June 1.

Blessed John Storey, layman, First Regius Professor of Civil Law at Oxford; martyred at Tyburn, 1571.

For the Sorrow that is according to God worketh penance, steadfast unto Salvation.
IJ. Corinthians vii. 10.

AS the ark that Noe and his family did possess, figured the ship of Christ's Church, out of which ship whosoever is, cannot be saved, in that ship am I..... but I, once falling out of the ship, and being in present peril and great danger, followed the example of a good mariner, and took the cockboat, thinking to drive to land; and at the last, being in the boat, I espied three oars, that is to wit, contrition, confession, and absolution; and I held all these fast, and ever since then I have continued in the ship of Christ, of which the Apostle Peter is the guide and principal.

Blessed John Storey, at Tyburn.

June 2.

And so we went towards Rome, Acts xxviii, 14.

During his first banishment, in 1606, the **Venerable Richard Newport** made a pilgrimage to Rome, there to pour forth his prayers at the tombs of the Apostles, in behalf of this afflicted church, and to obtain of God, by their intercession, grace and constancy for himself, to fulfil his ministry amidst so many difficulties and dangers as he expected to meet with upon his return to England.

June 3.

Ven. Francis Ingleby, priest ; martyred at Work, 1586.

I magnify my office. Romans xi. 13.

At his trial at York the Council said unto him that they marvelled that he, being a gentleman of so great a calling, would abase himself to be a priest. He answered that he made more account of his priesthood, than of all other titles whatsoever. Brought into York Castle, he had a pair of fetters laid upon his legs at the prison door. With a smiling countenance he said : " I fear me I shall be over-proud of my new boots," meaning his fetters.

June 4.

He chose him . . . to exercise the office of the priesthood, to offer sacrifice to God, and to make reconciliation for his people, Ecclesiasticus xlv. 19, 20.

The **Venerable Maurus Scot,** O.S.B., being urged by Abbot, Archbishop of Canterbury, who was his chief persecutor, to say whether he were a priest or no, "My lord," said he, "are you a priest?"

" No," said the prelate. "No priest, no bishop," say Mr. Scot. "I am a priest," said the bishop, "but not a massing priest." "If you are a priest," said Mr. Scot, "you are a Sacrificing priest, for sacrificing is essential to priesthood; and if you are a sacrificing priest, you are a massing priest. For that other sacrifice have the priests of the new law, as distinct from mere laics, to offer to God, but that of the Eucharist, which we call the Mass? If then you are no massing priest, you are no sacrificing priest ; if no sacrificing priest, no priest at all, and consequently no bishop."

June 5.

How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the Gospel of peace, of them that bring glad tidings of good things. Romans x. 15.

They came by vow. The cause to conquer sin,
Their armour prayer, the word their badge and shield,
Their comfort Heaven, their spoil our souls to win,
The devil their foe, the wicked world their field,
Their triumph joy, their wage eternal bliss,
Their captain Christ which ever during is.

From ease to pain, from honour to disgrace,
From love to hate; to danger, being well.
From safe abroad, to fears in every place.
Contemning death, to gave our souls from hell.
Our new apostles cunning to restore
The Faith which Austin planted here before. *Ven. Henry Walpole, S.J.*

June 6.

My slain shall rise again: awake, and give praise, ye that dwell in the dust: for thy dew is the dew of the light: and the land of the giants thou shalt pull down into ruin, Isaias xxvi. 19.

Their prison now the city of the King,
Their rack and torture, joy and heavenly bliss;
For men's reproach, with Angels do they sing
A sacred song which everlasting is.
For shame but short, and loss of small renown
They purchased have an ever during crown.

Remember, you that would oppress the cause,
The Church is Christ's, His honour cannot die,
Though hell itself wreste her grisly jaws
And join in league with schism and heresy,
Though craft devise, and cruel rage oppress,
Yet skill will write, and martyrdom confess. *Ib.*

June 7.

You took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing that you have in heaven a better and an enduring substance. Hebrews x. 34,

The Venerable Margaret Clitheroe's confessor sometimes said to her : "I marvel your losses enter no further into pour mind to abate some part of your accustomed gladness."
"Nay, God defend," would she say, "God giveth, and He has taken them away again; farewell they, for I will not be sorry for the loss of any temporal matters."

June 8.

The battle is not yours, but God's, IJ. Paralipomenon xx. 15.

My desire is to die a member of the Catholic Church. My cause is God's, and it is a great comfort for me to die in His quarrel, **Ven. Margaret Clitheroe**. Then said the Sheriff to her: "Mrs. Clitheroe, you must remember and confess that you die for treason." The martyr answered: "No, no, Mr. Sheriff, I die for the love of my Lord Jesu."

June 9.

I, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that you walk worthy of the vocation in which you are called. With all humility, ... supporting one another in charity. Ephesians iv. 1, 2.

Tn the common side of the prison, where the **Venerable Philip Powel** was placed after his condemnation, his office, it seems, was to sweep the ward, which he did with great delight. One whom he had reconciled, desiring to do that office for him, he refused the courtesy, and gave God thanks that he had this opportunity of serving the poor and prisoners.

June 10.

Delay not to be converted to the Lord, and defer it not from day to day, Ecclesiasticus b. 8,

Remember, that into God's vineyard there goeth no man but he that is called thither. Now, he that in hope to be called toward night, will sleep out the morning, and drink out the day, is full likely to pass at night unspoken to, and then shall he with shrewd rest qo supperless to bed. Therefore let no man sit in hope of grace: for grace cometh but at God's will, and that mind may be the let that grace of fruitful repenting shall never after be offered him, but that he shall either graceless go, linger on careless, or with a care fruitless, fall into despair. *Blessed Thomas More*

June 11.

He stood up in the shameful fall of the people: in the goodness and readiness of his soul he appeased God for Israel. Ecclesiasticus xlv. 29,

At the gallows the **Venerable Philip Powel** made an offering of himself to his Saviour Jesus Christ, praying that the shedding of his innocent blood might not increase God's wrath upon this kingdom, but rather be a means to appease it.

June 12.

Into Thy hands I commend my spirit, Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, the God of truth. Psalm xxx. 6

O my dear Saviour and Redeemer, I, return Thee immortal thanks for all Thou hast pleased to do for me in the whole course of my life and now in the hour of my death, with a firm belief of all things Thou hast revealed, and a steadfast hope of obtaining everlasting bliss, I cheerfully cast myself into the arms of Thy mercy, whose arms were stretched upon the Cross for my redemption. Sweet Jesus, receive my spirit. Dying Prayer of Ven, Anthony Turner, S.J.

June 13.

Blessed Thomas Woodhouse, S.J. proto-martyr of the priests under Elizabeth ; Tyburn, 1573.

He was clad with zeal as with a cloak. Isaias lix. 17.

One day, people came to tell the Catholic prisoners that a new Act had been passed by Parliament the day before, which would bring all Catholics to the gallows; upon which the Blessed Thomas Woodhouse knelt down, and with bared head prayed to God that he might be the first. While in the Fleet, he wrote divers papers, persuading men to the true faith and obedience, which be signed with his name, tied to stones, and threw them out of the prison window into the street.

June 14.

They buffetted him, and struck His face with the palms of their hands. S. Matthew xxvi. 67,

On his way to Newgate after his sentence, the **Blessed Thomas Woodhouse** was much ill-treated, " being tugged and lugged hither and thither, weak and sore laden with irons; insomuch as going up the stairs at Newgate, he fell down divers times on the stairs; and to one that seemed by his words to pity him, he answered with a smiling countenance that these troubles were sweet to him." Someone in the crowd gave him a blow on the face. "Would God," he said, turning to him, "I might suffer ten times as much that thou might go free for the blow thou hast given me. I forgive thee, and pray to God to forgive thee even as I would be forgiven."

June 15.

VV. Deter Snow, priest, and Ralph Grimston, layman; martyred at York, 1598.

According to the greatness of Thy arm, take possession of the children of them that have been put to death. Psalm lxxviii. 11.

What are we to learn to-day from the martyrs of York? Surely first and above all things to value more deeply, and cling to more faithfully, and love more passionately, that holy faith to which they witnessed and for which they died. We have entered into their heritage, and enjoy the fruit of their labours and their blood. Raise up, O Lord, among us the spirit of these unvanquished martyrs of Thine. Take possession, we beseech Thee, of the children of them that have been put to death!

June 16.

Cease not to cry to the Lord our God, that He may save us out of the hand of the Philistines, I. Kings vii. 8.

Is he to be mourned who is in possession of his heavenly kingdom, and who helps his wretched brethren by his continual prayers?

June 17.

Slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held. Apocalypse vi. 9.

Ye heroes in the lists of God,
  Who fought at life's noontide,
And gladly giving blood for blood,
  With Christ your Leader died !

Lo! foremost in your sacred host,
  Saint Bruno's sons we see,
Of old our London's purest boast,
  Her martyr chivalry.

In famine and in misery,
  They won their crown so blessed ;—
But closer yet a chosen three
  Their father's footsteps pressed. *DBC.*

June 18.

The blessed Martyrs said with one voice: Whatsoever is in your mind, that do ye; we have one soul, one faith, one manner of life, Antiphon from Office of S. Placid.

Sebastian, who in holy fear
  Didst flee thy prince's hall,
Now in the King's embraces dear
  Art safe from stain or fall.

Humphrey, who far from convent gate
  Wouldst bear with thee thy cell,
Now peacefully can'st contemplate
  The God thou lov'st so well.

And thou whose sweet humility
  Shone best in high employ,
No burden of authority
  May now thy bliss alloy! *Ib.*

June 19.

BB. Humphrey Middlemore, William Exmew, and Sebastian Newdigate, Carthusians: martyred at Tyburn, 1535.

"Ananias, Azarias, and Misael . . . . O all ye Religious, bless ye the Lord. Daniel iii. 88, 90.

When in Court I served your Majesty, I did it loyally and faithfully, and so continue still your humble servant, although kept in this prison and bonds. But in matters that belong to the faith and the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ, to the doctrine of the Catholic Church, and the Salvation of my poor soul, your Majesty must be pleased to excuse me.

Blessed Sebastian Newdigate's answer in prison to Henry VIII.

Being arrived at the place of execution, they praised Almighty God.

June 20.

VV. Thomas Whitbread, John Fenwick, convert, John Gavan, William Harcourt, Anthony Turner, convert, priests, S.J. ; martyred at Tyburn, 1679.

Call the labourers, and give them their reward, S. Matthew xx. 8.

At the mock trial of the five Jesuits, Justice Scroggs, beside himself with fear of the irresistible effect of Father Gavan's silver-tongued eloquence, cried out that there was no longer room in England for one single papist. To which Father Gavan replied: " Provided that there be room for us in Heaven, I shall be content." I do utterly abhor and detest that abominable false doctrine laid to our charge, that we can have licences to commit perjury or any sin to advantage our cause, being expressly against the doctrine of S. Paul, saying that "evil is not to be done that good may come thereof." *Ven. William Harcourt, S.J., at the gallows.*

June 21.

Ven. John Rigby, layman, convert; martyred at S. Obomas' Waterings, 1600.

I will not communicate with the choicest of them. Psalm cxl. 4.

Then said Justice Gaudy: "Her Majesty and her laws are merciful; if you will yet conform yourself, and say here before the jury go forth that you will go to church, we will proceed no further." "My Lord," said I, "if that be all the offence I have committed, as I know it is; and if there be no other way but going to church to help it, I, would not wish your Lordship to think I have (as I hope) risen thus many steps towards Heaven, and now will willingly let my foot slip, and fall into the bottomless pit of Hell. I hope in Jesus He will strengthen me rather to suffer a thousand deaths, if I had so many lives to lose. Let your law proceed." *From Ven. John Rigby's account of his Trial.*

June 22.

S. Alban, proto-martyr of England. Blessed John Fisher, Bishop of Rochester, and Cardinal ; martyred on Tower Hill, 1535.

He as a bridegroom coming out of his bride-chamber, hath rejoiced as a giant to run the way. Psalm xvii. 6.

On the morning of his execution he commanded his Servant to take away the shirt of hair (which accustomably he wore) . . . and instead thereof to lay him forth a clean white shirt, and all the best apparel he had, as cleanly brushed as might be, saying: "Dost thou not mark that this is our wedding-day, and that it behoveth us therefore to use more cleanliness for solemnity of the marriage ?"

He went up the stairs of the scaffold without any help, so lively, that it was marvel to them that knew of his debility and weakness. As he was mounting the stairs, the southeast sun shined very bright in bis face; whereupon he said to himself these words, lifting up his hands: "Come ye to Him and be enlightened, and your faces shall not be confounded."

June 23.

Ven. Roger Ashton, layman; martyred at Tyburn, 1592. Ven. Thomas Garnet, priest, S.J.; martyred at Tyburn, 1608.

Not accepting deliverance, that they might find a better resurrection, Hebrews xi. 35,

Three witnesses appeared against Father Garnet, who deposed that whilst he was prisoner in the Tower, he had written in several places, "Thomas Garnet, priest:" upon this slender evidence he was found guilty, and received the sentence of death with great joy; apprehending nothing so much as, lest by the interest of friends, or by any other means, he should be deprived of that crown which he had now so near a prospect of, as he often professed with tears to those who had access to him. And when some suggested to him an opportunity of escape, he would not use it; choosing rather to obey a voice within, which said to him, "Noli fugere."

June 24.

SS. John the Baptist.

Do penance: for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand, S, Matthew iii, 2,

O Christian soul, take thou upon thee the cross of penance and be crucified with Him, and then without doubt thou shalt be partner of the merit of His crucifixion and of His most fruitful Passion.

I say, who that will not stir in their hearts dread, shame, sorrow and hatred of their sins, and so truly lament with Jesu, either else quicken in their hearts love, hope, rejoicing and comfort, and so sing with Jesu, doubtless they shall come to the woe of everlasting damnation. *Blessed John Fisher.*

June 25.

I to my Beloved, and His turning is towards me. Canticles vii. 10.

If you will use these short prayers following, for every day in the week one, I think it shall be unto you profitable.

O Blessed Jesu, make me to love Thee entirely.
O Blessed Jesu, I, would fain, but without Thy help I cannot.
O Blessed Jesu, let me deeply consider the greatness of Thy love towards me.
O Blessed Jesu, give unto me grace heartily to thank Thee for Thy benefits.
O Blessed Jesu, give me good will to serve Thee, and to Suffer.
O Sweet Jesu, give me a natural remembrance of Thy Passion.
O Sweet Jesu, possess my heart, hold and keep it only to Thee.

Blessed John Fisher.

June 26.

Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house, O Lord: they shall praise Thee for ever and ever, Psalm lxxxiii. 5.

The **Blessed John Fisher** never omitted so much as one Collect of his daily service, which he used commonly to say to himself alone, without the help of any chaplain, not in such speed or hasty manner to be at an end, as many will do, but in most reverent and devout manner, so distinctly and tractably pronouncing every word, that he seemed a very devourer of heavenly food, never satiate nor filled therewith. . . . And to help this devotion he caused a great hole to be digged through the wall of his church at Rochester, whereby he might the more commodiously have prospect into the church at Mass and Evensong times.

June 27.

My soul had compassion on the poor, Job xxx. 25,

Many times, when **Blessed John Fisher** was Bishop of Rochester, it was his chance to come to such poor houses as for want of chimneys were very smoky, and thereby so noisome that scant any man could abide in them. Nevertheless himself would there sit by the sick patient, many times the space of three or four hours together in the smoke, when none of his servants were able to abide in the house, but were fain to tarry without till his coming abroad.

June 28.

Ven. John Southworth, priest; martyred at Tyburn, 1654.

Hail, precious Cross, receive the disciple of Him who hung upon thee, Christ my Master.
Antiphon from the Office of S. Andrew.

I was brought up in the truly ancient Roman Catholic Apostolic religion, which taught me that the sum of the only true Christian profession is to die. This lesson I have heretofore in my life-time desired to learn; this lesson I, come here to put in practice by dying, being taught it by our Blessed Saviour, both by precept and example. This gallows (looking up) I look on as His Cross, which I gladly take to follow my dear Saviour. My faith is my crime, the performance of my duty the occasion of my condemnation. *From Ven, John Southworth's last words*.

June 29.

SS. Peter and Paul.

Look unto the Rock whence you are hewn, Isaias li. 1.
Thou art Peter, and upon this Rock I will build My Church. S. Matthew xvi. 18.

When the **Venerable Edmund Geninges**' heart twas already in the hangman's hand, the martyr was distinctly heard to whisper: "Holy Gregory, pray for me." At this the Hangman cried out with an oath: "See the vile papist: his heart is in my hand, and yet Gregory is in his mouth."

June 30.

Ven. Philip Powel, priest, O.S.B.; martyred at Tyburn, 1646.

God made to him a covenant of peace, to be the prince of the sanctuary, and of the people, that the dignity of priesthood should be to him and to his seed for ever. Ecclesiasticus xlv. 30,

I give God thanks that He has honoured me with the dignity of a priest, and I glory that I am a monk of that holy Order which first converted this kingdom from being heathens and infidels to Christianity and the knowledge of God.

On hearing his sentence, the holy man, lifting up his hands and eyes towards Heaven, said: "Deo gratias!" adding, "I have not here room, by reason of the throng, to give God thanks on my knees; but I most humbly thank Him on the knees of my heart."