

October.

Friday. 23rd

Mass 5.15. Miss Naudé + Miss Mente came to stay both students from the Witswatersrand University. S^r P. Mary, S^r H. Clare, S^r M. Birde + S^r V. Faith came for Retreat, the Schools Long Week-end. Margery Webb also came to stay. S^r G. Austin went to Pretoria on the Van in the Morning.

Saturday. 24th

Mass 5.15 The four School Sisters in Retreat. A baptism in the Morning. Bees in Trust Chimney! Mother lit a fire to smoke them out which turned into a Massacre of 100's of the bees which fell into the grate! Most of the afternoon taken up with it. Bees everywhere furiously!! The Queen Bee went to the top of one of the fir trees in the drive where a woman took place. D^r Pole Evans came down to see about it all. Solemn Evening + Devotions 6-10 p.m.

Sunday. 25th
F. of Christ the King.
(Trinity XXI).

Song Mass. 6.5 a.m. A very hot + stuffy day. As it was the Oblate Festival, Mother + the Sisters had tea on the cottage lawn with the Oblates, Dorothea, Alice + Margery + Sheila Macaulay an aspirant came over for the day. Sister G. Austin went into Hospital after Recreation for her "Curetting" to be done. S^r Kathryn drove her in. Solemn Evening + Sermon. 6-10 p.m.

Monday 26th

Mass 7.15. Heard in the Morning from D^r Venning that S^r G. Austin's condition was far worse than they thought + it would mean a big operation + D^r Venning felt Sister should return to England for it! Margery Webb in retreat.

Tuesday. 27th
Vigil.

Mass 7.15. Heard from D^r Venning again saying S^r Gladys Austin wished to have her operation here + not to return to England for it. As this was the case Mother gave her consent + went to see Sister Gladys Austin in the afternoon about it all. Sister Frances Mary drove over to fetch Sister Joan + took Mother + the Assistant in, also Margery Webb.

November.

The Assistant after doing some shopping fetched Mother in the Huns car from the Hospital (it had been over-hauled by the A.A. Men) + both went to the school for tea. The bees flew off from the tree during the afternoon!

Wednesday, 28th
F. S. Simon + Jade
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Sung Mass 7 a.m. A meeting of the Huns at 3 p.m. nearly all the Members were present + both the Bishops. Sister Kathryn drove in to see Sister Gladys Austin in the evening.

Thursday, 29th.

No Mass. Sister Gladys Austin had her operation at 10 a.m. everything satisfactory. At 11:30 a.m. Mother + the Assistant drove off to have dinner at 11th Soames preparatory to going off to the Eli Meeting at Darragh Home at 3 p.m. The car broke down at Bramley + a wire broke this caused a delay of half an hour.

Friday, 30th.

Mass 7-15: Mother went to Poetona on the Van for various shopping + also to see Sister Gladys Austin. Sister Joyce returned from her rest at Cape Town on the 8 a.m. train. S. Kathryn in retreat 2 days.

Saturday, 31st.
Virgil!

Mass 7-15: The Assistant in retreat. Very hot Solemn Evening + Devotions 6-10 p.m.

Sunday, November 1st
All Saint's Day.
(Trinity XXII)

Sung Mass 7 a.m. The two Students left at 2-40 p.m. + the Novits at 5-12 p.m. A terrific gale got up about 4-30 p.m. with some rain, but very little. Solemn Evening + Sermon 6 p.m. as it was followed by Placets at 7 p.m. Compline + Matins of the Dead. 8-30 p.m.

Monday, 2nd
All Soul's Day.

Sung Requiem 7 a.m. Lauds + Prime 6-35 a.m. The Assistant + S. Joyce went into Poetona to see S. Gladys Austin, + to shop. Mrs Tippet, with two ladies + Mrs Hague came for Morning Tea. At 12-30. Mother drove over to Waverley for the usual Monthly Meeting.

Tuesday, 3rd
Octave.

Mass 7-15: Alice Roche left for Cape Town with two girls + their children. She acted as

escort. Sister Kathryn went to Pretoria in the afternoon + saw S^r G. Austin. Heavy rain + a storm came up at 5 p.m. Fr. Sidelbotham C.R. came to stay. Mass 7-15. The Chaplain, Fr. Sidelbotham C.R. served. Sister Olive Frances went into Johannesburg to take the best Chaise to be regilded + have more jewels put on to it. Heavy rain in the evening with some thunder + lightning. A film, *Pride + Prejudice!* always excellent!!

Wednesday. 4th
Octave.

Mass 7-15. Fr. Sidelbotham C.R. who left after dinner. Fr. Huddleston C.R. came in the morning for confessions + address. Rain at intervals. Finish of the film in the evening.

Thursday. 5th
Octave.

Mass 7-15. Directly after conference Mother + the Assistant went down to the station to meet Sister Victoria Mary who had come out from England to work at St. Mary's D.S.C. At 1-45. Mother + the Assistant drove over to Waverley as Sister Viola was made the Assistant of the School; Fr. Huddleston C.R. took the service. Sister Joan brought Sister Frances Mary over for retreat. Sister Dorothea went into Pretoria on the Van + went to see Sister Gladys Austin.

Friday. 6th
Octave.

Mass 7-15. Janet Smith came to stay. Sister Eamé came to see Mother in the morning + Sister Kathleen Mary came with her. At 11-45. Mother drove into Pretoria to the Suid Afrikaans Hospital to fetch back Sister Gladys Austin after her operation. Monica Malboth arrived in the evening, the girl out from England taking Gladys Callans place as Secretary. Vespers + Devotions 6-10 p.m.

Saturday. 7th
Octave.

Strong Mass 7 a.m. Sister Joan came to Morning Tea + then took off Sister Victoria Mary, + Sister Frances Mary. Vespers + Sermon 6-10 p.m.

Sunday. 8th
Trinity XXIII.
Octave Day.

No Mass. Sister Rosamund S.S.M. came for retreat. Alice Roche returned from Cape Town.

Monday. 9th

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Tuesday. 10th.

Mass. 7-15. Requiem c.s.n.v. S^r G. Austin had her communion at the Cottage. Sister Joyce in retreat. Mother + Sister Kathryn went into Pretoria on the Van. Awful gale + rain came up at 2-30 p.m. Mrs Dainton left in the evening for the rest of her holiday. A

Wednesday. 11th
St. Martin. B.C.

Mass at St. Martin's Church. 6-30 a.m. In the morning, Mother + the Assistant went into Pretoria to see M^r Van der Walt regarding the finance the Department were claiming from us; not a pleasant visit! Mother also had her ear seen by J^r Casswell. Sister Dorothea in Retreat. A fine day, but much debris about after the gale.

Thursday. 12th.

Mass. 7-15. Requiem. Mother went to Pretoria in the morning to have her ear X-rayed. She took in Alice Proke to do some shopping. A dull grey day inclined to rain.

Friday. 13th.

Mass 7-15. Of the Holy Spirit for the confirmation which took place at 3 p.m. by the Bishop of Pretoria. Heavy rain fell at intervals! Six girls were confirmed. Sister Rosamund SSN. left on the 2-30 p.m. train. Sister Gladys Austin came to the confirmation.

Saturday. 14th.

Mass. 7-15. Sister Olive Frances in retreat. Dorothea, Alice, + Gladys went to the Fete at Lyellton in the afternoon. Rain + wind started about 5 p.m. Evening + Devotions. 6-10 p.m.

Sunday. 15th
Trinity XXIV.

Spring Mass. 7 a.m. A dull grey day + quite chilly inclined to rain. Jane Stevens came to Morning Tea. Bridget Proke with the baby, + Kathleen + her sister came to afternoon tea. Kay Crable, + Mary Coffee came for the night. The Dean of Pretoria took Evening + preached + went on to St. Martin's for their Evening.

Monday. 16th
St. Edmund. B.C.

Mass. 7-15. Mother, the Assistant, + S^r Joyce went off at 10-30 a.m. to Johannesburg. They dropped S^r Joyce at Waverley to say good bye to the

November.

Sisters. Mother + the Assistant went to see the Queen Alexander Home for European women, then on to M^{rs} Soames for dinner, the Assistant remained there for two nights. Mother returned to Waverley for tea + picked up S^r Joyce. Kate + Mary left after Vespers + Compline.

Tuesday, 17th.
S. Hugh. BC.

Mass 7-15. Sister Gladys Austin left for "Jane Furse" being fetched by Jane Stevens + Sister Rogers at 11-45. Sister Dorothea had to be taken to see D^r Venning by Sister Kateryn as she had a most odd rash. The doctor said without a doubt shingles! Sister was ordered two days in bed + much rest after that.

Wednesday, 18th.

No Mass. Rain most of the day off + on; very heavy. Mother + S^r Kateryn went into Pretoria in the morning to the dentist, S^r Joyce also came in to buy books for the girls' library. David drove into Johannesburg in the afternoon to fetch back the Assistant from M^{rs} Soames.

Thursday, 19th.

Mass 7-15. Fr. Huddleston C.R. came in the afternoon for Confessions. Films in the evening. Supper at 6 p.m.

Friday, 20th
S. Edmund. KM.

Mass 7-15. Mother in retreat. The Assistant went to Pretoria to have a tooth stopped. Cecily Paget came for retreat. An oppressive day of heat. Busty wind got up at 3 + 4 p.m. with a threatening storm which did not come.

Saturday 21st.

Mass 7-15. Mrs Dannton arrived back in time for breakfast. M^{rs} Clack spent the day to say good-bye to Gladys. Fr. Clack fetched her back at 4 p.m. D^r Marsh + Mrs DeTong came + had tea with S^r Joyce to say good-bye. Evening + Devotions 6-10 p.m.

Sunday next
before Advent.
22nd.

Top S. Cecilia V.M.

Sunny Mass. 6-5 o.a.m. A queer day, as all the Sisters were afflicted with diarrhoea + sickness! All managed to get through Mass somehow! A party was given by the Staff to several Township people at 10-30 a.m.

Monday. 23rd.
S. Clement. B.M.

to say goodbye to Gladys + welcome Monica. The Chaplain made a short speech. Evensong + Sermon 6-10. Mass 7-15. At 10-15. Mother + the Assistant went into Johannesburg for a Meeting at Welfare House regarding the finances of the House + also to do some Christmas shopping.

Tuesday. 24th.
S. John of the Cross. P.C.

Mass. 7-15. Cecily Paget left at 3-15 p.m. + was fetched by Kay Crable. Victor came over in the afternoon + had tea with Mother. He came to investigate the site for his boys scout camp. Miss Dauntler + Gladys went to supper with the Cousins.

Wednesday. 25th.
S. Katharine. V.M.

Mass 5-15. Mother's installation day. 20 years! Lovely girls in the Chapel. A talking Morning tea. Much of the day taken up with endeavouring to get bees out of the Chapel Cloister! J^r Pole Evans came down. Miss Hague came to spend the day with Gladys to say goodbye. M^r Chatterbox came + had afternoon tea with her Mother + father.

Thursday. 26th.

No Mass. Eileen Kearns brought a Miss Bell over in the afternoon. At 2-30 p.m. Mother drove into Pretoria to the D.S.C. for the Gov: Body Meeting. The Holy Hour was kept.

Friday. 27th.

Requiem Mass 7-15. The Assistant + Mother drove into Pretoria in the Morning to finish off the Christmas shopping. Both arrived back very late owing to an awful storm + deluges of rain. It was impossible to see to drive the car properly so shelter had to be taken at Fontaine's for a q. of an hour. Sister Joyce in Retreat.

Saturday. 28th.
Vigil.

Mass 7-15. Day of Prayer for the Missionary Work of the Church + needs of the World. The Assistant in Retreat + S^r Kathryn until Vespers. A lovely day after the rain. M^r Van Sch: called about 5 p.m. to see Monica who was out. Evensong + Devotions. 6-10 p.m.

December.

November.

Advent Sunday.
29th

Sung Mass 7 a.m. Mother went to the Christening of her grand daughter. Bad storm came up at 5-30 p.m. severe lightning + heavy rain. Wesoony Solemn + Sermon 6-10 p.m.

Monday. 30th
St. Andrew Ap.

Mass 7-15. Mother went into Pretoria in the Morning. During the afternoon the Retreatants for the Sophiatown, Orlando, Staff retreat started to come. 11 in all came + Mother + Alice were also in retreat. Drenching rain started about 5 p.m. Fr. Huddleston, c.R. came to conduct the retreat. Sister M. Antony brought their staff over at 2 p.m.

Tuesday. 1st

Mass 7-15. Fr. Huddleston, c.R. the Chaplain served. A night of soaking rain + wet part of the Morning it cleared during the day though. Retreat all day.

Wednesday. 2nd

Mass. 7-15. Fr. Huddleston, c.R. who went to Jo'burg for the day so there were no Retreat addresses. Gladys left at 2-10 p.m. + Mrs Dantton went with her + saw her off to Cape Town from Johannesburg. Mother + S^r O. Frances went to St. Mary's D.S.C. Prize giving at 2-30 p.m. Very nice and a large number of people there.

Thursday. 3rd
St. Francis Xavier
C.

Mass 7-15. Fr. Huddleston, c.R. the Chaplain served. The Assistant went to Pretoria in the Morning for shopping. A lovely day with sun all day.

Friday. 4th

Mass 7-15. Fr. Huddleston, c.R. In the evening Mother + S^r Joyce went to the Nativity Play at St. Mary's D.S.C. + took the Hogg family with them. Fr. Huddleston left after Evening + Devotions + was fetched by Eileen Keenan.

Saturday. 5th
St. Birinus Bp.

Mass. 7-15. The Chaplain. The Retreatants all left before 10 a.m. Soaking rain started at 4 p.m. The Van took 10 girls, 2 Staff + the Assistant + S^r Olive Frances to St. Mary's D.S.C. to see the Nativity Play which had to be indoors, + Mother + Dorothea Fehsen went over to

Sunday. 6th
Advent. II.
Monday. 7th

Waverley for their; also widows, owing to the wet.
No Evening or Devotions.

Sung Mass 7 a.m. a fine day. Audrey Buehler came
for Retreat. Evening + Sermon 6-10 p.m.

Mass 7-15. In the Morning Mark Nye, + Victor
came over with the Coloured Boy Scouts who were
camping here. Fr. Wardle, C.R. came to stay. At
5-45 p.m. S^r. Joan + S^r. Frances Mary arrived as
the latter was being itinerated with Sister Joyce
before leaving for England. Sister Joyce went
back with them to the School for the Night
+ they both were leaving for Cape Town on the
8-15 a.m. train on Tuesday. The boat was sailing
on the 10th in order to get to England on
Christmas Eve.

Tuesday. 8th
F. of the Conception B.V.M.

Sung Mass 7 a.m. The Chaplain. Victor brought 3 of
his Boy Scouts, + Fr. Wardle C.R. was also in
the congregation; singing very nice. Audrey
Buehler left at 5 p.m. Sheila Masborough came
for retreat. At 6-40 p.m. Mother + the Assistant
set off for the Prize Evening at Waverley which
was at 8 p.m.!

Wednesday. 9th

Mass 7-15. Fr. Campbell + one of his Boy Scouts
served. Fr. + M^{rs}. Fielding called in the morning
with Mark Nye + took Mrs. Danton off to
Fountains for the day. M^{rs}. Fielding was D^r. Nye,
+ Mark Nye's sister!

Thursday. 10th

Mass 7-15. Fr. Wardle, C.R. Mother went to Porton
in the morning with S^r. Katerina for shopping.
Mrs. Danton went to St. Benedict's for Retreat.
Films in the evening. Supper at 6 p.m.

Friday. 11th

Mass 7-15. Fr. Wardle, C.R. who left at 2 p.m.
in the "Landing" wagon who brought Sister
Rachel Mary to stay. S^r. M. Antony drove over.
In the Morning M^{rs}. Soames + M^{rs}. Martin came
for Morning Tea. M^{rs}. Soames came to see
the Chalice with her diamonds on it. The

December.

- Saturday, 12th. Assistant and Sister Olive Frances went to Pretoria in the morning; Court, + shopping.
Mass. 7-15. Fr. Campbell + he was served by one of his Scouts. He + the Scouts all left at 10 a.m. Evening + Sermon 6-10 p.m. as there would be no Sermon on Sunday owing to the Sisters
Advent Retreat starting.
- Sunday, 13th.
Advent III.
Sung Mass. 7 a.m. During the afternoon Sisters from the houses arrived for the Advent Retreat, 13 in all. Fr. Whitnall C.R. conducted it. No Evening.
- Monday, 14th.
Mass 7-15. Fr. Whitnall. C.R. The Chaplain served. Retreat all day, fine but not very sunny + warm. Mrs. Darnutt returned from her retreat.
- Tuesday, 15th.
Mass 7-15. Fr. Whitnall. C.R. who left in the Waverley car about 8-30 a.m. All the Sisters left by 9-30 a.m. Sister Dorothea went to St. Mary's D.S.C. Sister Hilary Clave stayed behind at Holy Cross to help ~~with~~ for the holidays. In the afternoon Mother + Sister Kate went to Pretoria to finish off Christmas shopping - A storm in the evening.
- Wednesday, 16th.
Tinganis Day.
Ember Day.
Mass 7-15. A holiday or no posts. Busy most of the day doing parcels for Christmas. Heavy rain at 5 p.m. Fr. Jeffrey came for Retreat from Khiso.
- Thursday, 17th.
Mass. 7-15. The Chaplain. A fine day after very heavy rain in the night with strong Films in the evening a short one of the Coronation rather disappointing, got for us by Elizabeth Willman. S^{rs} O Frances returned from her Retreat at Waverley.
- Friday, 18th.
Ember Day.
Mass. 7-15. The Chaplain. A very wet day, after another soaking night. Nurse Hodges came over to see Mother in the Morning from "Eh". Did the Christmas parcels up after dinner.

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Saturday. 19th
Ember Day. Vigil.

Mass 7-15. Fr. Jeffery. A cold day + raining off and on most of the day. Sister Gladys Austin returned from Jane Furse Hospital + was brought back by Jane Stevens. Sister looked + seemed very well. Evening + Devotions 6-10 p.m.

Sunday. 20th
Advent IV.

Sung Mass 7 a.m. Fr. Jeffery who left on the 9-29 a.m. train. A soaking wet day and quite chilly. Dorothea went away for two nights. Solemn Evening + Sermon. 6-10 p.m.

Monday. 21st
F. of St Thomas Ap.

Mass 7-15. A fine day and much warmer. At 3 p.m. Mother + the Assistant with Sister Kathryn and several of the children went to a party given for them all by Mrs. Peters and in Mrs. Stevenson's garden. Several Mothers with their children were there from the Township. A very nice party + the children behaved very nicely.

Tuesday. 22nd

NO Mass. Fr. Huddleston. C.R. came in the Morning for address + confessions. Margery Webb arrived with friends who also saw over the Homes. Charlotte Plainstone arrived. In the afternoon Mother drove over to Waverley to see the Sisters as three of them were leaving for rests on the 27th.

Wednesday. 23rd

Mass 7-15. Sister Joan came over in the Morning + brought various packages + Mrs. Tucker to stay. A lovely day + quite hot. In the evening the St. Martin's Carol Singers came + sang 3. Carols on the lawn round the lighted tree. Singing not particularly good!

Thursday. 24th
Christmas Eve.

Mass 7-15. A fine + warm day. Busy all day getting ready for the Festival. Dinner 12-30 + Afternoon Tea. 3-30 p.m. Solemn Vespers 5-30 p.m. followed by 3. Carols which the girls were fetched in for. Compline + Matins 8-15. Mother had all the Sisters in Trust after the Carols, then the usual

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