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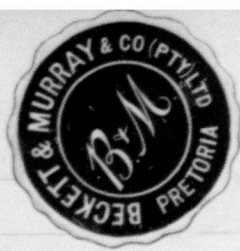
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Holy Cross Irene.

Log Book.

From November. 28th. 1937.
To September. 30th. 1941.

Advent Sunday. Sung Mass 7 a.m. Sister Dorothy Joan left by
November 28th the 9-35 a.m. train. Mother drove her to the
station in the car. Elizabeth Bowker in Pretreat
Solemn Evening + Comm. 6-15 p.m. A very
hot day.

Monday.
Vigil.
November 29th Mass 7-15. A day of Intercession for Foreign
Mission. Sister Olive Frances in Pretreat.
Miss Bowker left + Mother took her to
the station in the car for the 2-30 p.m.
train. Evening 6-45 p.m. not Solemn
as the Chaplain went into the School.

Tuesday.
Fg. of Andrew Ap. M.
November 30th Sung Mass 7-15. Fr. Evans came over from
Johannesburg + took the Mass, as the
Chaplain went to the School to
take the Mass for the Children's 1st.
Communion. Fr. Evans saw M^{rs} Lewis
after breakfast + left about 9 p.m.
At 2 p.m. Mother, Sister Margie, + Miss
Case went into Pretoria to the
Bishops for a Meeting of the House.
M^{rs} Lewis also came in to see
D^r. Du Toit. All returned at 5-30 p.m.
Sister Edith Aidan in Pretreat.

Wednesday.
December 1st No Mass. A dull day + about 12 o'clock
rain started. After Sext Mother went
out in the car with Sister Margie
to practice various things. Mother went
to bed after Vespers for a long rest.
Girls service at 6-30 p.m.

Thursday.
December 2nd Mass 7-15. At 10 a.m. Elza was baptized,
a Solemn Baptism. The household was
present. A very cold day after rain
all night + it rained off + on
during the day. The first rehearsal

of the Christmas Play took place at 6.30 p.m.
Mother & Sister Maryjane doing it with the
Girls. Mother had a car lesson after tea.
Mass 7-15. Another dull cold day, and
inclined to rain. At 10 a.m. Mother the
Assistant, Sister Ethel Irene, and Sister
Flora Mary started in the car to
Government House having been invited
to Morning Tea & to see the gardens.
Her Excellency Lady Duncan was de-
lightful & showed out flowers &
plants for the Irene garden upon us.
All returned at 1.30 p.m. with the
car laden with spoil! & the after-
noon was spent in drying flowers, &
planting plants! Classes as usual
6-4.5 p.m. Miss Elliot came to stay.

Man 7-15. At 10 a.m. Thirteen of the
Yorville School children ^{came to the}
Houses for their usual Christmas visit
and brought some very nice things
& a cheque for £2. They had Morning
Tea & went to all the houses.
leaving at 11.30. A better day
w/ rain & the sun came out
after tea. Evening & Devotions 6.30.

Sung Mass. 7 a.m. Mrs Case left for her
holiday by the 12.0'clock train, Mother
drove her to the station. A good
deal of rain in the morning then
it cleared up & started to rain
again at supper time. Evening
& Sermon 6.30 p.m.

Friday.
December 3rd
St Francis Xavier.

Saturday.
December 4th
St Clement of
Alexandria, D.C.

Sunday.
Advent II.
December 5th

of the Christmas Play took place at 6.30 p.m. Mother & Sister Mary Jane doing it with the Girls. Mother had a car lesson after tea. Mass 7-15. Another dull cold day, and inclined to rain. At 10 a.m. Mother the Assistant, Sister Ethel Irene, and Sister Flora Mary started in the car to Government House having been invited to Morning Tea & to see the gardens. Her Excellency Lady Duncan was delighted & showed out flowers & plants for the Irene garden spaces. All returned at 1.30 p.m. with the car laden with spoil! & the afternoon was spent in doing flowers, & planting plants! Classes as usual 6-4.5 p.m. Miss Elliot came to stay.

Friday.
December 3rd.
St Francis Xavier.

Saturday.
December 4th.
St Clement of
Alexandria, D.C.

Mass 7-15. At 10 a.m. thirteen of the Geoville School children came to the House for their usual Christmas visit and brought some very nice things & a cheque for £2. They had Morning Tea & went to all the houses. leaving at 11.30. A better day no rain & the sun came out after tea. Evening & Devotions 6.30.

Sunday.
Advent II.
December 5th.

Sung Mass 7 a.m. Miss Case left for her holiday by the 12 o'clock train, Mother drove her to the station. A good deal of rain in the morning then it cleared up & started to rain again at supper time. Evening & Sermon 6.30 p.m.

Munday.
F. of St. Nicholas.
B.C.
December 6th

No Mass. A very wet day, it rained all day. Sister Maryine had her breakfast in bed. Sister Ethel Irene went into Pictoria on the Van with Matron Beatrice to do the girls Christmas shopping & got back at 1-15 p.m. No Recreation; Mother gave the time to the Sisters for Christmas letters, Sext & None 12 o'clock. Prehearsal of the Play 6-15 p.m. Sister Ethel Irene went to bed at 6-30 p.m. M^{rs} Lewin in Retreat.

Tuesday.
December 7th

Mass 7-15. Father Evans came & gave an address & heard the Sisters confessions. M^{rs} Lewin was anointed by him in the Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament & Mother & all the Sisters were present. Another wet day but it cleared in the afternoon about 4 p.m. Miss Elliot went to Johannesburg for the night.

Wednesday.
F. of the Conception.
B.V.M.
December 8th

Sung Mass 7 a.m. Talking Morning Tea to which Mother went. Sext & None 12. At 2 p.m. Mother & Sister Maryine went to Pictoria in the car, Mother driving & Mother had her first lesson of driving in the traffic in Pictoria with one of Cannock's Men. After it, Mother & Sister Maryine went to the School for tea & returned at 6-30 p.m. Girls special service 6-30 p.m. - A fine day.

Thursday.
December 9th

Mass 7-15. M^{rs} Soames came to stay and arrived at 5-30 p.m. A rehearsal at 6-30 p.m.

Friday.
December 10th

Mass 7-15. Father Pierre Jones came for the night & arrived about 12 o'clock.

The Chaplain put him up. He had tea in
Town with Mother + Sister Margie; after tea
Mother took him to see St. Margarets.
M^{rs} Soumes in Pretoria. Classes as usual.
A tremendous storm broke over Irene at
7 p.m. with torrential rain, thunder, lightning
rain + hail all going on at the
same time.

Saturday.
December 11th

Mass 7-16. Father Price Jones. He left soon
after breakfast for Pretoria. M^{rs} Soumes
also left at 9 a.m. in her car. Vespers
after dinner as Mother + Sister Margie
went into Pretoria to the Christmas Tree
in aid of the Homes held at the Arcadia
Parish Room. They also went to the new
Woodworks opened in Pretoria + got back
at 6 p.m. Evening + Devotions 6-30 p.m.

Sunday.
Advent III.
December 12th

Same Mass 7 a.m. Evening + Service 6 p.m.
became Mother, Sister Margie, + Sister Olive
Frances with several of the Matrons went
in the Van to the Nativity Play at
the School at 8 p.m. It kept fine
+ the Play was held out of doors.

Monday.
For St. Lucy.
December 13th

Mass 7-15. Sister Ethel Irene, Sister Edith
Aidan + Sister Hilary Clare went into
Pretoria in the Van. At 2 p.m. Mother,
+ Sister Margie went into Pretoria by
car + took May + Emily. Mother had
a lesson. All returned at 5-45 p.m.
A rehearsal of the Play 6-15 p.m. The
rest of the Sisters had supper early
+ went into Pretoria for the School
Play leaving at 7 p.m. Miss Chaplain
+ Miss O'Toole came to stay.

Tuesday.
December 14th

No Mass. Sister Ethel Irene had her breakfast in bed. Miss Chaplain in Retreat. At 2 p.m. Mother went to Fontanis in the car with Sister Margie to see Sister Janet who had taken the Prefects there. Sister Margie went on into Pectoni to shop & returned & had tea with Mother at Fontanis & got back at 5 p.m. Miss Bridley came at 12 o'clock for two nights.

Wednesday.
December 15th
Ember Day.

Mass 7-15. Sister Annette and Sister Emie arrived at 12 o'clock. Mother, with Sister Margie went to the station in the car to fetch them, Mother driving. Miss Chaplain and Miss Bridley in Retreat. Girls' special service 6-30 p.m.

Thursday.
December 16th
O Sapientia.

Mass 7-15. Miss Chaplain left at 10 a.m. & Miss Bridley at 4 p.m. Mother & Sister Margie spent the morning preparing for Council & Chapter & analyzing the readings & music for the Holy Play. Sister Annette went up to St. Margarets in the afternoon. A rehearsal of the Play at 6-30 p.m.

Friday.
December 17th
Ember Day.

Mass 7-15. Council & Chapter was held. Council at 10-30 a.m. & Chapter at 12 o'clock. All the School Sisters arrived at 10-20 a.m. Sext & None after Chapter. Vespers was at 6 p.m. as all the Sisters went into their Advent-Retreat. Miss Elliott returned being brought back by M^{rs} Beson.

Saturday.
December 18th
Ember Day.

Mass 7-30 a.m. All the Sisters in Retreat which was taken by the Chaplain. A lovely cloudless day

+ Int. Evening + Devotions 6-45 p.m. +
the Girls + Household came.

Sunday.
Advent 15.
December 19th

Mass 7 a.m. Several of the School
Sisters had dinner at 12-30 + went
to Johannesburg to see the Nativity
Play at Christ the King Church
Sophiatown + to stay the night
to do shopping the next day. Sister
Joyce + Sister Dorothy Joan stayed
on. Sister Hilary Clark went into
Johannesburg on the 10 a.m. train to
stay two nights with a friend. A
storm with heavy rain came up at
6-30 p.m. + went on most of the
evening. Evening + Service 6-15 p.m.

Monday.
December 20th

No Mass. No Recreations as the Christmas
presents were done up by the Sisters.
Sisters Olive Jane, Flora Mary + Editha Aiden
went into Pretoria to shop. Sister Joyce
+ Sister Dorothy Joan returned to the School.
Rehearsal of the Play 6-30 p.m. Miss
Hewson arrived at 6 p.m.

Tuesday.
Fy S. Thomas M.A.
December 21st

Mass 7-15. At 9-45 a.m. Mother, Sister
Maguire, Sister Annette, + Miss O'Toole all
went into Pretoria for final Christmas
shopping returning at 1-45 p.m. Miss
Hewson in Pretoria.

Wednesday.
December 22nd

Mass 7-15. Father Swann came at 9-30
gave an address + heard the Visitors
and Sisters Confessions + left at 1 p.m.
No special service but the girls had
classes at 6-45 p.m.

Thursday.
December 23rd

Mass 7-15. Miss Skinner came in the
Morning to fetch Miss Hewson who

left. Sister Annette, Sister Ethel Irene, Sister Edith Aidan + Sister Esme went into Pastoria on the Van. Sister Annette to see J^r Hahn who gave a bad report of her heart; they all returned at 1 p.m. A very busy day preparing for Christmas. Miss Swiny stone arrived at 12.0 clock + Charlotte Pluinstone at 6 p.m. - Carol practice at 6-45 p.m. - Mother had tea with Sister Annette.

Friday.
December 24th.
Christmas Eve.

Mass 7-15. Busy all day preparing for the Festival. A Christmas Tree by Our Lady; statue in Chapel for the first time; every one liked it. Sext + None 12.0 clock. Vespers at 5 p.m. Solemn Evening & Proceim 6-30 p.m. Compline 8-30 p.m. Nocturns 11. The Nixons called at 8 p.m. to see us & brought flowers; they only stayed a short time.

Saturday.
Christmas Day.
December 25th.

A beautiful Mid night Mass, not very hot - lovely stars + a beautiful day until 4-30 p.m. when a terrific storm came on with torrents of rain. Everything as usual; Tere 9-30, Sext + None 12-30. Christmas Tree at the Nursery 10-30 a.m. followed by Morning Tea after which Mother went to St. Margarets to see their decorations. Tea drink after dinner then everyone rested. All the School Sisters retired over at 3-30 p.m. + stayed for tea + Vespers; the latter at 4-30 p.m. followed by Carol singing to which the Girls came. After Vespers everyone set to +

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