

1958.

- Feb: 14. Friday. Sr Charity in Retreat. S.D.R. took Cottage Ladies to Post Office.  
Ran into Pretoria. in morning. Mrs. Fisher sailed in 8:15 AM to Stirling Castle.
- 15 Sat: Reverend Mother Provincial arrived back from S. Cuthberts;  
a new patient arrival
- 16 The Assistant and her sister set off for Saphron  
but were delayed by a mishap to the car. It  
rained heavily all day. The Nurse left for a night
- 17 Father took sick. Communion to Sister Mary's  
Gabriel & Mrs. Brown - at St. N. g.  
The Waterkloof C. W. S. came to visit and  
ask what they could do to help  
The Assistant and her sister went to  
Saphron Orlando and Waverley  
S. Deborah Mary in Retreat.
- 18<sup>th</sup> Dr. Venning told us to go ahead and get an  
air passage for Sister Mary's Gabriel. Fr  
Sudebothan heard confessions. S. Margaret Anthony  
went to town. We had educational films 6-7 p.m.
- 19<sup>th</sup> We got a passage for S.N.G. through St. Joan's office  
We were asked at 7 - all communions  
being present. They stayed for Mass.  
Kent services began at 6 p.m.
- 20 The assistant drove Mother to the school - went  
on to see about a passport for S.N.G. and  
left the car to be serviced. She returned by  
train. Sister Margaret Anthony went to  
fetch the car and fetched Mother for school  
in the evening
- 21 We sent the itinerary for S.N.G. Gabriel -  
Betty was baptized - S. Joan came to  
say goodbye to S.N.G. - Charlotte Plankov  
came to see Sister.
- 22<sup>d</sup> Mother - S. Charity and Sister Euphemia went  
to the airport with Sister N. G. Four sisters  
from Waverley met us there. Sister's plane  
left at 3:30 p.m.
- 23<sup>d</sup> Visiting Sunday

26<sup>th</sup> One of our patients was certified - to our relief - We had a cable to say that S. Nygore Gabriel had arrived safely & happily

25<sup>th</sup> Mrs Page - nurse - did not return for duty. We engaged an aide to look after Mrs de Saul by day.

26<sup>th</sup> S Deborah Mary went to the Dental Clinic. The Bishop sent Pass at St. Nygore's.

27<sup>th</sup> No Pass - much to + going at St. Nygore's as her patients were essential.

28<sup>th</sup> Three new patients arrived - The stone died and the week end cooking had to be done at St. Michael's. Natron Nygore + Violet came to the rescue there while S. Deborah Mary helped with the dead stone!

29<sup>th</sup> March <sup>St</sup>

Janet Smith + P Hermanns to stay.

Mrs Dunstan brought a visitor to see the Home. An electric stove was put in at St. Nygore's (small)

3<sup>rd</sup> Visiting Sunday - Mrs Roke took Lily to see her child. E. Lane came for the day. F. Spangl came

3<sup>rd</sup> A difficult day at St. Nygore's - The stone refused and eight visitors arrived - Natron went to Waverley with SRA

4<sup>th</sup> No Pass Mrs Hermanns left - The assistant drawing her to Kempton Park. The Bishop brought visitors

5<sup>th</sup> S. Deborah Mary - was driven to the Dental Clinic by Mrs Roke for extractions

6<sup>th</sup> Mrs Walcott left.

7<sup>th</sup> The Sisters began to arrive for retreat between 3-4 pm. 12 Sisters came from Ek and the schools. S. Euphemia and Sister Dunstan went to keep S. Joan company at the D.S.G. and incidentally to provide 2 more beds for the incoming sisters. The retreat began at 5:30 pm conducted by F. Swigler.

8<sup>th</sup> The Sisters were in retreat.

9<sup>th</sup> The Sisters left after breakfast. S. Joan brought back two Sisters and herself stayed in eselium

time before the next retreat.

- 10<sup>th</sup> The rest of the transient Sisters came for a second retreat conducted by Father Haey. Susan left after 5<sup>th</sup> at.
- 11<sup>th</sup> The Sisters + Fr. Haey left after breakfast.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Durwood came re the Nursing Market - Johannesburg - Just as she arrived we received a message saying that an old patient (96) Susan Noodie had passed peacefully away.
- 13<sup>th</sup> A doctor from Mafeking came for a private retreat before being posted. S. Deborah Mary went to church <sup>with</sup> girls.
- 13<sup>th</sup> S. Ngt. Antony drove S. Euphemia to town and stopped. They were late back as the gear jammed.
- 14<sup>th</sup> One of the N. Home patients was taken away as she is certifiable - Ran at night.
- 15<sup>th</sup> A very wet day - 21 sisters came for a quiet afternoon and were squandered into the priests' room condanels. They had phoned in the morning to say there would be only 16.
- 16<sup>th</sup> A lovely Mothering Sunday. The prefects came for the two schools with cake flowers + fruit. They had tea in the Sisters' room as it was wet underfoot. They saw our works and were thrilled.
- 17<sup>th</sup> We started to make palm crosses. Mother + the Assistant went to Fountains and had tea with St. Patrick's House.
- 18<sup>th</sup> Mother - Sister Cheryl + S. Deborah Mary went to visit 'our' hospital equipment factory - result -  
Mother ordered a hoist for the Nursing Home (£100). In the meantime the Assistant admitted three sheilas (laddy girls) and promised to take a babe for a short time.
- 19<sup>th</sup> Sung Mass for St. Joseph - Mother left by train for Ekurhuleni. The Sisters had a talking hour.

20<sup>th</sup> The Assistant left by car for Elk St and huddled with  
said ladies in a garden for the aged and blind (?) and then  
stopped. At home a show-girl married gipsy wife  
and 6 months pregnant arrived on the doorstep with masses  
of luggage and asked for shelter.

21<sup>st</sup> The gipsy arrived and arrival of his 'wife'  
Sister Deborah May went to take girls to cinema

22<sup>nd</sup> We prepared Chapel for Passover and otherwise had  
a peaceful day 23<sup>rd</sup> Passover Sunday - peaceful -

24<sup>th</sup> Mrs Soames came to stay - She had afternoon tea  
with Natter and then went to bed. No. 10 Natter garage.

25<sup>th</sup> A lovely Sing Mass for the Annunciation. Natter the  
Assistant and Miss Water went  
to shop in town. We had a Passoveride Film in

the evening. The Assistant and Mrs. Water look a hand-child  
to hospital - very poor!  
26<sup>th</sup> Mrs Richmond Water left for Jerusalem. The  
Assistant and Mrs. Davison went to the airport.  
The Assistant showed the film to our acquaintances  
and then friend. Mrs. Tucker to stay.

27<sup>th</sup> The N. Martin came to fetch Mrs Soames.  
S. D. May took Miss Brown to hospital and  
stopped. The Hotel arrived

28<sup>th</sup> Palm branches were brought for Halfway  
House by a Waverley parent. David took  
the car to be serviced and stopped

29<sup>th</sup> Prepared for Palm Sunday and Holy Week.  
Lady Keeper (S. Janet's sister) and her husband came  
to tea.

30<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday - 6:30 am. Blessing of Palms & Procession  
7 am. Holy Mass

All went well.

Mrs. David Hudson to stay.

Holy Week - All but S. Charity managed a 2 day retreat.  
Mass each day was at 7 am. The Bishop said

Mass on Monday ~~was~~ Tuesday + Wednesday. Fr Lewis  
sang Mass on Thursday and performed the ceremonies  
On Good Friday the Mass of the Pre-Sanctified was  
said and most people attended the Three Hours  
service in church. The girls were good

During the week Charlotte Plankton and Mrs Short  
joined the family

Easter Day Mass at 6 am - a lonely day  
The girls hunted for eggs at 10 am.

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Mass at 7.15 - Sister Deborah Mary took the  
girls to Sweets Farm. Fr Campbell brought  
100 coloured children for the day. Miss J. returned  
Brother + the Assistant went to N. Tex at 0.59.

Tues. 8<sup>th</sup> Brother + the Assistant went to dinner at  
Haverley. The Assistant went to see Mrs Soames  
while Brother attended a meeting

9<sup>th</sup> S. Cheryl + S. D. Mary went to classes etc  
Brother stayed the night at 0.59. The Ek's sisters  
came to tea.

10<sup>th</sup> The Assistant drove to 6.30 on Mass at the 0.59  
The Bishop received the children's Lent offerings  
Hannah Stanton went to the classrooms to  
receive the Lent work hunted for Tunnalony  
Brother and the Assistant had tea with the  
Sisters and returned home.

11<sup>th</sup> A fairly peaceful day - No mail from Wairarapa

12<sup>th</sup> Professor Elliott came to see Brother and told  
her that S. Helary Clare and Judy would be  
coming at the end of the month

13<sup>th</sup> A cold and wet day. Queen Eva absconded

14<sup>th</sup> Mrs Trollop came to work in the kitchen

S. D. Mary went to Germiston with Queen's bottles

15<sup>th</sup> Miss Shaw came to stay, also Fr Davis of F. Lond.

16<sup>th</sup> Election Day - Fr Davis said Mass

Natta in!

- 17<sup>th</sup> Natta - The Assistant went to Orlando to see Gracious & Helen and called at 'Eki' for morning tea. They proceeded in the car on the way back. S. Deborah Mary took some folk to see Orvenning. S. Euphemia - retreat.
- 18<sup>th</sup> S. E. Angela - Retreat - The Assistant - S. Zephania - a Van load and a car load went to Pilgrims Progress at the OSQ. Miss Gosland came for the weekend and to consider the possibility of becoming secretary. The parish held its Vesting Meeting in the Rec. room.
- 19<sup>th</sup> Natta - S. Daatha - S. Deborah Mary - S. Eveline Angela and a Van-load and car-load went to the OSQ to see Pilgrims Progress.
- 20<sup>th</sup> Miss Gosland left without having made a final decision. Elaine came for the day.
- 21<sup>st</sup> Sister Charity in Retreat - The electrician CAME! Fr. Sean went to see Green Eva - Gormiston Hospital.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> No Mass - S. D. Mary took Natta to hospital + Carol to Carl.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting - a very good attendance - over eighty - and both Bishops.
- 24<sup>th</sup> Natta and the Assistant drove with Sister Evelyn - Angela to Waverley where she was joining joining two others to go to East. After N. tea Natta and the Assistant went to lunch with 'Natta Ada' (Mrs Soames) and then on to the 'EK' meeting at Darragh Home. On the way back Natta stayed with Mrs Soames and the Assistant returned to home calling at Waverley for Miss Cross en route.
- 25<sup>th</sup> A fairly peaceful day.
- 26<sup>th</sup> The Assistant drove to fetch Natta from Mrs Soames' house.
- 27<sup>th</sup> The Assistant drove S. Euphemia to Waverley and Miss Broughton to Sophomore. After dinner Sisters began to arrive for the long Retreat.
- 28<sup>th</sup> The Retreat began at 5:15 p.m. S. Sgt. Anthony went to the OSQ for the duration!

27<sup>th</sup> S. Helary Clare and her sister arrived from Capetown  
 29<sup>th</sup> - a fairly peaceful day  
 30<sup>th</sup> Mrs Burke and Mrs Sackor banked and  
 shopped - S. H. Clare dealt with telephone etc  
 Two new girls arrived - The plumber came  
 to try to improve S. Ngiti's water supply - a  
 new night nurse came. Professor Elliot came  
 to see his sisters. Lena cut her hand and  
 had to be taken to Casualty by David and  
 Nation Dore to have it stitched. The welfare  
 worker came to fetch Gwen Evers clothes  
 so that she could take her to St. Joseph's.

The retreatants seemed to be peaceful!

- 1<sup>st</sup> day a peaceful day
- " 2<sup>nd</sup> A new plumber put our water diffusers right  
at S. Ngiti + S. Michael -
- " 3<sup>rd</sup> All but the O.S.G. sisters <sup>+ S.Y. ones</sup> emerged from Retreat-  
It had been a marvellous one according to  
most sisters. The Waverley sisters departed  
early also the Eli sisters with the conductor
- " 4<sup>th</sup> The O.S.G. sisters emerged and left early. S.Y. ones  
stayed another day. S. Phyllis came to stay
- " 5<sup>th</sup> S. Mary Anne brought Grace Kerlake and  
Voyelle Holt to stay and took S.Y. ones home  
back.

3 pm Confirmation of 6' - a beautiful service  
with the Bishop at his best. He and Fiteles  
had tea in the sisters room. The rest  
of us had tea in the Recreation Room.  
Those who were confirmed had supper in  
kitchen with Noller - the Assistant - S. Euphemie  
and S. Deborah Mary

- " 6<sup>th</sup> The Fete stall holders met at S. Ngiti and after  
tea went round the Home. <sup>Noller + S. Euphemie to sleep</sup> S. Deborah - to court.
- " 7<sup>th</sup> No Mass - S. D. Mary went to Budgetary Board

etc.

- 8<sup>th</sup> The assistant and S. Deborah Mary went to court. S. Joan came and took S. Phyllis for a picnic.
- 9<sup>th</sup> The assistant drove Natter to a "Juni" Board meeting at Bishop's Home and then took two girls to the dentist.
- 10<sup>th</sup> S. Joan fetched S. Phyllis - Mrs. Cooper brought a carpet + some curtains
- 11<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Nixon kept her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday - a fairly quiet Sunday.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Rev. Natter drove Mrs. Nixon to Pretoria. S. D. Mary and S. Dorothea went to town.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Sister Euphemia left for St. Catharines. Rev. Natter + two Sisters from S. John the Divine Maritzburg arrived at about 7.45 pm having missed their way in Johannesburg. They had supper and went to bed. As there was no bus they stayed in bed next morning.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Natter Maritzburg and her sisters had breakfast - bed, and at 9.30 am left for the airport as the Natter was flying to London. She took the car to the garage.
- 15<sup>th</sup> David drove Natter and Sister Margaret Anthony to town to shop and collect flowers for Ascension Day.
- 16<sup>th</sup> Pass at 7 - sunny - lovely. - We camped for dinner - the whole family divided into five - the girls cooking. We had afternoon tea on the lawn and in the evening the girls danced. A very happy day. Professor Elliot visited his sisters.
- 17<sup>th</sup> The assistant left to speak to a Natter's Union at St. George's Parkhouse and to stay the night with 'Natter Ada'. We had news that the Warden was very ill with coronary thrombosis.
- 18<sup>th</sup> Natter fetched the assistant for Mrs. Soames. A new patient arrived at St. Agis.
- 19<sup>th</sup> S. Deborah Mary drove three of the recently comprised to Christ the King - Ek. Shirley returned from a most successful visit to Ek.

No Mass - Fr. Lewis ill

- 19<sup>r</sup> Natter - Retreat. Miss Stettin came to stay -  
S. Deborah Mary went to town with girls.
- 20 S. D. Mary in retreat - absolved - Filer in  
evening. Priest from Cathedral said Mass.
- 21 The Assistant went to town with Miss Ethel Miss  
Brown & girl. Filer present - Sisters Mass at Cathedral
- 22 S. Doreen in retreat - Priest from Cathedral  
said Mass. Fr. Speight came for night.
- 23 Fr. S. said Mass and heard confessions including  
Mrs. Bugden. S. Doreen <sup>in auditory</sup> - retreat. Natter  
emerged
- 24 The Dean said Mass at S. Nicks - some sisters  
rested and four went to the 7:30 Mass at the  
Cathedral. Fr. Lewis said evening + Devotion
- 25 A fairly peaceful Sunday. Fr. Lewis said Mass  
at 6:50 am. The Assistant and Miss Ethel  
took Mrs. Burke to her grandchildren's home as  
she is to look after them for a month.
- 26 Mass at 7:15. S. Deborah left early with patients  
Sister Cheryl was in retreat.
- 27<sup>r</sup> Natter and The Assistant with Miss Danton went  
to Johannesburg. The Assistant went to talk  
to a committee of ladies who are running a  
morning Market for the Homes in August. The  
meeting was held at Mrs. Doreen's home. Natter  
drove on to Ethel had tea with the sisters and  
then had an interview with Fr. Haug re. Shirley.  
She then drove back to Mrs. Doreen's home  
where she was joined by the Assistant and Miss  
Danton - all home for dinner but a little  
late. In the evening the <sup>home</sup> dramatic society  
gave a play - very good.
- 28<sup>r</sup> No Mass - S. Rosemary in retreat.
- 29<sup>r</sup> S. D. Mary making great preparations for her rest - New girl
- 30<sup>r</sup> S. D. Mary made a last going to town. No Mass

31<sup>st</sup> Union Day - No Mail. Professor Elliot had tea with his sister  
June 1<sup>st</sup>. Sister D. May left at 12.20 to go to E. London.

Mother and the Assistant drove to the D.S.G. to see the new  
community room. They met Mrs. Nixon's son. S. Ngt. Anthony  
drove a girl and her relatives to the R.C. church by Muller  
for Baptism of the baby. A new patient at S. Ngt. - Mrs. 10

2<sup>nd</sup> Mother and S. Ngt. Anthony went to dinner at Waverley  
- giving Mrs. Stouens a lift. They went on into Solihull  
by in the afternoon and returned to home at 5

3<sup>rd</sup> The Assistant took a girl to court + S. Ngt. Anthony  
took a girl to hospital

4<sup>th</sup> We changed over and took the mother and  
babies from S. Raphael to St. Gabriel. Several went to Patia

5<sup>th</sup> Mrs. <sup>Sung Pass at 7 am</sup> Burwood and friends brought clothing etc  
stayed to tea and visited S. Ngt.

6<sup>th</sup> As it was Corpus Christi we all had tea in  
Trust.

6<sup>th</sup> The Assistant took a party to town - returning in  
time for dinner.

7<sup>th</sup> S. Euphemia returned from St. Catharines

8<sup>th</sup> Sung Pass - unaccompanied as S. Deborah Perry was  
away. E. Lane came for the day - Friends came  
to visit S. H. Clare and her sister. For Harrison  
came to see S. Rosemary. S. Ida <sup>S. Ngt. took girls in Saphia</sup> for retreat

9<sup>th</sup> The Assistant took a girl to hospital and was there  
for 3 hours. Patia Margaret involved - a car accident  
S. Ngt. came for retreat. The assist. Mrs. Nixon

10<sup>th</sup> No Pass. Mother and home went shopping. to stay

11<sup>th</sup> The Assistant Mrs. Nixon + Mrs. Elliot were L. to  
London where the Assistant addressed Mother's Union.

They lunched with the Tuckers. Mother made three  
small joints to home - Mrs. Nixon's Aunt. S.  
Ngt. Anthony cooked - Patia Ngt. in bed with sorelock

12<sup>th</sup> Mother and the Assistant shipped. The Assistant  
and home went to town again in the afternoon

13<sup>th</sup> Very COLD. Trouble with electricity

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