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The Log  
Holy Cross Home. Irene.

October 1<sup>st</sup> 1941.  
to 1942.

October. 1941.

- October 1<sup>st</sup>  
Octave of St. Michael  
Wednesday.  
Mass 7-30. Fr. Shelly c.a. being the Ladies Retreat which started on the evening of September 29<sup>th</sup>. A lovely day & the Ladies much enjoyed the garden. Fr. Shelly went to the school in the afternoon so the Chaplain took Evening.
- October 2<sup>nd</sup>  
F. of the Holy Crucifixion  
Angels.  
Thursday.  
Mass 7-30. The Chaplain, as Fr. Shelly was at the School taking the Mass for the Sisters. The Sisters' confessions were at 11 a.m. at St. Martin's Church. A lovely day & so hot. Charlotte Pleistone had to leave the Retreat on the 5-4 p.m. train.
- October 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Octave.  
Friday.  
Mass 7-30 a.m. Father Shelly & the Chaplain served the last morning of the Retreat. All enjoyed it more than ever! Everyone left during the morning in various cars. M<sup>rs</sup> Paleyall stayed until the afternoon when her husband fetched her. 5-57 p.m. + 5-22 p.m. went to Proctoria on the Van; the latter once more to see about her car. After Recitation Mother & the Assistant drove into Proctoria in the car & had tea there & stayed a short time at Fontaine on the way back. Classes as usual.
- (Sister Alma came for Retreat.)
- October 4<sup>th</sup>  
F. of St. Francis c.  
Octave.  
Saturday.  
Mass 7-15. Miss Walsh arrived on the 9-30 a.m. train, Miss Naeder's friend. At 10-45 a.m. Mother drove into Proctoria to change the boiler! & also to have Morning Tea at the School. Sister Alma in Retreat. Very heavy rain & a storm at 4 p.m. M<sup>rs</sup> Schickling came on the 5-4 p.m. train. Solemn Evening & Devotionals. Sung Mass 7 a.m. The party at the Nursery. Very nice, & M<sup>rs</sup> Gray with her two boys came Adrian, & Michael. A quiet Sunday with only one set of visitors. Solemn Evening & Sermon 6-30 p.m. M<sup>rs</sup> Arnold came to stay.

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October 6<sup>th</sup>.  
October Day.  
Monday.

Mass 7-15. After Morning Tea Mother drove into Porton  
& took Sister Emma, Miss Maeder, & Miss Walsh in as well.  
Sylvia was fetched back from the Moedersbond.  
Sr. H. Verity in Retreat. Mother & the Assistant went  
to supper at St. Margaret's.

October 7<sup>th</sup>.  
Tuesday.

Mass 7-15. Solemn Baptism 9 a.m. for Sheila. At 10-15  
Mother took Crista to the Magistrate's Office to  
report her arrival here, Mother also went to the  
Station about her ticket. Mother left for St. Catharines  
on the 8 p.m. train.

Weds: 8<sup>th</sup>.

No Mass. Mrs. Short poorly, so went to bed  
before supper. Girls' service at 6.30 p.m.

Thurs: 9<sup>th</sup>.

Mass 7.15 a.m. Miss Walsh & Mrs. Arnold  
left in the afternoon. Miss Moor-Allen &  
Miss Lutz came to stay. Terrific storm  
in the evening & during the night. Mrs. S. in bed.  
The Assistant took a girl to Court, & fetched  
another girl & her baby from the Moedersbond.

Fri: 10<sup>th</sup>.

7.15 a.m. Mass in time of War. Confessions  
in the morning. Sr. Agnes Irene & Sr. Hilda  
Verity to town by van.

Sat: 11<sup>th</sup>.

7.15 a.m. Mass of V. Lady. A telegram received  
at dinner-time — & taken by Bostock! —  
summoning Sr. Editha back to St. C's.  
Evening song & Devotions 6.30 p.m. Miss Lawrence  
& Miss du Toit came to stay.

Sun: 12<sup>th</sup>.

Sung Mass 7 a.m. Many visitors during the  
day, including Fr. Leach, & Annabel &  
her family. Sr. Gabriel, S.S.M., Superior of  
Noord St, JHS, came for her long retreat.  
Solemn Evening song & sermon 6.30 p.m. —  
singing extremely hearty with so many visitors!  
The Assistant took Elizabeth to the Moeders-  
bond about 9 p.m.

Trinity XVIII.

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Mon: 13<sup>th</sup>.

St. Edward K.C.

Mass 7.15 a.m. Miss Laurence, Miss du Toit, +  
Miss Moor-Allen left after Vp. Sr. H. Veity  
took Sr. A. Irene to the airport in the afternoon  
as her car was so painful. Lady Wessels +  
Miss Barber came over about 5.30 p.m., +  
Lady Wessels brought pictures for the Home.  
Sr. Editha left for St. C's in the evening.

Tues: 14<sup>th</sup>.

Mass 7.15 a.m. Sr. Barbara Mary returned  
from Rhodesia by the 5.51 p.m. train.  
Huge swarms of locusts in the afternoon +  
evening.

Weds: 15<sup>th</sup>.

St. Thomas.

Thurs: 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mass 7.15 a.m. Girls' service 6.30 p.m.  
No Mass, as the Chaplain had to go to Sacred  
Synod in Pretoria. In the afternoon the  
Assistant + Sr. B. Mary went to Fountains to  
join the School picnic there for tea.  
In the evening the Assistant + Sr. Esme  
took Miss Redpath to the General Hospital  
as she was being admitted for an operation  
on her leg. Tremendous storm during the night.

Fri: 17<sup>th</sup>.

St. Etheldreda.

Mass 7.15 a.m. No confessions as the  
Chaplain was at Synod. Sr. Eudora + Sr.  
Phyllis came for retreat. Sr. A. Irene to  
the doctor again in the morning, + Sr. H.  
Veity also to town by van.

Sat: 18<sup>th</sup>.

St. Luke.

Mass 7.15 a.m. Sr. E. + Sr. P. in retreat.  
The Assistant fetched Ellie + her baby from  
the Morderbond after dinner. Mr. Ingwersen  
called in the afternoon. Confessions at 11 a.m.  
Solemn Evensong + Devotions, 6.30 p.m.

Sun: 19<sup>th</sup>.

Synod Sunday.

Sung Mass 7 a.m. The Chaplain had the car  
to go to Synod, + took Sr. Olive Irene + Sr.  
Irene to the Cathedral, + Sr. Eudora +  
Sr. Phyllis into the town. In the afternoon

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- Sun: Cont<sup>d</sup> | P. Lena went down to help the Lewins, as Mrs. Lewin was home again & worse. S. H. Verity went to a native case at Penidene about 6.30 a.m. 4 old girls came. Evensong & sermon 6.30 p.m. Just before Compline Miss Maeder had a telephone message to say her sister had died.
- Mon: 20<sup>th</sup> | No Mass. Miss Maeder left for Mantzberg by the 2.40 p.m. train. Sr. A. Irene in retreat.
- Tues: 21<sup>st</sup> | Sung Requiem 7.15 a.m. S. H. Verity, S. Esme' & Sr. A. Irene to town in the afternoon. Mrs. Murphy & some friends came over to tea & saw over the Homes.
- Weds: 22<sup>nd</sup> | Mass 7.15 a.m. Sr. O. Irene went to the oculist in the afternoon. Brother Giles came to stay until the following day - Fr. Shelley brought him over. Girls' service 6.30 p.m.
- Thurs: 23<sup>rd</sup> | 7.15 a.m. Mass of the Bl: Sacrament. Brother Giles served. Fr. Shelley came over in the morning for meditation & Sr's confessions, & he & Brother Giles went off just after 12. In the afternoon the Assistant went to town to do some shopping, & then up to the School for tea. 2 ladies came from the JHHS Children's Home to see 4 children. Sr. Olive Irene in retreat.
- Fri: 24<sup>th</sup> | 7.15 a.m. Mass in time of war. Very heavy storm during the afternoon & evening. Sr. A. Irene, S. B. Mary & S. Hilda Verity all went to town by van. Superior, Sr. D. Helen & Sr. Joyce came in the evening for retreat. Sr. H. Verity left for her rest at Pietersberg after supper.
- Sat: 25<sup>th</sup> | 7.15 a.m. Mass of O. Lady. School Srs. in retreat.

Mother returned from St. Cultbert's on the 9-32 a.m. train. The Assistant met the train with the car. A talking Morning Tea. Mrs Wood came to stay & was driven over by M<sup>rs</sup> Thora from Probert's Heights. Mrs Naeder returned from Plainyburg & the 11-40 train. Solemn Evening & Devotions. 6-30 p.m.

Sunday.  
F. of Christ the King  
(Trinity XX)  
October 26<sup>th</sup>.

Sunny Mass. 7 a.m. Everything as usual, a very warm day. Solemn Evening & Sermon. 6-30 p.m. The three School Sisters left after Morning Tea & were picked by Sister K. Elisabeth. Father Laurin went into Proctoria in the school car to see M<sup>rs</sup> Laurin in the A.N. Home. Mass. 7-15. Jora Cury returned in time for afternoon tea.

Monday.  
Vigil.  
October 27<sup>th</sup>.

Mass 7-15. At 9-45 a.m. Mother, the Assistant, & Mrs Naeder went into Proctoria for a Meeting about the Sale at St. Albani Hostel. S<sup>rs</sup> E. Joras went into Proctoria on the Van for shopping. Mrs Woods left on the 5 p.m. train.

Tuesday.  
October 28<sup>th</sup>.  
F. of St. Simon & Jude  
1917-1918.

No Mass. Prime. 7-30 p.m. The Bishop in Madagascar came to see Mother at 12 o'clock & brought a present of some strawberries! Singing Practice for the communicant girls & class for the remainder.

Wednesday.  
October 29<sup>th</sup>.

Mass 7-15. At 3 p.m. Nancy Smith brought over from Johannesburg M<sup>rs</sup> Murray, M<sup>rs</sup> Sheaves & M<sup>rs</sup> Reynolds the latter's daughter to see the Home. All very nice & appreciative; they all had tea in the Recreation Room with Mother & the Assistant. M<sup>rs</sup> Scott arrived in the afternoon to stay, & was brought by car from Johannesburg. Mother had a message during Compline to say David's father had died. S<sup>rs</sup> B. Mary in Retreat.

Thursday.  
October 30<sup>th</sup>.

Friday  
Vigil.  
October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Nov 7-15. As there was no one to drive the Van, David having gone off to his father's funeral, Mother drove the car into Pictoria & did various shoppings & laundryings! also took Sister Esme, & Sister B. Mary in and Charlotte. No Recreation. Solemn Evensong & Procession 6-30 p.m. after which Mother drove Annie into the Overboard.

Saturday.  
F. of All Saints.  
November 1<sup>st</sup>

Sung Mass 7 a.m. At 2 p.m. Mother went up to St. Margarets to be photographed with the children for the advertisement for the Sale! Miss Rogers came to see Mother at 4 p.m. Solemn Evensong & Devotion 6-30 p.m.

Sunday.  
In the Octave.  
November 2<sup>nd</sup>

Sung Mass 7 a.m. Many people came in connection with the girls. A very high wind, blowing nearly all day. Sister Lucy Bridget, East Coaststead, came in the 4-8 p.m. train for Pretoria. Sister Esme came down to sleep at the Home for a week.

Solemn Evensong & Sermon 6-30 p.m. followed by Placcho. S<sup>rs</sup> O.F. took flowers to the Cemetery with some girls.

Monday.  
All Souls.  
November 3<sup>rd</sup>

Sung Requiem 7 a.m. Mother & the Assistant walked down to the Cemetery in the morning. S<sup>rs</sup> O.F. went to Pictoria in the Van with some babies to the District Surgeon. Father Lewis had tea at 10-30. with Mother. M<sup>rs</sup> Ellis came with Prans & brought the result of her Trumble Sale for the Irene Home Sale. The Strathurs & Miss Bidart came at 4-30 p.m. & brought children's clothes. They all had tea in the Visitors Room.

Tuesday.  
Octave.  
November 4<sup>th</sup>

Nov. 7-15. Mother & S<sup>rs</sup> E.D. had early dinner & went into Pictoria; Mother saw M<sup>rs</sup> Farquharson about the Lewis's house first, and then went on to the School with Sister for the confirmation at 3 p.m. Sister Esme had supper in bed. Mother called to see M<sup>rs</sup> Lewis on the way



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back from Pretoria.

Wednesday.  
Octave.

No Mass. Prime. 7-30. Mother went into her long Retreat at Vesper-time.

November 5<sup>th</sup>

Gilda's service at 6.30 p.m.

Thurs: 6<sup>th</sup>  
Octave.

Mass 7.15 a.m. Very heavy rain all the morning until about 2.30 p.m. The Assistant & Sr. Barbara May took Susan to the Floods-bond about 1.30 p.m. Fr. Shelley came.

Fri: 7<sup>th</sup>  
Octave.

Mass 7.15 a.m. Sr. Lucy Bridget ended her retreat & returned to JHB by the 10.20 a.m. train. 3 visitors came from the Floods-bond to see the Homes. Mr. Kennaird came to see about the leaks in the D.H. roof. Sr. B. May went to town in the morning. May was blessed in the morning. The Assistant took all the girls in Chapel for a class at 6.40 p.m. Sr. Alma came for retreat.

Sat: 8<sup>th</sup>  
Octave Day.

Mass 7.15 a.m. Sr. Alma in retreat. In the afternoon Canon Herford, 6 D.S.S. children, & Sr. Eudora came to tea. The Nation of Pretoria Hospital came about 5 p.m. Miss Lotter came for the weekend. Over was blessed at 6.15 p.m. Solemn Evensong & Devotions 6.30 p.m.

Sun: 9<sup>th</sup>  
Trinity XXII

Sung Mass 7 a.m. Sr. Alma left by the 9.32 a.m. train. Very hot day, & very few visitors. Evensong & sermon 6.30 p.m.

Mon: 10<sup>th</sup>

No Mass. In the morning the Assistant went to Pretoria. Mrs. Scott left by the 10.20 a.m. train. In the afternoon Sr. Olive Irene had 2 cables to say her mother had died.

Tues day.  
F. of St. Martin's  
November 11<sup>th</sup>

No Mass in Holy Cross Chapel; two at St. Martin's Church, one at 6.30 a.m. & one at 7.15 a.m. The

Sisters went to the latter. Mother came out of Retreat after Mass. After Recreation Mother & the Assistant went to Fountain for S<sup>r</sup>. Sidorov's picnic & returned at 5-15 p.m. Twelve gold fish were taken by Evelyn as a present to Canon Harford for his fish pond!

Wednesday.  
November 12<sup>th</sup>.

Sung Requiem. c.s.r.v. 7-15. At 11 a.m. Mother drove into Pictoria to fetch back Elizabeth & her baby & Joey. Miss Craig went to Lady Selborne for the week end.

Thursday.  
November 13<sup>th</sup>.

Mass 7-15. The Assistant in Retreat. Miss Holyoke came to stay & was brought over by Miss Baker & Miss Taylor by car, in time for Morning Tea. A very hot day with a high wind blowing all day; most trying! At 3-15 p.m. Mother went away to see M<sup>rs</sup>. Gray.

Friday, Requiem  
November 14<sup>th</sup>.

Mass 7-15. The Assistant, & S<sup>r</sup>. E. Dorcas in Retreat. Only S<sup>r</sup>. B. Mary went into Pictoria on the Van. Classes as usual. Fr. Lewis came to see Mother after the girls' confessions at 11 a.m.

Saturday.  
November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mass 7-15. S<sup>r</sup>. Hilda Veity returned from her Post on the 7 a.m. train, the Van went to the station to meet her. Miss Holyoke in Retreat. Miss Lottor came for tea. Miss Baker went to M<sup>rs</sup>. Schickling for the night. Evening & Devotions - 6-30 p.m.

Sunday.  
Trinity XVIII.  
November 16<sup>th</sup>.

Sung Mass 7 a.m. Everything as usual. Evening & Sermon. 6-15 p.m.

Monday.  
F. of St. Hugh B.C.  
November 17<sup>th</sup>.

Mass 7-15. The Assistant went into Pictoria in the Van with several girls: about committals. The car refused to go! At 2-30 Mother went into Pictoria in the car, being towed by the Van! & took Miss Holyoke in with her, after her stay. Very slow progress, however finally the car got to the garage! At 6 p.m. the Sophisters Orlando, & Lady Selborne staff all arrived for Retreat which started in the evening. In the

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