

1960  
Oct:

The Assistant went to St. Saviour's - Pastoral West. to talk  
to a confirmation class of girls about vocation & the  
Religious life

- 20<sup>th</sup> Sr Muriel Grace spent the day with her parents
- 21<sup>st</sup> David took girls to town - to bus. The Von Banna came  
to give estimates re painting - the little chapel - kitchen  
& laundry ceiling. The Warden cancelled his visitation!
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Sr Muriel Grace was fetched by a Johannesbany  
couple to meet all the other couples!
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Sr Mary P. Lewis. The Assistant took Sr Muriel Grace to the D.S.G. & brought  
her back for dinner. Solomon Peta called. We had Vespers at 3:30  
& Mother took Sr Muriel Grace to St. Catharines at 4:30 pm.
- 24<sup>th</sup> Sr Deborah Mary took girls to Hospital. David took the ladies  
to draw pensions. Vivian taken to Hospital for operation (25<sup>th</sup>)
- 25<sup>th</sup> We said the Little Office for Sr Veronica, Sr Gertrude Annie & Sr Alice  
Kathryn after Sext. Marjorie came to make loose covers.  
Mary Dunton & Jocelyn were driven back here from Plaster  
& arrived at midday. Sr Deborah Mary took 12 girls  
to a lovely swimming party at Mrs Burward's from  
2:30 - 4:30 pm in the van. Antoinette went to Pond.
- 26<sup>th</sup> David drove Mary D. & Jocelyn to see Dr. Lang.  
Sr Deborah Mary took Irene, Jean, Johanna to O.P.D.
- 27<sup>th</sup> David drove Alice as escort for girl to Dental Clinic & did shopping.  
Sr Isabel Joy took Alice & Pamela to Hospital in afternoon & shopped.  
The Assistant went to D.S.G. Jane Stevens came for 1 night.
- 28<sup>th</sup> Sr Deb. Mary took Matron Margaret to Orthopaedic Clinic & girls  
to Pond. David drove Jocelyn for X-rays (with Mary D.)  
Mrs Kinker came to stay. Mrs Mitchell & Mrs Guilford called to  
Mrs Hall.
- 29<sup>th</sup> Fr. Carrick for Sisters' Confessions. Mother returns. Mrs Ellis called  
Some of the ladies went to Cecily Paget's  
farewell at Tunelony. J.S. returned afterwards
- 30<sup>th</sup> Bro. John came to visit his sister.
- 31<sup>st</sup> The Assistant and Sr H. Clare went to the D.S.G.  
Home party at Fountain's

All Saints: A lovely sunny Mass - Mother unable to  
Communion as starting a germ. The Assistant  
started her long retreat.

2<sup>d</sup> Mother in bed - The Assistant emerged for retreat!  
S. N. Anthony + S. I. Jay took a party of the aged to  
H.C. Home where they were entertained quite  
royally by Lady Nant and her niece and daughter.

3<sup>d</sup> The Bishop said Mass at S. Nicks and brought Mother  
her Communion.

4<sup>th</sup> Very hot - S. Joan came to write her prize-  
giving speech - The guests remained

5<sup>th</sup> Mother got up and had tea in her room.

6<sup>th</sup> Bro John and Elizabeth visited The Assistant.

7<sup>th</sup> Fr Graham went to the D.S.G. - The afternoon  
and was fetched by S. I. Jay.

8<sup>th</sup> The Vicar said Mass - gave an address and  
heard Confessions. S. N. Anthony drove her to  
Rosettenville in the evening. The Assistant  
went by train to Germiston and spoke to the  
Nathans at St. Boniface. Mary Dawson went  
as her companion.

9<sup>th</sup> PAIN and more PAIN - soft rain

The gardeners joy

10<sup>th</sup> The Assistant drove Mother to see Sister  
Irene Benedict and she went to see Mother  
Ada. The Assistant - S. Euphemia

Mrs. Small and Sister Margaret went.

11<sup>th</sup> is the D.S.G. prize giving - Rain

The Assistant drove Mother to town for a speedy  
Xmas shop. - rain

12<sup>th</sup> Rain lessening. S. D. Mary went to town

13<sup>th</sup> We heard that Mother Tabitha was ill

14<sup>th</sup> The Assistant took girls to visit Joan in  
hospital - left a letter at the D.S.G. for S. Joan  
and went on to visit her sick mare at H.C.H.

- at 6 pm the Assistant went into retreat for 4 days
- 14<sup>th</sup> A cable telegram from St. Catharines to say that  
Noller Tabatha was at rest. S. Ethel to town
- 15<sup>th</sup> ~~S. Doris~~ Fr. Carrick said a Mass of the Holy  
Spirit in church as it was the day Noller  
General was flying to India. S. Doran  
and girls went to town. Fr. Carrick took  
an extra Confirmation class
- 16<sup>th</sup> A Requiem for Noller Tabatha.  
Car. Van in dock + so S.T.A. S. Ethel went to  
fetch 'Polly' kindly lent by 'Ek' NOTHER IN INDIA
- 17<sup>th</sup> S. N. Antony did the weekly shopping - Polly!
- 18<sup>th</sup> The Assistant emerged from her long Retreat - S. D. Mary  
and S. Doran had a long morning retreat with  
S. N. Antony in retreat. Garage doors erected!
- 19<sup>th</sup> A fairly peaceful day. The Assistant drove Noller  
to do some Xmas shopping
- 20<sup>th</sup> Miss Danton went to Johannesburg. Brother  
John his wife and niece came to visit. S.D.R.
- 21<sup>st</sup> Winifred Fenwick brought three students from  
Trenton. S.D.R. gave them a talk - S.D.R. took  
a party to town.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> B. The building sub-committee met to consider  
tenders for the Cottage extension.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Noller + the Assistant shopped for Xmas + Jo'key  
and lunched with Mrs. Stratten at Derragh Home.
- 24<sup>th</sup> We kept the Holy Day Home.
- 25<sup>th</sup> S. D. Mary went to town. Evelyn left for Rosetown  
+ the Assistant drove Noller to the D.S.G. on business
- 26<sup>th</sup> Fr. Carrick heard Sisters' confessions. A contingent  
of D.S.G. red cross came to visit the homes especially  
St. Margaret's.
- 27<sup>th</sup> Bro. John to see S.D.R. Several visitors
- 28<sup>th</sup> Noller left for Nanjing. The Assistant went to the  
Ek Committee - the last during the sisters' regime!

- 5<sup>th</sup> Deborah May took girls to house.
- 29<sup>th</sup> We kept a chain of Prayer.
- 30<sup>th</sup> Alice Burke returned
- 1<sup>st</sup> The Bishop said Mass at St. Margaret's. Natter returned.  
The Assistant went to speak at Christ the King Roberts' Heights, taking Mrs Adcock as a companion
- 2<sup>nd</sup> SNA took a party of girls to Mrs Durwanta's home - Johnny to swim & play. A large number in bus and two cars went to the Nativity Play at the O.S.G. It rained so the play was performed indoors
- 3<sup>rd</sup> A smaller party went to the Play by bus. Miss Stewart came to stay.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Susan du Toit arrived
- 5<sup>th</sup> The Assistant drove Mother to Waverly for dinner & the Board meeting. She went to Mrs Soames till 3:30 when she returned to Waverly & they both stayed on for the Christmas Play "The First Crisp" <sup>they brought back Agnes Crystal to see</sup> Mrs Beardshaw came to stay. Film "Frances joins the SACs."
- 6<sup>th</sup> Vivian went to Court with Sr. Deb. Mary - Mrs. Kibber took out some ladies - Jean Hand spent the day in the Priests Roubavel & Boyd called. Film completed hilariously.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Sr. Isabel Joy took Sr. Agnes Crystal to see Dr. Vennings & Dr. Glenn. Evelyn went to Hospital for ear operation - Evelyn brought 3 African Staff for the day.
- 8<sup>th</sup> The Assistant took A. Rorke to see Dr. MacCallum. Joan taken to Hospital by Sr. Deb. Mary. Sr. Euphemia went to bed ill
- 9<sup>th</sup> Girls taken to Bond. Mother went to bed poorly. Dr. Rosemary
- 10<sup>th</sup> Sr. Deborah May & Hilary Clare took Mrs. Fort & Bronwyn to S. Mary's Home & left Bronwyn there. June taken to see Janet-Elizabeth Bloom. fetched back. Elvane came for afternoon & Sr. Viola came for 2 nights.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Jean Hand came in the morning. Annie Keller & her Mother for the
- 12<sup>th</sup> Sr. Deb. Mary took Cive to Hospital - fetched back from returned.
- 13<sup>th</sup> The Assistant drove Sr. Joan to Education (see in Feb)
- 14<sup>th</sup> Lovely party for Irene African School (African) 250 boys & girls - Milk bun doughnut. Sausage roll. Icesnacks. Sweet Pink drink & 50 prizes - all so happy. Evelyn back.
- 15<sup>th</sup> Mother & the Assistant went to ER for Constitution (see Brought back Sr. Ida & Christina from S.N.C. & Sr. Side both arrived

14<sup>th</sup>

16<sup>th</sup> The Advent-retreat here began in the evening.  
17<sup>th</sup> A very hot day with storms. Fr had to stand against thunder during the last address.

18<sup>th</sup> The D.S. of Sisters stayed for A. Tea. The Waverley Sisters returned early as Fr was to be taken to Rossettsville. In the evening the Assistant and 4 others went to the Waverley Retreat. Two girls absconded.

19<sup>th</sup> A fairly quiet day - sisters then on the ground! Sister went to the occultist.

20<sup>th</sup> The Sisters returned from Waverley. Sister Olive Frances arrived from St. Cuthberts to rest and then work here. Mrs Webb to stay.

21<sup>st</sup> A busy day with many comings and goings. S. O. Noy to Court etc.

22 The Assistant stopped etc. All busy preparing for Xmas. Judy came for Xmas list.

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CHRISTMAS, 1900.

CHRISTMAS EVE.

- 6.45 a.m. Prisco.
- 7 Mass + Teat
- 9.30 Vespers Sext & None.
- 10 Confessions
- 12.45 p.m. Dinner
- 3.30 Tea
- 8 Vespers & Carols
- 7 Supper
- 8.30 Matins &

CHRISTMAS DAY.

- 1 2 midnight Holy Mass. 4 Lauds
- 6.30 a.m. Tea & biscuits.
- 7.5 Prisco
- 7.30 Mass
- 8 Breakfast followed by Tease
- 10.30 Morning Tea for all on the Mass.
- 12 noon Sext & None.
- 12.30 Picnic Dinner.
- 3.30 Tea
- 5.30 Devotions
- 7 Christmas Dinner
- 9 Matins & Lauds.

- Dec 26. Supper at 6. Carols round tree 7pm. Mr Blake was 7 Christmas & it was all v. happy. Games afterwards & Icecreams given by Mr Haralambous.
27. The Assistant went to say good bye to the Maids.
28. 2.30 CSTW Council. All Tot Srs came except Sr Agnes Crystal after her op.  
3.30 Tea in garden. 4.15 Vespers & Compline. 5 Picnic High Tea taken from Refectory (capitana!) to garden - cold chicken salad etc.  
6. Film - The Living Desert given by Mrs Stevenson for all. Bites before they went home - & icecreams during Film.
29. Anne Stewart left. Mrs Savage came for days retreat.  
Mr & Mrs Sheridan to see Sr Marg<sup>th</sup> & Sr I7.
30. Mother General's plane from India delayed 6 hours. Mother & Asst & 6 nuns met her at airport at 12.35pm - Great joy!
31. Mother rested till afternoon when she saw Annie Triller who stayed the weekend & was accepted as a postulant for 1962!

1961

- Jan. 1. Jan Sung Mass. Sr Viola & Sr Victoria Mary came to stay while CR Retreat on at DSG.
2. Sr Deborah Mary took Johanna to Hospital & at 115 took Guts in Van & walk to Smuts Kopje - fetching them at 3.30. Supper 6. Film Challenge to Passio then on 3rd. Mother G. started Times.
3. Mother G. Mother P. & Assistant drove to Lesching, meeting Rk Sr there & seeing Meadowlands & Dikonyareng - took for dinner - tea. Vespers & Compline. They brought Sr Yvonne Mary back to stay.
4. Mother went on with Times. Jocelyn for night.
5. Mother G. in bed all day. The Assistant & Mr. Ellis met Mrs Green on Street Collection in Tretoria.
6. <sup>Sung Mass with Sr Mary playing</sup> Guts to <sup>board</sup> with Mr Korke. The Asst. Sr E Angela & Sr Joy met Sr Dorothy Michael at Airport flying from E London with broken leg. She managed well & came home in the car.
7. Sr Joan fetched Mother G. to stay at DSG 11am. Sr Rosemary & Mr Korke went to Timothy Glover's wedding. Mother & the Assistant & Sr Yvonne Mary went to Rk 2pm for Sr's Farewell Party there - had a bad puncture - back by 6.30

1941

- Jan. 9. Mother the Assistant & E. Angela to town for Exit permits etc. - Mother to see Motherly. at D.S.G.
- 10. Sp of Pretoria to stay 2 nights. S.I. Joy took S. Dor. Michael & E. Angela for yellow fever injections & vaccination. S. Mat Antony went with Van to collect furniture
- 11. Car serviced. David took Mrs. Forty to Waverley with her luggage.
- 12. The Bishop left - We kept the Holy Hour. - S.O.D. went to the Board etc
- 13. We jacked the car after a second emergency and brought Mother back for the school. S. Joan also came for a rest.
- 14. Mother had lunch with the sisters. In the afternoon Eaux Truies choir sang to Mother and the patients at S. Pats - lovely - We gave them choir a party tea and paid for the transport. - A terrific storm began at 9.25pm and continued most of the night - the longest storm we have known. We thought it was trying to show Mother General what it could do! - S. Joan - rest.
- 15. A fairly peaceful day - Mother had 'times' seven babies were baptized. S. Joan rested.
- 16. Mother rested. S. Joan to Nurse and rested for the rest of the day. In the afternoon the Assistant drove Mother General to meet the Board of Directors at Waverley - Mother P. also went. Mother General stayed on at Waverley. The others returned - arriving home just before 6 p.m. (SDR to Street Coll meeting - an
- 17. Mother P. - rest. S. Joan went back to school. S.O. Mary to Dental Clinic etc
- 18. Mother P. and SDR went to see Mother at Waverley and stayed to tea
- 20. A Van load went with S.O. Mary - David.

- driving to Clunes etc. Natter & the Assistant stopped  
 21<sup>st</sup> Chapter with Natter General presiding  
 A happy chapter - Natter making it with her  
 address - of course - after Mass we had a  
 picnic lunch in the garden. - altogether a  
 really inspiring day.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> & A fairly peaceful day - We admitted a deaf  
 and dumb girl - pregnant. Fr Jensen came  
 to talk to Natter. Fr Whitford O.R. came in the  
 evening to stay one week.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> (The Assistant) Natter had 'tuni' with the sisters  
 24 The schools reopened. We all (but Sister Rosemary) went  
 to the Van de Byli's garden - Natter General and some  
 sisters sketched and then we had 'lea picnic on  
 ye olde F&S lea ground
- 25<sup>th</sup> The Assistant drove a whole party of us to two towns  
 including Fr Whitford. Natter & I went up to the O.S.G.  
 by bus and later the Van driver by the Assistant  
 arrived to take her back to town and collect all  
 the others
- 26<sup>th</sup> Fr Jensen returned, but did not say Mass as Fr  
 Whitford was still with us.
- 27<sup>th</sup> Natter & the Assistant were in retreat. Natter had  
 a rather broken one as a cable came from  
 England, which necessitated doing some business
- 28<sup>th</sup> A fairly quiet Saturday - with letters from Wauyaga  
 to enliven our way! Much laughter as we  
 read from the letters of our two Sisters who flew  
 home on the Boeing
- 29<sup>th</sup> Fr Jensen was not well - so we had said Mass  
 with hymns. Fr Cornick said Evensong and  
 preached. Natter General talked to the Oblates
- 30<sup>th</sup> The Assistant drove Natter to Waverley and  
 then went to an 'Eki' meeting with S' Maryone  
 O'Connell. She also visited the General Hospital and said



'Mother Ada' and Mrs Reink.

Feb 1<sup>st</sup> Peggy Van de Byl and Nigel Helme were married in our chapel. - a simple and beautiful wedding. The flowers were lovely and arranged by Peggy's mother. The Assistant drove Mother P to fetch Mother G home.

2<sup>nd</sup> Candle mass at 6.45 with Fr Davis assisting - all went happily but the procession to for the altar for candles needs more rehearsal - the wedding letter through us out of gear. - A Happy Day.

S.D.N.  
S.N.A.  
to East  
London

3<sup>rd</sup> The Bishop said Mass at St. Margarets. The Assistant drove Mother to the dentist. S. Joan for receipt.

4<sup>th</sup> S. Joan took Mother G. to the O.S.G. S. D. Raphael had her Communion for the Tabernacle and was driven - after an early breakfast - by Mrs Norris to the Town Hall for the Street Collection. It was the best ever - Over 270 taken with the proceeds of two cake stalls to follow.

5<sup>th</sup> The day was greatly disturbed by the disappearance of 4 of our girls who are under the N.O. ad.

6<sup>th</sup> We fetched Mother G. back. Two girls were brought back - one slipped away again but was afterwards found. - Film in the evening - 3

7<sup>th</sup> An anxious day as two girls are still missing. Sister Joan is bed all day.

8<sup>th</sup> The girls still missing. Sister Irene Benedict and Sister Viola came to see Mother G. S. Joan not well.

(9<sup>th</sup> Clothing Day) Father Rakale came to tell us about Nassau and Bishop Huddleston.

9<sup>th</sup> Clothing Day - Fr Rakale said Mass. We had two talking meals with Mother G. D.S.G. Sisters came to say good bye.

10<sup>th</sup> Irene Exec. Committee 2.45 with the Bishop in the Chair. lovely talking Supper with Mother G. by candle light.

11. 5.45am Mass with Mother G. before she & Mother P. flew to E. London from John Smiths Airport at 8am where 5 lovely Sisters came to say good bye. Madge Le May came to stay. Mrs Carter Brown for day.

1961.  
Feb:

- 12. Quinquagesima. Said Mass with hymns & incense. Dawn Woods' baby baptized in Chapel. 10am by Fr Lewis Confirmation Class. D'Lang to see Sr Joan.
- 13. Rosemary Barron came to say goodbye before going to Monte
- 14. Mass in Church at 8am. Mass Blues for the night.  
Dorothea House came to be shrives. Sr J. Joy took A. Rorke to Specialist & had good report.
- 15th Ash Weds. Tam Imposition of Ashes Mass with hymns. Lent Service. Film strips of the Gospel taken by the Assistant. Sr Euphemia & Dorothea in Retreat
- 16th Sr Lillian went to E. London cottage to join Sr Marjorie Anne.  
Sr Trengning & friends <sup>from the Retreat</sup> came to see Sr Margaret & Margaret Anthony in Retreat  
Sr Deborah May arrived. A. Rorke in bed till Sunday. D'Lang came.
- 17th Eve of St. Robert & St. Anthony. Deborah Davies to Clinic. Girls to town from Stations of the Cross.
- 18th Lent I. Sung Mass 7am. Mr & Mrs Richards came & brought fram etc
- 20th Mr. Doorman Mrs Peteren & 2 others from Kempton Park visited Home
- 21. Sr Margaret Anthony to Hosp for treatment. Sr Deb. May took girls to town. D'Lang came. Sr Joan to visit 7am all day.
- 22. Joalyn & friend called. Lent Service. Diana taken to Special Diseases Clinic by Sr Deb. May.
- 23. S.M.A. to town for treatment & girls to Dental Clinic. Mr Adcock started work for 4 days a week. Holy Hour 3-4pm.
- 24. S.F. & David took girls to Bond. Sr Deb. May & Ass't took girls to Court & to D.S.G. Mr Norris & Mr Coetzee came re spin dryer & mixer fixing. Station of the Cross. Ass't met Night Nurse Maria
- 25. Sr Deb. May took V. to Dental Hospital. Fr Canick for Sr Confessions
- Lent II. 26th Sung Mass 7am. Anne Hobson to see Sr Joan.
- 27th The Assistant took Sr Joan back to D.S.G. left books at Auditors.  
Sr Deborah May went with papers to Court & Ch. Welfar Socy  
Electrician fixed spin dryer & mixer.
- 28th Mass at Church. Sr Margaret Anthony & Mrs Small. Sr Deb. May & David to town. Van left at Garage. Mrs Bekker to see Assistant  
Girls to Optician & Elizabeth's baby to see her with Sr A. Frances
- March 1. Mr Adcock. Sr Dorothea & David with Poppy to Dental Hospital  
Sr Deb. May took Valerie to station to go with escort to Stankton  
Sr Joan for night.

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