

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

COLORFUL CEREMONY AT
MT. ERIN

Pontifical Benediction of Blessed Sacrament

Traditional and beautiful, the annual Eucharistic procession in honor of Christ the King was held in the grounds of the Mt. Erin Presentation Convent yesterday. Large crowds attended the picturesque grounds which were an ideal setting for this important occasion.

His Lordship the Bishop of Wagga (the Most Rev. Dr. E. A. Henschke) presided and carried the Blessed Sacrament in the procession, and he was attended by the Rev. J. J. Harper, D.D., of the R.A.A.F., Wagga, as Deacon, and the Rev. Father O'Leary, C.S.R., of Galong, as Sub-Deacon, while the Very Rev. J. H. Larkins, Adm., was Master of Ceremonies.

Leading the procession, which moved from opposite St. Mary's Primary School through the beautiful Convent gardens to the special altar in front of Mt. Erin High School, was a Cross bearer and acolyte, and then in the following order came the Children of Mary Sodality, aspirants of the Children of Mary Sodality, girls of St. Mary's and St. Joseph's Schools, girls of Mt. Erin High School, the Sacred Heart Sodality, boys of St. Joseph's and St. Mary's Schools, boys of the C.B.H.S., members of the Holy Name Society, St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Australian Holy Catholic Guild (in regalia), the H.A.C.B.S. (in regalia), Sisters of Lewisham Hospital, Sisters of Mt. Erin Convent, flower strewers, torch bearers, and altar boys of St. Michael's Cathedral.

Then came the canopy beneath which His Lordship carried the Blessed Sacrament. The canopy was carried by Dr. Moran and Messrs. A. D. Ryan, W. M. J. Walsh, E. Sullivan, J. L. Watts, and J. V. Doyle.

Mr. William Lowe was chief marshall and he was assisted by Messrs. H. L. Berrigan, H. M'Rostie, and V. Gould.

During the procession the Rosary and various prayers were recited by the Rev. Father Desmond and various hymns in honor of the Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady were sung by St. Michael's Choir under the direction of Mrs. R. Langdon. The entire proceeds were amplified over loud speakers which were installed by the Rev. Father Gilby, and this equipment worked most satisfactorily, every word being clearly discernible. Those in the procession joined in the singing of the hymns and recitation of the

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When the procession reached the specially erected altar in front of Mt. Erin High School, the Bishop recited the Solemn Act of Consecration of the human race to the Sacred Heart, which is prescribed to be read on the Feast of the King.

Solemn Pontifical Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament followed, at the conclusion of which His Lordship dealt with the subject of the Kingship of Christ, and spoke of the reign of Christ in the hearts of men and the necessity for restoring Him to His proper place in the home and public life so that men and nations would once more live in harmony and peace.

Proceedings were brought to a close by the singing of the hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers," which was sung by the vast congregation, and their singing which was transmitted through the amplifiers was really beautiful. The Bishop and his retinue then returned to the Convent Chapel.

In every Catholic church throughout Australia yesterday there was an exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.