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Easter Wednesday.
13th.

Mass. 7-15. Fr. Tsebe. Charlotte Plainstone left. In the afternoon Mother went over to St. Mary's Dist. Proctoria for a Conv. Body Meeting. Film in the evening "Goodbye M^r. Chips". At 9-10 p.m. S^r. Dorothy + S^r. Evelyn Angela left for their visits to Pictersburg.

Easter Thursday.
14th.

Mass 7-15. A Mrs. Morby brought some sketches over in the morning for the M. Market. In the afternoon Mother + the Assistant drove over to Waverley for afternoon tea for the Assistant to say goodbye. The finish of the "Goodbye M^r. Chips" film. Very nice!

Easter Friday.
15th.

Mass 7-15 a.m. At 9 a.m. Mother, the Assistant + Sr. Yvonne Mary left for JHVS. Sr. Y. P. was taken to the Hospital where Mrs. Fehrsen was waiting for her, + then Mother + the Assistant went to Ek. P. tea there, + then the Sis. from Desceding took Mother back there to stay. The Assistant + Sr. Y. P. had dinner at Ek; + then Sr. D. Joan brought Sr. H. Verity from N. Tutuzale. Sr. H. Verity came back to Irene with the others. Fr. Tsebe left after Compline.

Easter Saturday.
16th.

Mass 7-15 a.m. — a day with many coming + going. Solemn Evensong + Devotions at 6.10 p.m. Sr. Irene came to stay. Sr. Katelyn came down to live at the Home.

Low Sunday.
17th.

Sung Mass 7 a.m. Small congregation, + singing appalling — slow + flat! Jocelyn left for her holiday in the afternoon. Solemn Evensong + sermon, 6.10 p.m.

Monday.
St. Ambrose + S^r. K. D.
18th.

Mass 7-15 a.m. Fr. Jarvis - Palmer came to stay for retreat.

Tuesday.
19th.

Mass 7-15 a.m. The Assistant went to the D. S. S. for dinner + afternoon tea.

St. Alphege. B.M.

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Wednesday
20th.

Requiem Mass. 7-15. The Chaplain, Mother returned. The Assistant came to dinner at M^{rs} Soames + both returned in the afternoon also bringing S^r Rachel Mary for the Retreat.

Thursday, 21st
St. Anselm DC.

Mass 7-15. Fr. Jarvis Palmer who left directly after breakfast. S^r C.A. + S^r R. Mary went to Pretoria on the Van. Mother went to see D^r Venning regarding her inside! + he said X-rays must be taken! The Assistant drove Mother in to Pretoria + back.

Friday, 22nd.

Mass 7-15. The day of the General Annual Meeting. Fine, but rather cloudy + threatening so only one tea table was put in the garden + the other teas were in the Recreation Room + Girl's Dining Hall. A very well attended meeting, many people coming from the Reef Towns, Pretoria, + Irene. Several Priests came. Vespers was at 5-30 p.m. followed by Compline. Prime dinner, at 12-30. The Sisters in the Community Room, the Visitors in their room, + the girls in Guidance Park! At the Meeting the Bishop of Pretoria, who was in the Chair, made a very nice reference to Sister Margine's leaving + the work she had done for the Nuns for 29 years! M^{rs} Andersen was the speaker, the head of the Social Welfare in Pretoria + district.

Saturday, 23rd
F. of St. George. 17.

Mass 7-15. In the evening at 8 p.m. the Bishop of Pretoria came out + showed his Minneapolis Film for the Township people + Sisters + Staff. All held in the Recreation Room. The Bishop gave a very nice opening talk. Vespers was 1-30 p.m. Compline 3-4. Matins + Lauds 6 p.m. Supper 7 p.m. No Evening + Devotions.

Sunday, 24th
Easter. II.

Sung Mass. 6-50. a.m. A little rain. The Williams family came over to see Sister Euphemia.

Sister Christina, Sister Phoebe + Sister Irene Benedict came from Waverley for Retreat, in time for afternoon tea. Solemn Evening + Sermon. 6-10. p.m.

Mon: 25th.
St. Marks.

Sung Mass 7 a.m. Sr. Irene + Sr. H. Veity left, + the other Sisters came for retreat. Very wet + cold day. Retreat began at 5.15 p.m., taken by the Bp. of Pretoria.

Tues: 26th.

Mass 7.15 a.m. (The Bishop.)
Sisters' Retreat.

Weds: 27th.
Com. of O. Lady.

Mass 7.15 a.m. Mr. Wesson came in the morning about electrical alterations + repairs

Thurs: 28th.

Mass 7.15 a.m.

Com. of the Bl. Sacrament.

Lovely day - much warmer. Roof going on the Atrocity, + much banging!

Fri: 29th.

Mass 7.15 a.m. Tea was at 3.30 p.m., followed by the last address at 4, as the Bp. had to go off to a meeting. Vespers after the address. The Chaplain came up + took Devotions. Dr. Venning came in the afternoon. Sr. D. Michael to town in the morning.

Sat: 30th.

Mass 7.15 a.m. (The Chaplain.)

St. Catherine of Siena

Retreat ended + most Sis. left, but Sr. Joan + Mother remained in retreat.

Sr. Yvonne Mary went to Waverley for the week-end, + Sr. Irene + Sr. Frances Mary came to stay. Sr. Hilda Veity returned. Piet left, + David + his family returned to live at the Home. Solemn Evening + Devotions.

Sunday, May 1st.
SS Philip + James.
(Easter III)

Sung Mass 7 a.m. Sister Joan left just after 12.0'clock. The Assistant more or less handed over before leaving. Dorothea Fehsen came to afternoon tea. Solemn Evening + Sermon. 6-10. p.m. Mother came out of retreat.

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Monday 2nd
Fq. Athanasius DC.

Mass 7-15. S^r Dorothea + S^r E. Angela. returned from their rests at 6.30a. - Mother + S^r Irene ~~went~~ went to Waverley at 12.0'clock for the usual monthly meeting. Sister had a streaming cold! Canon Rumbold came for retreat.

Tuesday 3rd
Invention of the Holy Cross.

Sunny Mass Pa. - Sister Irene in retreat. At 10. a.m. Mother, the Assistant, Sister Dorothea + Alice Roche drove into Pretoria for various shoppings. At 2-30 p.m. torrential rain, came with hail, lightning + thunder! After it was over it was very cold! Jocelyn returned from her holiday in the morning.

Wednesday 4th
S. Veronica M.

Mass 7-15. Canon Rumbold. At 9.45 a.m. Mother + the Assistant drove into Johannesburg. Mother went to speak to the Members of the C.W.S. at St Francis' Church. Parkview. The Waverley car came over at 11 a.m. with S^r Christina + S^r Phoebe + collected S^r Irene, S^r Dorothea, S^r Frances Mary + S^r E. Angela + all went off for a picnic to Piet Vlei Dam.

Thursday 5th

Mass 7-15. The Chaplain. A lovely day, and the fine well picnic at Hartebeestfontein Dam took place for the Assistant. Mother, S^r Euphemia, S^r Dorothea, S^r Kathryn, S^r Frances Mary, S^r Joan, S^r Hilary Clare, S^r Mary Brides, S^r Irene, S^r Phoebe, + S^r Irene Benedict all went. Mary Dainton in retreat.

Friday 6th
S. John ante Portat.

Mass 7-15. Canon Rumbold who left on the 3. p.m. train. Sister Euphemia went to Pretoria on the Van. Mother + the Assistant went to afternoon tea at the Saunders for the Assistant to say goodbye.

Saturday 7th

Mass 7-15. At 11 a.m. Mary Dainton was admitted as a Novice Oblate of C.S.M.V. by

Fr. Lewin. Muriel Lewin came to say goodbye to the Assistant. Heard by phone the new car was ready! black, with red fittings, a Plymouth. Sister Kateryn drove over to Waverley in the morning to fetch S^r Anne Mary to Holy Cross; another period in bed prescribed! Evening + Devotions. 6-10 p.m.

Sunday 8th.
Easter IV.

Sung Mass 7 a.m. - Sister Margine Gabriel's last Sunday. Miss Hague came to spend the day. Sister Sophia - O.H.P. came for retreat. Evening + Sermon. 6-10 p.m.

Monday 9th.

Mass 7-15. For Travellers + Pilgrims. Sister Margine Gabriel's last day. In the morning, Mother, Sister M. C. + Sister Kateryn, drove into Pochoria to see the new car; a most beautiful one! A Beverley Plymouth, black with red + grey fittings. It was to be collected on Wednesday. At 5-30 p.m. we had the Itinerary for Sister, followed by Compline. The Chaplain took it. Sister Joan came over from D.S.C. + took Sister Frances Mary back with her. M^{rs} Sanders + Mary Oliver came for the Itinerary also the Staff.

Tuesday 10th.

Mass 7-15. Some what of a "blank" kind of day. A cable came in the afternoon from Nairobi telling of the Assistant's "excellent flight." Thunder + very heavy rain from 5 p.m. until after lands. In the morning Audrey Theron came + had Morning Tea with Mother + M^{rs} Nixon + Barbara Pettita called later.

Wednesday 11th.

Mass 7-15. At 2-30 p.m. Mother, S^r Kateryn, + David went to fetch the new car. S^r Kateryn drove it back. On the way

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a call was made at the School D.S.C. to show off the car! It really is a beautiful one; Mat Chute!. On arrival at Holy Cross every body was out to see it including the girls!. Monica took some snaps!.

Thursday 12th

Mass 7-15. The R.M. people came on the 11-40 train. 5. Priests + 2. Women. In the afternoon S^r Katelyn, S^r Euphemia, Tom + David went off to Pretoria for various things in the new car.

Friday 13th
S. Dunstan BC.
(Ascension
Day was on the 19th)

Mass 7-15. Comm White. After dinner Mother went out in the new car with S^r Katelyn to learn the gears on the wheel! Toxlyn also did the same! S^r Michael went into Pretoria on the Van to the dentist.

Saturday 14th

Mass 7-15. Comm White. The R.M. party in the afternoon to which all the went + a nice number of people came over from Pretoria + Johannesburg. Evening + Devotions. 6-10pm. Comm White.

Sunday 15th
Easter I.

Sung Mass. 7 a.m. Fr. Hughes. Comm White served. A very cold grey day; fogs in most places! Arch deacon Brome came in the afternoon to take the R.M. retreat. Evening 6-15. Fr. Hughes preached an excellent sermon on "Christ". Fr. Holson said Evening.

Monday 16th
Prayer Day.

Mass 7-15. Arch deacon Brome. All the R.M. in retreat. Cold + dull so fires were lighted in St. Monica + the Recreation Room. At 9-45 a.m. Mother + S^r Katelyn drove into Pretoria; the court, + for a man to look at the car with a view to buying it. A cable from Brome from Sister Marjorie Gabriel saying "Perfect Flight".

Tuesday 17th
Prayer Day.

Mass 7-15. Comm White. Very cold, fogs every where. A little sun during the day. Showers

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Wednesday, 18th
 Rogation Day. Vigil

of rain in the evening! Mother went out in the new car with Toehy to practice the gears after recreation. S^r Kateryn in retreat.

Mass 7-15. Archdeacon Prouse. All the R. M. people left on the 10 a.m. train, also the Archdeacon. Another very cold raw day after rain in the night but there was some sun at intervals. D^r Venning came in the afternoon to see S^r Kateryn Mary. He decided Sinter could get up & gradually get back to things. Solemn Vespers instead of the usual girls' service at 6-10 p.m.

Thursday, 19th
 F. of the Ascension

Sunny Mass 7 a.m. A bitterly cold morning but lovely sunshine. The picnic took place & all set forth at 11 a.m. to the usual place by the river, only owing to its being some what damp the field just in front of the old place was used & it was most successful & much drier. All thoroughly enjoyed it; & the return was 4-20 p.m. Supper 6. & a long film "The Secret Garden". Vespers & Compline 5-15 p.m. Teve & Sext 9-10 a.m. None 10 a.m. Morning Tea 10-15 a.m.

Friday, 20th
 Octave.

Mass 7-15. Fr. Huddleston came in the morning & brought Fr. Graham C.P. with him & he gave the address. In the afternoon at 3-30 p.m. S^r Kateryn was installed as the Assistant Superior by the Bishop of Portora who gave a gem of an address. A lovely gathering of Sisters, 21 in all. After the installation Vespers was sung which was Solemn as the Chaplain was there. A nice Community tea

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Saturday. 21st
Octave.

in the Recreation Room to which the Bishop came + the Lewins. S^r Dorothy Joan, + S^r Kathleen Mary remained for retreat. Supper at 6 p.m. + the finish of the film "The Secret Garden".
Mass 7-15. S^r Dorothy Joan + S^r Kathleen Mary in retreat; also S^r Krone Mary. Everything as usual. Solemn Evening + Devotions. 6-10 p.m.

Sunday in the
Octave of the Ascension
22nd

☩ Song Mass. 6-50 a.m. Monica told Mother she was engaged to Tony Bennett. Thrilled + supremely happy. A very happy arrangement. Everything as usual. Solemn Evening + Sermon 6-10 p.m.

Monday. 23rd
Octave.

Mass 7-15. The Bishop brought the Arch-bishop of Cape Town to afternoon tea. The Arch-bishop seemed very aged + looked poorly. S^r Dorothy in retreat with a cold!! Kay Crabbe came for the night.

Tuesday. 24th
Octave.

Mass 7-15. Mother in retreat. Kay Crabbe left about 11-30 a.m.

Wednesday 25th
Octave.

No Mass. S^r Krone Mary went into Pretoria to have another blood test taken. S^r Dorothy went in to shop. S^r Katerina + Mother had tea in the Visitors' Room. Margaret Hogg came. At 6-15 p.m. Tony Bennett was introduced to Mother by Monica.

Thursday. 26th
\$ Augustine. B.C.
Octave Day.

Mass 7-15. M^{rs} Bennett from Barberton came to afternoon tea with a friend who brought her. Bob Cousins came in the evening about a Youth Company's Meeting, + saw Mother who had to go + answer questions about the Homes.

Friday 27th
\$ Bede. C.D.

Mass 7-15. At 9-15 Mother + Jocelyn drove into Pretoria, Mother to a Jane Thorne Meeting at the Bishop's House. S^r Katerina went in on the Van to the dentist. In

+ June.

the evening after supper Mother went to a Youth gathering at the Cinema to give answers to questions about the Times.

Saturday. 28th.
Vigil.

Mass 7-15. S^r Katerina had to go to the Court in the Morning. Solemn Evensong + Devotions 6-10 p.m.

Whit Sunday. 29th

Sung Mass 7 a.m. Everything as usual. Solemn Evensong 6-10 p.m.

Monday in Whit Sun-Week.
30th.

Mass 7-15. S^r Katerina went to the dentist after breakfast. S^r Euphemia went in to do shopping.

Tuesday in Whit Sun-Week.
31st

Mass 7-15. Union Day + so a holiday. The girls had a Fancy Dress dance from 6 to 7-30. Some quite good + amusing dresses.

June 1st.
Wednesday. Octave.
Ember Day.

Mass 7-15. At 12-45. Mother, the Assistant, S^r Euphemia, and S^r Hilda Verity went off to the Mithergale General Annual Meeting. They got back at 6-20 p.m.

Thursday. 2nd.
Octave

No Mass. Fr. Huddleston, C.M. came in the Morning for Confessions + brought a Priest with him from Anaska. S^r Katerina went into Pocheon after dinner to the dentist + brought back two girls from the Moederbond. Rain thunder + lightning started at 7 p.m.!

Friday. 2nd.
Octave. Ember
Day.

Mass 7-15. Cold + raw after the rain. Everything as usual.

Saturday 3rd.
Ember Day.

Mass 7-15. Very cold after rain, thunder + lightning in the Night. Solemn Evensong + Devotions. 6-10 p.m.

Trinity Sunday.
3rd

Sung Mass 7 a.m. Jocelyn in bed for the day with a cold. Solemn Evensong + Sermon. 6-10 p.m.

Monday 4th.
Octave.

Mass 7-15. S^r Katerina went into the dentist at 9 a.m. Mother + Jocelyn drove into

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Tuesday, 7th
Octave.

Waverley just after 12. o'clock. Mother for the usual Monthly meeting.

Mass 7-15. S^r Hilda Verity in retreat. The new car went into the garage after its first 500. miles.

Dora Baker came to stay.

Wednesday, 8th
Octave.

No Mass. Victor Campbell came + had dinner with Mother. At 3-45. Mother was fetched by a M^{rs} Shearman to go + speak at Oliphants to the Womens Guild there about the Homes. The Meeting was held in M^{rs} Douglas Cullinani's home. Solemn Evening at 6-10 p.m.

Sung Mass 7 a.m. A bitterly cold morning + no lights! as there was a break down of the electricity in the Township. S^r Beatrice Rose came to Morning Tea + dinner in order to see Mother. Mary Dunstan left for her holiday. After noon tea in Trust with dripping + butter!!

Friday, 10th
Octave.

Mass 7-15. Bitterly cold. Every thing as usual.

Saturday 11th
S. Barnabas. Apr.
Octave.

No Mass as the Chaplain was in bed with a heavy cold. S^r Kathryn went to the Court in the Morning. At 3 p.m. the stone to M^{rs} Nixon in the cemetery was blessed by Father Leach. All the Nixon families came over for it. M^{rs} Nixon, Muffy Charles + Father Leach came back for some tea. No Evening + Devotions from the Chaplain. The Sisters gave the girls a Shortened Evening at 6-10 p.m.

Sunday in the
Octave. 12th.

Sung Mass 7 a.m. S^r Joan drove over for Morning Tea + then took Mother back to the School for the day. S^r Victoria Mary drove Mother back. Joy Pantin spent the day at Holy Cross. Evening

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