
HOLY INNOCENTS', CROYDON.

Unveiling Ceremony.

On Sunday evening next, 3rd July, the blessing and unveiling of a magnificent oil painting entitled "The Massacre of the Holy Innocents" is to take place. The Right Rev. Monsignor O'Gorman will preside at the function and perform the ceremony. The Very Rev. Dr. Sheehy will preach the occasional sermon. Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will afterwards be given.

The picture measures 14ft. by 9ft. and will be placed in position over the main door of the church. The original is Reuben's famous "Massacre of the Innocents." This copy has been splendidly done by a local artist—Miss M. Trez—who has now gone to Italy to finish her studies. Its value is not less than £200.

The scene of the massacre is laid before the colonnade of an old Jewish temple, and while it is a portrayal of savagery, its art evokes tenderness towards the memory of the murdered children and love towards the infant Christ for Whom they died.