

30. 4. 1948. Mass 6.30 a.m. First Vespers S.S. Philip & James. Tottings from the Convent told us of the ill health of the novice Mistress and of a second operation. Francis was transferred to Umtata Hospital today. Peter Wright taken to Umtata as he, too, is suffering from diphtheria.

1. 5. 1948 FEAST OF S.S. PHILIP AND JAMES. Mass 6.20 a.m. in Saint Lucy's Chapel. Mass in Church 6.30. Sing Mass 8.30 a.m. The Father Superior, S.S.J.E. at Mass having returned from Kokstad by car on Friday. Sister Margaret Anthony in retreat.

EASTER V. Mass 7 a.m. Sing Mass 9.30. Sister Maria came to take a devotional service with the children in the morning as they are in quarantine and in the afternoon they had Sunday School lesson alone. Miss Rosa Drewi and Freddie went by car to Umtata to meet Sister Tom Augustini - they had supper in that City (pic-nic) and returned home.

3. 5. 1948. Mass 6.30 a.m. Feast of the Holy Cross. Rogation Day. Vespers 4 p.m. Evening in Church 5 p.m. followed by Litany. Doctor Bude Dickson and nurse Rosalind detained as the mist was so dense - they stayed the night at Mrs. Morrison's. Mother P sent a telegram to say she could not be visiting us owing to Sister Margaret's condition of health and the epidemic of diphtheria here. Mr. White visited the compound.

4. 5. 1948. Mass 6.30 a.m. Feast of Saint Monica. Rogation Day. Miss Preston came with some visitors. Doctor Bude Dickson and nurse Rosalind returned safely before morning tea.

5. 5. 1948. Mass 6.30 a.m. Vigil of the Ascension. Confessions 3.30; First Vespers of the Ascension 4.20; Solemn Evening in Church 5 p.m. Sister Dorothea went to Umtata. In Chapel the flowers are of a golden hue.

ASCENSION DAY. Mass 6.30 a.m. Sing Mass & Procession 8.30 a.m. The children out of quarantine and went to Mass; they had been deprived of going to church for twelve days. Children

went for a picnic to the dam, Sister Dorothea, Sister Rachel May, Sister Joan Augustini and Sister Margaret Antony going with them. Sister Euphemia and the remaining Sisters, including Sister Evelyn Angela stayed at home and had picnic lunch on the lawn. A very happy day for all.

7. 5. 48. Mass in Saint Mary's Chapel at 6.20 a.m. Father Young said Mass of Saint John Ante Port. lat. at being the Festival of S.S.T.E. Devotions 5 p.m.

8. 5. 48. Mass in Saint Mary's Chapel at 6.20 a.m. Sister Dorothea is anxious to sketch a few last impressions and went with Sister Olive Frances to paint a last impression of the Mission - the afternoon was not really suitable for painting as there were no shadows - therefore another expedition must be made in order to finish the sketch.

SUNDAY
AFTER THE
ASCENSION. Mass in Saint Mary's Chapel 7.00. Celebrant - The Reverend Father Superior, S.S.T.E. Sung Mass and Procession 9 a.m. in Church. Doctor Bride Durham, being alone, came to afternoon tea. A rushing mighty wind prevailed.

10. 5. 1948. Mass 6.20 a.m. Sister Winifred Leahy not very well; sent to bed before Vespers. Sister Euphemia told us of her plans for her rest - Sister Evelyn is going with her to stay at the Rectory, East London. This may not, however, come to pass. The Father Superior left for Capetown.

11. 5. 1948. No Mass. Sister Winifred Leahy better but is to remain in bed for two days. Francisina returned from Montala Hospital.

12. 5. 1948. Mass 6.30 a.m. Talking Tea. Confessions 7.30 p.m. Vespers & Compline 5.15 p.m.

13. 5. 1948. Octave Day of the Ascension. Mass in St. Mary's Chapel 6.20 a.m. Holy Hour followed Vespers. Sister Dorothea and Sister Joan Augustini in retreat. Sister Euphemia and Sister Evelyn Angela went to Mbekewana for an expedition with Sister Albertina's, C.S.T.B., children - a school holiday was given instead of May 24th. It has been a very happy

festival Sister Winifred heavily up for a few hours.

14. 5. 1948. Mass 6.30 a.m. Sister Euphemia, Sister Dorothy Helen, Sister Margaret Antony, with Sister Joan Augustine driving, went to Wintata for various reasons.

Vigil Eve of Whitsunday - Pentecost. Mass 6.30 a.m. Sister Euphemia and Sister Olive Frances in retreat. Solemn Eucology with procession and Solemn Baptism of Noah and Magdalene in Church at 4 p.m. Host moving.

WHITSUNDAY. Mass 6.30 a.m. Sung Mass and Procession 8.30 a.m. No

PENTECOST Catechism. Doctor Bride Dickson and Sister Drew came to afternoon tea. Sister Euphemia went with Sister Evelyn Angela to the C.S.J.B. Sisters for Festival Recreation.

Monday in Mass 6.30 a.m. Sister Euphemia was unable to go to mass.

Whitsuntide Sister Winifred heavily is somewhat better. Father Young came to Solemn Vespers and John was thurifer. There were two letters from Mother P telling us that Sister Margel's condition is not malignant and that there is every hope of her being able to continue helping in Africa. We are all so thankful. We heard also that Sister Edith Laura has died from a stroke and that our late Warden - Doctor Kiddell has had a severe stroke and is in hospital in Oxford.

Tuesday in Mass 6.30 a.m. Talking morning tea. Mr. Gorman brought Whitsuntide visitors to the compound together with three scotties which disturbed our young cats!!

19. 5. 1948. Mass 6.30 a.m. Tottings from home told us that the Novice Mission has had a second operation. Deo gratias. Doctor Bride Dickson received a letter saying that the locum tenens is unable to come in July on account of a Government appointment - this is indeed a blow but one day at a time!!

20. 5. 1948. Mass 6.30 a.m. Requiem for Father Chard, S.S.J.C. Sister Evelyn Angela in retreat so has been with us all day.

Intercession at 4.30 p.m.

21.5.48. Mass 6.20 a.m. S. Lucy's Chapel. Mass 6.30 a.m. in Church.
Sister Rachel Mary assisted by Sister Dorothea Mary with
the delegates and their assistants of the Mothers' Union - they
came to tea and have been occupied since that time.
Owing to the depleted number of Sisters we were unable to
have Devotions.

22.5.48. Mass 6.30 a.m. Sister Rachel Mary went to 7 a.m. Mass with
the Mothers' Union representatives. We were told that many
outstations were not represented. Parish held at
home today.

TRINITY
SUNDAY
Mass 7 a.m. Sung Mass and Procession 9 a.m. Evening 5.45
We heard that Father Ambrose with another African Priest is
sailing on the Winchester Castle to begin their Ministry - the
Community of the Resurrection, Highfield.

24.5.1948. Empire Day - Public Holiday. Mass 6.30 a.m. There were
two picnics - Sister Dorothea and Sister Margaret Anthony took
a party up Keweenaw Mountain. Auntie took a party to
her hands to help her reap the beans. Sister Rachel
Mary, Sister Olive Frances and Sister Winifred Leachly joined them
for lunch. Sister Euphemia, Sister Dorothy Helen, Sister
Tom Argenti and Sister Evelyn Angela had a picnic lunch
in our own grounds. S.O.S. arrived during Vespers to say
one of the S.T.B. children was ill - Sister Tom Argenti
went to investigate but returned assuring us that all was
well and mainly the child was suffering from shock, she having
fallen and struck the back of her head.

25.5.1948. Mass in S. Mary's Chapel 6.20 a.m. Alebrand Father Young, S.S.J.P.
Confessions 7.30 p.m. Letter received from Mother P. telling us that
Sister Margaret had undergone the operation and it was hoped
all would be well, but time will tell. Mother P. also
mentioned her visit to Saint Cathberts - maybe Mother P. will
come after her retreat at Bloomfontein. The new cooking
school building is progressing rapidly - it is known as the
Crystal Palace!

- 26.5.1948. Mass 6.30 a.m. Sister Euphemia and other Sisters went to Tado in order to give their vote for the general Election. Father Young came at 7.30 p.m. for Confessions therefore we had Vespers and Compline at 5.15 p.m.
- 27.5.1948. Mass 6.30 a.m. Sung Mass and Procession 8.15 a.m.
- FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI Sister Dorothy Helen who went & bed yesterday with a bad cold was not allowed up. The children were entertained by Mr. Wright with a film. Sister Euphemia very busy dealing with the children's reports and preparing for a rest at Queenstown.
- 28.5.1948. Mass 6.20 a.m. St. Lucy's Chapel. Mass 6.30 a.m. in Church. Sister Euphemia left at 7.45 a.m. by the Mission Car en route for her rest at Queenstown. Sister Dorothy ^{Helen} up for two hours. We heard from Wantage that Doctor Kidd (our late Warden) had died. R.I.P. Sisters have been sent to Parson Cross, Sheffield to begin work in that district.
- 29.5.1948. Mass 6.30 a.m. Sister Dorothy Helen up from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. - still not very well. Sister Rachel Mary in retreat.
- 30.5.1948. Mass 7 a.m. Sung Mass and Procession 9 a.m. - Sunday in Octave TRINITY I of Corpus Christi. Doctor Bride Dickson and Sister Drew came to afternoon tea.
- 31.5.1948. Mass 6.20 a.m. Saint Mary's Chapel - Father Young celebrated. Sister Dorothea and Sister Margaret Antony took some of the children to the bush for a picnic - others went to the river. Union Day is a public holiday.
- 1.6.1948. Mass 6.30 a.m. Confessions 5.40 p.m.
- 2.6.1948. Mass 6.30 a.m. Sister Evelyn Angela went to Inshewatanana.
- 3.6.1948. Intercussions } Mass 6.30 a.m. First Vespers of the Feast of the Sacred Heart. Sister Dorothea and Sister Rachel Mary went to Umata - the latter went to a meeting of the Mothers.

Union.

4. 6. 1948. Mass 6.30 a.m. Feast of the Sacred Heart (not kept in Church).
A very heavy frost. Devotions 5 p.m. Sister Dorothy Helen in retreat. Sister Evelyn Angela returned from Imbohotwana.
5. 6. 1948. Mass 6.20 in Saint Lucy's Chapel and 6.30 a.m. in Church.
6. 6. 1948. Sung Mass 9 a.m. in Church. Sister Tom Augustina on duty at the hospital, therefore, unable to go to Mass. The electric lights did not function until 7.20 p.m.
7. 6. 1948. Requiem Mass 6.30 a.m. - Friends of the Mission.
8. 6. 1948. Mass 6.30 a.m. A letter received from Sister Euphemia telling us she hopes to return on Saturday evening.
9. 6. 1948. Mass 6.20 a.m. S. Mary's Chapel. The Feast of S. Columba. G. Father Young came at 7.30 p.m. to hear Confessions. We are enjoying the first grape fruit and oranges. We heard from the Convent to the effect that the Servants of Mary are to go to Busted and this is to be their branch house in future. The three Servants of Mary at the Convent are being removed.
10. 6. 1948. Mass 6.30 a.m. in Church of S. Margaret, S. M.
Year's mind of Mother Isabel Mary. Intermemoria 4.30 p.m.
Sister Dorothea went to her Women's Class - really a farewell gathering. Sister Tom Augustina in Retreat. The wooden supports are being put on the roof of the new cooking school.
11. 6. 1948. Mass 6.30 a.m. Sung Mass 8.15 a.m. Talking tea.
- FEAST OF
ST. BARNABAS. Freddie has been away since Monday for a few days holiday - Rin-tin not very happy.
12. 6. 1948. Mass 6.30 a.m. of S. Mary. Sister Euphemia returned from Bloomfontein, having had a happy visit there.
13. 6. 1948. Mass 7 a.m. The Church is keeping the Dedication Festival.
Trinity III. Sung Mass & Procession 9 a.m.
14. 6. 1948. Mass 6.30 a.m. Feast of S. Basil. Sister Euphemia has a bronchial cold; retired to bed before Vespers. We heard from Mother P that Sister Margot is back from hospital and is making progress.

- 15.6.1948. Mass 6.30 a.m. Freddie returned from her holiday and had supper in the refectory!! The children living in the Mount Fane district left today.
- 16.6.1948. Mass 6.30 a.m. The children left for their homes today - a quiet excitement as they waited for their bus in the dark at 6.20 a.m. Sister Evelyn Angela has come to join us during the day during the holidays, but returns to C.S.I.B. to sleep at night. Brother Gordon, S.S.I.E. returned from furlough.
- 17.6.1948. Mass 6.30 a.m. A mighty wind raging. Sister Margaret Anthony left at 6 a.m. by car with the Druce for her rest at Grahamstown. Sister Winifred Healey left at 7.30 a.m. by the Mission Car to Tsole en route to Irene for her rest. Holy Hour 7-8 p.m.
- 18.6.1948. Mass 6.20 a.m. in Saint Mary's Chapel. Mass 6.30 a.m. in Church. Miss S. Felling arrived from England.
- 19.6.1948. Mass 6.30 a.m. Sister Rachel Mary and Sister Evelyn Angela in retreat. Sister Dorothea went out sketching with some of the ladies - very busy preparing for her departure.
- 20.6.1948. Mass - Sung 9 a.m. Miss Sherrard arrived from England.
- 21.6.1948. Mass in Saint Mary's Chapel 7 a.m. We heard that Father Hill, S.S.I.E. is not returning to S. Cuthbert's as the Father Superior. Sister Dorothy Helen in
- 22.6.1948. Mass 7 a.m. Feast of Saint Alban. retreat.
- 23.6.1948. Mass in Saint Mary's Chapel 7 a.m. Vigil of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. Sister Dorothea went with Miss Cairne for a pic-nic - they climbed Kewank Mountain.
- 24.6.1948. Mass 7 a.m. The Feast of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist. Sister Euphemia, Sister Dorothy Helen and Sister Evelyn Angela went to Mbokotwana to join the Sisters there in their Festival - they had a happy day. Father Young came at 5.45 p.m. to hear Confessions. Mr & Mrs Gibbs came from East London to visit the hospital. The new building is progressing rapidly.

- 25.6.1948 Mass 6.20 a.m. in S. Lucy's Chapel. Sister Dorothea came - she is so anxious to say her farewells in every possible direction; incidentally Sister Dorothea is in retreat. In order to join in the secret fun being prepared Sister Olive Frances went into retreat at supper time.
- 26.6.1948. Mass 6 a.m. S. Mary's Chapel. 7 a.m. Sung Mass in Church. ^(High Mass) Worker's Quarterly Meeting. A supper party in honour of Sister Dorothea - a ship with full cargo to speed her on the way; a good part of the Mission will accompany her!!
- 27.6.1948. Sung Mass 9 a.m. Miss Sherard and Miss Fisking came to TRINITY V. tea. Talking supper in honour of Sister Dorothea.
- 28.6.1948. Mass of Saint Francis 7 a.m. Herbert went with hospital car to Umhata. Sister Dorothea to meet Queenstown bus on route for England. Sister Euphemia; Sister Dorothy Helen and Sister Rachel Mary accompanied her as far as Umhata. A most peaceful departure. Sister Ingra C.R. returned with the Sisters for a rest at Saint Cathbert's.
- 29.6.1948. Mass 7 a.m. Talking tea and supper. Heavy rain fell FEAST OF and very much colder than this morning. S.S. PETER & PAUL
- 30.6.1948. No mass. Feast of the Commemoration of Saint Paul. Telegram received from Sister Dorothea to say she had arrived at Cape Town. First Vespers of the Feast of the Most Precious Blood of JESUS.
- 1.7.1948. Mass 7 a.m. of the Feast of the Commemoration of Saint Paul. Sister Rachel Mary went to Nyika for a Mother's Union meeting taking Sister Dorothy Helen with her; they had a very happy day and returned in time for First Vespers of the Feast of the Visitation. Festival Supper. Sister Ingra spends a good deal of time in the warmth of her cell.
- 2.7.1948. Mass 7 a.m. A very festive Friday. Unfortunately the FEAST OF Sacristan Sister had not prepared for Devotion.

3. 7. 1948. Mass 6.20 a.m. St. Lucy's Chapel. Sister Inyra came. There were actually fourteen communicants which includes five sick communions in hospital and one sick communion in Chapel. Mass 7 a.m. in Church. A very heavy frost but glorious sunshine all day. Two novices of C.S.J.B. are in retreat preparing to make their profession - they are using the school chapel for their meditations and devotions during the day.
4. 7. 1948. Mass 7 a.m. Sing Mass 9 a.m. Nurses gave a concert in the Primary School building in aid of the new block of St. Lucy's Hospital 2-5 p.m. A very happy gathering.
5. 7. 1948. Mass 6.30 a.m. in Saint Mary's Chapel. Letters from Sister Dorothea - she writes very happily - now she is in mid-ocean. Father Young left to take the retreat at Bloemfontein - Mother P will be in this retreat and then hopes to visit us.
6. 7. 1948. No Mass. Sister Inyra is still with us and is well occupied resting and seeing the interests of the Mission.
- OCTAVE DAY
S.S. PETER & PAUL. We return to the Octave of the Feast of the Visitation - Our Lady is surrounded with island papers.
7. 7. 1948. Mass 7 a.m. Sister Rachel Mary in retreat at 12 noon.
8. 7. 1948. Mass 7 a.m. Sister Euphemia in retreat. Sister Rachel Mary continued her retreat until 12 noon. Sister Dorothy Helen and Sister Rachel Mary went to Ventate in the Wright's car and took the two cats to the Vet.
9. 7. 1948. Mass 7 a.m. Father Horton Smith came to hear Confessions at 4.15 p.m. Sister Margaret Antony returned from her rest walking from Tado to F. OF THE VISITATION, Saint Cuthberts. Sister Euphemia went to C.S.J.B. after recreation to be with the novices preparing for their Profession; Sister returned to sleep at Saint Mary's.
10. 7. 1948. Mass St. Lucy's Chapel 6.20. A South African priest celebrated (Father Mestyn); all the Sisters made their communion at this Mass as, with the exception of Sister Joan Augustoni we were going to C.S.J.B. for the Profession of two novices (First Vows) High Mass at 7.30 a.m. Such a

mixed congregation all sharing in the joy and peace of the Profession. Sister Euphemia returned a dinner time - Sister Evelyn Angela has travelled to and fro during the day. A telegram from the Sister Superior, Queenstown (C.R.) telling us of altered plans for Brother P - we will wait and watch.

11. 7. 1948. Mass 7 a.m. Sung Mass 9 a.m. Evening taken by TRINITY VII Brother Gordon, S.S.J.E.
12. 7. 1948. Mass 7 a.m. Sister Wenefred Leahy returned from her visit at Irene looking very refreshed.
13. 7. 1948. Mass 7 a.m. Hostel meeting to discuss charges etc 11 a.m. Children began to arrive - the last bus for the time being arrived at 11 a.m.
14. 7. 1948. Mass 6.30 a.m. The holidays have ended and school begins in earnest - many absent but all the children who have returned look well and very tidy. They have enjoyed reaping and all speak of a good harvest. DECORATION.
15. 7. 1948. Mass 6.30 a.m. Feast of St. Swithun, B.C. Recurred Intermunion 4.30 p.m. Key note: The Lambeth Conference. Sister Joan Augustini in retreat.
16. 7. 1948. Mass 6.30 a.m. Sister Euphemia told us of many plans that are being discussed regarding the beautifying and enlargement of the Mission - principally the Father's quarters and the cemetery. (Commemoration of St. Mary)
17. 7. 1948. Mass 6.20 - St. Lucy's Chapel. It was the only Mass on the Mission so all the Sisters were present, also Brother Gordon, S.S.J.E. and Nelson. Sister Euphemia, Sister Dorothy Helen and Sister Rachel Mary with Sister Joan Augustini driving went to Maitland to meet Brother P. Returned safely with her 6.10 p.m. Talking supper.
18. 7. 1948. Sung Mass 9 a.m. The Misses Druve came to afternoon TRINITY VIII tea with Brother Provincial. Sister Margaret Antony roped in to take the non-conformists for instruction. Evening with sermon taken by Brother Gordon, S.S.J.E.

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