

And then for eight long weeks and more  
We wait in twilight grey,  
Till the high candle sheds a beam  
On holy Saturday.

We wait along the penance-tide  
Of solemn fast and prayer,  
While song is hushed and lights grow dim  
In the sin-laden air.

And while the sword in Mary's soul  
Is driven home, we hide  
In our own hearts, and count the wounds  
Of passion and of pride.

And still, though candlemas be spent  
And Alleluias o'er,  
Mary is music in our need,  
And Jesus light in store.

Cardinal Newman.



#### WHAT IS FAITH?

Cardinal Newman gives the following definition or rather description of the first of the theological virtues: "Faith is not a mere conviction in reason; it is a firm assent, it is a clear certainty greater than any other certainty: and this is wrought in the mind by the grace of God, and by it alone. As, then, men may be convinced, and not act according to their conviction, so may they be convinced, and not believe according to their conviction. They may confess that the argument is against them, that they have nothing to say for themselves, and that to believe is to be