

A lovely service. The palms in the Sanctuary specially beautiful; so tall. Miss Naeder, Molly Shaw, + Elsie Ingram came over to spend the day. D^{rs} Paulson, + Eileen Kermae in Retreat. Mother went into retreat at 2-30 p.m. 5:00 F in Retreat + S^{rs} H. Verity.

Evening + Secon. 6-10 p.m.

Monday in Holy Week
19th.

Mass 7 a.m. Mother in Retreat. S^{rs} O.F. went in the afternoon to conduct the Quiet Afternoon for the Coloured Women at the Good Shepherd Mission in Proctoria. Eileen Kermae left at 5 p.m. Stations of the Cross 6-30 p.m. This was instead of the usual service taken by the Chaplain. He was glad to be relieved of the Services as he was conducting the Three Hours + wished to prepare for it.

Tuesday in Holy Week
20th.

Mass 7 a.m. Mother came out of Retreat after dinner. S^{rs} Ekeild went in on the Van to get her injection for yellow fever. D^{rs} Paulson left early about 6 a.m. in her car. Stations of the Cross 6-30. At 2 p.m. Mother + Horn started the Sepulchre.

Wednesday in Holy Week
21st.

Mass 7 a.m. Fr. Symonds, C.R. came for Confessions + was brought by Eileen Kermae. Penny day getting ready for the various ceremonies with practice etc. The Chaplain took the Blessed Sacrament to night at 6 p.m. (There was no service) Stations of the Cross 6-30 p.m. Charlotte Plaistowe, + Elizabeth English came.

Maundy Thursday
22nd.

Sung Mass with the usual ceremonies 6-45 a.m. All went very well. The Altar of Repose looked lovely. Most of the day spent getting ready for the Watch + people arriving. M^{rs} Adcock, M^{rs} Jamie, Miss Milne, + M^{rs} Lumsden, all came. Miss Nied left in the Morning. As there was no Special Service from the Chaplain the Watch started at 6 p.m. with the singing of the Story of the Cross; chiefly for the girls benefit.

March

Good Friday.
23rd.

A fine day, but dull + inclined to be cold. Everything as usual. The Three Hours Service at the Church to which everyone went; the Chaplain took it.

Easter Eve.
24th

No disturbances of any sort! All seemed very peaceful. The usual altar service at 8-30 a.m. At 8-30 a.m. Mother + the Assistant went to the station to meet Sister Joan + Gladys Callan the new Secretary arriving from England. Busy all day preparing for the Festival Fire, but very dull until the afternoon when the sun came out. The blessing of the new fire was at 5-30 p.m. A crowded Chapel as there were 11. from the Visitors Room! Charlotte Pleintone had to go to the Hospital in the morning about her foot as she fell in the garden the day before. Merely only a sprain.

Easter Day.
25th

Sung Mass. 6-55 a.m. A full Chapel as many visitors were staying + fire came from outside. A lovely Mass + a fine day. After breakfast the various Easter offerings were inspected in Trust! The girls hunted for their eggs after singing practice. Sister Janet with three Sisters came for Morning Tea; Sister Hilary Clare was unable to come owing to her ankle. They all left about 12-30. Sext + Nunc was 12-30. Vespers 4 p.m. Tea in the Recreation Room 4-30 p.m. with all the visitors. Solemn Blessing + Procession 6-10 p.m. followed by two cards in Chapel. The girls then had the usual records in the Court-yard before supper. Compline, Matins + Lauds. 8-10 p.m. Mass 7-15. M^{rs} Jarric, Miss Lumsden, M^{rs} Talne, M^{rs} Adcock left. Miss Harding came. All the Sisters from Hillcrest came over for afternoon tea which was in the garden + stayed for Vespers + Compline + then left, taking Sister Joan with them. The girls and dancing in the evening. A fine day + warm.

Easter Monday.
26th

Easter-Tuesday.
27th.

Mass 7-15. The Marie Antoinette film in the evening. Very good. A warm day.

Wednesday in
Easter-week.
28th

No Mass. A very warm day. The 'Eli' Sisters came over to have their own picnic dinner in the garden with Miss Brown + then joined the Sisters for Recreation. Talking tea in the garden at 3-45 p.m. The Sisters left at 4-50 p.m. Supper at 6 p.m. The finish of the film. Not very good + decidedly gruesome in parts!

Thursday in
Easter-week.
29th

Mass 7-15. M^r Poole went to Maritzburg for the week end. A very hot Muggy day + a threatened storm came up at 7 p.m. + there was a good deal of rain. Sister Isabel Weild was itinerated after Vespers + Compline before her flight to England. Matins + Lauds 8 p.m. as Mother + the Assistant were making a very early start (4 a.m.) to drive S^r J. Weild to Jo'burg the next morning.

Friday in Easter-
week. 30th

Mass 7-15. Mother, the Assistant + S^r J. Weild got up at 2-30 a.m.! preparing to driving to Johannesburg to take S^r J. Weild to Paritine Home for her flight to England. A lovely morning with glorious stars. After some breakfast the start was made at 4-45 a.m. Sister's bus left at 5-30 a.m. Mother + the Assistant got back at 6-55 a.m. in time for Prime + Mass. After Recreation Mother drove out to Fontain's to join some of the Hillcrest Sisters there for St. Patrick's House picnic.

Saturday in Easter-
week. 31st.

Mass 7-15. Elizabeth English left after breakfast. M^r Rodda came in the morning to see about starting the building work for the Sisters Refectory. Margaret Nelson + two friends came for 1. night. Heavy rain started at 6 p.m. Solemn Evening!

April.

Low Sunday.
1st

+ Devotions. 6-30 p.m. - No processions as there were
no few Sisters!

Sung Mass 7 a.m. Margaret Nelson + her two
friends left at 5 p.m. - A grey day until mid-
day then the sun came out. Solemn Evening
+ Sermon 6-10 p.m.

Monday. 2nd
F. of the Annunciation.
(Transpand) B.V.M.

Sung Mass 7 a.m. At 9-30 a.m. Mother + the
Assistant drove into Johannesburg. Mother
went to Waverly for the the Meeting + afterwards
went to "Els" for the night being fetched by
Sister Emé. Mrs. Porke returned from Parityburg.
Mrs. Amerson the Chaplain's cousin came to
stay.

Tuesday. 3rd
S. Joseph. (Transpand)

Mass 7-15. Mother returned from "Els" being
driven back by S^r Emé + S^r B. Rose. ~~At~~ Filings
in the evening about ones, rather feeble as
they only sent two! Mrs. Mills came to spend
the day with Dorothea.

Wednesday 4th
S. Ambrose. B.C.P.

Mass 7-15. A good deal of rain during the Morning.
but it cleared up about 1 p.m. - The Assistant went
to Pretoria in the Morning to the Court.

Girls Service. 6-15 p.m.

Thursday. 5th

No Mass. Everything as usual. A very heavy
storm + rain started at 4-45 p.m. + went on
all through Vespere.

Friday. 6th

Mass 7-15. At 10-15 a.m. Mother + the Assistant
drove into Pretoria to see M^{rs} Viljoen about
St. Margaret's + the sending of Home Committed
girls to the Homes. Rain again at 5 p.m.
Much colder.

Saturday. 7th

Mass 7-15. At 9-45 a.m. Mother, the Assistant,
M^{rs} Buntflower + Gladys Callan went to the
Priory, Bultfontein for their Crest Day. All
very lovely. No Evening as the Chaplain was
at St. John's for their Speech Day.

Sunday, Easter II. 8th. Sung Mass 7 a.m. - Everything as usual. Evensong + Sermon 6-10 p.m.

Monday, 9th. Mass 7-15. A lovely day after a cool morning. Father Jarvis Palmer came in the evening for a private retreat.

Tuesday, 10th. Mass 7-15. Fr. Jarvis Palmer, Fr. Huddleston C.R. came in the morning for address + confessions.

Wednesday, 11th. Mass 7-15. The Chaplain. The Meeting of the House; the General Annual one. The Bp. of Johannesburg took the chair + M^{rs} Reeves spoke. About 100 people came + it was all very happy + went so well. A fine day + most of the people had tea in the garden. Girls' service 6.15 p.m.

Thurs: 12th.

Commun: of the Bl. Sacrament.

Mass 7.15 a.m. Fr. Jarvis Palmer. He left after breakfast. Rev. Mother + the Assistant went over to JHBurg in the morning. Mother stayed at Mrs. Soames' + the Assistant returned in time for tea. Fr. Peirce-Jones came to stay. Dr. Venning came + Sr. Charity had her ears syringed + typhoid injection.

Fri: 13th.

Mass 7.15 a.m. Sr. Charity to Pretoria to the dentist.

Sat: 14th.

Commun: of O. Lady.

Mass 7.15 a.m. David left soon after breakfast with the car to fetch Mother from M^{rs} Soames. Drenching rain most of the way + very heavy rain fell between 6. + 7 p.m. Fr. Peirce-Jones left on the 5.40 p.m. train. Evensong + Devotions 6.30 p.m.

Sunday, 15th. Easter III.

Sung Mass 7 a.m. Much rain during the night, so a cooler day. In the morning after morning tea Mother + the Sisters gave M^{rs} Bontflower a knee rug (woven at St. Cuthbert's) as a parting present. Evensong + Sermon 6-10 p.m.

Monday, 16th.

Mass 7-15. Pouring rain until the early hours, a much colder day. The Assistant drove into Pretoria in the morning to see the

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dentist. Some short films in the evening; Supper at 6 p.m.

Tuesday. 17th

No Mass. Kitty Birckett spent the day to say good bye to M^{rs} Bantflour; also M^{rs} Milne to see the Chaplain + Dorothea. At 10-30 a.m. S^r Charity drove the Assistant to Johannesburg to stay with M^{rs} Soames for two nights. After Vespers + Compline Mother + S^r D. Frances drove into the Portoria to the School for a Variety Entertainment.

Wednesday. 18th

Mass 7-15. S^r Charity in Retreat. A very cold day. Everything as usual.

Thursday. 19th
S. Alphage. B.M.

Mass 7-15. M^{rs} Brooke in Retreat. At 10 a.m. Mother left in the car to see Sister Janet at Waverley, fetch the Assistant from M^{rs} Soames, to attend an "Eh" executive Meeting at Darragh House.

Friday. 20th

Mass 7-15. M^{rs} Bantflour left for Cape Town after breakfast en route for England. Mother saw the Chaplain in the Morning. Not quite so cold.

Saturday. 21st

S. Anselm. B.C.D.

Mass 7-15. Fr. Shrive S.S.C. arrived on the 9-30 a.m. train to conduct the Sisters Retreat. M^{rs} Ellis called in the afternoon about the building. The Hillcrest Sisters arrived for the Retreat at 6 p.m. Evening + Devotions 6-30 p.m. the Chaplain.

Sunday. 22nd
Easter V.

Small Mass. Fr. Shrive. S.S.C. the Chaplain served. A drenching wet day. After breakfast S^r M. Bride drove S^r Rosemary into Portoria to the Prison. All the Hillcrest Sisters went into Retreat after Vespers at 2-15 p.m. The Waverley Sisters arrived at 3-45 p.m. + went into Retreat after supper. Solemn Evening + Sermon. 6-10 p.m.

Monday. 23rd
S. George. M.

Mass 7-15. The Chaplain, Fr. Shrive served. Grey + dull day + some rain but it cleared up during the afternoon. The "Eh" Sisters arrived in time for afternoon tea. Dorothea went to "Eh" to allow all the Sisters to come to the Retreat. The Retreat began

Tuesday 24th

with Vespers + Compline at 8-15 p.m.

Mass 8-15. Of the Holy Spirit. Fr. Shrive. S.S.E.

After dinner Mother drove into Proctora to attend the funeral service of Joan Linda to represent the School as she was an old D.S.C. + was killed on her wedding day in the car taking her + her husband to Dublin for the honeymoon. No hospital; the Van went in to do jobs + took M. Margaret to the Hospital. A lovely sunny day after all the rain.

Wednesday 25th
St. Mark E.

Mass 8-10 Sung. Fr. Shrive. S.S.E. A lovely day, + quite warm. Retreat all day! + every thing according to the usual programme!

Thursday 26th

Mass of the Blessed Sacrament 8-15. Fr. Shrive S.S.E. The Chaplain served. At 8-15. Mother took Maria to the Court to be committed. Everything else as usual

Friday 27th

Mass of the Holy Cross 8-15. Fr. Shrive. S.S.E. served. Another lovely day. Retreat continuing!

Saturday 28th

Mass of Our Lady. 8-15. Fr. Shrive S.S.E. The Chaplain served. The last Morning of the Retreat. The Elizabeth Sisters left quite soon after breakfast. The Hillcrest Sisters after Morning Tea two of them staying in Retreat until then. The Assistant + S^r V. Frances remained in Retreat + the Waverley Sisters. Fr. Dulra from Sophiatown came to see Fr. Shrive in the Morning (he was Brother Ambrose). In the afternoon Fr. Shrive was taken to see Proctora by the Chaplain. Michael Brooke came to stay to see his Mother. Mother returned from Sophiatown. The people who adopted Antony came in the afternoon to show him off! Evening + Devotions 6-30 p.m. Another lovely day.

Sunday 29th
Easter V.

Sung Mass. 6-45 a.m. as Fr. Shrive S.S.E. had to catch the 8-30 a.m. train. He sang the Mass the Chaplain serving. The Waverley Sisters left

May.

Monday, 3rd

S. Catherine V.

Procession Day.

Tuesday, May 1st

S. Philip + James

Procession Day.

Wednesday 2nd

S. Athanasius BCP.

Vigil. Procession

Day.

Thursday 3rd

Ascension Day.

Friday, Octave

4th Invention of

the Cross. (transferred)

Saturday, Octave

5th

after Morning Tea. Evensong + Sermon. 6-10 p.m.
Mass 7-15. Mother in Retreat.

Mass 7-15. In the Morning M^{rs} de Krüger brought over M^{rs} + M^{rs} Krichka to see the place with a view of taking Mrs's place who was leaving. Mother + the Assistant took them all round. They seemed nice people. At 12 o'clock, Sister Janet with the other Waverley Sisters called for Mother all went out to Hill crest for a picnic in the garden there. In the afternoon Mother went on with the Waverley Sisters to the Monument + had a picnic tea! + returned to Holywell after 5 p.m.

Mass 7-15. Sister Chanty went into Protonia in the Morning in the car. Solemn Evensong + Procession. 6-15 p.m.

Sung Mass 7 a.m. A lovely day + the usual "all day" picnic took place down by the river. Fore + Sex 9-10. Morning Tea. 10-15. Wine 10-45. Vespers 5 p.m. Gladys Callan went off for a picnic with Joan Newman + M^{rs} Proke was out the whole day with her son Michael. A film in the evening "Callant Pass". Very American + noisy! but beautiful colouring. Two people came to see about the survey of the property + were here the whole day. It was done in connection with the building about to begin.

Sung Mass 7 a.m. Mother went to see Ruth Binks during the Morning. Michael Proke left on the 8-36 a.m. train. The finish of the film in the evening, a very good ending. No Mass. Sister Joyce + Sister Kathryn arrived from England. Mother + the Assistant met them, the train was very late!

Sister Editha also arrived but went straight to St. Cuthbert's. Sister Dorothea also arrived to finish off her six weeks rest! Solemn Evening + Devotions: 6-30 p.m.

Sunday in the
Octave 6th.

Sung Mass 7 a.m. After Recreation Mother drove S^r Joyce + S^r Kathryn over to Hillcrest to see all the Sisters + the School. The town out started for the beginning of the building of the Sisters' Refectory. Solemn Evening + Sermon 6-10 p.m.

Monday, Octave
7th

Mass 7-15 At 12 o'clock Mother + Sister Dorothea drove over to Waverley; a Meeting + S^r Dorothea to see S^r D. Joan. The work on the new Refectory began; awful mess + the old panting was entirely pulled down! M^r Ellis called regarding the work.

Tuesday, Octave
8th

Mass 7-15. Miss Hague left for her holiday + Miss Jepson came. Sister Dorothea + Sister Charity went for the day to Hillcrest.

Wednesday, Octave
9th

Mass 7-15. A grey dull day. Sister Charity went to Pretoria by train to have a tooth out! The Assistant went to Johannesburg for her injection in the car with David. Miss Thomason left after dinner + was fetched by the Chaplain.

Thursday, 10th
Octave Day.

No Mass. Fr. Huddleston came for confessions. S^r Dorothea + S^r Charity went to Waverley after dinner. A Fancy Dress dance in the evening. Very good.

Friday, 11th

Mass 7-15. Raining! + went on all day; a bitterly cold day all the Sisters except S^r H. Verity went into BLACK HABITS! Sister Dorothea + Sister Charity in Retreat.

Saturday 12th
Vigil.

Mass 7-15. Pouring rain most of the morning. Mother drove into Pretoria to get flowers for the Festival. Gladys Callan drove in with her. S^r Dorothea in Retreat. In the evening the lights failed on the ground floor, nothing would put them right! There could be no

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Whit Sunday.
13th

procession as the Court yard was in use as a
pantry owing to the building!.. Solemn Eensong +
Devotions. 6.30 p.m.

Monday in Whit'sun
Week. 14th.

Sung Mass 8 a.m. Rain in the morning but it
cleared during the day. After Terce + Sext at 9 a.m.
Mother, Sister Dorothea, Sister Joyce, Sister Kathryn
+ Sister Charity drove over to Sophiatown for the
High Mass at Christ the King. All returned at
5 p.m. after a lovely day. Solemn Eensong +
Sermon. 6.10 p.m.

Tuesday in Whit'sun
Week. 15th.

Mass 8.15. A fine day + sun after 12.0'clock. The
Assistant + S^r Charity went into Pretoria after
dinner, the former to the dentist + both went
to see S^r Rosemary who had had an operation for
a small lump. All well, as not malignant. Fr.
M^r Clack came to stay + was brought by Father
Clack. Both had afternoon tea.

Wednesday in
Whit'sun Week.
Ember Day. 16th.

Mass 8.15. After Terce Mother + S^r Dorothea drove
into Pretoria for various shoppings. M^r Ellis came
about 2 p.m. to inspect the work being done
+ saw Mother + the Assistant. After a lovely
day it clouded over in the afternoon + very
heavy rain at 8 p.m. + went on continuously.
Girls' service 6.15 p.m.

Thursday. 17th.
Octave.

No Mass. A soaking wet day + it had rain
continuously the whole night! The rain stopped
at 11 a.m. M^r Clack left at 5 p.m.

Mass 8.15! A fine sunny day. In the morning
Bence the dog was taken to the Vet
about a bad sore he had + the Vet kept
him. At 3.15 p.m. Sister Dorothea + Sister
Charity left for St. Convents; the latter
to be Patient at St. Lucy's Hospital. The
Assistant went to see them off. Mother
had to drive into Hill crest for a Meeting
about the Chapel. Vazille Hole came to stay.

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