and Compline after dinner. Strolled through the town during the evening. At 10 night prayers - bed.

**Saturday August 17th.** Morning prayers - Divine Office. Missed Mass again this morning through ignorance of the way to one of the Churches. After breakfast, found my way to the principal church. The Bishop was administering Confirmation. Here I made my visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and recited Hours.

Left at 2.30 for Folkestone and Folkestone at 7 for Dover. Made my visitation late in the day. Walked through the town in search of the Catholic church - found it after some time. Returned to the Hotel about 10. Night prayers - bed.

**Sunday August 18th.** Morning prayers - Divine Office - preparation for Mass. At 9 Mass in the Catholic Church - thanksgiving. Breakfast. Wrote letters and addressed newspapers. After this, busy writing up to 12. Took a long walk. Dined at 3. Left Dover by the 5 o'clock train and arrived in London at 7. Stopped at Euston Hotel, Euston Square. Retired to my room early. Recited the Divine Office. About 10 to bed.

**Monday August 19th.** Morning prayers - a short walk and breakfast. The Divine Office. Meditation. Took a cab and drove to Paternoster Row. Read and answered letters. Busy during the day and a greater part of the evening. Retired early to bed.

**Tuesday, August 20th.** Morning prayers - Divine Office. Left by an early train for Southampton. Secured my baggage that was in the Customs House. Gave direction to McCracken's agent to forward it to Uplands. Left at 3 for Worcester - but not changing trains at Didcot I could not proceed further than Oxford. It was 10 when I arrived in Oxford - the Office and meditation at the usual time.

**Wednesday August 21st.** Morning prayers - Divine Office. Left for Worcester at 8 - arrived there about 10. Breakfast. Visited the Jesuit Fathers and afterwards walked to Stanbrook, where I dined and spent the evening. Walked back to Worcester, where I stop at the Hotel. Recited the Divine Office - to bed.

**Thursday August 22nd.** Morning prayers. Office. Meditation. Left for Chester en route to Ireland. Stopped at Chester. Walked through the town in the evening. Divine Office - night prayers - bed at 10.

**Friday August 23rd.** Prayers etc. Left at 12 for Holyhead. Thence at 2 to Kingstown. Met my good uncle on the pier there waiting to welcome. And how kind a welcome he gave. Lodged comfortably at Uplands. We sat up late talking of the past. Night prayers and bed at 12.30.

**Saturday August 24th.** Morning prayers - Office and breakfast. Read letters. Drove to Bray. Returned in time for dinner. The Divine Office. *Conversazione* About 10.30 prayers - bed.

**Sunday August 25th.** Prayers - Divine Office - preparation for Mass. At 7.30 Mass. Thanksgiving. Busy the whole of the morning answering Australian letters. Wrote in reply to Mr. Ireland - Archer and Bleasdale. Then took a long drive. On my return recited Vespers and Compline then wrote for a half hour. Dinner at 6. About 10 night prayers - bed.

**Monday August 26th.** Prayers. Divine Office - preparation for Mass. Mass at 7.30. Hours. Meditation. Breakfast. Letters. Called on the Cardinal - visited All Hallows but found not one of the officials there. Forwarded students' letters of complaint to the President with a request that he would report thereon at his earliest convenience. Visited Dr. Fitzpatrick's family and made the inquiry he wished to make about one of his nephews. Returned to Uplands at 5.30. Recited Vespers and Compline. Dinner at 6. *Conversazione* up to 10. Prayers. Bed.

*AUGUST 1867 [Moran]*

*August 28th. Visited the French College of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Blackrock, and asked for some religious of the institute to take charge of our male orphanage. The sub-Superior whom I saw promised to write about it to the Superior, then in France. He thought the application would succeed. Saw the Superior of the Christian Brothers and requested that a community would be sent to Melbourne. He said that the demands in Ireland were such as to leave them but few for foreign missions. However, I think my request will be granted. Visited the Convent of Mercy, Baggot street, and the institution for the female blind under the care of the Sisters of Charity.*

*SEPTEMBER 1867*

*September 2nd. A visit from the Provincial of the Jesuit Fathers. Urged upon him the object I have much at heart - a mission to the aboriginals of Australia - and asked him to use his influence to get some of the Fathers to undertake it; handed a letter from an able German Father, in which he offers himself for the purpose. I further advise that an Irish Jesuit now in China should be sent to Victoria to assist in the conversion of the Chinese resident there.*

*September 8th (Sunday). Visited the Orphanage of St Vincent under the care of the Christian Brothers. It had 80 boys who looked as if they were well cared for in every respect; the dormitories, schoolrooms, etc., are large, clean, and well lighted and ventilated.*

*September 11th. Left for Limerick by the 8 o'clock train; the Bishop was from home.*

*September 13th. Left for Limerick Junction en route for Waterford; arrived in Waterford a little past 8 o'clock.*

*September 14th. Visited the Convent of the Good Shepherd, the Christian Brothers, the Bishop; the latter was from home. Left for Dublin about 11 o'clock.*

*September 19th. Visited Glencree Boys' Reformatory, about seven miles from Bray. Building poor; dormitory crowded, but well ventilated; number in the institute, 300; report of Father Fox as to improvement most satisfactory; site ill chosen, poor, and much exposed.*

*September 20th. Had a visit from the Superior of the Capuchins and Father O'Reily, Vicar-General of New Zealand.*

*September 24th. Visited the Convent of the Passionist Fathers; it is a grand building; cost 30,000 pounds.*

*September 26th. Left at 2 o'clock for Newry en route for Belfast; called on Bishop Leahy, who lives a short way out of Newry; dined with him.*

*September 27th. Left by early train for Belfast, called on the Bishop; he was most kind; visited the convents of the SS. of Mercy and Good Shepherd; saw the churches; the only one in good Gothic style is St Peter's; the architect is a priest of the Diocese; left Belfast for Port Rush.*

*September 28th. Drove to the Giant's Causeway; saw all worth looking at; returned to Belfast and proceeded to Armagh.*

*September 29th. Said Mass in the Convent of the Sacred Heart; visited the Cathedral, not as yet opened for use, though the interior is finished. It is a fine Cathedral, a more than rival of the old one in the hands of the Protestants; it cost £50,000; its length, about 150 feet, aisles and nave; the opening is postponed until the towers are finished. The site is a hill opposite to that occupied by the old Cathedral. The convent, a fine, useful building, is also on a commanding elevation near the Cathedral. On the grounds of the Cathedral is the seminary, under the care of the Vincentian Fathers; it is a large building. Left Armagh at 11 o'clock for Clones, and thence proceeded by car to Cavan. Met the Bishop in the train for Mullingar - a very good agreeable man. I stop to-night in Mullingar.*

*September 30th. Visited Bishop Nulty, Bishop of Meath. Dr. Donnelly, of Monaghan, and Dr. Fennelly, of Madras, were with him.*

#### OCTOBER 1867

*October 1st. Longford. The Cathedral is a fine building in the Grecian Roman style. Visited the college; the dormitories are large and lofty, well lighted and ventilated; study-hall, and class rooms well arranged; the cost of the whole is £15,000; it is the best of the Diocesan seminaries in Ireland; it would accommodate without crowding 100 students; the chapel is a handsome Gothic building.*

*October 2nd. To Dublin.*

*November 4th. To Holyhead and Chester.*

*November 5th. To London.*

*November 8th. Went to the Foreign Office for my passport.*

*November 9th. Left for Great Malvern; arrived at the presbytery, Blackmore Park, Great Malvern, about 4 o'clock.*

*November 12th. Left for Hereford Priory.*

*November 13th. Assisted at High Mass; ceremonies and singing all that could be desired; the latter was simple church music, but admirably executed.*

*November 17th. In London. Went to Hammersmith; celebrated Mass for the religious of the House of Nazareth; gave them Benediction; went over the establishment; was very much pleased with all I saw.*

*November 19th. To Dover.*

*November 21st. To Calais.*

*November 24th. At Amiens; said Mass in the Cathedral; left for Paris.*

*December 1st. In Lyons. Walked to the Church of the Blessed Virgin on the Mount; said Mass at the altar of Our Lady; a good many men and women went to Holy Communion at my Mass.*

*December 4th. At Nice. Engaged a vettura to take me to Genoa for 180 francs; arrived at the first stage, Mentone, a picturesquely situated town on the Mediterranean. The road to this place crosses the lowest spur of the Alps, and for a long distance runs along the seaside; it is a delightful drive. The houses built and being built are after costly designs. A new church is in course of erection, style Gothic.*

*December 5th. This day's journey was all that we could desire as to weather and scenery; the road the whole way was by the winding shore of the sea; the olive and orange thrive in this mild climate on the sea shore.*

*December 10th. Left Genoa for Spezia.*

*December 12th. Left Spezia for Pisa.*

*December 13th. Went by train to Carrara, famous for its marbles; visited one of the quarries and some of the studios.*

*December 17th. In Foligno; visited the Cathedral and a few of the churches; the beautiful church of the Dominicans has been turned into a stable.*

*December 19th. Arrived in Rome; drove to S. Maria in Posterula. Here I take up my quarters during my stay in Rome.*

*December 25th. Attended the solemn Mass sung by the Pope in St. Peter's. After Mass the Cardinal-Vicar addressed a few words of congratulation and sympathy in the name of the College of Cardinals to the Holy Father. The Pope's reply, distinctly and energetically delivered, was a grateful acknowledgment of God's protection and goodness during the past trying times, and of firm hope in the continuance of the same to His Church.*

#### JANUARY 1868

*January 1st. In Rome.*

*January 2nd. Sent to Cardinal Barnabò a cheque for £300 on account of the offerings of the Diocese to the Holy Father for 1867.*

*January 19th. Had a letter from Cardinal Barnabò, conveying the good wishes and blessing of the Holy Father to myself, the clergy, and people of the Diocese.*

*January 27th (Monday). Had my audience of the Holy Father. He received me most kindly. His appearance showed that his years are telling very much upon him. I never saw him look so feeble.*

*January 30th. Went to St. Clement's about 2 p.m., and joined in the solemn procession consequent on the translation of the relics of Ss. Clement and Ignatius. The procession passed through the Colosseum, the scene of St. Ignatius' martyrdom. The relics were found in the old church lately discovered by one of the religious, and are now deposited under the high altar in the present church. Several Cardinals attended, besides an Archbishop and Bishop from America.*

#### *FEBRUARY 1868*

*February 19th. Visit from Rinaldini of Propaganda; spoke to him about Dean Hayes' appointment to Armidale, but could get nothing out of him.*

*February 23rd. To Civitavecchia.*

*February 25th. In Orvieto. Visited the Cathedral, spent a half hour admiring the works of art with which this splendid church abounds.*

#### *MARCH 1868*

*March 4th. Visited the Certosa of the religious of San Bruno.*

*March 7th. Walked to the Church of St. Pietro in Grado, four miles outside of Pisa on the road to Leghorn; here it is supposed St. Peter erected the first altar and church after he landed from Antioch. A papal altar is erected to mark the spot where St. Peter is said to have for the first time offered the Holy Mysteries in Italy.*

*March 31st. In Bologna.*

#### *APRIL 1868*

*6th April. At Trieste.*

*April 8th. In Baden, forty miles from Vienna, famous for its mineral waters and baths; a pleasant well built town with handsome promenades; the people everywhere crowd the churches; they seem well disposed and religious.*

*April 9th. In Vienna. 10th (Good Friday). Visited several churches, and found each one with its crowd. Some kneeling in a dark corner, or in the centre on the cold marble pavement. It is just now very cold with snow.*

*April 15th. In Dresden. The churches are large tasteless buildings. The Catholic churches are but a little better than the others.*

*19th April. At Nuremberg. This is a fine old city with the relics of its ancient and true faith well preserved. In no city of its size in Germany, or perhaps elsewhere, have I seen such splendid Gothic churches and other monuments of the true faith. The Catholics only number 3000.*

#### MAY 1868

*May 12th. Spent an hour at Mettray; system good; but the house accommodation for each family is poor. Supported by voluntary offerings with assistance from the Government about one franc per head per day. The number of boys confined when I visited was 500. Persons receiving them into their service receive gratuities which vary according to the nature of the employment. Without this it seems it would be difficult to get persons to take them. But 4 per cent relapse. Boys, for French boys, looked healthy and cheerful. Their diet is that of the common people of the country, bread and cheese in the morning, with wine and water in summer. Twice a week meat at dinner. It seems no complaint as to food has ever been made. But little sickness among the boys. The Sisters of Charity look after the sick, the food, and washing, and other details of the institute.*

*There is in connection with the reformatory another for the ill-behaved children of respectable and well-to-do families for whom a pension is paid. This pension varies according to the education given. These boys never meet. Their names are not known. It is by numbers that they are known to those that have charge of them. On the whole this great charity, through in matters of cleanliness and accommodation not quite free from fault, is deserving of all praise and of more support from Government, whose prisons are relieved by it. It is about an hour's drive from Tours.*

*May 14th. At Mans. In the Cathedral the choir, nave, and aisles are magnificent. I have not seen anything in Gothic equal to them.*

*May 20th. In Paris. Called on Lord Lyons, British Ambassador, with reference to poor O'Farrell's attempt on Prince Alfred's life, but the Ambassador was engaged. I will call to-morrow.*

*May 21st. About 12 o'clock called on Lord Lyons. Had a long conversation with him about the attempt on Prince Alfred's life. I begged him to convey my sympathy and that of the clergy to Her Majesty.*

#### JUNE 1868

*June 4th. In Kingstown. On arriving learned the very sad news of the death of my dear friend Dean Hayes. A great loss to me and the Diocese.*

*June 7th. Dined with Cardinal Cullen.*

*June 11th. Visited several of the Catholic public charities of Dublin. Was pleased with all.*

*June 15th. Had a visit from the Superior-General of the Christian Brothers, and finally arranged with him about a community for Melbourne. Three will sail on the 1st of August.*

*June 21st. Celebrated Mass at All Hallows'. Conferred Deaconship on a young Spaniard from Catalonia who is about to join the San Francisco mission.*

### *JULY 1868*

*July 3rd. Left Waterford by public car for Dungarvan. We had a breakdown within three miles of Kilmacthomas. Hired a private car and drove to Dungarvan.*

*July 6th. In Mount Melleray, Ireland. Attended an exhibition in the school.*

*July 7th. Proceeded to Clonmel and thence to Waterford and New Ross where I stop to-night at the Augustinian Convent.*

*July 8th. Went to Granstown where in 1830 I made my novitiate and professed.*

*July 10th. To Kingstown and Uplands.*

*July 14th. Visited Trinity College library and the Museum of R. I. Academy.*

*July 15th. Presided at Office and High Mass for Bishop O'Connor in the Augustinian Church.*

*July 17th. Called to inquire about Cardinal Cullen's health.*

*July 20th. The Cardinal not much better.*

*July 22nd. Proceeded to Clongowes Wood where there is to-day exhibition and distribution of prizes. Was delighted with all I saw and heard.*

*July 31st. Visited St. Joseph's Female Orphanage, Dublin. It is kept in the very best order, clean and tidy. The children looked healthy and contented.*

### *AUGUST 1868*

*August 6th. Had a visit from Father Meehan, who desires to join the Melbourne Diocese. Refused to make any promise as to his position there if received. Told him I would write to him on the subject of his application on my arrival in Melbourne.*

*August 31st. The 69th birthday of my good uncle, Right Rev. Dr. Hynes. Busy all day preparing for my departure on to-morrow. Feel very much at this my last evening with my uncle, who has been so kind to me. I fear we shall not meet again. It was late when we separated and took our final leave with heavy hearts.*

## SEPTEMBER 1868

*September 1st. Left for Holyhead and Chester.*

*September 4th. At Oxford. Spent the evening looking at the old Catholic college and church - monuments of this remarkable town.*

*September 9th. Left Dover for Calais, thence to Arras.*

*September 12th. At Macon, a large and stirring town built on a plain through which one of the French great rivers runs.*

*September 14th. From S. Jean Maurienne by diligence to San Michel, the line of railway being partially destroyed by late storms. Travelled this bold and dangerous route along the edge of deep ravines partly by day and partly by night. Felt greatly relieved when the train arrived at Susa.*

*September 18th. In Rimini. Visited the Cathedral, an unfinished building with curious but beautifully executed carvings in marble. The town has little to boast of but its churches.*

*September 21st. Left Ancona for Brindisi. A venerable Bishop got into the carriage on the way, simple, holy, and intelligent. In Brindisi the people, high and low, seem to live on in a sleepy dreamy state. Got on board about 8 o'clock p.m.*

*September 26th. In Alexandria. Called on the Bishop. Arranged for the celebration of Mass in his private chapel to-morrow, Sunday.*

*September 27th. About 3 o'clock p.m. attended Vespers and Benediction in the Church. Saw a good deal of the city and people during the evening. Have but a poor opinion of both. The congregations in the church during the Masses were very good and seemingly devout. The Italian men are considered to be a low, bad lot.*

*September 28th. Leave for Cairo to-morrow.*

*September 29th. (Tuesday) To Cairo. Arrived at 2 p.m. Great trouble and annoyance at the station. At last got to the hotel. A wretched place it is. Took a walk through the wretched city of narrow streets, dust, and sun. The city was illuminated during the night and looked well. This was done in honour of a worthless and much disliked ruler who lives in Europe the greater part of each year.*

## OCTOBER 1868

*October 1st. Purpose leaving to-morrow this great centre of Egyptian filth for Suez.*

*October 2nd. Arrived in Suez at 10 p.m.*

*October 3rd. Sailed for Point de Galle.*

*October 18th. Arrived in the harbour of Galle about 3 p.m.*

*October 20th. Took a drive in the afternoon. Saw a handsome tree, whose leaves like rushes, on being cut with a knife, give in good quantities clear drinkable water. It is not a native of the island. It was brought from Madagascar.*

*October 21st. To Colombo. Was received warmly by the Bishop and his clergy. The Bishop is a native of Italy. His priests are natives, Dutch, and Spaniards. Among the Christian Brothers are two Irishmen, one from the North and one from the West.*

*October 22nd. Visited several of the churches. They are large and well built in a style suited to the climate. Each church has two schools, one for boys and one for girls. No State-aid for Catholic schools or churches, though Catholics are the vast majority. Protestants and Presbyterians, a small minority, receive State-aid. Such is English justice and liberality !*

*October 23rd. To Kandy. Visited some of the sights of Kandy. The Buddhist temple, the convent, Hall of the Kings of Kandy, now a courthouse.*

*October 24th. Saw during a long walk the "Jack" tree. The white ant does not touch this tree, neither does it touch the teak.*

*October 26th. Visited a Buddhist monastery and temple; how degraded these Buddhist priests look.*

*October 27th. To Colombo. Stopped at the hotel as I leave to-morrow for Galle. At 5.30 p.m. left the hotel to pay a visit to the Bishop. By a gross blunder the driver who knows not a word of English drove me to the Protestant Bishop's house. He was in his carriage on his way to some place when I drove in. He very kindly accompanied me to his house and got one of his servants to put me on the right road.*

*October 28th. In Galle.*

## NOVEMBER 1868

*November 1st. (Sunday) Preached in the church after the Gospel.*

*November 4th. Fifty-six years of age to-day. Went on board the steamer "Avoca" at 6 a.m.*

*November 24th. Came to anchor at Melbourne at 8.30 p.m. Landed very soon after; proceeded to St. Francis', thence to the Cathedral where, the Te Deum being sung and the usual prayers of thanksgiving recited, I gave the Pontifical Blessing to a large congregation of the clergy and laity; appointed 11 o'clock to-morrow to receive the address of the clergy and laity.*

*November 29th. (Sunday) At 11 o'clock blessed the peal of bells; then celebrated High Mass; gave the Papal Benediction at the conclusion.*

### JANUARY 1869

*25th. During the day made a few visits with the Archbishop of Sydney. About 5 o'clock p.m. had a large party of clergymen and laymen to meet the Bishops at dinner.*

*January 26th. Returned a few visits with the Archbishop.*

*January 27th. Left by the 15 past 12 train for Kyneton. Took a short drive into the country. A heavy thunderstorm compelled us to return to the presbytery.*

*January 28th. Visited the schools; 46 children in the boys' school, and about 30 in the girls'; reading pretty good; answering in Christian doctrine, very good. About 12 o'clock left for Castlemaine in a buggy; a heavy thunderstorm passed over the town late in the evening.*

*January 29th. Visited Fryer's Creek church; returned to Castlemaine about 1 o'clock; proceeded by train to Sandhurst.*

*January 31st. Administered Confirmation to 225 persons, a few adults amongst them. At 11 o'clock blessed and opened St. Liberius' Church at Eaglehawk; about 400 persons were present. Dr. Backhaus celebrated Mass and preached. I addressed a few words at the end. Returned to Sandhurst about 2.30 o'clock; preached after Vespers and gave Benediction; the church crowded.*

### FEBRUARY 1869

*February 1st. Replied to an address of the Young Men's Society; distributed prizes to the school children; between three and four hundred attended; returned to Melbourne by the midday train; the Archbishop of Sydney lunched with Mr. O'Shanassy; the Bishop of Adelaide, just returned from Ballarat, dined with us.*

*February 2nd. At the Convent of Mercy; admitted to profession the novices, and to the habit three postulants; the Archbishop of Sydney and Bishop of Adelaide were present.*

*February 3rd. Accompanied the Bishop of Adelaide to the vessel in which he sails at 1 o'clock for Port McDonnell en route to Adelaide; made a few visits before dinner with the Archbishop; conversation about the Provincial Synod to be held, Deo volente, in Melbourne in the third week of Easter.*

*February 4th. Made a few visits with the Archbishop; he sails for Sydney; accompanied him to the steamer.*

*February 10th. (Ash Wednesday) At 7 o'clock, blessed and distributed the ashes in St. Francis' Church.*

*At 1 o'clock presided at a meeting of the Catholic school committee; a good deal of business was done; Secretary instructed to inquire about the religious instruction and treatment on board the hulks; a resolution was passed asking me to authorize an annual collection to be made throughout the Diocese towards the establishing a general Catholic school fund for the relief of poor schools unassisted by the State; I shall do so.*

*February 11th. At 12 o'clock left by train for Geelong; visited the convent; passed through the girls' orphanage; paid a visit to the boys' orphanage; both are in admirable order; called at St. Augustine's school; attendance large; a male assistant here is much needed; boys and girls are taught together; a system I disapprove of, but necessity forces it upon us.*

*February 12. Profession of a lay sister in the convent; visited St. Mary's schools; head teacher knows his business well; the attendance was good; the schools are well kept; at 2 o'clock I left for Melbourne.*

*February 14. At 11 o'clock laid the first stone of St. Bridget's Church at the corner of Nicholson and Reilly streets; about 600 persons were present; collection, £89; the weather was most favourable; called on Mr. Wardell; examined his designs of the Cathedral and Archbishop's house of Sydney; the Cathedral is already in hand; foundations finished; sum to credit, £19,000; cost of house, £16,000; not yet begun.*

*February 15th. At 7 o'clock p.m. assisted at evening devotions in St. Francis'; preached on the importance of salvation; gave Benediction.*

*February 16th. Ibid. Preached on prayer; gave Benediction.*

*February 17th. Ibid. Preached on alms deeds; gave Benediction.*

*February 18th. Ibid. Preached on hope; gave Benediction.*

*February 19th. Ibid. Preached on delay of repentance; gave Benediction.*

*February 20th. (Saturday) Left by train for Ballarat. On arriving in Ballarat, proceeded to St. Patrick's Church, accompanied by the clergy and a large number of the laity. Received an address and testimonial cross and chain; briefly replied to the address; appointed the Rev. James Moore, the incumbent, Dean of Ballarat.*

*February 21st. At 11 o'clock, assisted at High Mass in St. Patrick's; after Mass laid the foundation of the additions of the church, the chancel, and chapels; Father Kelly, S.J., preached; a sum of £500 was put on the stone. Administered Confirmation to 500 children and adults; it was 4 o'clock p.m. when I had concluded. At 7 p.m. assisted at Vespers and preached; the Dean gave Benediction.*

*February 22nd. Left for Geelong by the mid-day train; called at the Geelong Convent of Mercy; appointed Rev. Mr. Downing Archdeacon of Geelong. Weather cold and showery.*

*February 23rd. Left for Duneed; weather stormy and wet.*

*February 24th. Left for Colac; took a walk through the town to the church site overlooking the lake.*

*February 25th. Left for Terang; visited the new church; it is a handsome village church.*

*February 26th. At 7.30 left for Warrnambool; arrived there about 3 p.m.*

*February 27th. (Saturday) Drove to Woodford; heard confessions till 4 o'clock p.m.; the Dean and Father Dalton, S.J., were also engaged in the good work; returned to Warrnambool.*

*February 28th. At 12 o'clock laid the corner stone of the new church dedicated to St. Joseph; Father Dalton, S.J., preached; the crowd was very great; weather most favourable; collection £100; in the evening preached; received an address from the Young Men's Society.*

### MARCH 1869

*March 1st. About 125 persons confirmed; at 12 o'clock left for Belfast; called at Koroit, and examined the new church in course of erection there; it will be a fine building; the walls of nave and aisles are completed; arrived in Belfast about 3 o'clock.*

*March 2nd. Suffering from rheumatism; administered Confirmation to 200.*

*March 3rd. Left for Warrnambool; arrived about 1 o'clock.*

*March 4th. Left for Camperdown; arrived at 4.30 o'clock p.m.*

*March 5th. Left at 6.30 a.m. for Colac, and thence for Geelong, where we arrived about 8 o'clock p.m., having travelled seventy-six miles with the same pair of horses.*

*March 6th. Went over the new cemetery to be consecrated on Monday.*

*March 7th. (Sunday) Administered Confirmation to 325; a good many elderly people were of the number, preached after Vespers; gave Benediction.*

*March 8th. At 8.30 a.m. consecrated the ground lately purchased as an addition to the old cemetery; left by the 2 o'clock train for Melbourne; presided at a meeting of the Catholic clergy and laity in reference to a motion to be brought before Parliament by Mr. Higinbotham with regard to the grant for public education, from all share in which it would exclude all future schools, and schools not now receiving aid from it unless vested in the Government Board of Education. The meeting was well attended and of one mind.*

*March 9th. Attended the Lenten devotions.*

*March 13th. The cases containing the grand marble crucifix for the Cathedral by Atcherman, a German artist of great ability, paintings, and other works of art, arrived.*

*March 15th. Received telegram from the Archbishop of Sydney, saying he had concluded that Melbourne was the best place for holding the Council.*

*March 19th. About 11 o'clock had a long visit from Rev. Mr. Robertson, a Presbyterian minister of West Melbourne, on behalf of a Conference of Protestant (Presbyterian and Wesleyan) ministers on the subject of education. I told him the Catholics could only join them in demanding from Parliament a system of education that would secure to them their own separate schools. He said that to this condition there could be no objection on their part; it was pure and just. The conversation lasted about an hour.*

*March 20th. Received letter from the Archbishop of Sydney announcing the meeting of the Provincial Council in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne, on the 3rd Sunday after Easter, this year; visited the Convents of the Good Shepherd and Mercy, and advised that immediate precautions be taken in their institutions against small-pox now spreading in the city.*

*March 22nd. Paid a visit of condolence to Mr. O'Shanassy.*

*March 25th. (Thursday in Holy Week) At 10.30 a.m. commenced the solemn ceremonies of the day for the first time in the Cathedral; about 30 priests assisted.*

*March 28th. (Easter Sunday) Wrote to Cardinal Barnabò, Prefect of Propaganda, in reply, with reference to the nomination for the See of Armidale.*

*March 30th. The weather has at last changed to rain; it has been raining the greater part of yesterday and all this day - a great blessing for the country.*

#### APRIL 1869

*April 3rd. Wrote a short pastoral letter announcing that the Provincial Council would be opened in the Melbourne Cathedral on Sunday, the 18th instant.*

*April 5th. Sent a telegram to the Archbishop of Sydney and another to the Bishop of Adelaide inviting them to come on to Melbourne this week. The Bishop of Hobart Town writes to say he will leave for Melbourne on the 7th.*

*April 7th. Visited the school and church at Epping, thirteen miles from Melbourne.*

*April 9th. The Bishops of Hobart Town and Adelaide arrived.*

*April 10th. (Saturday) The Archbishop of Sydney arrived last night about 11 o'clock.*

*April 15th. Visited the exhibition of paintings and fine arts; the Archbishop accompanied me.*

*April 17th. Bishops of Maitland, Bathurst, Goulburn, and Brisbane arrived; preparatory meeting of the Bishops which lasted till 1 o'clock.*

*(Sunday) April 18th. At 10 o'clock Bishops and priests proceeded in procession from the private chapel to the Cathedral; all the Bishops and Vicars-General wore copes; the Archbishop sang the Mass; a procession round the church followed; then the Synod was opened by an address in Latin from the Archbishop; the ceremony was not concluded till 1.30 o'clock. At solemn Vespers the Bishop of Adelaide preached.*

*April 19th. At 10 o'clock a private meeting of the Bishops, which was not over till 1 o'clock; luncheon; public meeting of Bishops and priests in the church. Bishops assembled in the church for night prayer and Benediction.*

*April 20th. Private meeting of Bishops at 10 o'clock, which was not over till 12.30 o'clock Private meeting of Bishops at 2 o'clock. Meeting of the Bishops in the Cathedral after dinner.*

*April 21st. Office of the Dead and solemn Requiem Mass sung by the Bishop of Brisbane for the deceased Prelates of the Province; congregatio publica of the Bishops in the Cathedral after the Requiem Mass. Private meeting of the Bishops about 2 o'clock. Sermon by Father Kelly, S.J., and Benediction in the Cathedral.*

*April 22nd. A private meeting of the Bishops about 10 o'clock. Drove to Abbotsford with Archbishop. A meeting of the Bishops and clergy at 7 o'clock in the Cathedral. Decrees were confirmed.*

*April 23rd. At 10 o'clock meeting of the Bishops. It concluded at 12.30 o'clock. Visited Abbotsford and handed Rev. Mother a cheque for £250 - Dean Hayes' legacy. Begged the Bishops to allow me to absent myself from the meeting, called for 3 o'clock, in order to write letters for the English mail to close to-morrow. At 7 o'clock prayers, sermon, and Benediction in the Cathedral. Rev. I. Moore, S.J., was the preacher. A meeting of the Bishops.*

*April 24th. Letters for Europe. Meeting of Bishops at 1 o'clock. A meeting of Bishops and clergy in the Cathedral at 4 o'clock.*

*April 25th. (Sunday). Looked over a report of the opening of the Provincial Council; wrote for a short time. About 10 o'clock the Archbishop, Bishops, and priests attending Council moved in procession from the private chapel to the Cathedral. The Bishop of Adelaide celebrated the solemn Mass, after which the Archbishop opened the last session of the Council. The decrees were read and signed by the Bishops. A pastoral was read by the Archbishop in the name of the Bishops. It was 3 o'clock before all was concluded. At 7.30 o'clock solemn Vespers by the Bishop of Bathurst, and Benediction by the Bishop of Maitland.*

*April 26th. Looked over daily news and letters. Interviews with clergymen on business. Attended public devotions in St. Francis'.*

*April 27th. At 12 o'clock will have to attend a public breakfast to be given by the laity to the Bishops and clergy. This, though good in itself, is a demonstration I would like to avoid. The dejeuner was a great success. Two hundred and twenty persons representing to some extent the intellect and wealth of the Catholics of Victoria. The Archbishop and Bishops respond to the toast from the chair, occupied by the Hon. Mr. O'Shanassy, M.L.C. Together with the laity assembled were many of their wives and daughters. All was over by 3 o'clock. Took a short drive with the Archbishop.*

*April 28th. At 10.30 o'clock the Bishops met. I proposed that they should recommend to the Holy See the erection of Ballarat into an Episcopal See. The Bishop of Bathurst proposed that the Holy See should be recommended to make Melbourne into a Province. Left the meeting when the opinions of the Bishops were asked. It was also proposed by the same Bishop, and during my absence, that a Provincial Seminary - be established in Melbourne under the care and management of the Jesuit Fathers. Made several visits in the afternoon with the Archbishop. The Bishops dined with Mr. O'Shanassy. It was late, about 11.15 o'clock, when we returned home.*

*April 29th. News, business, writing. Paid a few visits during the day. Had a small party. The Bishops left on a visit to some of the principal missions. The Archbishop dined with us.*

*April 30th. Mass in the Cathedral. Engaged up to 2 o'clock. Made visits with the Archbishop.*

### MAY 1869

*May 1st. (Saturday) Letters daily news, occupied up to 1.30 o'clock. Visited the convents.*

*May 2nd. (Sunday) . At 10.30 proceeded with the Archbishop of Sydney to St. Kilda to lay the corner-stone of the chancel of the church. This building not being sufficiently large for the congregation, it was decided to extend it by some ten feet exclusive of the chancel. At 11 o'clock Mass was commenced by Father Sheehy, a native of Tasmania, and a subject of the Bishop of Hobart Town. The Archbishop and self assisted at Mass. The Holy Mass concluded, we proceeded in procession to where the corner-stone was to be laid. This solemn ceremony being performed in the presence of a very large assembly of the laity, the Rev. Mr. Kelly, S.J., preached an eloquent sermon. About £100 was placed on the stone by the people. This sum, added to what was privately collected, makes £140 towards the building fund. In the evening the Archbishop and self visited Abbotsford.*

*May 3rd. Letters. Daily news, business till 10 o'clock; returned a few visits with the Archbishop. Bishops back from their trip into the interior. They dined with us at the usual time.*

*May 4th. Meeting of Bishops. Archbishop asked by some of the Bishops to forward a supplication to Rome praying the Holy See to erect Melbourne into a Province as agreed upon by the Bishops at a former meeting from which I was absent. The Archbishop desired a postponement. This meeting closed the business of the Provincial Council. The Bishops leave to-day - the Bishops of Bathurst, Maitland, and Brisbane for Hobart Town, on invitation from the Bishop who accompanies them. The Bishop of Adelaide returns to his Diocese, and the Bishop of Goulburn proceeds to Europe by the steamer "Great Britain." The Archbishop stops another week in Melbourne. After seeing the Bishops off, I returned a few visits with the Archbishop.*

*May 5th. At 11 o'clock took my leave of the Archbishop and left for Geelong by the 11.30 o'clock train. Visited the convent soon after my arrival. Arranged for celebrating Mass the next morning. At 7 o'clock assisted at the devotions of May in the church.*

*May 6th. Mass at the Convent of Mercy. Heavy rain falling. At 10 o'clock left for Colac. Weather cold and wet. Arrived in Colac about 5 o'clock.*

*May 7th. Left at 10 o'clock for Camperdown. Recited the Divine Office and made meditation on the way. Read Catholic news and history. About 1 o'clock reached Camperdown. Visited the chapel. About 2.30 got something to eat. At 3 o'clock started for Terang, but meeting the Dean of Warrnambool who came to meet me before I got out of the township, I returned back with him and stopped the night there.*

*May 8th. Left for Terang about 10 o'clock. Arrived about 1 o'clock. Visited the pretty church to be opened and blessed to-morrow.*

*May 9th. (Sunday) At 10 o'clock solemnly blessed and dedicated to St. Thomas, Apostle, the church. After this commenced Mass. After Mass preached, and then administered Confirmation. Arrived in Warrnambool at 7 o'clock.*

*May 10th. Busy the whole day writing letters. Visited the schools, but few children in attendance owing to the weather. Father Parle and his assistant dined with us.*

*May 11th. We are in for a wet day. At 10 o'clock left for Belfast. Visited the new church, Koroit. Arrived in Belfast at 1.30 and visited school. Attendance large. The teachers seem very well qualified for their positions. A new school of stone is being built. Cost about £300. Wrote to the Vicar-General.*

*May 12th. Visited the church and grounds. Visited the harbour works now going on at the joint expense of the Government and the people.*

*May 13th. At 9 o'clock left for Portland. Arrived at the Fitzroy about 1 o'clock. Here the priest of Portland met us, Rev. Father McNab. We refreshed and rested for two hours, then started on our journey and reached Portland about 5 o'clock.*

*May 14th. Visited the schools. Received an address from the children and examined them in Christian doctrine. Preached and gave Benediction in the evening.*

*May 16th. After 9 o'clock Mass, preached and administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to about twenty-six of both sexes. At 11 o'clock Mass I preached, after which I replied to an address from the laity and started for Hamilton. Stayed at Mr. Camerson's, a wealthy squatter, who entertained us most good naturedly. His wife is a Catholic, a most amiable lady.*

*May 17th. Arrived at Green Hills. Here Father Farrelly, the priest of the Hamilton district, met us.*

*May 18th. Father McNab, of Hamilton, left. Dean Slattery, Fathers Parle, Farrelly, and self arrived in Hamilton at 1.30 o'clock, which is twenty-three miles from Green Hills. Visited the church. The steps of the altar are too narrow and too high, they must be altered.*

*May 20th. Left for Penthurst about 11 o'clock. Visited the church in Penthurst, which is a good building and a handsome village church.*

*May 21st. Drove to the Wannon Falls, twelve miles from Hamilton.*

*May 22nd. Wrote for Father McNab regarding the case of a Catholic who got married to a Protestant by a Protestant minister.*

*(Sunday) May 23rd. Confirmed about twenty-seven, of whom some were adults. Preached at 11 o'clock Mass and left for Wickcliff, reaching at 7 o'clock p.m.*

*May 24th. Left at 7 o'clock and arrived at Lake Bollack for breakfast. Arrived about 7 o'clock p.m. at Rokewood, about seventy miles from Wickcliff.*

*May 25th. Left for the Lower Leigh at 7 o'clock and got to Geelong at 2 o'clock. About forty miles from Rokewood.*

*May 26th. Said Mass in the Convent of Mercy. The time of office of Rev. Mother being up she, according to rule, delivered the keys of office up to me, which I handed to the assistant Rev. Mother, as laid down in the rule. On Friday, D.V., I return to assist at the election. Arrived in Melbourne about 4 o'clock.*

*May 27th. After Mass, which I commenced at 11 o'clock, there was a procession of the Most Blessed Sacrament, and the commencement of the 40 hours' Adoration. I took first watch before the Most Holy Sacrament. The sermon was preached by Rev. Isaac Moore, S.J.; visited Convent of the Good Shepherd; Rev. Mother is much better; gave out the Rosary devotions before Most Blessed Sacrament.*

*May 28th. Went to Geelong, and assisted at the election of the Rev. Mother of the Convent of Mercy. This was a re-election.*

*May 30th. (Sunday) At 11 o'clock commenced solemn Mass in St. Francis'; sermon by Father Kelly; procession of Most Holy Sacrament; the 40 hours' Adoration begins - took the first watch; at 2 o'clock, breakfast; arranged to accept on to-morrow the resignation of Rev. Mother of Sisters of Mercy whose time of office had expired; fixed Friday for the commencement of the 40 hours' Adoration in the chapel of the Abbotsford nuns; the Sisters of Mercy also have it on Wednesday.*

*May 31st. Received the resignation of the Rev. Mother, and appointed Thursday for the election; watched half an hour before the Blessed Sacrament, and gave out the devotions of the 40 hours in St. Francis'.*

## *JUNE 1869*

*June 1st. Procession of Blessed Sacrament, and closed 40 hours' devotions at St. Francis'.*

*June 2nd. Forty hours Adoration of Blessed Sacrament opened at Convent of Mercy.*

*June 3rd. Election of the Rev. Mother at the Convent of Mercy; the same religious Sister, Mary Ursula Frayne, who had founded the house in Melbourne was re-elected.*

*June 4th. Preached at Richmond and confirmed 200, amongst whom, as usual, a good many adults.*

*June 6th. Closed the 40 hours' Adoration at Abbotsford, gave Holy Communion to Rev. Mother, who is very ill, and appointed the 16th for profession and reception of Sisters.*

*June 7th. English letters delivered, one of which, an uncle's letter, conveyed the sorrowful intelligence of another uncle's death, the Most Rev. Dr. Hynes, Bishop of Leros, and late Vicar-Apostolic of British Guiana. He died on the 29th March, at the Hotel Maurice, Paris; he was in his 71st year; a dear relative and devoted friend; R.I.P.; gave instructions to have preparations made in the Cathedral for a solemn office and Requiem Mass to-morrow. This news has affected me very much.*

*Gave Mr. Curtain authority to purchase a piece of land (about to be sold to-day) as a site for a school; it fronts the Victoria Parade, and has entrances to Fitzroy and Albert streets; I told him to bid as high as £20 per foot. Mr. Curtain bought the site at £18 per foot. The whole cost is £1800. Eyes very tender, cannot read through fear of their becoming more inflamed.*

*June 8th. Sang solemn Requiem Mass for deceased uncle, and gave the absolutions; approved plans for the new church for Chiltern; visited boys' orphanage, and found it much improved under new managers.*

*June 9th. Visited the Monastery grounds; Retreat for the Young Men's Society commenced.*

*June 10th. Arranged for Retreat for the laity at Emerald, Heidelberg, and Lillydale.*

*June 11th. Settled accounts for wages and stable accounts; Rev. Mother at Abbotsford still very ill.*

*June 12th. Said Mass in the room in which lies dangerously ill the Rev. Mother of Abbotsford, and gave her the Holy Communion in the presence of the community.*

*June 13th. Visited Abbotsford with Vicar-General, and gave the Rev. Mother the last blessing; her death was announced to me at the altar in St. Francis' during Vespers.*

*June 15th. Sang the Requiem Mass for late Rev. Mother at Abbotsford, and gave absolutions; Father Kelly, S.J., preached.*

*June 16th. Left for Ballarat; wrote to the Rev. Fathers Bleasdale and Barry to take steps to secure the church reserves of S. Mary, Hotham, S. Augustine, North Melbourne, and St. George, Carlton*

*June 17th. Wrote to Archbishop and Bishop of Adelaide; visited Warreneip, where we had a buggy accident, and had to borrow another buggy to get back to Ballarat.*

*June 18th. Wrote to my uncle, Mr. Hynes, enclosing my legal renunciation of executor to his brother's (Bishop Hynes) will.*

*June 19th. Wrote a letter to the Superior General of the Order of the Bon Pasteur [Good Shepherd].*

*June 20th. Blessed and dedicated the handsome stone church of St. John at the Springs, Mount Bolton, about twenty miles from Ballarat; Father Slattery, of Daylesford, preached; collected about £140. Father W. Kelly, S.J., preached in Ballarat in the evening when I gave Benediction.*

*June 23rd. Returned to Melbourne, via Daylesford and Kyneton.*

*Admitted to the white veil four postulants, and to the black veil three novices belonging to the Community of the Good Shepherd, Abbotsford*

*June 24th. To-day is the sixth anniversary of the establishment of this religious Order in this Diocese; I sang Mass, and Father Moore, S.J., preached in a temporary chapel in the industrial school.*

*June 25th. Fixed the date for the Retreat of the clergy, to commence on Monday evening, 12th July.*

*June 29th. Was occupied writing a pastoral for the Jubilee*

*June 30th. Opened the Retreat for the laity in Hotham; chapel crowded; the clergy of the city helped to hear confessions.*

#### *JULY 1869*

*July 1st. Presided at the City Conference, and revised proof of pastoral letter.*

*July 2nd. Revised proofs of the translation of the Pope's letter proclaiming the Jubilee.*

*(Sunday) July 4th. Upwards of 1000 persons went to Holy Communion during the mission at St. Mary's. Pastoral and Apostolic letters announcing the Jubilee were read at Mass, and a collection was made for the Holy Father; after Vespers preached and gave Papal Blessing.*

*July 6th. I am suffering from a heavy cold; went to bed early.*

*July 7th. Not being well, and having spent a restless night, I rose late and could not celebrate Mass; not able to open mission commencing in St. Joseph's, Collingwood; cold worse.*

*July 8th. Not able to celebrate this morning; the cold is a little better.*

*(Sunday) July 11th. Closed the mission at St. Joseph's by getting all to renew their baptismal vows; the fruits of this mission are, thank God, most abundant. Finished the Retreat at Abbotsford.*

*July 12th. At 8 o'clock p.m. assisted at opening lecture of the Retreat of clergy given by Father Dalton, S.J.*

*July 13th. Visited the school at Pentridge; I wish the boys and girls were divided.*

*July 14th. Visited Abbotsford and went over the whole institution.*

*July 15th. Office and solemn Requiem Mass for the deceased priests of the Diocese.*

*July 16th. The Retreat closed to-day; celebrated Mass in the Cathedral, when all the priests went to Holy Communion; fixed the days of visits to the missions for the purpose of spiritual exercises in preparation of the Jubilee. Appointed the Rev. J. O'Sullivan to Geelong and Rev. R. Meade to Kilmore; a meeting of a few of the leading Catholic laity and clergy to consider what steps should be taken to get rescinded the late clause introduced into the new Land Bill now before Parliament forbidding sites to be given to religious bodies for schools, churches, and presbyteries; all but one layman, and the ablest, advised the calling of a public meeting; he recommended petitions to the two Houses.*

*July 18th. Study of the Old Testament.*

*July 19th. (Monday) During Mass ordained Rev. T. McCarthy deacon; he had completed his studies at All Hallows'.*

*20th July. Conferred priesthood during Mass in the Cathedral on the Rev. T. McCarthy; received a deputation from the choir in the Cathedral in reference to the purchase of a new organ; we cannot proceed in the matter at present; refused to hire the one recommended by them; visited St. Bridget's new church and the one being built at Brunswick.*

*July 21st. Presided at Month's Mind for the late Rev. Mother at Abbotsford.*

*July 22nd. On going to open the mission for the Jubilee at Heidelberg, one of the horses getting weak we had to get out of the buggy and walk. Father Kelly, S.J., preached.*

*July 23rd. At night sermon by Father Dalton, S.J.*

*July 25th. Commenced my Retreat; administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 70 persons, old and young.*

*July 26th. Baptized an aboriginal girl of 16 years, who was educated at the Convent of Mercy.*

*July 28th. Gave an interview to two young men who object to a marriage their father intends to engage in; all are Protestants except the young person to whom the father is about to be married; concluded my Retreat.*

#### *AUGUST 1869*

*(Sunday) August 1st. Administered Confirmation to about 200 at Emerald Hill at the close of the Jubilee mission.*

*August 3rd. Solemn Requiem Mass for Dean Hayes.*

*August 6th. Father B. Power, O.S.D., died at Geelong.*

*August 7th. Left for Sandhurst.*

*August 8th. Blessed new bell; sermon preached by Father Kelly, S.J.*

*August 10th. After returning to Melbourne proceeded to Geelong to assist at Requiem for Father Power.*

*August 11th. Went to Ballarat to open the Jubilee mission.*

*August 12th. Wrote to Vicar-General to summon a special meeting of the Catholic School Committee to consider what steps should be taken to defend our system of education and the independence of our schools against the attacks about to be made upon them in Parliament.*

*August 15th. Father Kelly, S.J., preached; a collection for the Holy Father was made; exposed Blessed Sacrament for 40 hours' Adoration.*

*August 17th. Proceeded to Clunes and opened mission for Jubilee; about 500 went to Communion during the mission.*

*August 22nd. Administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to about 60, of whom 4 were converts, during the Jubilee mission at Creswick.*

*August 24th. Mass by Father Slattery in a tent at Prospect; after Mass laid foundation-stone of church dedicated to St. Joseph; collection, £180. Visited 2 acres of land purchased as site for church at Daylesford.*

*August 26th. Visited new church at Glenlyon; returned to Daylesford; assisted at devotions; sermon by Dean Moore.*

*August 29th. Opened new church at Glenlyon, and dedicated it to St. Paul; Father Kelly, S.J., preached; collection, £117.*

*August 31st. Returned to Melbourne; registered my vote for the Lower and Upper Houses of Parliament.*

#### SEPTEMBER 1869

*September 3rd. Proceeded to Lillydale to open Jubilee mission.*

*September 12th. Confirmed about 350 at Kyneton; of these a good many were adults.*

*September 19th. Mass was celebrated in a large tent at Maryborough, about 500 persons present; after Mass laid the foundation stone of the new church, which was dedicated to St. Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, and Doctor of the Church; Father Kelly, S.J., preached; collection, £76 12s.*

*September 22nd. Drove to Majorca to assist at Jubilee mission, and preached after Mass; received visits from Dean Moore, of Ballarat, and the clergyman of Creswick.*

*September 23rd. Opened the Jubilee for Carisbrook.*

*September 26th. Administered Confirmation at Talbot; Mass in a tent; about 500 persons present; after Mass blessed the corner stone and blessed the foundations of the new church; Father I. Moore, S.J., preached; collection amounted to £100.*

*September 28th. At Castlemaine; administered Confirmation to upwards of 300 persons of both sexes, a few of whom were advanced in years; returned to Melbourne; received English letters, amongst them one from Cardinal Barnabò signifying the Holy Father's wish that I should at once repair to Auckland to inquire into the state of the Church, and afterwards to hasten on to Rome to attend the General Council.*

*September 29th. Visited Abbotsford Convent, and installed the new Rev. Mother.*

#### OCTOBER 1869

*October 3rd. Administered Confirmation in Gisborne to about 73 persons, some of whom were adults; blessed neat wooden chapel at Riddle's Creek, which I dedicated to St. Ambrose.*

*October 7th. Gave the white veil to a novice at the Convent of Mercy; presided at a conference between 12 and 2 o'clock p.m.*

*October 9th. Wrote a reply to Cardinal Barnabò's letter by the last mail requesting me to visit New Zealand and report on the state of Church matters there, and to put in an appearance afterwards at the Ecumenical Council; gave the letter to the Vicar-General to post; engaged passages for self, Father Dalton, and servant in the "Rangatira" steamer, which will sail for Auckland, via Sydney, at 1 o'clock p.m. on next Thursday; amount paid for two first class return tickets, £48, and for servant, second class return, £12. Addressed several letters to the clergy who absented themselves from the late Conference.*

*October 10th. High Mass in the new church, Hawthorne, solemnly blessed and opened to-day; sermon by the Rev. I. Moore, S.J. Took breakfast at 1 o'clock with the Hon. J. O'Shanassy; the Bishop of Hobart Town arrived at 12 o'clock en route to the Ecumenical Council; he gave Benediction in the Cathedral; wrote to the Prior of Posterula, Rome, to secure for me same apartments in the convent occupied by me during my last visit to Rome.*

*October 11th. Had a visit from Father McDonald, private Secretary to the late Bishop of Auckland; he proceeds tomorrow en route to Rome; consented to send a priest to assist Father Hayes at Sale if people would pay expenses of education, and passage out, of one of four priests now on their way from home to this Diocese.*

*October 12th. Accompanied the Archbishop and Bishops to the steamer "Malta" on their way to Europe.*

*October 13th. Busy packing for journey to New Zealand; visited the Governor and several Catholic families.*

*October 14th. Left for Sydney en route to Auckland by steamer "Rangatira."*

*October 17th. Arrived in Sydney, and drove to Sacred Heart Presbytery.*

*October 18th. Met the Bishops of Bathurst and Maitland, and they dined with us; continued journey to Auckland; left Father Corbett in Sydney; he was too ill to proceed with us.*

*October 25th. Arrived in Auckland; met the clergy with Father McDonald, who took us to the presbytery, and showed me a letter from Cardinal Barnabò, signifying my appointment as Apostolic Administrator; visited the convent adjoining the Cathedral, and appointed for the Nuns a three days' Retreat; visited the convent at Parnell, where three Sisters conduct a high pay school and a poor school; they have with them also some orphans.*

*October 26th. Visited the Convent of Mercy, Mt. St. Mary's. Here there are schools for the children of the poor and rich; an orphan school, and a boarding school; both showed great care and attention; both are wood buildings well designed; I am to hold visitation on Sunday; visited the female school of the Sisters, adjoining the Cathedral. In the school for the children of the poor, there are 30, and in the school for the children of the well-to-do, 40. In the orphanage, Mt. St. Mary's, there are 32 orphans; the girls in the boarding school are 18; visited Onehunga where there is a handsome church of Kauri pine, a convent with a high and a poor school under the care of the Sisters of Mercy connected with the head house at Auckland; there is a school for boys in the old chapel, and a fine hall of Kauri pine built by the Catholic Young Men's Society; about six acres of glebe land given by Government are attached to the presbytery.*

*October 27th. Wrote to Vicar-General asking him to prepare statistics of Diocese for my return. The Native Orphan Asylum is a poor concern. The children, one native and six half castes, wrote well, and gave satisfactory answers in Christian doctrine; visited Otahuhu; here are a good church, schools, convent, and presbytery, all of wood.*

*October 28th. Granted an interview to three of the laity, Messrs. Canning, Syndic of the Franciscans, Oliver, and Sheehan, solicitor; visited the public schools in connection with the Church; some are mixed, boys and girls, under the care of females, and well attended; the boys' schools, two in number, had not many in attendance; the boys in those schools were but poorly instructed in the Christian doctrine; Retreat for the Nuns at Mt. St. Mary's, by Father Dalton, begins this evening.*

*October 29th. At 11 o'clock received a deputation from the laity. Messrs. Sheehan, Oliver, King, and Shanahan; it took about five minutes to enter into their statement of the financial affairs of the Diocese; Fathers McDonald, late Vicar-General, and Dalton, S.J., were present.*

*October 30th. Mr. McIlhone, late teacher and manager of the North Shore Orphanage, gave a brief account of that institute from the time he was appointed to it up to the time of its being closed. Commenced visitation at Mt. St. Mary's. Announced Jubilee Mission. Sermon by Father Murphy in the Cathedral.*

#### NOVEMBER 1869

*November 1st. Meeting of the laity on Church affairs. Resumed visitation at convent. Double Vespers.*

*November 2nd. Had the late Vicar-General, Rev. Father McDonald, under examination from 10 to 1 o'clock. Closed the visitation at Mt. St. Mary's. Visited the Franciscan Friars at Parnell. On our way back one of the wheels broke, and we had to walk home. Some of the clergy from the country have come in to make the Retreat for the clergy, which Father Dalton, S.J., commences to-night.*

*November 3rd. Had a visit from Mr. King, who gave further information regarding the mission. Saw Mr. Lynch from Otahuhu. Saw Protestant College, which is much inferior to Mt. St. Mary's in situation and value.*

*November 4th. Father Fynes called to give information about the Diocese and Bishop. Mr O'Brien, of the Supreme Court, gave me most important information about the Bishop. Father Dalton, S.J., was present at the interview which lasted nearly an hour. Had to ask Father Fynes to put his statements in writing. Received a letter from Mr. O'Brien, Registrar of the Supreme Court, with reference to Mt. St. Mary's Church property. Father J. McDonald handed me another paper.*

*November 5th. Mr. O'Brien called and gave me additional information. In the afternoon questioned some of the clergy about the affairs of the Diocese.*

*November 6th. Gave Holy Communion to the clergy, whose spiritual Retreat closes this morning. Concluded my inquiries of the clergy.*

*November 7th. Visited the children assembled in the Cathedral for Christian doctrine. There were about sixty girls, and the same number of boys; the former were instructed by two Sisters of Mercy and the latter by some good soldiers belonging to the Royal Irish.*

*November 8th. Went by rowing boat to North Shore where the former Marist College for the natives is situated. The college is a large ugly stone building capable of accommodating about seventy children. It is now closed; the building and land are mortgaged; the land is fair. Visited a native village; the wharrie, as the homesteads are called, were far and away more comfortable than the Irish cabin. The people had plenty of provisions and cultivated patches of potatoes. The sweet potato they are very fond of. Examined Rev. Mother and assistant Rev. Mother of St. Anne's Convent of Mercy.*

*November 10th. Baptized a half-caste belonging to the Catholic Institute. The children of the institute presented me with a humeral veil, their own work.*

*November 11th. Went to the Thames. The church at Shortlands is dedicated to St. Francis of Assisium. About two years back there was not one European here, now the population is about 20,000. Mining is most successful. The natives hold the land and lease it out. One chief has rental of £7000 per annum. He gave a site for church and clergyman's residence. No grant of site can be got at Grahamstown.*

*November 15th. Returned to Auckland. Examined Church deeds.*

*November 16th. Administered Confirmation to twenty males and forty females at Onehunga, Father Paul's church. Father Dalton, S.J., commenced Retreat for boarders at Mt. St. Mary's. Wrote pastoral to clergy and laity. The churches at Howick and at Panmure are in good order. The majority of the children in the Catholic school at Howick are Protestant and so is the teacher.*

*November 18th. At a meeting of the clergy advised them on their duties to the sick, to one another and to the laity, and appointed a commission consisting of some of the clergy of the Diocese to administer the temporal and spiritual affairs of the Diocese, subject, of course, to me and to my Vicar-General during my absence in Europe. Called on the Governor, a kind, open-hearted man.*

*November 19th. Wrote appointments and instructions for the Diocesan Commission. Received deputation of lay gentlemen on Church matters. Dined with the clergy and received an address from them. Proceeded from the Cathedral aboard the steamer Auckland en route to Sydney.*

*November 21st. Father Dalton preached aboard ship and I read public prayers.*

*November 26th. Arrived in Sydney. Wrote to Bishops of Bathurst and Maitland. Advised Vicar-General by telegram of our departure for Melbourne by steamer to-morrow. Stayed at the Presbytery of the Sacred Heart. Visited Villa Maria. The convent for nuns of the Marist Order is at some short distance, but in sight of Villa Maria where the Fathers reside. There is only one nun at present there. At Villa Maria a few Fathers, three lay Brothers. The buildings are good. A new church is being built at Villa Maria chiefly by the lay Brothers. Visited Mr. O'Sullivan and family, old friends.*

*November 27th. Visited the Convents of Mercy and Good Shepherd. I met Mr. O'Grady aboard the steamer who announced to me the sad news of Father E. Gallen's death, a good and zealous priest attached to the mission at Wangaratta; the church now in course of erection is his work. R.I.P.*

*November 28th. Had to put into Twofold Bay owing to stress of weather.*

#### DECEMBER 1869

*December 1st. Landed in Melbourne and gave instructions to clergymen.*

*December 3rd. In Geelong. Admitted to the white veil two postulants. Made visitation of the convent. Returned to Melbourne.*

*December 5th. After Mass in St. Augustine's wooden structure laid foundation of new church. Collection £200. Father I. Moore, S.J., preached. Made visitation of Convent of Mercy, Nicholson-street.*

*December 6th. Busy receiving visits and making preparations for my departure. Made visitation of Abbotsford Convent. The clergy and a few of the laity dined with me.*

*December 7th. Received an address from the clergy. Left for the steamer. Sailed out of the bay at 2 o'clock.*

*December 11th. Wrote to Mr. O'Shanassy and Mr. Archer advising unity of action on the part of the Catholics in the politics of the country, and above all things on the questions of education and state-aid.*

*December 12th. Preached and said public prayers. My congregation consisted of the ship's crew and a few first-class passengers.*

*December 13. Wrote to Father Fynn urging him to hasten on the completion of the mortuary chapel. Arrived in the harbour of the Sound.*

*December 14th. Cleared Cape Lewin at 3 o'clock.*

*December 16th. Wrote part of my report on the Diocese of Auckland.*

*December 22nd. Commenced a Lenten Pastoral for 1870.*

*December 25th. Christmas. Preached to the Catholics on board and then recited public prayers. My congregation considerably enlarged.*

*December 27th. Landed at Galle. Met the local clergyman and a priest from Babylon collecting for his monastery.*

*December 29th. Left by the steamer "Travanine" for Bombay.*

#### *JANUARY 1870*

*2nd. Arrived at Bombay, and stayed at St. Mary's Institute, which is an orphanage and college; visited Bundora where the Jesuits have an institute for native boys and seminarists, and the Nuns of the Holy Cross have an orphanage for native girls, and amongst them some African slaves rescued from the Arabs.*

*January 5th. Went to Poonah, about 100 miles from Bombay; visited Convent of the Holy Child Jesus with 150 orphans; saw the native town of Poonah, a crowded dirty place.*

*January 7th. Visited the college where there are Hindoos and Parsees amongst the students.*

*January 8th. Left for Suez by the steamer "China."*

*January 9th. Studied the Pope's Encyclical, delivered a little before, and at the opening of the Ecumenical Council, and the "Syllabus."*

*January 16th. Arrived at Aden; visited the convent in which the Superior is an Irishman.*

*January 22nd. Arrived at Suez; visited the Franciscan Friars; they were at dinner; no invitation to join.*

*January 23rd. Had a race for the train, and left for Alexandria.*

*January 24th. Said Mass in the Franciscan Church; favoured with a cup of coffee; visited the Lazarist Fathers; they were very polite.*

*January 27th. After three days' stay, left in an Egyptian ship for Malta.*

*January 28th. (Friday) At dinner had, for the first time for many many years, to eat meat; there was nothing else provided.*

## **FEBRUARY 1870**

*February 1st. Reached Malta; visited the Augustinian Convent.*

*February 2nd. Said Mass in St. John's great Church; visited "Citta Vecchia", and the grotto of St. Paul's.*

*February 4th. Sailed for Catania, in company with three American priests; did not land at Syracuse.*

*February 5th. Reached Catania, and went by train to Messina; boatmen and cabmen are a greedy crew of villains and extortioners under the special care of a bad Government.*

*February 6th. Said Mass at the Redemptorist church; the Venerable Superior had only just returned from exile; the Fathers were not permitted to live in their monastery.*

*February 7th. Left for Naples.*

*February 8th. Arrived in Naples.*

*February 9th. Started for Rome; drove to Posterula, and during the evening had a visit from the Bishops of Adelaide and Madras.*

*February 10th. Had a visit from Father McDonald of New Zealand, who admitted that things were in a very sad state in Auckland.*

*February 11th. Called on the Bishop of Adelaide, who was confined to his bed.*

*February 13th. Had audience at Propaganda with Rinaldini, Monsignore Simeoni, Secretary to Propaganda, and Jacobini, Minutante for New Zealand. They already knew everything regarding Auckland; had nothing new to communicate.*

*February 15th. Monsignor David, a French Bishop, made a violent speech in the Council to-day against a proposal that one small Catechism be prepared for general adoption throughout the world, containing the essentials of Catholic faith which may be enlarged to meet the errors, &c., that may arise in each Province or Diocese.*

*Attended the Council for the first time; the number of my seat is 295; nothing done; Council adjourned to Friday; received a visit from Bishop Viard, of Wellington, New Zealand; he threw out a few hints about Auckland; he acknowledged that the college and land on the North Shore, mortgaged by the Bishop, were Church property, and wondered how he could have mortgaged it; received a visit from Cardinal Cullen; called on the Bishop of Adelaide, who is ailing.*

*February 16th. Busy reading correspondence between Bishop Pompallier, the administrator of his Diocese of Auckland, and others with the Propaganda concerning the affairs of that Diocese.*

*February 18th. Busy preparing and writing report.*

*February 19th. Visited the Bishop of Adelaide, who is still ailing.*

*February 21st. Went to the Council; the proceedings were dull and resultless; the Cardinal read a decree altering the method of action; this was received most favourably by the Council.*

*February 22nd. Dined with Australian Bishops; Cardinal Cullen and other Bishops were at the dinner.*

*February 23rd. Received letters from Vicar-General; one contained £700 for the Holy Father, and £200 for the Catholic Association.*

*February 24th. Finished my report on the New Zealand mission; took it to the Propaganda myself, and delivered it to the Cardinal's servant.*

*February 25th. Wrote to Monsignor Simeoni, informing him that I had handed in my report on New Zealand to Cardinal Barnabò; called on the Cardinal, and asked him to present to the Holy Father the offerings of Victoria for last year; he desired me to accompany him on Sunday, and make the presentation myself.*

*February 27th. (Sunday) Drove out with the Bishop of Adelaide; had an audience with the Holy Father in the evening; handed him the £700; he expressed his thankfulness in a few gracious words, and gave his blessing to me, clergy, and people.*

*February 28th. Called on the Archbishop of Cashel; went to buy vestments; could not find the place; lost my way in the streets of Rome, and returned home wet and dirty.*

### MARCH 1870

*March 1st. Received a letter from the Propagation of the Faith at Lyons, in which it is stated that a sum of 55,000 francs have been granted to the Diocese of Auckland for 1869; this extraordinary grant has been made in consideration of the present pecuniary embarrassments of the Diocese; had a letter from Bishop Pompallier praying that his debts be paid; will refer matters to Propaganda.*

*March 2nd. (Ash Wednesday) Received a letter from Father Nivardo, a Franciscan Father, at Shortlands, New Zealand.*

*March 3rd. Wrote to Monsignor Simeoni re letters from the Propagation of the Faith and from Bishop Pompallier, which I left at Propaganda, and from which it would appear that the extraordinary grant above the customary amount was made by the Propagation of the Faith in view of the Bishop's debts. I recommended that the debts be paid by instalments, but not as legally due; also that it should be paid so as not to make his successor responsible in law for his debts. I further recommended that the money due to the clergy should be paid by degrees; I declined mixing myself up with the temporal administration of the Diocese.*

*March 6th. Read carefully over the Schema de Regularibus; it is to be hoped that the suggestions therein will be acted upon so as to make the large and influential body of religious throughout the Catholic world active auxiliaries in the propagation of religion and in the salvation of souls.*

*March 7th. Read carefully the Schema de Infallibilitate Romani Pontificis. This Schema, it is to be hoped, will not be the cause of serious troubles.*

*March 8th. Had a visit from Signor Canonico Jacobini, the bearer of presents from the Holy Father and a letter approving of the result of my mission to New Zealand.*

*March 9th. Had a visit from the Bishops of Hobart Town and Goulburn and Armidale; promised to attend a meeting of Australian Bishops on Friday.*

*March 10th. Had a visit from Father Mullooly about the payment of the annuity to Bishop Geoghegan's niece; read the Schema de Voto Obedientiae Regularium.*

*March 11th. Attended a meeting of the Australian Bishops; proposed an alteration in the fast and abstinence of Lent - the adoption of the Baltimore ritual.*

*March 12th. Walked with Mr. Wardell to St. Clement's, and introduced him to the Prior.*

*March 13th. At the Ave Maria went with Monsignor Simeoni to the Vatican to have an audience with the Holy Father; he received me graciously.*

*March 14th. Prepared a copy of my report on the Diocese of Auckland for Monsignor Simeoni, which I sent to him.*

*March 17th. Dined at St. Isidore's; most of the Irish Bishops were to dinner; Archbishop Manning preached after the High Mass.*

*March 18th. Went to the Council; after Council accompanied with other Prelates the Holy Father in his visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament.*

*March 20th. Spent the day with Bishop Fennelly, of Madras, at Albano.*

*March 22nd. Wrote to Father O'Hara of Auckland directing an inquiry by the Ecclesiastical Commission into the complaints of Father Nivardo of Shortlands; advised Father Nivardo of this.*

*March 23rd. Attended a meeting of the Council, but little was done.*

*March 25th. Posted a letter to the Vicar-General about the indulgences asked for the Confraternities of St. Vincent de Paul, Christian doctrine, etc., enclosing reply to Monsignor Simeoni, Secretary of Propaganda; Societies must be first established by the Ordinary.*

*March 26th. Attended the Council; not much progress, but plenty of useless talk.*

*March 28th. Attended the Council; long speeches; little done; amendments withdrawn; no voting to day.*

*March 29th. Nearly all the amendments proposed at the Council were rejected almost unanimously.*

*March 30th. The action of the Council to-day was an improvement even on yesterday.*

#### *APRIL 1870*

*April 1st. Attended the Council; many speakers, but few said anything deserving attention; made my meditation before the Council closed; read over the chapter De Fide et de Ratione and a few of the amendments proposed.*

*April 3rd. Met the Holy Father whilst out walking, and got his blessing; dined at the Minerva with the Archbishop of Armagh and other Prelates.*

*April 4th. Business at the Council to-day, voting on the amendments de Revelatione.*

*April 5th. Business of the Council consisted in voting in favour of the propositions of the congregation de fide.*

*April 8th. Wrote to the Vicar-General enclosing a letter from the President of All Hallows', giving the amount due to the College by the Diocese - £1,020; amount to credit in the bank, including draft not as yet due, upwards of £700; paid on account by cheque, £320.*

*April 12th. Place taken to-day in Council.*

*April 13th. (Wednesday) Attended Tenebrae in St. Peter's to-day.*

*April 17th. Saw from the Piazza the illuminations of St. Peter's.*

*April 18th. Fireworks at the Piazza del Popolo.*

*April 19th. Attended the Council; the amendments were read over, and those adopted, 2 or 3, were put to the vote; received the Australian letters to-day; news not quite satisfactory; hope the administration of the Diocese of Auckland will soon be taken out of my hands by the nomination of a Bishop.*

*April 20th. Sent back to the Vicar-General the deed of conveyance, etc., of the school site adjoining the Cathedral, signed and witnessed; at 6.30 o'clock went out to the illuminations of the city in honour of the coronation and return from exile of the Holy Father; they were grand.*

*April 21st. Attended at St. Augustine's to receive the Holy Father.*

*April 22nd. Spent about two hours at the Exhibition.*

*April 24th. The placets [affirmative votes] at the Council to-day were general.*

*April 26th. Dr. Derry, the Bishop of Clonfert, called; in consequence of ill-health he leaves Rome for his native air.*

*April 27th. Went with the Bishop of Madras to photographer, who is taking the likenesses of Bishops attending the Council. Called on the Bishops of Cloyne, Ross, Down and Connor, and Armagh, and on the Bishops of Birmingham, Southwark, Beverly, etc.*

*April 28th. Read a criticism on Dr. Newman's letter to the Bishop of Birmingham on the Pope's Infallibility in matters of faith and morals when teaching ex Cathedra. Had a visit from Monsignor Ford and Canon Farrell. Read over the Osservatore Romano, a poor description of newspaper.*

*April 29th. Went to the Council. Subject for to-day's consideration, the improved proposition on the necessity of a small Catechism for the whole Church. This had already been discussed usque ad Nauseam. Nevertheless, we had a few to waste the time and patience of the Council by speaking on it to-day. The amendments on the Schema de Primatu et Infallibilitate R. Pontificis were delivered to the Fathers.*

#### MAY 1870

*May 8th. Attended the sermon of Monsignor Mermillod, Bishop in partibus of Geneva, an eloquent preacher. Busy preparing my application for leave to return to my Diocese. Hope to send in to-morrow the application.*

*May 14th. Went to the Council. The Cardinal-Vicar of Rome, Patrizi, spoke first on the Schema de Infallibilitate Papae and in favour, also several Italian Bishops, two from Sicily, and the Bishop of Dijon.*

*May 15th. Called on Cardinal Cullen, but did not find him in.*

*May 16th. Attended the Council. Discussion on the Papal Infallibility. The Primate of Hungary spoke against the definition. He spoke well and forcibly, but not in a style suited to so great an assembly.*

*May 17th. Went to the Council. Discussion was resumed by Cardinal Cullen, Archbishop of Dublin. He spoke in favour of the definition with dignity and energy. He criticised very freely the objections raised against it. He was followed by the Cardinal-Archbishop of Bordeaux, Cardinal Donnet. He read his address which was in favour of the definition. He was followed by the Archbishop of Corfu, an eloquent speaker and good reasoner. The Archbishop of St. Louis, of the United States, Dr. Kenrick, called. He complained of Cardinal Cullen's criticisms on his amendment and objection to the definition. He left me a copy of his pamphlet. It is chiefly remarkable for its style and choice Latin. The good Archbishop has, however, gone too far in his opposition to the definition of the dogma.*

*May 18th. Went to the Council, discussion resumed. Archbishop McHale, of Tuam, was the first to speak. He addressed himself to the subject as not necessary, and opposed Scriptural and traditional evidence. Others followed for and against; amongst the latter was the Archbishop of Paris.*

*May 19th. The Archbishop of Cashel, Dr. Leahy, resumed the discussion in Council. He spoke in defence of the definition and answered the objections of the Archbishop of Tuam. His address was well delivered. The Bishop of Dijon spoke against the definition, and a Patriarch of the Greek Rite - the Patriarch of Antioch.*

*May 20th. Council. Speakers pro and con; more pro than con.*

*May 21st. The Bishop of Strasburg spoke in Council in reply to the Archbishop of Paris very ably in favour of the definition. Met Archbishop Purcell, of Cincinnati, by appointment at Propaganda regarding a case of matrimony about which there seems to be a special difficulty.*

*May 22nd. Met Cardinal Bonnechose, Archbishop of Rouen; he speaks English very well.*

*May 23rd. Went to the Council. The Patriarch of Constantinople spoke in favour of Papal Infallibility, and answered the objections made by the Greek Patriarch of Antioch. The Bishop of Mayence, Monsignor Kettler, delivered a very able address against the definition.*

*May 24th. One of the Bishops of the Congregatio de Fide replied to Kettler in a very able manner. Others followed in favour of the definition.*

*May 25th. The speakers in the Council to-day were: - The Archbishop of Westminster, Dr. Manning; Dr. McEvilly, Bishop of Galway; and Dr. Clifford, Bishop of Clifton.*

*May 26th. Went to St. John's in Lateran, where the Holy Father gives his blessing to-day.*

*May 28th. Attended Council. The Bishop of Ratisbon spoke on the part of the deputation de fide. He spoke well. A French Prelate followed, a strong Gallican, who opposed the definition. Another French Prelate from the United States spoke most absurdly on the same side. He had to quit the pulpit. He had outraged the patience of all.*

*May 29th. Dined at St. Isidore's. The Archbishop of Baltimore, the Bishops of Adelaide, Hobart Town, St. John's (Newfoundland), inter alios, were present.*

*May 30th. Went to the Council; the speaker on the part of the deputation de fide was the Archbishop of Baltimore, Monsignor Spalding. He did not impress me favourably; four Bishops followed.*

*May 31. Attended Council; Archbishop from Holland resumed the debate; the Patriarch of Jerusalem followed in an able and eloquent discourse in favour of the Infallibility; a Spaniard followed; Dr. Purcell, Archbishop of Cincinnati addressed the Council feebly and incoherently against, but concluded in favour; Dr. Connolly, Archbishop of Halifax, read a well-digested paper against the definition.*

## JUNE 1870

*June 2nd. Attended Council; a Greek Bishop spoke against, and the Bishop of Mauritius spoke for the definition; others followed for and against. Monsignor Strossmayer, Bishop of Bosnia, delivered a most eloquent speech, but in argument it was weak; he was, of course, against the definition.*

*June 3rd. Requiem Mass for Bishop Grant, Bishop of Southwark. Attended Council; discussion opened by the Bishop of Elphin, Dr. Gillooly; he said but little, or rather read a profession of faith; the next was the Bishop of Augsburg, in Bavaria; he spoke against the definition; and a French Bishop in partibus, Monsignor Maret, professor etc., who had been nominated for a French See by the Emperor Napoleon III, but the Holy See would not appoint him, and the Emperor would not withdraw his name. To meet the difficulty, he was elevated to a See in partibus infidelium; he had to be interrupted in his address; to-day closed the discussion of the subject.*

*June 4th. Paid a visit to the Bishop of Adelaide, who leaves to-morrow for Ireland.*

*June 5th. A visit from the Bishop of Kilmore, who leaves to-morrow for Ireland; received a letter from Monsignor Simeoni, Secretary of the Propaganda, requesting to call a meeting of the Australian Bishops now in Rome to consider the proposals for the erection of New Sees in the present Province of Australia; called at Propaganda; Simeoni was at St. Peter's; called at the residence of the Australian Bishops, who were absent; left a note for Bishop Murphy, of Hobart Town, informing him of the Secretary's letter, and requesting the favour of an interview this evening in order to fix a day for the meeting. Had a visit from the Bishops of Hobart Town and Armidale; fixed next Wednesday for our meeting.*

*June 6th. Wrote to Monsignor Simeoni stating that I had called a meeting of the Australian Bishops for Wednesday; wrote to Monsignor Salvado, inviting him to meeting; called on Monsignor Griver, and invited him to our meeting; attended the Cappella in St. Peter's.*

*June 7th. Attended the Council; of eight speakers, the Cardinal-Archbishop of Prague was one, and he was in opposition.*

*June 8th. Held a meeting of the Australian Bishops now in Rome. Dr. Murphy, Bishop of Hobart Town; Dr. Salvado, Bishop of the Port of Victoria; Dr. Mahony, Bishop of Armidale; and Dr. Griver, not as yet consecrated, Administrator of Perth. We recommended the erection of Sees of Ballarat and Sandhurst, and disapproved of the plan of the proposed Diocese of Albury; about 8 o'clock handed to Monsignor Simeoni's servant the report of the meeting, signed by the Bishops.*

*June 9th. Attended the Council; the Cardinal-Archbishop of Vienna spoke against the definition; several others followed for and against it.*

*June 10th. Went to the Council; the Bishop of Orleans was moderate in his opposition to the definition.*

*June 12th. Assisted at the consecration of Dr. Griver as Vicar-Apostolic and Administrator of Perth, and of Dr. Power, as Bishop of St. John's (Newfoundland). Cardinal Cullen was the*

*consecrating Prelate, and Dr. Grimley, of the Cape of Good Hope, was the second assisting consecrating Prelate.*

*June 13th. The discussion in the Council was opened on the part of the deputation de fide by the Archbishop of Cashel; in reply to objections he spoke very well; invited the Australian Bishops to a meeting to be held to-morrow.*

*June 14th. Said Mass for Rev. James Parle who died at Belfast, in my Diocese, on 29th March.*

*June 15th. In the Council; the amendments proposed on the first and second chapter were put, and rejected with one exception and this one was admitted juxta modum. The next chapter was opened by the Cardinal-Archbishop of Besançon and the Cardinal-Archbishop of Vienna.*

*June 16th. Wrote a letter to Father O'Hara, of Auckland, informing him of the election of the Vicar-General of Cloyne to that See.*

*June 17th. Attended the procession of Corpus Christi, which proceeded from the Church of St. Augustine, and proceeded through the parish attached thereto.*

*June 18th. Attended the Council. Discussion de Infallibilitate Pontificis resumed by Cardinal Pitra, whose paper or discourse was badly read by a French Prelate. Cardinal Guidi spoke next, and well; Cardinal Bonnechose followed; the last speaker was Cardinal Cullen, Archbishop of Dublin.*

*June 19th. The Vicar-Apostolic of Colombo (Ceylon), and Dr. Salvado were amongst the guests who dined with us.*

*June 21st. Went to the Vatican to inscribe my name in the book of congratulations on the twenty-fourth anniversary of the Holy Father's coronation; visited Bishop Griver, the Apostolic Administrator of Perth.*

*June 23rd. Went to the Council; speakers said nothing new. Speeches a poor repetition of what has been better and more ably said. Archbishop of Rheims not ad rem de omnibus rebus et quibusdam aliis [to the point, but about everything - and something else besides]. Archbishop Lynch, of Toronto, Canada, nowhere, et sic cum aliis oratoribus [similarly with the other speakers].*

*June 25th. Visited the Council; the only Prelate who obtained and kept the attention of the Council was Monsignor Kettler, Bishop of Mayence, in Germany.*

*June 26th. Wrote for some time; weather hot.*

*June 27th. Went to Tivoli; returned to the sulphur baths about six miles from Tivoli and bathed.*

*June 28th. Went to the Council; the Bishop of Kerry, Dr. Moriarty, was one of the speakers; his address, which he read, was a failure; it was against the definition.*

*June 29th. Attended at the solemn Mass celebrated to-day by the Holy Father in St. Peter's.*

*June 30th. Dined with Cardinal Cullen at the Irish College; most of the Irish Bishops were there, and a few from the colonies - two American and two English.*

### **JULY 1870**

*July 1st. Attended Council. The discussion was opened by a Spanish Bishop in an able, eloquent, and logical speech; he was feebly followed by others.*

*July 2nd. Attended Council; Dr. Nulty, Bishop of Meath, opened the discussion; the only good speakers were the Bishops of Saluzzo and Angers.*

*July 3rd. Bishop O'Connell, from California, dined with us.*

*July 5th. The votes of the Fathers were received on the second and third chapters; amendments were put, and with one or two exceptions they were negatived.*

*July 6th. Paid a visit to the Cardinal-Archbishop of Dublin; had a long conversation with Dr. Ullathorne, Bishop of Birmingham; another Archbishop is about to be given to England; he is likely to be the man.*

*July 8th. Had a letter from the Archbishop forwarded through the Vicar-General.*

*July 12th. Received a letter from Cardinal Antonelli enclosing three Briefs of His Holiness decorating Messrs. Archer, Brownless, and O'Grady with the Order of St. Gregory the Great.*

*July 13th. Attended Council; votes of the Fathers taken; 451 in favour of the Infallibility of the Holy Father, 88 non-placets [against], 60 juxta Modum.*

*July 18th. Heard the usual Mass celebrated in the Council Hall; votes taken in public session. Two non-placets on the Infallibility of the Sovereign Pontiff in rebus fidei et morum being put. The German, a few French and other Bishops, numbering a little better than a hundred, who were opposed to the definition, remained away. Amongst them were Dr. McHale, Archbishop of Tuam, and Dr. Moriarty, Bishop of Kerry. One of the two who had the bad taste to give the non-placet in the Council was Dr. Fitzgerald, Bishop of Little Rock, in America, a native of Limerick, and the other was from Naples. Council adjourned to the 11th of November. Loud thunder, bright lightning, and heavy rain during and after the Council; resumed my preparation for leaving; hope to leave about the end of the week.*

*July 19th. War between France and Prussia was proclaimed to-day by France.*

*July 20th. The Bishop of Kerry and Father MULLOOLY, Prior of St. Clement's, dined with us to-day, Bishop of Kerry left at 3 for Civita Vecchia en route for home.*

*July 21st. Mass for a favourable and safe journey; Bishop Fennelly left at 10 o'clock en route to Ireland; dined at S. Maria del Popolo with three other Augustinian Bishops; hope to leave to-morrow for Florence by 6.30 o'clock train.*

*July 22nd. Proceeded to the station; arrived in Perugia about 4 o'clock; wrote to Father O'Keefe, Prior of Posterula, asking him to send on a coat which I left behind and some crosses to be blessed by His Holiness to the convent in Dublin.*

*July 23rd. Left for Paris via Florence, Turin, Mt. Cenis, Macon, etc.*

#### *AUGUST 1870*

*August 5th. Arrived in Paris; went to Father Ratisbone's Convent by invitation; here I remain the few days I stop in Paris.*

*August 6th. Twenty-second anniversary of my consecration; dined with Cardinal Bonnechose, Archbishop of Rouen.*

*August 7th. News from the seat of war most distressing; Prussians victorious; Paris placed in a state of siege; a visit from the Prussians apprehended.*

*August 8th. Visited with the Curé of S. Sulpice the female lunatic asylum.*

*August 9th. Paris is herself again; the French spirit is up; all anxious to go to the frontier; they look like men who are determined to die or conquer. Took leave of Père Ratisbone and his Friars; left for Calais.*

*August 11th. Arrived in London; lost several hours looking for Augustinian Hotel where it did not exist - in Park Road.*

*August 13th. Visited Stanbrook, where I received the usual cordial welcome; the Superior of the Benedictines is here - a kind, amiable man; he assisted as Abbot at the General Council.*

*August 15th. Returned to London and stopped with the Augustinians at Hoxton Square.*

*August 22nd. Arrived in Dublin; visited the Augustinians, the Cardinal, and All Hallows'.*

*August 26th. Visited All Hallows'; very much annoyed that the priests ordained at Pentecost had not yet sailed.*

*August 31st. Left by an early train for Enniscorthy, en route to Grantstown, where I made my novitiate. Heavy rain from Wexford to Grantstown.*

#### *SEPTEMBER 1870*

*September 4th. Gave the Papal Benediction after High Mass because the solemnity of the Feast of St. Augustine is observed here on the Sunday within the octave; the neighbouring P.Ps. and C.Cs. dined with us; it was a merry company.*

*September 6th. Left by steamer for Waterford en route to Kilkenny.*

*September 7th. Visited the Augustinians at Callan.*

*September 8th. Returned to Dublin and put up at the Imperial Hotel.*

*September 15th. Forwarded to the Queen through Earl Granville a memorial against the abolition of State aid to religion.*

*September 16th. Dined with Mr. Troy, a great friend to my late dear uncle.*

*September 20th. Called on Mr. O'Hagan, solicitor, and paid him for engrossing petition to the Queen against the abolition of State-aid to religion as passed by the Parliament of Victoria; paid a visit to Cardinal Cullen; his views on the Roman question are gloomy and discouraging.*

*21st September. Wrote to the Bishop of Adelaide inviting him to commence our homeward trip next week.*

*September 28th. Returned to the Vicar-General the deed of trust as also the power of attorney for the administration of the late Father Branigan's will; left for Clongowes Wood College; Father Lentaigue met me at the Sallinus station, about 4 miles from the college; weather beautifully fine; spent a most pleasant evening with the Fathers, who were most kind; gave Holy Communion to the scholars who had just concluded their Retreat; in the course of the day visited Maynooth College; President and Vice-President were absent; Professor Molloy did the honours as guest master; the place did not look tidy or clean.*

*October 2nd. Called to see the Provincial of the Jesuits at Milltown Park. Conversated with him on the necessity of the Fathers opening a boarding school and establishing a seminary. He agreed that it ought to be done, and he hoped it would be done.*

*October 4th. Saw Bishop of Adelaide at John's-street, where we dined. Arranged with Canon McCabe, P.P., Kingstown, to erect three stained glass windows in the church and a mural monument, and sent design of latter to the brother of the Bishop, Mr. J. Hynes.*

*October 5th. Slept aboard and sailed for Holyhead.*

*October 9th. Visited Birmingham and had long conversation with the Bishop.*

*October 10th. No letters, no telegram from Rome.*

*October 12th. Wrote to the Secretary of State for the Colonies calling his attention to the fact that I had received no reply to the letter which accompanied my memorial regarding the withdrawal of State-aid to religion by Act of Parliament in Victoria, and which I sent him on the 15th September. Took my passage to New York in the Cunard steamer "Abyssinia," a berth in the same I had secured for Bishop Sheil. Telegraphed to Bishop Sheil that I had done so.*

*October 16th. Left the codicil of my will with Father J. Crane of the Irish Augustinians.*

*October 17th. We left for Liverpool.*

*October 18th. A short prayer for a safe voyage by the "Abyssinia" for New York.*

*October 19th. Bishop Sheil joined the steamer at Queenstown.*

*October 20th. Too sick to get up. Bishop Sheil, who occupies the same cabin with me, is ill also. The fourteen days we were at sea, a long passage, we were unable to leave the cabin. Said the usual prayers morning and evening. Recited the Divine Office and made the daily meditation. In the Divine Office I was joined by the Bishop of Adelaide.*

#### NOVEMBER 1870

*November 1st. Reached New York.*

*November 2nd. Visited the Archbishop who was not at home. The priests here are too few for the Catholic population.*

*November 3rd. The Archbishop called.*

*November 4th. My 58th birthday. Thanks to God for His goodness to me. Left for Albany. The Archbishop and Bishop Lynch travelled with us on their way to the consecration of the Cathedral at Rochester.*

*November 5th. Met Archbishop Williams on his way to Rochester also.*

*November 6th. The Catholic schools receive aid from the State by favour, not by law. Common schools of the State not much frequented by Catholics. Christian Brothers are in the Diocese and the Sisters of the Sacred Heart. The orphanage for boys, conducted by the Christian Brothers, gets aid from the general Government and the country, and it is supplemented by voluntary offerings. Population of Albany about 100,000, of which one half is Catholic.*

*November 8th. Visited Cathedral at Rochester which was consecrated the Sunday previous. It is Gothic, but not quite correct. It is filled with pews, no provision being made for the poor. Visited Niagara. Had a good view of the rapids from the Canada side.*

*November 10th. Visited London, and were most kindly received by the Bishop, who celebrates the anniversary of his consecration. He expects Archbishop of Toronto and Bishop of Hamilton, but we could not stay to lunch.*

*November 11th. Left for Chicago. This is a poor city, built on a swamp and the borders of a great lake. It is the capital of the Prairie country, a great depot for grain. Population is about 150,000, of which about half is Catholic. There are only twenty priests. The Bishop is Dr. Foley, born in America of Irish parents. The Cathedral is a poor building. Visited hospital of the Sisters of Mercy, about two miles out of town; a splendid structure, but not paid for. The debt due is 100,000 dollars. The Christian Brothers' College is a large and commodious building, the gift of an Irish priest. The Irish are doing well here. The Irish female servants waited on us for our blessing. The old faith is strong in them. They do not forget to practise it.*

*November 12th. Passed over the Mississippi on bridge one mile long. Reached Omaha after two nights in the train.*

*November 18th. Arrived in Salt Lake City. Visited the Mormon Tabernacle in course of erection, to cost ten million dollars. Style, Tudor Gothic. Few from Catholic countries among them. Found two bearing the names of Sloane and Lynch. Can't believe the Tabernacle could seat 15,000 as intended by raising seats in tiers inside. It is 150 by 90 feet only and square in shape. The society consists of a president (B. Young) and twelve apostles and elders. It is in the Diocese of Omaha. Father Foley has been appointed to this place. Left for Sacramento.*

*November 20th. Arrived in Sacramento.*

*November 21st. Left Sacramento and reached San Francisco where we shall have delay of a fortnight. Difficulties over exchange in money matters, owing to the gold and silver coinage in California and the paper Money of the other States.*

*November 23rd. Stayed at the Jesuit College, it being too expensive at the hotel. Were charged twenty-seven dollars for a day and a half. The city is neither picturesque nor healthy, most of the buildings are of wood or iron.*

*November 26th. Visited the Presentation Convent. This is a noble establishment where the children of the poor get a first class education. The Nuns are Irish. Some from Kilkenny, Cork, and other parts of Ireland.*

*November 28th. Went to St. Clara and St. Jose. It was formerly a Franciscan mission for the Indians.*

#### DECEMBER 1870

*December 3rd. Read an article in the Edinburgh on Germany, France, and England, supposed to be from Gladstone. It is a very able document, though faulty where it deals with the Catholic question.*

*December 4th. Commenced to write my Lenten Pastoral.*

*December 6th. Returned to St. Ignatius' College, San Francisco.*

*December 8th. Immaculate Conception. After the Angelus paid a visit to the China mail steamer. This is a splendid ship, inferior only to the "Great Eastern." Length, 450 feet; width, 50 feet; arrangements excellent.*

*December 9th. Visited the college of the Christian Brothers. The orphanage, under the care of the French Sisters of Charity, many of whom come from Ireland, and the Superior is a Cork lady. There are about 500 orphans, the Government paying something monthly until they are twelve years of age. The Sisters of Mercy have charge of the Refuge and Magdalen Asylum, where there are 200 inmates who cannot well be recommended for extern service. The Government gives some help.*

*On the whole, the Archdiocese is well provided with schools and charitable institutions. The Bishop, Monsignor Alemanni, is a Spaniard, and a Dominican. The majority of the population is*

*Catholic. The priests are nearly all Irish. The Jesuits are mostly from Italy. The German Catholics have a church of their own served by a German priest. The charitable institutions, as in most part of America, are encumbered with heavy debts.*

*December 13th. After long delay, received balance of my account at the bank.*

*December 15th. Left San Francisco for Honolulu.*

*December 21st. Mid Ocean. Fear I shall not have the consolation of celebrating Mass on Christmas Day.*

*December 25th. Reached the harbour of Honolulu, which means a safe or secure harbour; proceeded to the Bishop who received us most kindly; he is French (Monsignor Magret). He was one of the earliest missionaries to these islands; twice he had been refused leave to settle in Honolulu, but now he has there a good Cathedral built of coral stone, public Catholic poor schools, a Convent of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary, to which Order he and his priests belong; the nuns keep up the Perpetual Adoration. Amongst the religious are French, Germans, Irish, Dutch, and Belgians.*

*I celebrated Mass, and assisted at Mass sung by the Bishop of Adelaide; the congregation were almost all natives, who are generally well disposed, but weak in resolution. The Catholics of the island number about 20,000; the general population is about 60,000. The natives are diminishing fast; a half-caste are taking their place.*

*December 26th. Called on an Irish lady whom I knew long ago in Sydney; left for Auckland with moonlight and calm sea.*

*December 28th. Read Cardinal Cullen's pastoral letter on the present distressing position of the Holy Father.*

*December 31st. The old year 1870 goes out gloriously in this latitude.*

#### JANUARY 1871

*January 2nd. Crossed the line about midnight; heat very great; would desire to finish pastoral, but am unequal to the work.*

*January 8th. (Sunday) The Divine Office alone, owing to the great heat. Monday dies non [a blank day]; pass on to Tuesday.*

*January 10th. (Tuesday) We dropped a day to-day.*

*January 13th. Landed in Auckland. The Bishop with Father O'Hara met us; his difficulties - all the consequences of his predecessor's maladministration - are great, but he will soon get over them. Left for Sydney in the evening. Before leaving Auckland learned of the death of Archdeacon Downing; this is the fourth death during my absence; they were all good and devoted priests.*

*January 19th. (Thursday) Got to anchor in Sydney harbour about 3 a.m.; stopped with the Archbishop who looks pretty well; visited several of the Catholic institutions with him; the Cathedral is rising rapidly and solidly, the work is excellent; the hospital under the care of the Sisters of Charity is deserving of all praise; left by the steamer "Macedon" for Melbourne at 4 p.m.*

*January 22nd. (Sunday) Landed at Sandridge pier at 5.30 a.m., celebrated Mass soon after getting home; at 1 o'clock, received an address from the clergy and laity to which I briefly replied; visited Abbotsford and gave Benediction; assisted at Benediction in Cathedral at 7.30 p.m.*

*January 25th. The Archbishop of Sydney and the Bishop of Adelaide arrived here to-day.*

*January 27th. Sang a Requiem Mass for the eternal repose of the Archbishop's sister, the news of whose death reached him yesterday.*

*January 29th. (Sunday) After last Mass, gave the Papal Benediction by special leave of the Holy Father; the Archbishop of Sydney and the Bishop of Adelaide were present.*

*January 30th. Enclosed to the Cardinal (Prefect of Propaganda) a letter for the Holy Father, and another for Cardinal Antonelli with a draft for £600, the amount of last year's Peter's Pence.*

#### *FEBRUARY 1871*

*February 1st. Presided at a meeting of the central committee to look after the elections; approved of a few candidates for the first batch of elections; left for Geelong and Ballarat with the Archbishop.*

*February 10th. Received a letter early to-day from the Rev. Mother of Abbotsford, announcing the death of Sister Mary Alphonsus. R.I.P.*

*February 17th. Wrote to the priest at Pentridge concerning the shameful state of his church, instructing him to have it repaired and put in order; I further directed him when at home to celebrate Mass at least every second day, and to keep the lamp burning before the Blessed Sacrament, which should be kept in the church, if no danger were apprehended as to its safe custody.*

*February 19th. Went to Williamstown to assist at solemn High Mass to be sung by the Archbishop of Sydney; a sermon was preached by the Rev. William Kelly S.J., in aid of the new church.*

*February 22nd. (Wednesday) Blessed and distributed the ashes.*

*February 28th. Left for Kilmore to open the new Church of St. Patrick on Sunday next, the 5th prox.*

*March 12th. After High Mass, invested Dr. A.C. Brownless, W.H. Archer, and M. O'Grady, with the insignia of the Order of Knighthood of St. Gregory the Great; the Archbishop of Sydney was present. Father W. Kelly, S.J., preached.*

*March 14th. The Archbishop left by the SS. "Adelaide" for Sydney.*

*March 19th. Dedicated to St. Patrick the new church at Lillydale.*

*March 22nd. After the Office and Mass for the dead, and the Absolutions, the remains of the Rev. T. O'Rourke, now ten years dead, which were brought from the cemetery on the previous day, were buried alongside those of the Rev. M. Branigan, his successor, lately deceased.*

*March 26th. Blessed and laid the corner stone of the new schools at Heidelberg, which will be dedicated to St. Monica.*

#### OCTOBER 1873

*October 10th. Sailed from Melbourne for Europe on board the steamer "China."*

#### NOVEMBER 1873

*November 10th. Arrived at Aden.*

*November 17th. At Alexandria.*

*November 21st. At Brindisi.*

*November 30th. Took up my quarters at Santa Maria in Posterula.*

#### DECEMBER 1873

*December 3rd. Received two large packages of correspondence of the Bishops of Australia on the proposed erection of new Diocese in Melbourne besides those proposed by me, and on the state of the Diocese of Brisbane.*

*December 5th. Celebrated for the first time with the new chalice presented to me by the Holy Father at the audience of last Sunday evening; arranged with Leonardi to send plans to Melbourne for the new altar at St. Francis'.*

*December 6th. Wrote a letter to Cardinal Barnabò and returned the correspondence which he sent for perusal.*

*December 7th. Visited the new Augustinian Cardinal, Cardinal Martinelli.*

*December 8th. Finished a letter to Monsignor Simeoni, Secretary of Propaganda, in reply to the incorrect statements made in reference to the Diocese of Melbourne.*

*December 10th. Wrote to Cardinal Barnabò asking him to write to the Superior of the Christian Brothers in Dublin to allow the Brothers in Melbourne to take charge of the boys' orphanage at*

*Emerald Hill. I sent their petition to take fees to Rinaldini with a request that he would present it to the Cardinal-Prefect. Recommended that it be granted for five years.*

*December 12th. Wrote to Cardinal Simeoni, recalling attention to the Oddfellows, Foresters, and other Societies having secrets, and requested an early decision.*

*December 23rd. Assisted at the ceremony of the announcement to Cardinal Martinelli of his elevation to the dignity of Cardinal in the secret Consistory held to-day.*

*December 25th. Read Brisbane correspondence; hope to return them this week without any remark; they contain much that is false on the face of it, much that is maliciously exaggerated, and a good deal that is true.*

*December 28th. Dean Moore had an audience with the Holy Father to-day.*

*December 30th. Engaged preparing Lenten pastoral; did not like what I had already written.*

*December 31st. We left for Naples.*

#### JANUARY 1874

*January 7th. Returned to Rome.*

*January 12th. Went by special appointment to the Vatican.*

*January 15th. Finished Lenten pastoral.*

*January 16th. Drove to St. Clement's, thence to Leonardi's to arrange for an altar for my private chapel at a cost of £69.*

*January 18th. Had a few laymen to dine with me; amongst them was Mr. Higgins from Australia.*

*January 21st. Rumours of war between France and Germany.*

*January 25th. Wrote to Propaganda regarding the Hibernian Australasian Catholic Benefit Society.*

*January 26th. Wrote to Cardinal Barnabò in relation to a mission to the aboriginals of Australia.*

*January 27th. Called at the Vatican Galleries to see a painting of the "Madonna del Buon Consiglio [Our Lady of Good Counsel]" now being done for the Rev. Mother of the Convent of Mercy, Nicholson-street.*

*January 28th. The decision of the Congregation of the Inquisition was against the Oddfellows and other Societies having secrets. I will write to know what is to be done with those who have joined the Oddfellows' Society in bona fide.*

## FEBRUARY 1874

*February 2nd. Wrote a postulatam to the Holy Father praying that he may be pleased to transfer the devotions of May with the indulgences to October for the Diocese of Melbourne.*

*February 3rd. Visited the Colosseum where the haters of all religion are destroying the monuments of Christian faith and piety; the Via Crucis is being thence rudely removed.*

*February 5th. Had a long visit from the Rev. Dr. Smith, O.S.B.*

*February 17th. Dean Moore left for Loreto. The late created Cardinal Tarquini, S.J., died yesterday.*

*February 19th. Called on Monsignor Simeoni after the Ave Maria, and requested him to urge on to conclusion the business that brought me to Rome; he said everything would be ready by the 16th March. Dean Moore returned from his pilgrimage to Loreto; Cardinal Barnabò dangerously ill.*

*February 20th. Enclosed to the Vicar-General dispensation for the Superior of the Christian Brothers allowing to receive boarders; this dispensation is for five years.*

*February 22nd. Wrote to the Archbishop of Cologne enclosing a letter of sympathy to the imprisoned Archbishop Ledochowski, of Posen.*

*February 27th. Was celebrant at the solemn Requiem Mass in the Propaganda for the late Cardinal Barnabò, Cardinal-Prefect of Propaganda, who died on the 24th inst.*

*February 28th. Had a visit from Canon Rinaldini, who informs me that my business will be settled in the Consistory to be held on the 16th. He gave me a list of the Cardinals to be visited before then.*

## MARCH 1874

*March 11th. Cardinal Franchi has been appointed Cardinal-Prefect of Propaganda.*

*March 13th. Commenced my visits to the Cardinals (10 in number), who will settle on next Monday the business which brought me to Rome, namely, the erection of the new Dioceses of Sandhurst and Ballarat. The first, Cardinal Monaco, will not be at the Congregation; I did not see him. The next, Cardinal Oreglia, I saw. He received me kindly and manifested an anxiety to receive information; he was satisfied. Cardinal Vicario Patrizi was most cordial and affable; gave him the information he solicited. Cardinal Franchi, Prefect of Propaganda, was not at home. Saw Cardinal Consolini; he was kind and communicative; left him favourably impressed; expect to see other Cardinals to-morrow.*

*March 14th. Engaged visiting the Cardinals of the Congregation of Propaganda; saw Cardinals Franchi, Sacconi, Di Pietro, Mertel; the others were not at home.*

*March 17th. Received congratulations from many on my elevation as Archbishop and Metropolitan of Melbourne.*

*March 19th. Called on Cardinal Bilio; promised to send him map with further information. Wrote to Cardinal Bilio giving him description of Port Darwin settlement; received a visit from Cardinal Martinelli, who called to say that the Holy Father told him that he was doubtful as to the admissibility of one of those I proposed for one of the new Sees; his name was not mentioned.*

*March 27th. Had a visit from the Bishops of Newport and of Natal, the Prior of St. Clement's, and the Secretary of the Holy Office.*

*March 28th. Had a visit from Canon Rinaldini, who gave me the official letter raising Melbourne to the dignity of Metropolitan and Archbishopric.*

*March 29th. Dined at St. Clement's, where Cardinal Guidi, a Dominican, presided.*

#### *APRIL 1874*

*April 4th. Attended a public audience given to the strangers in Rome; the address was read by a German noble; the Pope replied.*

*April 7th. Called on Cardinal Bilio and Monsignor Nardi; the former was away in his Diocese of Sabina.*

#### *MAY 1874*

*May 10th. Vested in chasuble and mitre, I assisted at Mass in the private chapel, celebrated by Cardinal Antonelli's Secretary; thus vested, I knelt before Cardinal Antonelli and read the petition for the pallium; he then put it on me; two other palliums were forwarded to two representatives of Archbishops. After the ceremony I gave the Episcopal Benediction wearing the pallium.*

*May 11th. Called at Propaganda, and handed to Rinaldini Dr. Fortune's letter (received by me yesterday) renouncing the Diocese of Sandhurst, through motives of health; enclosed a copy of the medical certificate, original forwarded through Cardinal Cullen. Gave also the Bulls.*

*May 12th. Called at Propaganda; saw Rinaldini. The renunciation of Dr. Fortune has been accepted.*

*May 14th. Wrote to Cardinal Franchi, Prefect of Propaganda, recommending candidates for the vacancy of Sandhurst declined by Dr. Fortune, President of the Missionary College of All Hallows, Dublin.*

*May 15th. Dined at St. Isidore's; the Bishop-elect of Ballarat was there.*

*May 17th. Assisted at the consecration ceremony of the Bishop of Ballarat, the Archbishop of Cosenza in Calabria, and a Bishop in Moldavia. The consecrating Prelate was Cardinal Alexander Franchi, Prefect of Propaganda.*

*May 18th. Had a short walk in sharp showers; hope to leave Rome this week.*

*May 19th. Visited the Basilica of SS. Domitilla and Flavia, lately discovered on the property of Monsignor de Mérode.*

*May 21st. Called on Cardinals Bilio and de Pietro; visited Cardinal Franchi, Monsignor Simeoni, and Canon Rinaldini.*

*May 22nd. Proceeded to the Vatican to have an audience with and take leave of the Holy Father; could not see the Pope, he being confined to his bed through illness.*

*May 23rd. Cardinal Bilio informed me of the nomination of Canon Maguire for the See of Sandhurst.*

*May 25th. Left for Perugia; visited St. Augustine's Church and convent where I made my studies; the latter is now a military barracks - a disgraceful ruin.*

*May 27th. Proceeded to Florence, where I met Dr. O'Connor, Bishop of Ballarat.*

#### *JUNE 1874*

*June 1st. After leaving Spezia I proceeded to Genoa; a fellow, who came into the carriage I occupied a little before coming to the station, walked off with my umbrella.*

*June 3rd. I proceeded to Turin via Alexandria, where I met Dean Moore who had gone by way of Venice.*

*June 8th. Reached Paris via Macon.*

*June 10th. Having called at the Irish College, and left card on Père Ratisbone, left Paris for London.*

*June 13th. Left for Holyhead and Kingstown.*

*June 15th. Arrived in Kingstown; called on Father Lentaigne.*

*June 18th. Saw Dean Moore off for Galway.*

*June 23rd. Visited Cork.*

*June 24th. Called on Canon Maguire; visited the grave of my uncle, Bishop Hynes.*

*June 25th. Dean Moore left for Kerry; called on the Bishop-elect for Sandhurst; had a long conversation with him.*

*June 26th. Left for Youghal, Clonmel, Black Water, &c.*

*July 2nd. Returned to Dublin after a visit to Grantstown, where I met Father R. Doyle, who was junior there when I was a novice.*

*July 5th. Wrote to Cardinal Bilio, and Monsignor Simeoni, announcing Canon Maguire's willingness to accept the See of Sandhurst.*

*July 8th. Visited Ennis; a poor place it is.*

*July 9th. Went to Lisdoonvarna; visited the Spa, and took a tumbler of the sulphur water; walked about a good deal; those who have come here for the benefit of their health don't look like sick people. A good sprinkling of clergy among them. Owing to the indifferent accommodation, I shall go to Limerick to-morrow morning.*

*July 10th. Arrived in Limerick; visited the Presentation Convent, and gave them news of the foundation they sent to Melbourne.*

*July 11th. Went to Cashel, and met Archbishop Leahy in his noble Cathedral, who forced me to be his guest.*

*July 12th. Returned to Dublin, and found Dean Moore before me.*

*July 13th. Called on the Bishop of Ballarat.*

*July 14th. Left for Belfast; it is much superior to Dublin in many respects, being the commercial capital of Ireland.*

*July 21st. Visited the beautiful Cathedral of Armagh, and went to Dundalk.*

*July 23rd. Returned to Dublin, and visited All Hallows'; no one in charge.*

*July 24th. Visited the Blind Asylum under the care of the Sisters of Charity; it is a splendid institution, as is also the Industrial School attached, which is equally well managed.*

*July 25. Had a visit from an old friend, Dr. Russell, O.P.*

*July 30th. Left for Holyhead and Chester; felt deeply at leaving - perhaps for ever - the old land of my birth.*

#### AUGUST 1874

*August 5th. Dined with Mr. Higgins at the Criterion, London.*

*August 7th. Took a ticket for Greenwich; got into the wrong train which took us to Stroud; returned to London.*

*August 8th. Gave Dean Moore a cheque for £72, cost of passage exclusive of railway expenses from Brindisi to Melbourne, by October mail steamer.*

*August 14th. Went to Birmingham. Visited the Bishop and said Mass in his private chapel.*

*August 15th. Went to Edinburgh. Great part of the city a pleasure ground.*

*August 16th. Left for Glasgow. A second Liverpool for business and commerce.*

*August 22nd. Received a letter from Rome informing me of the election of Dr. Crane on 24th July as the Bishop of Sandhurst.*

*August 24th. Received a letter from Cardinal Franchi notifying the appointment to the See of Sandhurst of Dr. Crane.*

*August 26th. Acknowledgement of Cardinal Franchi's letter and wrote to Dr. Crane. Posted letter to Dr. Rowe enclosing brief naming Cavaliere of the Order St. G. G.*

*August 27th. Left for Dover.*

*August 28th. Sent telegram to Dr. Crane informing him that I could not return to Ireland. Visited Canterbury, and stood on the spot where the great St. Thomas a'Becket consecrated with his blood the profession of his faith and his love of independence.*

#### SEPTEMBER 1874

*September 1st. Left for Brussels via Calais.*

*September 3rd. Left for Aix-la-Chapelle, but missed train and were taken on to Cologne. Luggage detained. Dean Moore obliged to return.*

*September 10th. Had letter from Dr. Crane whilst staying at Ems for the sake of the mineral waters. Told him to secure a community of Christian Brothers. My advice, I said, about priests and religious formerly given, I adhered to.*

*September 16th. Left for Berlin and Dresden.*

*September 20th. Saw Dean Moore off for Vienna, and started for Carlsbad.*

*September 22nd. Drank from the hot springs and rested for half-an-hour, as advised after the bath*

*September 24th. Left for Munich where I met Dean Moore.*

*September 25th. Visited Mayers and sat from 3 to 6 for a portrait.*

### OCTOBER 1874

*October 1st. Dean Moore left for Strasburg, Paris, and Angers. I leave to-morrow for Innsbruck.*

*October 4th. Visited the Cathedral. The Rosary was being said. All the seats were occupied, and a good many stood in the open passages. The devotion and piety of the people here impressed me most favourably.*

*October 7th. Left by short stages for Brindisi via Brixen, Trent, Milan, Bologna, Ancona (Loreto), and Foggia.*

*October 13th. Dean Moore joined me at Bologna.*

*October 16th. Visited Loreto with the Bishop of Ballarat and Dean Moore.*

*October 26th. Sailed from Brindisi for Alexandria.*

*October 30th. Arrived in Alexandria. Took a drive along the Nile.*

*October 31st. Left for Cairo.*

### NOVEMBER 1874

*November 2nd. Visited the Holy House. The church is on the site of the house supposed to have been occupied by the Holy Family during their sojourn in Egypt. It is in the hands of the Kopts, schismatics.*

*November 3rd. Left Cairo for Suez.*

*November 6th. (Friday) Dr. O'Connor came on board this morning. We sail from Suez to-day.*

*November 11th. Anchored in Aden to-day.*

*November 17th. A fire broke out on board to-day which caused a great sensation before it was extinguished.*

### DECEMBER 1874

*December 5th. Reached King George's Sound.*

*December 10th. Reached Glenelg, South Australia, and wrote to Archbishop of Sydney.*

*December 12th. Arrived at Williamstown.*

**December 13th. (Sunday)** *Assisted in the Cathedral at High Mass sung by the Bishop of Ballarat. Received addresses from the clergy and laity.*

**December 18th.** *I accompanied the Bishop of Ballarat to Geelong on his way to Ballarat. The Bishop proceeded to Ballarat. I remained in Geelong.*

**December 19th.** *Visited Ballarat amidst terrible storms. The Bishop and clergy met me at the station.*

**December 20th. (Sunday)** *The Bishop of Ballarat was installed. Assisted at the High Mass sung by him. Sermon by Father William Kelly. Te Deum. Replied to an address from the laity.*

**December 21st.** *Bishop of Ballarat returned with me to Melbourne via Geelong.*

**December 23rd.** *The Bishop of Ballarat, Dr. O'Connor, returned to Ballarat.*

**December 30th.** *Wrote to Cardinal Franchi in reply to his letters of June and August last.*

**December 31th.** *Had the Te Deum and Solemn Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at the close of the old year.*

[End of Moran extracts]

## JANUARY 1886

**Saturday January 2nd.** About 7 went to St. Francis. Confessions. Visit to the most Blessed Sacrament and the Crib. Home. Reading. About 10 prayers. Bed.

**Sunday January 3rd.** Prayers. Preparation for Mass. *Prima* Mass. Thanksgiving. *Horae*. Meditation. Breakfast. Reading. *Angelus*. A visit. Writing. Vespers. Compline. Reading. At 2 Matins - Lauds. Study. Dinner. At 7 assisted at Vespers - Sermon and Benediction. Reading. Conversation. About 10 prayers. Bed.

**Monday January 4th.** Prayers. Preparation for Mass. *Prima*. Mass. Thanksgiving. *Horae*. Meditation. Breakfast. Letters. News. Business. *Angelus*. Reading. Business. Vespers. Compline. Left for Brighton. Matins. Lauds. Dinner. Conversation. A walk. *Angelus*. Tea. Prayers at 8. Reading. About 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Tuesday January 5th.** Prayers. *Horae*. Meditation. Breakfast. Letters. News. *Angelus*. Study. Vespers. Compline. Reading. At 2 commenced Matins and Lauds. Dinner. Conversation. A walk. *Angelus*. Tea. At 8 prayers. Reading. About 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Wednesday Jan 6th.** Preparation for Mass. *Prima* Mass. Thanksgiving. *Horae*. Meditation. Breakfast. Left for Melbourne. News. Business. Letters. *Angelus*. A visit. Vespers. Compline.

Returned to Brighton. Matins - Lauds. Dinner. Conversation. A walk. *Angelus*. At 7 tea. Prayers at 8. Conversation. Reading. About 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Thursday January 7th.** Prayers. Preparation for Mass. *Prima* Mass. Thanksgiving. *Horae*. Meditation. Breakfast. Letters. News. *Angelus*. Vespers. Compline. Writing. Matins. Lauds. Dinner. A walk in the veranda. Heavy rain falling all day. *Angelus*. At 7 tea. Prayers at 8. Reading. About 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Friday January 8th.** Prayers. Preparation for Mass. *Prima* Mass. Thanksgiving. *Horae*. Meditation. Still raining. Breakfast. Letters. News. Study. *Angelus*. Study. Pouring rain. Vespers. Compline. Study. A favourable change in the weather. Matins. Lauds. Dinner. A walk. *Angelus*. Weather clearing up. *Angelus*. Tea. Prayers at 8. Reading. About 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Saturday January 9th.** Prayers. *Horae*. Meditation. Breakfast. News. *Angelus*. Reading. Vespers. Compline. Left for Melbourne. Matins. Lauds. Visited Abbotsford and the Windsor Convent. Dinner. Conversation. About 7 went to St. Francis. Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament. Home. Reading. About 10 prayers. Bed.

**Sunday January 10th.** Prayers. Preparation for Mass. *Prima* Mass. Thanksgiving. *Horae*. Meditation. Breakfast. Reading. Writing. *Angelus*. A visit. Vespers. Compline. Matins. Lauds. At 7 attended Vespers [and] Benediction in the Cathedral. Reading. Conversation. About 10 prayers. Bed.

**Monday January 11th.** Prayers. Preparation for Mass. *Ad Primam*. Mass. Thanksgiving. *Horae*. Meditation. Breakfast. Letters. News. Business. Signed without due consideration certain papers of mortgage on the Church property in Richmond authorizing the loan of money from a Bank to the Jesuit fathers. I regretted having done this. I strictly forbade the papers to be sent to the Bank and instructed Mr. Forbes to write to Mr. Duffy the solicitor of the Fathers that I signed the papers in a mistake. *Angelus*. A visit. Vespers. Compline. Left for Brighton. Matins. Lauds. Dinner. A walk. *Angelus*. Tea. At 8 prayers. Reading. About 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Tuesday January 12th.** Prayers. *Horae*. Meditation. Breakfast. Letters. News. Study. *Angelus*. Study. Vespers. Compline. Study. Matins. Lauds. Dinner. A walk. Study. *Angelus*. Tea. At 8 prayers. Reading. About 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Wednesday January 13th.** Prayers. *Horae*. Meditation. Breakfast. Left for Melbourne. News. Letters. *Angelus*. A visit. Appointed Confessors for the clerical retreat. Vespers. Compline. Returned to Brighton. Matins. Lauds. Dinner. A walk. *Angelus*. Tea. At 8 prayers. Reading. About 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Thursday January 14th.** Prayers. Preparation for Mass. *Prima*. Mass. Thanksgiving. *Horae*. Meditation. Breakfast. News. *Angelus*. Finished the Lenten pastoral for 1886. Vespers. Compline. Engaged. Matins. Lauds. Dinner. A walk. *Angelus*. Tea. At 8 prayers. Reading. About 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Friday January 15th.** Prayers. *Horae*. Meditation. No relish for breakfast. Left for Melbourne. The Clergy's retreat closed this morning. Had an interview with a good many of them. *Angelus*. Vespers. Compline. Left for Brighton. Matins. Lauds. Dinner. Conversation. A walk. *Angelus*. Home. Tea. At 8 prayers. Conversation. Reading. About 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Saturday January 16th.** Prayers. Preparation for Mass. *Prima*. Mass. Thanksgiving. *Horae*. Meditation. Breakfast. News. Reading. *Angelus*. Vespers. Compline. Left for Melbourne. Matins. Lauds. Called at Abbotsford. Home. Letters. Dinner. About 7 went to St Francis. Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Calvary. Home. Reading. About 10 prayers. Bed.

**Sunday January 17th.** Prayers. Preparation for Mass. *Prima*. Mass. Thanksgiving. *Horae*. Meditation. Breakfast. Study. Reading *Angelus*. Reading. About 1 Vespers. Compline. A little past 2 Matins. Lauds. Dinner. *Conversazione*. At 7 assisted at Vespers, Sermons and Benediction in the Cathedral. Reading. Conversation. About 10 prayers. Bed.

**Monday January 18th.** Prayers. Too unwell to say Mass. *Horae*. Meditation. Breakfast. Letters. News. Visits. *Angelus*. Left for Brighton. Vespers. Compline. Matins. Lauds. Dinner. Writing. A walk. *Angelus*. Tea. At 8 prayers. A visit. Reading. About 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Tuesday January 19th.** Prayers. *Horae*. Meditation. Breakfast. Letters. News. *Angelus*. Reading. Vespers. Compline. Reading. Matins. Lauds. Dinner. Conversation. A walk. *Angelus*. Tea. At 8 prayers. Reading. About 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Wednesday January 20th.** Prayers. Preparation for Mass. *Prima*. Mass. Thanksgiving. *Horae*. Meditation. Breakfast. Letters. News. Left for Melbourne. Letters. Business. *Angelus*. Vespers. Compline. Returned to Brighton. Matins. Lauds. Dinner. *Conversazione*. A walk. *Angelus*. Writing. Tea. At 8 prayers. Conversation. Reading. About 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Thursday January 21st.** Prayers. Preparation for Mass. *Prima*. Mass. Thanksgiving. *Horae*. Breakfast. Meditation. Letters. News. *Angelus*. A visit. Vespers. Compline. Reading. Vespers. Compline. Study. Matins. Lauds. Dinner. Conversation. A walk. *Angelus*. Tea. At 8 prayers. Conversation. Reading. About 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Friday January 22nd.** Prayers. Preparation for Mass. *Prima*. Mass. Thanksgiving. *Horae*. Meditation. Breakfast. Letters. News. Left for Melbourne. Visits of the clergy just off the retreat. *Angelus*. Business. Vespers. Compline. Returned to Brighton. Matins. Lauds. Dinner. Conversation. A walk. *Angelus*. Tea. At 8 prayers. Conversation. About 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Saturday January 23rd.** Prayers. Preparation for Mass. *Prima*. Mass. Thanksgiving. *Horae*. Meditation. Breakfast. Letters. News. *Angelus*. Visits. Vespers. Compline. Reading. Matins. Lauds. Dinner. Reading. Business. *Angelus*. Writing. Vespers. Compline. Not able to go to town. Reading. About 2 Matins [and] Lauds. Dinner. Not feeling well, had no walk. *Angelus*. Reading. No tea. At 8 prayers. Bed.

**Sunday January 24th.** Prayers. Preparation for Mass. *Prima*. Mass. Thanksgiving. *Horae*. Meditation. Breakfast. Reading. *Angelus*. Writing. Vespers. Compline. Reading. I feel very unwell. Matins. Lauds. Scarcely touched the dinner. Not able to walk. Reading. Tea. Could not attend prayer. Retired early to bed.

**Monday January 25th.** Spent a bad night. Prayers. *Horae*. Meditation. Could make no breakfast. Letters. News. *Angelus*. Reading. About 1 o'clock Vespers [and] Compline. Reading. At 2

Matins, Lauds. Feel no inclination for dinner. Took [a] little chicken soup. Reading. Writing. *Angelus*. Took [a] little refreshment. Reading. At 8 prayers. Reading. About 9 devotions. Bed.

**Tuesday January 26th.** Not much improved if improved at all. Prayers. Meditation. Eat but very little. *Hora*. Reading. Letters. News. *Angelus*. Reading. Vespers. Compline. Visits. Matins. Lauds. Eat very little. Reading with visits. Prayers. Engaged Reading. I feel very ill. Retired early to bed.

**Wednesday January 27th.** But a little improved. Prayers. Meditation. Eat a something [sic]. Letters. News. *Angelus*. Visits. Vespers. Compline. Reading. Matins. Lauds. Took a little food. Reading. A visit. Conversation. Prayers in private. Reading. About 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Thursday January 28th.** No change for the better. Prayers. Meditation. Took a little food. Letters. News. *Hora*. *Angelus*. Visits. Reading. Writing. Vespers. Compline. Study. Matins. Lauds. Partook of some little refreshment. Prayers in private. Reading. About 9.30 to my room. Devotions. Bed.

**Friday January 29th.** I can perceive no improvement in my state of health. As yet full of pains without relish for food. Prayers. Meditation. letters. News. Paid wages. Reading. *Angelus*. A visit. Vespers. Compline. A little refreshment. Writing. Matins. Lauds. Reading. *Angelus*. A short exercise. Reading. Prayers. Reading. At 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Saturday January 30th.** Prayers. *Hora*. Meditation. Refreshment. Letters. News. *Angelus*. Reading. Visits. Vespers. Compline. Occupied. Matins, Lauds. Some dinner. A short exercise. Reading. *Angelus*. Reading. Prayers. Reading. About 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Sunday January 31st.** Prayers. Heard Mass. Thanksgiving. *Hora*. Meditation. Devotions. Reading. *Angelus*. Reading. Vespers. Compline. Reading. Matins. Lauds. Refreshment. A little exercise. *Angelus*. Reading. At 8 prayers. Reading. About 9.30 devotions. Bed.

## FEBRUARY 1886

**Monday February 1st.** Prayers. No Mass. *Hora*. Meditation. Refreshment. Took very little. Letters. News. *Angelus*. Vespers. Compline. Reading. Business. Matins. Lauds. Took some refreshment. A short walk at intervals. *Angelus*. Refreshment. Reading. About 9 devotions. Bed.

**Tuesday February 2nd.** Prayers. *Hora*. Meditation. Still very ill. Meditation. Letters. Collation. Interviews. News. *Angelus*. Reading. Vespers. Compline. Study. Matins. Lauds. A little dinner in private. Reading. *Angelus*. Not able to assist at prayers. About 9.30 retired. Devotions. Bed.

**Wednesday February 3rd.** Slept well the beginning of the night. Great pain. Unable to walk without assistance. Prayers. *Horae*. Heard Mass. Meditation. Something to eat. Letters. News. I believe today I had to say the Rosary for Matins.

**Thursday February 4th.** Still ill. Sleep fair. Walking I need assistance. Prayers. *Horae*. Heard Mass. Meditation. Refreshment. Letters. News. *Angelus*. Vespers. Compline. Reading. Matins. Lauds. A poor dinner. Thanksgiving. Conversation. I feel a little improved. Reading. *Angelus*. Refreshment. Reading. At 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Friday February 5th.** Something better but still very unwell. Prayers. Heard Mass. *Horae*. Meditation. Collation. Letters. News. *Angelus*. Vespers. Compline. Read a few pages of a work lately published. Matins. Lauds. Dinner. Conversation. Reading. Can walk without help. Prayers. Reading. About 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Saturday February 6th.** Improving. Prayers. Heard Mass. *Horae*. Meditation. Refreshments. Letters. News. *Angelus*. Engaged. Matins. Lauds. Dinner. Eat very little and only fish. Conversation. A short walk in the verandah. Reading. Prayers. Reading. About 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Sunday February 7th.** A little better but not able to celebrate Mass. Prayers. Heard Mass. *Horae*. Meditation. Refreshment. Reading. *Angelus*. Study. Vespers. Compline. Study. Matins. Lauds. Dinner - a poor one. Reading. A little exercise. Reading. Prayers. Reading. At 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Monday February 8th.** Improving. Prayers. Heard Mass. *Horae*. Meditation. A little breakfast of fish. Letters. News. *Angelus*. Study. Vespers. Compline. Busy. Matins. Lauds. Dinner - such as I could take. Sat for some time in the verandah. Reading. At 8 prayers. Reading. About 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Tuesday February 9th.** Improving. Prayers. Heard Mass. *Horae*. Meditation. Refreshment. Letters. News. *Angelus*. Study. Vespers. Compline. Study. Matins. Lauds. Dinner in private. Sat in the verandah for some time. *Angelus*. Reading. At 8 prayers. Reading. About 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Wednesday February 10th.** Very weak. Prayers. Heard Mass. *Horae*. Meditation. Refreshment. Letters. News. *Angelus*. Study. Vespers. Compline. Reading. About 2 o'clock Matins. Lauds. Dinner. Conversation. A turn in the verandah. Reading. At 8 prayers. Reading. At 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Thursday February 11th.** Improving but very weak. Prayers. Heard Mass. *Horae*. Meditation. Refreshment. Letters. News. *Angelus*. Study. Vespers. Compline. Reading. About 2 o'clock Matins. Lauds. Dinner. Conversation. A short walk. Reading. *Angelus*. Prayers. Reading. About 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Friday February 12th.** Prayers. Heard Mass. *Horae*. Meditation. Refreshment. Letters. News. *Angelus*. Reading. About 1 Vespers, Compline. Study. Matins. Lauds. Dinner. Conversation. A walk. *Angelus*. Reading. At 8 prayers. Reading. About 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Saturday February 13th.** Prayers. Too unwell to say Mass. *Horae*. Meditation. Heard Mass. Collation. Drove to Melbourne after the *Angelus*. News. Vespers. Compline. Matins. Lauds. Letters. Dinner. Reading. Did not go to St Francis. Reading. About 9.30 prayers. Bed.

**Sunday February 14th.** Prayers. Preparation for Mass. Thanksgiving. *Horae*. Meditation. Breakfast. Study. *Angelus*. Vespers. Compline. Study. Matins. Lauds. A walk. *Angelus*. Reading. At 8 prayers. Reading. About 9 devotions. Bed.

**Monday February 15th.** Prayers. Still ailing. Prayers. *Horae*. Said Mass. Meditation. Refreshment. Letters. News. Left for Melbourne. Letters. Interviews. *Angelus*. Vespers. Compline. Returned to Brighton. Matins, Lauds. Dinner. A walk. *Angelus*. Reading. At 8 prayers. Reading. About 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Tuesday February 16th.** Prayers. Preparation for Mass. *Prima*. Mass. Thanksgiving. *Horae*. Meditation. Collation. Letters. News. *Angelus*. Reading. At or about 1 o'clock Vespers, Compline. Study. Matins. Lauds. Dinner. *Conversazione*. A walk. *Angelus*. Refreshments. At 8 prayers. Reading. About 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Wednesday February 17th.** Prayers. Preparation for Mass. *Prima*. Mass. Thanksgiving. *Horae*. Meditation. Refreshment. Left for Melbourne. Letters. News. *Angelus*. Visits on business. Vespers. Compline. Returned to Brighton. Matins. Lauds. Dinner. A walk. *Angelus*. At 8 prayers. Reading. About 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Thursday February 18th.** Prayers. Too unwell to celebrate. *Horae*. Meditation. Collation. Letters. News. *Angelus*. Study. Vespers. Compline. Reading. At 2 Matins, Lauds. Dinner. A short walk. Reading. *Angelus*. At 8 prayers. Reading. About 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Friday February 19th.** Prayers. Still unwell. *Horae*. Meditation. Collation. Letters. News. *Angelus*. Reading. About 1 Vespers, Compline. Study. Matins, Lauds. A short walk. Reading. *Angelus*. At 7 refreshment. At 8 prayers. Reading. About 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Saturday February 20th.** Prayers. Still unwell. Heard Mass. *Horae*. Meditation. Breakfast. Letters. News. *Angelus*. Study. Vespers, Compline. Study. Matins, Lauds. Too unwell to go to Melbourne. Dinner. A walk. *Angelus*. Reading. About 8 prayers. Reading. About 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Sunday February 21st.** Prayers. Not well enough to celebrate. Heard Mass. *Horae*. Meditation. Breakfast. Study. *Angelus*. Study. Vespers, Compline. Reading. Matins, Lauds. Dinner. A walk. *Angelus*. Reading. Prayers. Reading. About 9.30 devotions. Bed.

## MARCH 1886

**Monday March 1st.** Prayers. Not well enough to celebrate. Heard Mass. *Horae*. Meditation. Refreshment. Letters. News. *Angelus*. Study. Vespers. Compline. Reading. A little past 2 Matins, Lauds. Dinner. Conversation. A walk. *Angelus*. Tea. At 8 prayers. Reading. About 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Tuesday March 2nd.** Prayers. Heard Mass. *Horae*. Meditation. Breakfast. Letters. News. *Angelus*. Study. Vespers. Compline. Reading. Matins. Lauds. Dinner. Conversation. A walk. *Angelus*. Tea. Prayers. Reading. At 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Wednesday March 3rd.** Prayers. Heard Mass. *Horae*. Meditation. Breakfast. Letters. News. *Angelus*. Study. Vespers. Compline. Study. Matins. Lauds. Dinner. Conversation. A walk. *Angelus*. Tea. Prayers. Reading. At 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Thursday March 4th.** Prayers. Heard Mass. *Horae*. Meditation. Collation. Letters. News. *Angelus*. Study. Vespers. Compline. Reading. Matins. Lauds. Dinner. Conversation. A walk. *Angelus*. At 7 tea. Prayers at 8. Reading. About 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Friday March 5th.** Prayers. Heard Mass. *Horae*. Meditation. Breakfast. Letters. News. *Angelus*. Study. Vespers. Compline. Reading. At 2 Matins, Lauds. Dinner - Conversation. A walk. *Angelus*. Tea. At 8 prayers. Reading. About 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Saturday March 6th.** Prayers. Heard Mass. *Horae*. Meditation. Breakfast. Letters. News. *Angelus*. Study. Vespers, Compline. Study. Matins, Lauds. Dinner. Conversation. A walk. *Angelus*. Tea. At 8 prayers. Reading. About 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Sunday March 7th. Quinquagesima.** Prayers. Not well enough to celebrate. Heard Mass. *Horae*. Meditation. Breakfast. Study. *Angelus*. Reading. About 1 Vespers, Compline. Study. Matins, Lauds. Dinner. A walk. *Angelus*. Tea. At 8 prayers. Reading. About 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Monday March 8th.** Prayers. Had to postpone my visit to Daylesford. Left by midday train for Ballarat where I remained a few days. After dinner took a short drive. Read the Office in the train. Conversation. About 9 prayers. Bed.

**Ash Wednesday March 10th.** Prayers. Blessed and distributed the Ashes. Celebrated Mass. Thanksgiving. *Horae*. Meditation. Collation. Letters. News. *Angelus*. Study. Vespers, Compline. Reading. About 2 Matins, Lauds. Dinner. A walk. *Angelus*. Tea. At 8 prayers. Reading. About 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Thursday March 11th.** Prayers. *Horae*. Meditation. Collation. Letters. News. *Angelus*. Study. Vespers, Compline. Reading. Matins. Lauds. Dinner. Conversation. A walk. *Angelus*. Tea. At 8 prayers. Reading. At 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Friday March 12th.** Prayers. Heard Mass. *Horae*. Meditation. Collation. Letters. News. *Angelus*. Reading. About 1 Vespers, Compline. Study. Matins, Lauds. Dinner. Conversation. A walk. *Angelus*. Tea. At 8 prayers. Reading. About 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Saturday March 13th.** Prayers. Heard Mass. *Horae*. Meditation. Breakfast. Letters. News. *Angelus*. Study. Vespers, Compline. Reading. Matins, Lauds. Dinner. A walk. *Angelus*. Tea. At 8 prayers. Reading. About 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Sunday March 14th. Sunday 1 of Lent.** Not able to say Mass. Heard Mass. *Horae*. Meditation. Breakfast. Reading. *Angelus*. Reading. Vespers, Compline. Study. Matins, Lauds. Dinner. A walk. *Angelus*. Tea. At 8 prayers. Reading. About 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Monday March 15th.** Prayers. Preparation for Mass. Mass. Thanksgiving. *Horae*. Meditation. Breakfast. Letters. Left for Melbourne. News. Business. Letters. *Angelus*. Vespers. Compline. Returned to Brighton. Matins. Lauds. Dinner. A walk. *Angelus*. Tea. At 8 prayers. Reading. About 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Tuesday March 16th.** Prayers. Preparation for Mass. Mass. Thanksgiving. *Horae*. Meditation. Breakfast. Letters. News. *Angelus*. Study. Vespers. Compline. Reading. About 2 Matins, Lauds. Dinner. Conversation. A walk. *Angelus*. Tea. At 8 prayers. Reading. About 9.30 devotions.

**Wednesday March 17th.** Prayers. Preparation for Mass. Mass. Thanksgiving. Meditation. Breakfast. Letters. News. *Angelus*. Reading. About 1 Vespers, Compline. Study. Matins, Lauds. Dinner. A walk. Tea. At 8 prayers. Reading. About 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Thursday March 18th.** Prayers. Preparation for Mass. Mass. Thanksgiving. *Horae*. Meditation. Collation. Letters. News. *Angelus*. Study. Vespers, Compline. Reading. Matins, Lauds. Dinner. Conversation. A walk. *Angelus*. Tea. At 8 prayers. Reading. About 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Friday March 19th.** Prayers. Preparation for Mass. *Prima*. Mass. Thanksgiving. *Horae*. Meditation. Collation. Letters. News. *Angelus*. Study. Vespers, Compline. Study. Matins, Lauds. Dinner. A walk. *Angelus*. Tea. Prayers. Reading. About 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Saturday March 20th.** Prayers. Preparation for Mass. *Prima*. Mass. Thanksgiving. *Horae*. Meditation. Collation. Letters. News. *Angelus*. Study. Vespers, Compline. Left for Melbourne. Matins, Lauds. Letters. Business. Dinner. Conversation. About 7 went to St Francis. Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Calvary Home. Reading. About 10 prayers. Bed.

**Sunday March 21st. 2nd [Sunday in] Lent.** Prayers. Preparation for Mass. Mass. Thanksgiving. *Horae*. Meditation. Breakfast. Reading. *Angelus*. Study. Vespers, Compline. Study. Matins, Lauds. Dinner. Conversation. At 7 assisted at Vespers, Sermon and Benediction. Reading. Conversation. About 10 o'clock prayers. Bed.

**Monday March 22nd.** Prayers. Preparation for Mass. *Prima*. Mass. Thanksgiving. *Horae*. Meditation. Collation. Letters. News. *Angelus*. Business. Vespers. Compline. Left for Brighton. Matins. Lauds. Dinner. A walk. *Angelus*. Tea. Prayers at 8. Reading. About 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Tuesday March 23rd.** Prayers. Preparation for Mass. Mass. Thanksgiving. *Horae*. Meditation. Collation. Letters. *Angelus*. News. Vespers, Compline. Study. Matins, Lauds - Dinner. Conversation. A walk. *Angelus*. At 8 prayers. Reading. About 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Wednesday March 24th.** Prayers. *Horae*. Meditation. Collation. Letters. News. Left for Melbourne. *Angelus*. Letters. Business. Vespers, Compline. Returned to Brighton. Matins, Lauds. Dinner. Conversation. A walk. *Angelus*. Tea. At 8 prayers. Reading. About 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Thursday March 25th.** Prayers. Preparation for Mass. *Prima*. Mass. Thanksgiving. *Horae*. Meditation. Collation. Letters. News. *Angelus*. Study. Vespers. Compline. Reading. Matins. Lauds. Dinner. Conversation. A walk. *Angelus*. Tea. At 8 prayers. Reading. About 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Friday March 26th.** Prayers. *Horae*. Meditation. Collation. Letters. News. *Angelus*. Study. Vespers, Compline. Reading. Matins, Lauds. Dinner. A walk. *Angelus*. Tea. At 8 prayers. Bed.

**Saturday March 27th.** Prayers. Preparation for Mass. *Prima*. Mass. Thanksgiving. *Horae*. Meditation. Letters. News. *Angelus*. Study. Vespers, Compline. Left for Melbourne. Matins, Lauds. Letters. Business. Dinner. Conversation. About 7 went to St Francis. Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Calvary. Home. Reading. About 10 o'clock prayers. Bed.

**Sunday March 28th. 3rd [Sunday in] Lent.** Prayers. Preparation for Mass. Mass. Thanksgiving. *Horae*. Meditation. Breakfast. Reading. *Angelus*. Study. Vespers, Compline. Reading. Matins, Lauds. Dinner. Conversation. About 7 assisted at Vespers, Sermon and Benediction. Reading. About 10 prayers. Bed.

**Monday March 29th.** Prayers. Preparation for Mass. *Prima*. Mass. Thanksgiving. *Horae*. Meditation. Collation. Letters. News. *Angelus*. Business. Vespers, Compline. Left for Brighton. Matins, Lauds. Dinner. Thanksgiving. Conversation. A walk. *Angelus*. Tea. At 8 prayers. Reading. About 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Tuesday March 30th.** Prayers. Preparation for Mass. *Prima*. Mass. Thanksgiving. *Horae*. Meditation. Collation. Letters. News. *Angelus*. Study. Vespers, Compline. Reading. Matins, Lauds. Dinner. Conversation. A walk. Tea. At 8 prayers. Reading and conversation. About 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Wednesday March 31st.** Prayers. *Horae*. Meditation. Collation. Letters. News. Left for Melbourne. *Angelus*. Business. Vespers, Compline. Returned to Brighton. Matins, Lauds. Dinner. Conversation. A walk. *Angelus*. Tea. At 8 prayers. Reading and conversation. About 9.30 devotions. Bed.

## APRIL 1886

**Thursday April 1st.** Prayers. Preparation for Mass. *Prima*. Mass. Thanksgiving. *Horae*. Meditation. Collation. Letters. News. *Angelus*. Study. Vespers, Compline. Reading. Matins, Lauds. Dinner. Conversation. A walk. Tea. At 8 prayers. Reading. About 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Friday April 2nd.** Prayers. Preparation for Mass. *Prima*. Mass. Thanksgiving. *Horae*. Meditation. Collation. Letters. News. *Angelus*. Study. Vespers, Compline. Reading. Matins, Lauds. Dinner. Conversation. A walk. Tea. At 8 prayers. Reading. About 9.30 devotions. Bed.

**Saturday April 3rd.** Prayers. *Horae*. Meditation. Collation. Letters. Reading. News. *Angelus*. Study. Vespers, Compline. Reading. Matins, Lauds. Left for Melbourne. Dinner. *Conversazione*. About 7 went to St Francis. Confessions. Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Calvary. Home. Reading. About 10 o'clock prayers. Bed.

[Note: Archbishop Goold died on 11 June 1886. Ed.]