

for Sr. Dorothy Evans installation the next day.
Singing Practice 6-45 p.m. No classes.

Saturday.
F. of St Thomas Ap. M.
Ember Day.
December 21st

Mass 6-45 a.m. Fr. Donatini c.s. as the Sisters
going to the School for the installation had
to leave at 8 a.m. A growing wet-day
walk at Irene & Pretoria. A beautiful in-
stallation service ^{followed by singing Mass 8-45 a.m.} at the School taken by the
Bishop (at his request) Fr. Shelley, Fr. Palmer
also there & Fr. Jones from Grace Train in the
congregation. Several of the girls also came.
Mother & the Sisters got back at 11-15 a.m.
Evening, Solemn & Devotions 6-30 p.m.

Edith Purchase arrived at 11-44 a.m. (There
was said before the Sisters left for the School.)

Sunday.
Advent IV.
December 22nd

Sunny Mass 7 a.m. Fr. Donatini c.s. & he left
on the 5-35 p.m. train. A wet day off & on.

Evening & Sermon 6-30 p.m. Fr. Kynasten.

Monday.
December 23rd

Mass 7-15. Father Kynasten. A very wet night
& wet up to mid-day. At 9-30 a.m. Mother
drove into Pretoria to finish off Christmas shopping.
She also took S^r B. N. & S^r H. V. in, the former to
see T^r Sanders. Mother returned at 1-45 p.m.

Pretoria was packed with people! No recreation
everyone busy getting ready for the Festival.

Mass 7-15. Canon Herford. All day taken up
preparing for the Festival. Very wet, it
rained most of the day. Mother gave the
Sisters their presents at the new Bondwells
after greeting. in front after Vespers which
was sung at 4-30 p.m. Solemn Evening
& Procession 6-30 p.m. M^r Schickling
& Miss dotted came. At 5-45 p.m. Mother &
the Assistant walked up to the Chaplain's
to hear Xmas records. M^r Henry Vander Byl left
flowers.

Sunday.

Advent IV.

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Tuesday.

Vigil.

Christmas Eve.

December 24th

supper. All went very happily & the table was prettily arranged in the long Nursery as it was too risky to have it on the steps. After supper very good shadow acting was done by the Natives. Compline as usual at 8-30 p.m.

Tuesday after
Christmas.

December 31st

Mass 7-15. Fr. Kynaston. A fine day, but rather grey at intervals. Fr. Kynaston came to see Mother at 11 a.m. 5° O.J. + 8° H.V. went to Poetica on the Van. Recitation after Vespers as there was a Mail in & Mother read the letters from Wantage. Solemn Evening & Procession 6-30 p.m.

Wednesday

1941.

Wednesday. Sung Mass 7 a.m. Fr. Kynaston. After Morning Tea the Circumcision. Tea. Mother went up to see the Chaplain.

January 1st. At 3-30 p.m. all went up to St. Margaret's for Festival Tea & Christmas Tree. A nice party; the children behaved beautifully.

Four children were ~~blessed~~ blessed at 9 a.m. Father Jones from Grace Train came in the afternoon for two days Retreat. Sister Marcella went into Retreat after Vespers.

Thursday.

Octave Day of
St. Stephen.

January 2nd

Mass 7-15. Fr. Jones. Mother had a long rest & came down for dinner. The Assistant & S^r Editha went into Poetica to shop & returned at 3-30 p.m. Train came in at 4-30 p.m.

Friday.

Octave Day of
St. John.

January 3rd

Mass 7-15. Fr. Jones. After Morning Tea, Mother, & the Assistant went up to the Nursery to see the new dormitory. M^r Tawse called about

The Dining Hall + Work Room plan. M^r. Gibbs sent one of his staff out to take photographs of the Home but - pouring rain came on + he abandoned the plan + said the world come on the following morning. Miss Portland left in the morning. The Chaplain returned to Johannesburg for continuation of his treatment. Classes as usual.

Saturday. October
Day of the Epiphany
January 4th

Mass 7-15. Fr. Jones who left directly after breakfast. At 9 a.m. the Key masters came to say good bye; they left during the morning for Brakpan. Miss Purchase returned. After Morning Tea Mother drove into Pretoria + took S^r. Ernie + S^r. O. Irene with her for shopping; all returned at 1 p.m. Lena came to be Matron at S^r. Margaret's. Solemn Evening + Devotions 6-30

Sunday. .
Eve of the Epiphany
January 5th

Mass with hymns 7-15 a.m. Fr. Shelley came in the morning + gave an address at 7 a.m. followed by Sister's Confession. No proper Recitation as Chapel had to be got ready for Festival Vespers at 2-15 p.m. Great joy in the morning a cable came through telling of the safe arrival in England of Pdt Sister Janet + Sister Ethel Irene. Cable from Oxford; they landed at Glasgow! Solemn Evening + Procession 6-30 p.m. S^r. Marcella came out of Pretoria - at 1 p.m.

Monday.
Feast of the Epiphany
January 6th

Saying Mass 7 a.m. At 12-30 Mother, S^r. Marcella + Miss Purchase went down to the Irene Town to join the School Sisters at a picnic. In the afternoon the Assistant, + S^r. O.F. joined the party; S^r. O.F. returned with the School Sisters for 3 days next; + S^r. Tom + S^r. Helen came back to Holy Cross to stay. At 6-15 p.m. the girls

had a Fancy Dress dance; very good.

Mass 7-15. At 8-30 a.m. Mother drove Lene, Cecilia, & Caroline into Victoria to see about their children being committed. This case left on the 1-30 train. S^r E. D. & S^r. Marcella went to Victoria on the Van. S^r K. E. came to stay & drove the School car over with M^r Proger who was teaching her to drive. S^r J. Toom returned in the car also to have a lesson.

No Mass. The Assistant had a day off & rested in bed until after Morning Tea. Mrs Alexander came in the afternoon to get the signature for the document for the new dormitory from Mother. Mother & the Assistant went for supper at St. Margaret's Girls' Service 6-30 p.m.

Mass 7-15. At 10 a.m. M^r. Neaven came from Martin Gibbs to take various photographs of the Home; Mother spent the whole morning with him. Both S^r J. S. & S^r K. E. after car lessons remained to stay until Monday. Supper was 6-30 p.m. owing to a Film show at 7-30 p.m. Not good. M^r & M^r Cumming came & also M^r & M^r Van Schelkink & the latter Mother. Only Cumpling was said after the show.

Mass 7-15. Mother & S^r K. E. in Retreat. A very hot day & a bad storm came up at 3-30 p.m. A terrible crash at 4 p.m. which set fire to one of the fir trees down at the Cottage; great excitement! Classes as usual. S^r O. F. returned from the School on the Van & S^r E. Anne went to the School for a week of her Rest.

Mass 7-15. The hall it was done with linoleum in the morning; a great treat

Tuesday.
Octave.
January 7th.

Wednesday.
Octave.
January 8th.

Thursday.
Octave.
January 9th.

Friday.
Octave.
January 10th.

Saturday.
Octave.
January 11th.

as so much quieter! S² J. Joan + S² H. Helen were taken off to Fontaine by Edith Purchase for a whole day picnic; Gwen Walker + Miss Maeder also went. S² H.V. in Retreat. Solemn Evening + Carols 6-30 p.m.

Sunday in the Octave.

January 12th.

Monday.

Octave Day.

January 13th.

Sunny Mass 7 a.m. Edith Purchase left at 8-45 a.m. S² J. Joan in Retreat. At 3-30 p.m. Miss Beran + Miss Shirley came to stay. Solemn Evening + Carols 6-30 p.m.

Mass 7-15. Nurse Walker went to Johannesburg for me or two nights. At 10 a.m. Mother drove Sister Marcella into Pretoria + showed her Union Building + drove her round generally then left her with friends + afterwards she went on to the School for two nights. A bad storm came up at 3 p.m. S² J, S² H, & S² K.E. left at 6 p.m. for the School, being fetched by Sister Endora. S² Phyllis + S² Joyce came to stay.

Tuesday.

January 14th.

Mass 7-15. After dinner Mother had to drive the car into Pretoria as the Van refused to go! She took in with her S² Edition for shopping + S² H.V. to Hospital to fetch back baby Nellie. Mother brought back David Maria, Ruth + Dorothy + got back at 4-30 p.m.

Wednesday.

January 15th.

No Mass. Vespers 2-15 p.m. as M² Harvey, the Chief Magistrate, D² Boschoff the new Public Prosecutor, + M² Van Rensburg who used to all the Committees of the Children came to see over the Homes. Mother + the Assistant showed them round. M² Coidon came for the night on the 2 p.m. train; also Phyllis Taylor who drove over in her car from Lady Selborne. No Girls Service. Sister Marcella returned from

the School at 6-30 p.m. Sister Endon drove her car
+ brought Sister Alma Bonta + M^m Lanner for the
drive. S^r E Ducas had the day off.

Thursday.
January 16th.

7 am 7-15. S^r E Ducas in Retreat. M^m Lanner +
Nin Taylor left at 10 a.m. Heavy rain started
at 5 p.m. Girls' Service 6-30 p.m.

Friday.
Epiphany At.
January 17th

7 am 7-15. Mother drove into Pretoria to see
Nin Taylor about the building of the new room
at Holy Cross; she took Sybil in with her to
see the dentist. Mother returned at 10-45 a.m.
Beran Walker returned on the 11-44 train from
Johannesburg. Barbara Trengold came to stay
+ arrived at 6-45 p.m. Classes as usual.
S^r Phyllis + S^r Joyce in Retreat.

Saturday.
January 18th

7 am 7-15. At 9-10 a.m. Mother had to drive
into Pretoria to take S^r H.V. with baby
Frederick into the Hospital. They kept
him in. S^r Marcella left on the 2-499
train for Johannesburg. Heavy rain at
5 p.m. Evening + Devotions 6-30 p.m.

Sunday.
Epiphany II.
January 19th

Sunny Day 7 a.m. Nin Beran left. At 11-40
Mother, the Assistant, Nin Thirty, + Nin Smith
drove into the School for dinner + for the
Blessing of the Boys' Mid. Sister Phyllis + S^r
Joyce returned to the School. S^r Alma Bonta
returned in the car for Retreat. As soon
as everyone got back at 6 p.m. Mother
had to go up immediately again to the
Hospital with a sick baby + did not
get back until 8-10 p.m. Evening + Devotions
6-30 p.m. Fr. Thomas arrived in the after
noon to stay.

Monday.
January 20th

7 a.m 7-15. The Assistant rested until Morning
Tea. S^r Alma + S^r O. Irene in Retreat.

Fppp. Fabian + Sebastian
n.s.

Mrs Baker, & Miss Holyoake came over in the afternoon & had tea with Mother in the garden. The Assistant had to take a girl into Pretoria after dinner.

Tuesday.
Feast of St. Agnes.m.
January 21st.

Mass 7-15. S^r O.F. & S^r H.V. went to Pretoria on the Van. Miss Shinty left on the 5-45 p.m. train. S^r Constance came to stay. Sister Alma Brita left on the 9-32 a.m. train. Fr. Field saw Mother after Mass.

Wednesday.
Feast of St. Vincent
January 22nd.

Mass 7-15. A promising wet day, after rain the whole night, quite chilly! Fr. Thomas gave the Sisters an address & then heard their confessions. Miss Preston came for one night arriving at 7-45 a.m. Owen Walker in Retreat. Canon Herford came to see Mother at 12-30. Girls' Service 5-30. S^r T. Helen came for Retreat on the 2nd p.m. train.

Thursday.
January 23rd.

Mass 7-15. A wet day mostly but cleared up in the evening. The Assistant, & S^r D.H. in Retreat. S^r Constance & S^r S. Dorcas went to Johannesburg on the 1-30 p.m. train & returned on the 6.p.m. train. Fr. Thomas left. M^r Touse & Mrs Alexander called. Miss Preston left after supper.

Friday.
January 24th.

Mass 7-15. S^r Editha in Retreat. After Recreations Mother drove S^r Constance back to the School & also went in for a Meeting at the Diocesan Office of the Governing Body of the School. At Fountains a raging storm was encountered & lasted all the way to the School; the roads like running rivers! After the Meeting Mother drove Sister Endora back to Pretoria & also Owen Walker arriving at 5-45 p.m. M^r Tehseen arrived at 5-30 p.m. to stay for Retreat. Classes as usual.

Saturday.
Feast of the Conversion of
S. Paul.

Mass 7-15. S^r Endora in Retreat also Mrs
Thompson & M^r Fehren. Pouring rain started
at 5 p.m. & went on all the evening.

January 25th.

Sunday.

Epiphany III.

January 26th.

Spung Mass 7 a.m. Sister Endora left on the
9-22 a.m. train. M^r Fehren left after tea.
Evening & Scruples 6-30 p.m.

Monday.

Mass 7-15. At 10 a.m. Professor Willmette brought
Fr & John Chapman over two students to stay; Mrs Dixon, & Mrs Day.

January 27th.

The latter brother's sister also came. They all had
Morning Tea in the garden. At 10.30 a.m. Mother
& the Assistant went up to the Nursery to
see Mrs Alexander about the building & also
about the girls new dining hall at Holy Cross.
Mrs Smith left on the 12-44 train. Mrs Thompson
left at 2-45 p.m. & Mother drove into
Thamesbury with her to see Knibbs school.
Mother returned on the 7-35 p.m. train & the
Assistant met her with the car.

Tuesday.

January 28th.

No Mass. S^r A.J. had a day off. 5:00 & 5:30 a.m.
to Preston on the Van. Pouring rain at 4 p.m.
and a storm. A Rail car.

Wednesday.

Feast of Francis de Sales. rather a cold damp day with rain at
intervals. Canon Herford was very groggy

January 29th.

at Mass & late in the morning his daughter
M^r devere came to tell Mother he was
very poorly & would be unable to take the
girls service & say Mass the following morning.
M^r Dowse & M^r Kinnard called about the
buildings. S^r A.J. in Retreat.

Thursday.

January 30th.

No Mass owing to Canon Herford being poorly
5:00 J. had the day off. After dinner Mother

drove Salomina & Marion Andry into Portora; S^r Editha also came to take these girls to have their eyes tested at the Hospital. All got back at 4 p.m. Father Young came to stay & arrived on the 5.51 p.m. train; the Assistant met him. Beautiful comet was seen at 8-10 p.m.

Friday
January 31st.

Mass. 7-15. Fr. Young sscc. S^r Esme went into Portora on the Van got back very late by train as the Van broke down in Portora & had to go to the garage. Some members of the Donegal Township came to tea & saw over the Hones. Deon Hallward came for the night. Classes as usual.

Saturday.
Feast of St Ignatius B.V.M.
February 1st.

Mass 7-15. Fr. Young. At 9 a.m. Mother & the Assistant drove into Portora for shopping. They took David in to fetch the Van back from the garage. Father Hallward left at 11 a.m. P^r Macrae came at 4 p.m. & saw Mother with a view to visiting at St. Margaret's. Solemn Evening at 6 p.m. followed by a practice for Candlemas at 7 p.m.

Sunday.
Feast of the Purification B.V.M.
February 2nd.

Distribution of Candles, Pictures and Sunny Man 6-45 a.m. arriving the Father Young taking the 2nd Mass at St. Martin at 8-15 a.m. A beautiful service. Some sun & no rain. Mother gave a ruling to the girls with regard to speaking Afrikaans at certain times in the Hones. The Sisters were all in favour. Solemn Evening & Service 6.30 p.m. Father Young.

Monday.
Octave.
February 3rd.

Mass 7-15. A day of incessant "phone calls". Mother went off to bed after tea; a long rest considered advisable!!

- Tuesday.
Octave.
February 4th.
- Mass 7-15. At 9 a.m. Solemn Baptism taken by Fr. Young S.S.S. Hendrina. A beautiful service. After it was over Mother had to drive into Pretoria to a Meeting of the Ladies Committee about the Street Collection. Miss Recker also came + S^r. J. to do shopping. At 2-20 p.m. Mother drove the Assistant down to the station for the 2-40 p.m. train as she went to stay with M^m Soames for two days rest. Heavy rain + a storm at 3-30 p.m.
- Wednesday.
F. & Agatha
February 5th.
- Mass 7-15. Drenching rain at 10 a.m. A good many callers; old Frederik step-mother, M^r & M^m Meyer about their daughter of 13 years; M^r Nevins to take the other photographs of the Hunes; M^r & M^m Botha Hunt at 3 p.m. to see the Hunes; they had tea in Town with Mother. N.S. girls service.
- Thursday.
Octave
February 6th.
- Mass 7-15. At 10 a.m. Mother drove Jessie to the Pre-derbond + S^r. H. V. also came. Fr. Shelly came + gave an address + heard confessions. He left after dinner. At 11-40 Mother went to the Station to meet a M^m Baile who brought her sister to the Hunes. At 6 p.m. a M^r & M^m Nel from Springs brought their niece to the Hunes. The girls had a long dance from 6 p.m. until 7-25 p.m. Fr. Young came for a short time.
- Friday.
Octave.
February 7th.
- Mass 7-15. The Chaplain came to Morning Tea with Mother. The Assistant returned from M^m Soames on the 11-40 a.m. train which Mother met. Classes as usual.
- Saturday.
Octave.
February 8th.
- Mass 7-15. At 10-15 a.m. Mother drove Fr. Young, + Sister Edith into the School. Father Young to spend the week end

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