

Loys and meat distributed. Services at 5:30
followed by community greetings and letters.
Compline Mattins at 7:30 - Carols 11:15 followed
by a lovely Midnight Mass - Many people there
Xmas Day After N. N. Lards - Ica had
a bar Mass - Rev S. B. Rose went to put away
at St. Francis. Barbara White took Fr Dubois
to Ferrisdale - W. Kippie arriving back at 12 mid.
The rest of us went to High Mass at 9:30
Picnic lunch in St. ~~Ch~~ Christopher with Joyce
& Barbaras W.P. In the evening leading
Fathers & lay staff joined our fathers & lay
staff and Father H and Elders at a
party in the Club room. We having
cooked our own meat were joined by
leading sisters Grannie Julia, Martha and Elsie
in S. Christopher. We said night office and
then joined the others for Devotions in Church
26th ~~Friday~~ St. Stephen's Day we tried to spend
quietly, - but many cakes & pies arrived
for John's sons - both. We filled two
baths full and gave them to the children
who arrived from all directions. B. Priest
left for Potchefstroom.

27th Thursday Miss Brown returned and we
spent a more or less peaceful day. S. Uda
went to get her top plate mended.

28th Fr Huddleston came to discuss future of
B.P. with Sister Sam. Barbara White heard
that she could go to 'Sam's' on following day.
S. B. Rose went to the dentist. S. Sam
& S. Uda sorted old clothes. S. A. Crystal went
to market & Talitha & ended by taking Martha
Elsie & Fay to catch their train to Fichtenberg.

S. V. Ruth went to Waterfall.

29th B. Priest went to S. Mary's Orphanage to stay for a rest.

30th Good congregation. The Fathers left for their long Retreat. Our fire & lines caught fire & the fire engine came to our rescue - also Mr. Gajana with horse pipe & many children with lines - all shapes & sizes.

31st We all went to Tesedung for N. Tea and then on to Roodepoort for a picnic.

New Year's Day S. B. Rose - Retreat at Tesedung

Father Naloi sang Mass at the High Altar - a good congregation

2nd Sister Euno^{lda} & Sister B. Rose set out to go to the Domes but were held up by a storm. They took refuge with Effie Elliot & returned home after leaving.

S. Lda for her retreat and at Tesedung & taking S. B. Rose back to Ekutulen.

S. Euno retired with a temperature

3rd Usual happenings. S. Euno - bed Doctor came & said she was necessarily exhausted

4th S. A. Crystal went to Talitha and S. V. Ruth to Waterfall

5th All but S. Euno set off to Innes to meet Father General. She was late so they stayed to dinner.

6th S. E. got up to N. Tea. ^{Both} Barberas returned. The H. P. Sisters newly arrived at Rosettenville came to Mass with

S. Norman & Frs Huddleston & Davies ^{F. retired}
7th S. Euno went with the Tesedung Sisters to greet Father and stayed at Innes

until Monday. F. Firth heard of her mother's death.
9th S. Erie returned by train. S. Ruth met her
and they shopped. Edith Hlatwayo to stay

10th Staff meeting plans for Russia discussed.

11th We heard of the serious illness of F. Goodall
B. Priest left to go to church of Rome.

12th A busy day - S. P. N. Guild party

13th Well attended Masses. A very heavy storm
in the afternoon made classes small.

Thos Brown returned after a week and with
her sister - law.

14th MOTHER GENERAL ^{^^} a camp fire to
stay. Sister Theodora Helary went to Laredo
to greet her.

15th Mother went to all the small schools and
to Laredo. S. Rachel + N. H. came to dinner

S. Erie, S. Rachel + S. B. Rose + Miss Brown
went to the House Meeting at Barrag's home

Mother stayed and had 'at-homes' with sisters

16th Mother attended the N. School 'services' in church

and visited parts of the Russia - District

17th Mother met Father Huddleston and Fr. Seebotham at
Nursery school. Recreation - Mother read 'Laura'

18th Mother, the Sub Assistant and S. Erie met Fr. Huddles-
ton at Milingale - where the worst report of affairs
was presented for Russ. Sister. Mother was undimmed.

19th Our statue of Our Lady repaired by Mother was returned
to Chapel - Mass of Our Lady - Chapel. Mother
interviewed Florence and Barbara.

20th Mother went to 6 am Mass - S. School a part of
Mass at St. Francis N. Church - High Mass + seminar
here. At the end of the day after we had a
picnic supper on the upstairs steps Mother suggested
that we should say office at 8 pm and go
to bed!

Nov 21st Mother stayed till 3.30 then S. Emma drove her to Laredo and after tea returned with S. Theodora Hilary

22nd S. T. Hilary visited with S. Ida.

23rd S. T. H. went to market and to court with S. Crystal. She also talked to the N. S. students

24th S. T. H. went with S. E. to the school Mass. She also went to hear the percussion band at the N. S. and unmasked Fireman. A child was drowned in the swimming bath - our first accident - all the years

25th Sung Mass at 6 am - well attended. S. Theodora Hilary went to see St. Francis church & the Salernian Hospital

26th A busy Saturday. S. T. H. went with S. A. Crystal to visit an Indian family who gave flowers for church

27th A very large number of Europeans came to N. Ten. Church at 11 am.

28th Mother General and S. Rachel were brought from Orlando and N. Provincial arriving from Pretoria drove them and S. Theodora Hilary to Waverly.

29th Not enough members arrived for to enable us to hold a nursery school committee meeting. Dr. Gross told us about his new clinic

30th a normal day, S. Emma in Retirement at St. Iphig

31st Executive meeting - attended by Fr. Baynes. Mother General and two new members as well as ~~original~~ members with the Bishop in the chair

Mother G, Mother P, the assistant; S^r Rachel Mary
+ S^r Esme returned to home - stopping at the
house of Mrs Soames for tea. S^r A.C. + Retreat at Lesedun

1st A usual day - but busy preparing for Candlemas
2nd CANDLEMAS - All the sisters in the
Transvaal save S^r Viola who was ill
went to home for N. Tea and were
addressed later by Fr Huddleston. The Warden
also being present. Miss Brown
kindly held the pot here. We returned
just before 4 pm

3rd Eileen Kemack brought a social study
circle of girls to tea + Mass.

4th Alfred Vukela was felicitated for Mass
Mass in chapel - usual happenings

5th Fr Sidebottom + Rose and S^r Esme went
to teach at the Bantia High School.

S^r A.C. went to Orlando. S^r B. Rose was in
Retreat at St Josephs. S^r V. Ruth left for
Retreat at Lesedun

6th King George VI was found dead in his
bed. The News was flooded to his daughter
who was with her husband in N. Africa
en route to Australia

7th The young Queen arrived in England.
A Requiem was said at 8:30 am Mass
in S. D. Magdalen's chapel

8th Fr Huddleston heard confessions, S^r V. Ruth
to Waterfall + S^r A Crystal to Talitha Home.

9th Miss Brown went to her nephews wedding
usual happenings here

10th A Requiem Mass at 11 - well attended.

11th S^r A Crystal went to the Dik N. Sch committee
on transport cars to help M. Kennedy
S^r E. to dentist.

- 12 Mother G went to 'Sami S.R. Mary & S'Emi' to committee
- 13 SAC to market S'Ida to Budgerman. S'AC took a party of Talitha girls to pick apples at Illovo
- 14 SAC went apple picking. S'Emi + S.V. Ruth went to town. S.B.R. fettered Miss Knight. Borne - S'Ida
- 15th S'Ida - Retirement - Miss Knight's Funeral - public holiday.
- 16th S.Emi + S.V. Ruth took Alice Raulto back to St. Peters and bought church flowers on the way back. S.B. Rose cycled to S. Francis
- 17th Umusulelo began at High Pass - 1st. Sermon preached by Fr. Raynes. A very good congregation. Elizabeth Turner brought James Schuster's aunt to tea at H. Pass
- 18th Fr. Warden (Fr. Raynes) said Mass in chapel S.B. Rose in bed for the day. A packed church at 7 pm. S'Emi took Edith Hlatshwayo to see Mrs Hoene ^{in Germanish}
- 19th S'Emi took Edith to see Mrs Hoene & also collected old crocks for S. Johns. S'AC went to Orlando as usual. Fr. Whitwell left by air for England to try to see his dying mother.
- 20th S'Ida to Budgerman - Umusulelo meetings growing
- 21st Visitors at N. school. S.Emi + S.B. Rose went to Pass + breakfast at Ntinzeli. Mrs Boxter came from P.E. to stay one night on her way back to Bulawayo - S.V.R. quiet confessions
- 22nd S.B. Rose's quiet confessions - S.V.R. to Waterfall S' A. Crystal to Talitha. Miss K Borne left.
- 23rd Last day of Mission
- 24th Mother General - Mother Provincial - Sister Theadora Helay - Sister Kathleen Mary + Nally Shaw came to N. Tea - Pass + dinner. S. Sanct.

and Sister Phyllis came to Mass, Eileen Kernack and a friend came to Mass + dinner - Father Ray presided.

25th - A quiet day of recovery!

26th - a good Guild attendance at Mass. S'Es went to teach at B. H. S. S'Em + S'B Rose went to town. The former to a meeting called by the Bishop to discuss the withdrawal of the grant for uncommitted children.

27th S'Es took S'lda to Budgetman ASHES!

28th Usual days S'Em + S'agnes Crystal to Innes.

29th SAC to Talitha - S.V. Ruth to Waterford.

1st Usual Saturday chores. S'lda had a ^{fairly} good ⁿ day.

2nd Guild Meeting but there was much rain.

3rd S'B Rose took children to the X-ray.

We prepared for Retreat.

4th All left for Liseding at 6 am - Bruno left - change. All but SE returned for supper.

5th S'Em in Retreat at Liseding - Fr Huddleston.

6th S'V Ruth met S'Em at Miltizelle and brought her back - usual happenings including Holy Hour.

7th S' Maryone Ann brought S' Rachel Mary and Sister Editha from Liseding. The two latter went in 'Ek' car driven by Sister Esmer to Innes ⁱⁿ ^{council} ^{sh}opping on the way for S' Janet. The rest followed in Liseding Jeep for Chapter. All returned after Chapter + tea. The rest of the Transvaal Sisters remained in Retreat.

8th Joan Jones brought her mother to Mass

10th Mother General & the Sub. Assistant left for Cape Town
S' Emu went to Dikonyanya N. School Meeting
S' Ida took Edith Hlatiwayo to the General
S' B Rose took 4 children to S John's eye hospital
in the morning + N. sch. children to the T.B
Clinic in the afternoon. New class lists

11th S. Emu + S' Rachel Mary went to the Deans'
Steller sub committee. Zachariah done
S' R. M. home

12th S' A Crystal done S' Ida to the Bridgman
+ then went to court re Sally.

13th S' Violet Ruth entertained the John
Martin and a friend. S' A. Crystal shepherded
40 Indians from Beausai. S' Emu + S' B Rose
went to town. S' Ida took classes

14th S' V Ruth + S' Emu went to town
S' A C to Tuletha + S' V R to Waterfall
S' B Rose - doctor in morning + quilt
in the afternoon

15th Miss Thompson brought Mrs Calthrops
to stay for the week end. S' Emu
took her to visit a widow and her two
sons living in a shanty. Fr. Seelbather
talked to her for an hour. Two educated
apricians talked to her.

16th A good attendance at 6 am. Joan Jones
brought her mother + two friends to Miss
Vazille stayed for lunch.

17th S' Emu took Mrs Calthrops back to
Kimpment and called in at Waverly
S' Emu went to Dick for N. School committee
S' B Rose took children to hospital

18th Usual happenings. S' A C gave an extra
class at Tuletha

- 19th - Song Mass for St. Joseph. - and very many present. as ^{classes between 11:00 and 12:00} ~~most~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ people. S' Ida to Bridgeman.
- 20th S' Esme went with Mrs Henderson to the Banker Refuge at Germiston.
- 21st SAC to Tullah - S.V.R. to Waterwaal S' Es to the graduation ceremony at the University to see Edith Hlatshwayo receive her degree.
- 22nd Usual Saturday - a disturbance at 10 pm when the Civil Guard relieved a gunman of a revolver in our garden.
- 23rd a normal Sunday -
- 24 a quiet day but we heard of the serious illness of the Warden who was at Penthalonga.
- 25th Home Meeting at Derragh's Home.
- 26th S' Ida to Bridgeman S' A Cayetal to Market.
- 27 S' Rachel Mary came to dinner and went with Sister to the Executive Meeting.
- 28th The schools closed for 10 days.
- 29th Edith Hlatshwayo left to Natalapunt - S' Es + S' Agnes Cayetal went to S' Joseph's Annual Meeting.
- 30th Mrs Thompson - Mrs Calthrop + Lady Chance came to N. Ten + Mrs - also Noued, Christie + their mother + father.
- 31st a busy day.
- April 1st S' Esme S' Ida Mrs Brown + Mrs Watson went to the annual meeting at the Banker Refuge.
- 2nd Jubilee Sab.
- April 3rd S' Ida to Bridgeman + S' A C to Market.
- 3rd Holy Hour. St. S.V.R. + S.B. Rose classes as usual.

- 4th Fr. Huddleston came to give us better news of the Warden - having himself driven over 700 miles from Penhalonga - 2 days - SAC to Talitla - S. & Ruth to Waterfall.
- 5th Busy preparing for Palm Sunday.
- 6th Palm Sunday - Wonderful services
- 7th Father Sedobothan ill keeps 108°. Fr. Huddleston came for two days and nights. Fr. took services at 7^{pm}
- 8th Fr. Huddleston took lantern service
- 9th Fr. H. heard confessions and left - Fr. Sedobothan better. Fr. Ross took evening service ^{from} left for ^{holidays}
- 10th Fr. Ross sang Mass - a lovely service well-attended. 6 pm The Watch began
- 11th 6 pm The Watch ended. Good Friday
- 12th Holy Saturday - The school open - students helped in church.

Easter Day. - lovely -

- Fr. S. left for home.
- 14th Father Goodall C.R. died in the early morning - Grief for us but a joyful release for him.
- 15th Father Huddleston came to see us and to tell us about funeral arrangements.
- 16th Sisters Ida, Agnes Crystal and Violet Ruth went to home - had N. tea - and returned with Mother.
- 17th 9:30 Requiem at Rosettenville - Mother - S. Euse - S. Agnes Crystal and S. V. Ruth went for home - N. tea at St. Benedict's. Mother S. Euse + S. B. Rose went to the funeral service at S. Mary's Orlando - It was wonderful - The three went on to home after the funeral party had left.

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