

Tearoom. Back by the Spem bus, which leaves at the top on the road, not by the Tearoom.

Thurs 13th - Picnic to Xunis Cove - very hot day, came back after lunch as it looked like rain - but kept off.

Frid 14th - Mass at S. Peter's 7-30 am. Another hot day. S. P.A. went down to the rocks & S.E.A. to the library. All took tea to the rocks in the afternoon, then S. G.A. & S. P.A. went to the Harbour to see the Edinburgh Castle sail. S. Evelyn Angela had supper in bed.

Sat: 15th - lovely day again - set off early for Shelley Beach & had a life both days - spent the whole day on the sands.

Sun. 16th - Mass at S. Peter's 8 am. Windy morning. S. P.A. went down to the rocks in the morning. All to the rocks for tea in the afternoon & short walk in the evening.

Mon. 17th - stayed in during the morning, doing many

May 1954

Monday odd jobs. S.T.A. & S.G.A. cleaned the silver!

In the afternoon all went over to the East Bank for shopping & then had tea at Gailie's.

Tuesday 8th S.E.A. went to the East Bank for shopping & returned books to the library. All went to the rocks for picnic lunch. Then returned early to open the house for Werner's man to put a new plate on the electric stove. The man came without the plate?? So promised to return early tomorrow.

Wednesday 10th - Went to Mass at S. Peter's for 8 am. & no Priest arrived!

Werner's man arrived soon after 9 am.

to put a new stove plate on the electric oven. This plate is guaranteed for one year & Werner's will mend free of charge if No: 2654 is quoted for it.

S.T.A. went down to rocks.

after early dinner all took tea down to the rocks.

Thursday 25th - All got up very early to see St. Evelyn Angela

May 1954.

Joined with the Untata bus at 7-30am. Had breakfast at 6-15am. & caught the 6-45 am. bus.

After S. P. A. & S. G. A. returned they did some washing & clearing up.

Caught the 11-15am. bus to down to do some last shopping, had dinner at Gardillo's. Then went on to the Eastern Beach. Found very cold & we had tea in Marina Glen before returning.

More packing & clearing up, & went to say goodbye to the Viviers & return the Key.

Frid 21st Very wet morning, Mass 7-30am. at S. Peter's. Rev. Father Doe brought us home in his car. Taxi came at 9-45am to take S. Gladys Aubin & St. Thérèse Anne to the Station for the 10-30am. Transval train, after a very happy & restful rest.

June 1954.

Tues: June 22nd 1954.

Sr. Marjorie Gabriel, Sr. Christian, O.H.P., & Sr. Joan O.H.P., arrived at the Cottage for a rest.

The train was over an hour late in.

On arrival it was found that the Cottage hadn't been cleaned, so brooms & dusters had to be requisitioned before beds could be made & unpacking done.

The Srs. had some tea, then gave the Cottage a hasty clean, unpacked & had supper.

Fr. Adamson called to say there would be a Mass next morning & then none till Sun. as he had to be away.

Weds: Vigil, St. J. B.

Sr. Christian & S.N.G. went to Mass at 8 a.m.

Sr. Joan rested.

Habel, the African woman, turned up after 4 p.m. & proceeded to remove a great deal of dust from the Cottage. New parlights had been put in the 2 port rooms, a new

window in the backroom, & new asbestos roofing over the kitchen, & these alterations had caused a lot of extra dust & dirt.

The Sisters spent a lazy day & went down to the rocks for a short while after afternoon tea. Warm day, but chilly morning & evening.

Thurs: St. J. Baptist.

No Mass, as Fr. Adamson was away.

All 3 Srs. went over to the station to book seats back & afterwards did some shopping.

Lovely day - warm & sunny.

Fri: F. of the Sacred Heart.

No Mass. Went to Nahoon Mouth by the 11.45 a.m. bus. Perfectly lovely there - warm, sunny, sea deep blue, tide high, but had just turned & started to go out.

Had lunch on sands & tea at the tea-room before catching the 3.50 bus back.

On return found a very nice cabbage on the stoep! - evidently left by Miss Leith-Ross who had called & left a note in the letter-box.

Sat: June 26th

Sr. Joan in retreat. The other 2 Srs. spent a lazy day doing nothing in particular.

Sun: 27th Trinity II

Mass at St. Peter's at 8 a.m. - the only Mass in S. London, owing to S. Fred in P.E.

Miss Leith - Ross + Miss Ramsay came to morning - tea + brought some flowers + some carrots. Very cold day, with a high wind. Lots of white horses out at sea.

Mon: 28th Vigil.

Very cold day. All stayed at home in the morning. In the afternoon Sr. Christian + S.P.G. went to Marina Glen, intending to have tea there. The waves were lovely, + one of the U.C. boats came along on the way to Durban. For some reason the tea-room wasn't open, so the Srs. came back tea-less after having done some shopping in the town on the way back.

Sr. Joan stayed at home + did odd jobs + some study.

Tues: 29th. St. Peter.

Not a Mass anywhere in E.L.!

Sr. Christian + Sr. Joan had a morning's shopping. S.P.G. remained at home. Fine, sunny day, but very cold wind still.

Weds: 30th. Commem: of St. Paul.

Lovely day - sunny + much warmer. Nabel came in the morning + gave the house a good clean up. In the afternoon Mrs. Nicholson + her daughter, Mrs. Atkinson, came over + took the Srs. out for a drive + picnic tea to Fuller's Bay, beyond Shelly beach. Found lots of shells + the waves were enormous.

Thurs: July 1st. F. of the Precious Blood.

S.P.G. went over to shop in the morning + the others stayed at home. In the afternoon 3 C.S.J.B. Srs. were expected to tea, but they did not turn up. Fr. Adamson called in the evening to say that he was back from

Synod & there would be a Mass the next morning.

Fri: 7. of the Visitation.

Mass at last! - 7.15 a.m.

The Sis. caught the 10.15 a.m. bus & went to the City Hall. There they were met by Mr. & Mrs. Atkinson & taken to their home at Nahoon for m. tea. After that the Sis. were taken to Mrs. Nicholson's at Vincent for lunch. At 2.15 Miss Leith - Ross & Miss Ramsay came & fetched the Sis. & went first to see the new St. Alban's Church - most beautiful. Sis. said Office in the Lady Chapel & then went to 18 Surrey Rd. for tea. After tea Miss d-Ross drove the Sis. home - a lovely day, & everyone so kind & thoughtful.

Sat: Octave. July 3rd 1954.

Sr. Joan went over to the East Bank in the morning. After dinner Mr. Barrow came to see about some painting at the Cottage. Just before 3 p.m. Mrs. Nicholson turned up

again, this time with a Mrs. Nimmo & her little girl, Susan. The Sis. were all carried off for a lovely drive & tea with Mrs. Nimmo & her family at Langside, Abbotsford.

The garden was most lovely & went down to the Nahoan River. Sr. Christian & Sr. Joan went for a row, but S.P.G. stayed on dry land.

Mrs. Nimmo drove the Sis. back again about 5.30 p.m. It was a lovely & unexpected outing.

Sun: July 4th 1954.

Mass 8 a.m. Church was very full as the parish was keeping its Patronal Festival.

In the afternoon Sr. Anna & Sr. Nobantu, C.S.J.B. came over to tea. All the Sis. went down to the rocks first & watched the waves.

Mon: July 5th 1954.

Mass 7.30 a.m. (7. of the Dedication.)

A day of great activity! - much housework of various kinds accomplished.

In the afternoon Sr. Christian & S.P.G. went

down to the Harbour + took their tea with them. The Sis. walked right to the end of the long breakwater + watched the men fishing. One man caught a large shark + was reeling it in. The shark was hauled on to some rocks, but unfortunately the line caught on a sharp ledge + broke, so the shark got away. It was a very unpleasant looking creature!

Tues: July 6th 1954.

Nothing special to record. The O.H.P. Sis. spent the day doing "last things".

Weds: July 7th 1954.

Mass 8 a.m. The O.H.P. Sis. left for JHBurg on the 10.30 a.m. train.

S. Agnes Crystal arrived by bus from St. C's in the afternoon.

Thurs: July 8th 1954.

Quiet morning. In the afternoon S.A.C. + S.N.G. went down to the harbour, took tea with them, + saw a big American boat

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