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December.

with starting preparations for the Festival. Mr Sanders called to see Mother in the evening. & was brought by Muriel Adams who was staying with her.

Saturday. 22nd
Ember Day.

Mass 7-15. A very hot day. Mother spent most of the day preparing the crib. Mr Campbell came to spend the day with Dorothea. Evening + Devotions 6-30.

Sunday. 23rd
Advent IV.

Sung Mass 6:50 a.m. After a bad storm + much rain during the night a fine + warm day. Dorothea in Retreat. Charlotte Plaisture came for Christmas. Evening + Sermon. 6-10 p.m.

Monday. 24th
Christmas Eve.

Mass 7-15. All day spent in preparation for the Festival. Terce + Sext 9-10 a.m. None. 10-30 a.m. Dinner 12-30. Solemn Vespers + Procession 5-30. after which two carols in Chapel. Onni Somuti left a turkey in the morning + M^{rs} Cralen a sucking pig in the afternoon! A fine day. Compline + Matins. 8-15.

Tuesday. 25th
Christmas Day.

Midnight Mass. 12 o'clock. followed by Lauds. Fine until 2 a.m. + then started ^{to rain} + it was a very wet day up to 10 a.m. then it cleared. Most of the Sisters with Mother + the Sub-Assistant went in the car to St. Martin's Mass at 8-30. A packed Church + the Sisters again had to be in the Vestry. Prime! 8-15. Breakfast. 8-30 a.m. Terce 9-30 a.m. two carols after words sung at the Crib by the Sisters; Sext + None 12-10. Dinner 12-30. Tea 3-30. Vespers + Compline 4 p.m. King's Speech 5 p.m. Christmas Dinner 7 p.m. followed by dancing. Matins + Lauds 9 p.m. The Christmas dinner was very quiet! A happy day spent by all + the girls quite good! M^{rs} Purke in bed.

Wednesday. 26th
F. of S. Stephen. M.

Mass 8-15. Everything as usual except Vespers was 4-30 p.m. & tea 3-30 p.m. Supper at 6 p.m. & the Christmas Tree. 7 p.m. A delightful party & everyone seemed very pleased with their presents. Dancing ended about 8-40 p.m. Mrs. Brooke in bed.

Thursday. 27th
F. of S. John. E.

Mass 7-15. Father Cardener, S.S.J.E. arrived to take the Chaplain's duty while he was on holiday. Heard that Mother was unable to arrive until Jan: 5th instead of on ~~Thurs~~ Saturday 29th! All the Sisters went to the Nursery for Festival supper at 7 p.m. Miss Duntan went away for 1. Night.

Friday. 28th
F. of the Holy Innocents

Mass 7-15. Father Cardener, S.S.J.E. A very hot day. Sister Kathryn had another X-ray; she also took baby Isabella to Edenvale. Kay Crabb, Miss Barron, & Silen Kermac all came to stay. Sister Janet came & did some additions to the plague.

Saturday. 29th
S. Thomas of Canterbury, B.M.

Mass 7-15. S.O.F. went to Portonia in the morning to do the Money. Miss Tynman arrived. The Assistant retired to bed with sickness & diarrhoea, several others smitten too! Solemn Evening & Devotions. 6-30 p.m.

Sunday in the Octave of Christmas. 30th

Sung Mass. 7 a.m. A terrifically hot day. The Assistant in bed all day. S.V. Faith not well. Miss Barron left after afternoon tea. Solemn Evening & Sermon. 6-10 p.m.

Monday. 31st

Mass 7-15. The Sub-Assistant not well & had to go to bed at 4 p.m. Very hot again; a little rain at 4 p.m. The Sub-Assistant gave another Conference after dinner. Sister Kathryn drove into Portonia with Betty. Kay Crabb left.

Tuesday.

Tuesday, 1st
Fop the Circumcision.

Sung Mass 7 a.m. Still very hot. S^rV. Ruth came for Retreat + Sister Christina for her rest. She was brought over by Sister Janet who took Eileen Kermae back. The Sub-Assistant better but in bed all day. No more victims but all very cautious!! Film in the evening 7 p.m. excellent, Pride + Prejudice.

Wednesday 2nd
Octave Day,
St. Stephen M.

Mass 7-15. Still very hot but it cooled a little in the evening. There was a little rain at 5 p.m. S^rV. Ruth in Retreat. S^rV. Faith in bed all day with a temp!! The Sub-Assistant better + came up to Vespers. S^r Katerina + S^r Charity went to town in the morning. Finish of the film in the evening.

Thursday, 3rd
Octave Day,
St. John E.

Mass 7-15. S^rV. Ruth left. Fr. Cardiner went to Comister for the day. Vespers was 2 p.m. Compline 5-45 p.m. Supper at 6 p.m. owing to the Dress Rehearsal of the Holy Play. A little cooler day. The rehearsal went very well. A few children came up from the Township to see it. The Sub-Assistant quite well again. S^rV. Faith still in bed.

Friday, 4th
Octave Day,
Holy Innocents.

Mass 7-15. The prevailing germ still going on! S^rV. Faith came down for Vespers. Much preparing going on for Mother's arrival also getting ready for the Epiphany. M^{rs} Willman called in the morning.

Saturday 5th
Vigil of the Epiphany.

Mass 7-15. A day of days! Mother General came but not in the 9-30 a.m. train as expected. All the Sisters from the houses turned up except Lesding so we all said Sext + Nunc at 10 a.m. + had Morning Tea on the lawn + Sister Janet with the Sub-Assistant went off to Comister to collect Mother in the Waverley Car. It was previously found out that owing to so many

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Travelling Mother would be on a "special". At 12-20 the notes went + all gushed to the Front Door to greet Mother + the bell record was played! as a welcome. Mother then retired to bath! + then joined all the Sisters again on the lawn for a picnic dinner. All very nice. The visiting Sisters all left about 2 p.m. M^r + M^rs Johnson with their little girl from "Jane" came to see Father Cardena. Solemn Evening + Procession, 6-30. p.m.

Sunday. 6th
Feast of the Epiphany.

Sunny Mass. P.m. A very hot day. Mother had afternoon tea in the Visitors Room with Mother P. Cecily Paget came to stay Supper was at six as the Nativity Play took place at 7.30 p.m. Very nicely done + about 20 people came up from the Township for it. No Swansong at either St Martins or Holy Cross. Anabel called with Daphne + old "Bilby".

Monday 7th
Octave.

Mass 7-15: Morning Tea in the garden with Mother and the Sub-Assistant. The "Lereding" Sisters + Joyce Pontflower drove over. to see Mother + all had dinner + left at 3-15 p.m. A storm came up at 6 p.m. Very heavy rain Not much thunder. Much cooler. D.C.

Tuesday. 8th
Octave.

Mass 7-15: Fr. Huddleston came. No address, he admitted Dorothea + Alice as Oblates (Nuns) instead and then heard the Sisters' Confessions. At 1-30, Mother, Mother P, the Assistant + the Sub-Assistant all drove into Waverley returning at 6-45 p.m. A Much cooler day after heavy rain during the night.

Wednesday. 9th
Octave.

Mass 7-15. Another cool day. At 9-30 a.m. Mother + Mother P. drove into Pretoria taking Sister Ernie to the Station en route + dropping Sister Christina + Sister Veronica Faith at Fontaine to picnic.

January.

The Mothers went to Hillcrest for Morning Tea & then on to the Bishop of Pretoria for dinner. Supper at 6 p.m. - the Conjuror at 7 p.m. - Very good. Miss Tedder came for a night & Miss F. Clarke came to stay.

Thursday, 10th
Octave.

Mass 7-15. Mrs. Maney came to see Mother, Ethne Parkers Mother. The Sister from Jane was brought to stay by Eileen Kermae. Miss Tryman, & Miss Tedder left.

Friday, 11th
Octave.

Mass 7-15. Several Sisters went into Pretoria in the Van. The Sub-Assistant in Retreat. A warmer day. Gladys in bed with the gonorrhea!

Saturday, 12th
Octave.

Mass 7-15. Fr. Gardener S.S.S. went to spend the day at Sophiatown. S^o Charity, S^o V. Faith & Mother drove into Pretoria in the morning. S^o V. Faith to see J^r Venning. Solemn Evensong & Devotions 6-30 p.m.

Sunday, 13th
Octave Day.

Sung Mass 7 a.m. After Morning Tea, Mother went up to the Nursery; she also had tea with the Visitors again at 3-45 p.m. Miss Keeley left, & was fetched by Eileen Kermae. Solemn Evensong & Sermon 6-10 p.m.

Monday, 14th
St. Hilary, B.C.P.

Mass 7-15. Sister Janet arrived at 10-30 a.m. to take Mother & the Sub-Assistant to Waverley for dinner & then the "Eh" car was collecting them & Mother went there, & the Sub-Assistant on to "Lereding". Sister Chinty went to court in the morning & S^o O. Frances went to the Good Shepherd Home where she left Martina. Miss Thompson came to stay. J^r Marsh gave a short piano recital at 6-30 p.m.

Tuesday, 15th

Mass 7-15. Fr. Gardener S.S.S. left on the 10 a.m. train & returned to St. Cuthbert's. Fr. Whitnall came in place until Friday. J^r Marsh left. The five Sisters from Hillcrest came for dinner & to be in Retreat. Sister Christina in Retreat.

Wednesday, 16th.

Mass 7-15: Fr. Whitnall, c.R. All the School Sisters in Retreat. Everything as usual. Fr. Whitnall gave the girls a service at 6 p.m.

Thursday, 17th
S. Anthony A.C.

Mass 7-15: Fr. Whitnall, c.R. S^{rs} O.F. drove Sister Irene, S^r Pusey, S^r K. Mary + S^r V. Faith back to the School as S^r Joan + S^r F. Mary stayed on - an extra day.

Friday, 18th

Mass 7-15: Fr. Whitnall, c.R. who left on the 8-36 a.m. train. S^r Joan + S^r F. Mary left on the Van. S^r Christina went in for shopping. Mother P in Retreat. M^r. Rhodda called.

Saturday, 19th

No Mass. The Chaplain came down at 6 p.m. + saw Mother he returned from his holiday the day before. Evening + Devotions 6-30 p.m.

Sunday, 20th
Epiphany II.

Sung Mass 7 a.m. Fr. Thomas, c.R. came to stay. E. Lane spent the day. Evening + Devotion 6-10.

Monday, 21st
Fey S. Agnes, V.M.

Mass 7-15: Dorothea went away for a night. Sister Janet drove over to fetch Sister Christina after her rest. Sister Constaney came for the drive. Mrs Thompson left after a minute. Mother went to "Reading" + the Sub-Assistant to E.H.

Tuesday, 22nd
Fey S. Vincent, M.

Mass 7-15: Sister Joyce in retreat. Everything as usual.

Wednesday, 23rd

Mass 7-15: Fr. Thomas, c.R. Fr. Huddleston came for address + Confessions. The Assistant, Sister Charity + Mrs Danton in retreat. A lovely rain at 4-30 p.m. with a slight storm.

Thursday, 24th

Mass 7-15: Dorothea left on the 3-30 p.m. train for Maritzburg en route for St. Catharines.

Friday, 25th
Fey the Conversion of St. Paul.

Sung Mass 7 a.m. Fr. Thomas, c.R. Mother + Sister Joyce went in on the Van for shopping + came back in the car which was fetched from the Garage. Mrs Nye also went in + returned on the Van! Rain started at 3 p.m. + went on all the evening. A big drop in the temperature.

January. February.

Saturday 26th
 St. Polycarpus B.M.

Mass 7-15. Fr. Thomas, c. R. left after dinner. He went in Miss Peirce's car who took Miss Danntin to Procterville for a c. R. Fraternity Meeting. Gladys in Retreat. M^{rs}. White & M^{rs}. Puchell called in the Morning. Evening & Devotions 6-30.

Sunday 27th
 Epiphany III

Sung Mass. 6-50 a.m. The Chaplain's Lytikon Sunday. Everything as usual. A very hot day. Evening & Sermon. 6-10 p.m.

Monday 28th

No Mass. At 10-15 a.m. Mother P went off in the car to "Eh" to collect Mother & the Sub-Assistant & bring them back to Holy. On the way back all had dinner at Waverley. Sister Rachel Mary also came to stay until the 2nd. Cecily Paget, & Joan Newman came for the Night.

Tuesday 29th
 St. Francis de Sales B.C.

Mass 7-15. Mother in Retreat, also S^r. R. Mary, & Sister Kathryn. A grey day, but no rain & warm. Cecily Paget & Joan Newman left.

Wednesday 30th

Mass 7-15. Everything as usual.

Thursday 31st

Mass 2 a.m. as the Chaplain had to go into Johannesburg. At 1-30 p.m. Mother, Mother P, the Assistant & S^r. R. Mary drove into Jo'burg for the "Eh" Executive Meeting at Darragh Home. Sister Samé returned & on the way back all went to tea with M^{rs}. Soames! David drove. The Sub-Assistant & Sister Charity left on the 3-30 p.m. train for Maritzburg en route for St. Cuthbert's. The Sisters left behind went to see them off. Rain started at 4 p.m.

Friday Feb. 1st
 St. Ignatius B.M.

Mass 7-15. Muriel Lewin came to see Mother in the Morning. Preparing for the Festival. The girls had a practice at 6 p.m. in Chapel.

Saturday 2nd
 Feq. the Transfiguration of the B.V.M.

Blessing of Candles, Procession & Sung Mass 6-45 a.m. Angelus & Prime 6-25 a.m.

February.

It was fine, rather windy & a grey day. It was a beautiful Mass & a lovely day as at 10-30a.m. all the Transvaal Sisters drove over for Morning Tea & picnic dinner in honour of Mother. Sister Phyllis came having arrived from India. After Morning Tea Father Huddleston c.s. gave an address to all the Sisters; quite excellent, on the Religious Life & meeting the needs of the world today. The Warden, Fr. Raynes c.s. was also present. A never to be forgotten Purification Festival & not likely to occur thus again; with Mother, the Warden, & two Provincials! After the picnic dinner which many had in the garden the various cars by degrees departed. Mother went off in the Waverley car to do her visit there. Sister Samé, & Sister Rachel Mary left. Solemn Evening & Devotions. 6-30 p.m. - Sunny Mass 7a.m. - Everything as usual. Heavy rain started at 3 p.m. & went on at intervals during the evening. Evening & Sermon. 6-10 p.m. -

Sunday in the Octave. 3rd. Epiphany III.

Monday 4th. Octave.

Mass 7-15. M^{rs} Brooke very poorly in bed with asthma. At 12-30. Mother drove to Waverley for the usual Meeting.

Tuesday. 5th. S. Agatha. V.M. Octave.

Mass 7-15. Sister Gladys Austin arrived from St. Cuthbert's. Bridget Brooke called to see M^{rs} Brooke. Charlotte Plousterre came to stay. A grey day, but no rain. The girls had a Fancy Dress dance in the evening.

Wednesday 6th. Octave!

Mass 7-16. M^{rs} Brooke was taken to the General Hospital by Dick her son who came to fetch her. At 1-45. Everyone was completely stunned at hearing about the death in his sleep at Sandringham of beloved King George VI. Muriel Levin rang the Hones up & gave the news. Queen Elizabeth II & her husband

Death of the King.

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