

Saturday.
Octave.
September 16th

Mass 7-15. A cold wet day. There was a storm at 5-30 a.m. with thunder & lightning. At 11 a.m. Wick & Colin were dismissed. After wards Mother & the Assistant drove into Pictoria to the Floodsland to fetch Dolly. After dinner Mother unpacked the Warts & a package from England & the Sisters had & saw everything after tea. Solemn Evensong & Devotions 6-30 p.m. - No lights after 7 p.m.

Sunday in the
Octave of the Fe. of the
Exaltation of the Holy
September 17th

Sunny Mass 7 a.m. - A very cold day. Everyone in black habits again & pins! S^r O. F. went into Pictoria with the Chaplain to the School in order to visit S^r E. J. in the Home after wards Sister's leg was causing the trouble & it would be some time before she could leave the Home. Miss Hunt came for the afternoon & saw Mother after tea. Solemn Evensong & Sermon 6-30 p.m.

Monday.
Octave.
September 18th

Mass 7-15. Another very cold day. Fr. Pison & a N^{rs} Wilson called in the morning about sending a girl. Supper in the Community Room owing to a rehearsal being held in the Recreational Room.

Tuesday.
Octave.
September 19th

Mass 7-15. At 9-30 a.m. Mother, Miss Case & Miss Mader drove into Pictoria for a Ladies Committee Meeting. The Assistant also came in to see S^r E. J. After the Meeting the Assistant drove Miss Case & Miss Mader back & Mother went to see S^r E. J. & after wards went on to the School for dinner & tea & returned on the Van at 15-15 p.m.

Wednesday.
Octave.
September 20th
Ember Day.

Mass 7-15. Mother & the Assistant went for Morning Tea to the Fields. Miss Hunt came over at 12-15 in great distress to see Mother & to tell her of Beatrice Piddley's tragic death (suicide). She stayed until 2-30 p.m. & had

Thursday.
Fg & Matthew.
Octave Day.
September 21st

a picnic meal in the garden. A dress rehearsal in the evening for the girls for their entertainment. Supper in the Community Room at 7-45 p.m. Mass 7-15 a.m. Mother had Morning Tea with the Sisters. A warmer day & most of the Sisters returned to white habits. Mother went to Beemiston by the 1-40 train to speak to the Mother's Union at St. Patrick's Malvern, she returned on the train arriving at 5-51 p.m. The Assistant drove Mother to the station & met her. At 6-30 p.m. the Girls gave their entertainment for Mother's return; a variety show, very good & everyone much enjoyed it!

Friday.
Ember Day.
September 22nd

Mass 7-15. The Assistant & S^r. B. H. in Retreat. S^r. H. C. & S^r. F. H. went to Pretoria on the Van; the former to do business with Magistrate & the latter to see S^r. E. J. who was very friendly with her foot. Mother's trunk came. Confirmation Classes started in Chapel at 6-30 p.m.

Saturday.
Ember Day.
September 23rd

Mass 7-15. S^r. A. J. in Retreat. S^r. E. J. about the same; Mabel spent the day with her at the Home coming up from Trinity Spring for the week end. Evening & Devotions 6-30.

Sunday.
Trinity XVI.
September 24th

Sung Mass. 7 a.m. Mother told S^r. A. J. & S^r. O. F. they were to change places regarding work at the end of the week. S^r. E. J. very weak & unable to eat but her temp. was down. Evening & Devotion 6-30.

Monday.
September 25th

Mass 7-15. The Assistant went to Pretoria on the Van to see S^r. E. J. who was better; she returned at 1-30 p.m. The Ladies Retreat started in the evening. Most of the afternoon taken up with ladies arriving by

train + car. Father Shelley came to conduct the Retreat. A high wind got up about 4 p.m. & there was some rain. We heard in the evening Iris Green and had died.

Tuesday.
F. of P. Cyprian
September 26th

Mass. 7-30. Retreat. Fr. Shelley. At 9 a.m. Mother, the Assistant, + S^r. H.C. + Pat. went into Proctoria in the car; Mother & the Assistant went to the Mental Hospital to arrange about Iris Green's funeral; S^r. H.C. went to the Magistrate's. At 1-15 Mother went in to Proctoria in the Van to see S^r. E. Jones + returned at 5 p.m. S^r. B. M. took girls in to Hospital.

Wednesday.
September 27th

Mass. 7-30. Retreat. Fr. Shelley. Mother in Retreat. J^r. Ver Nosten came. The Sisters' Confessions were at 2-15 p.m. The girls' confessions were heard at the Church at 5-30 p.m. Some walked & others went in the car driven by the Assistant.

Thursday.
September 28th

Mass. 7-30. Retreat. Fr. Shelley. Mother saw some of the Retreat-ants. Colin was fetched for the Adoption Home in the afternoon. Solemn Evening + the girls came at 6-45 p.m. Charlotte Plouffe left for Johannesburg.

Friday.
September 29th

Sunny Mass. 7-15. Last morning of the Retreat Fr. Shelley. Most of the Retreat-ants had left by 10 a.m. S^r. H.C. was driven to Kempton Park station by Vic to bring Kitty Luch who had run away. S^r. B. M. went to Proctoria in the Van + also went to see S^r. E. J. who was very much better after having had a bad abscess on her foot opened the day before. After Recreation Mother with S^r. Esme + S^r. H.C. went to give the School picnic at Farm town; they returned at 5-30 p.m. The girls had dancing. No classes. Sister Enders,

+ Sister Joyce came back from the picnic with Mother for Retreat.

Saturday
F. of S. Jerome.

Mass 7-15. S^r Endora + S^r Joyce in Retreat. Fr.

Octave.

Shelley came to see Mother at 11-30, he left for Portaria on the 1-35 p.m. train. S^r B. M.

September 30th

took a baby to Hospital; Vice down here in Solemn Evening + Procession 6-30 p.m.

Sunday in the
Octave of S. Michael.
October 1st

Sung Mass 7 a.m. The day the Archbishop of Canterbury decreed for a day of Prayer throughout the world. The Mass for Peace; at 3-15 p.m. the Chaplain came + conducted a service of prayer in the Chapel. St. Michael's Nursing gave their party + all went up to Morning Tea at 10-45 a.m. S^r Endora + S^r Joyce left on the 9-27 a.m. train. Solemn Evening + Service 6-30 p.m.

Monday.
October 2nd
F. of the Holy Guardian Angels.

Mass 7-15. also at 8-30 a.m. for the Portaria ^{Catholic} Sisters. First Day conducted by Canon Woodfield. Only 9 men came, the Dean came over in the afternoon. All left after Solemn Evening at 5 p.m. S^r O. F. started in the Laundry + S^r A. J. as Sacristan + Wafer baking. The girls all stopped work at tea time being a holiday. Molly Stacey + M^{rs} Pearce came to stay.

Tuesday.
October 3rd
Octave.

Mass 7-15. Air Mail in. A long letter from Mother General telling of S^r Edithus + S^r O. Jones starting in the Warwick Castle for Cape Town. Some rain, also the night before. S^r B. M. + S^r A. J. went into Portaria by car at 1-15. S^r B. M. went to see S^r E. J. who was better.

Wednesday
F. of S. Francis.
Octave.
October 4th

Mass 7-15 a.m. Mabel Abbott-Smith arrived at 10 a.m. to see Mother from Portaria where she was staying. S^r F. M. + S^r H. C. in Retreat.

Thursday
October
October 5th

S^r Janet arrived at 6:30 p.m. for Retreat. A cool day with a little rain. Girls service at 6:30 p.m. Mass 7-15. S^r Janet in Retreat, also Molly Stacey. At 9-45 a.m. Mother, the Assistant, S^r B. M. with baby Victor drove into Portonri; the former to have tea with M^{rs} Jenkins; S^r B. M. took Victor to the Hospital as he was so ill. Mother & the Assistant visited S^r E. J. who was much better in herself. All got home at 1 p.m. A sea mail came in with Mac letters from Wantage.

Friday
October Day of
St Michael
October 6th

Mass 7-15. S^r B. M. went into Portonri early in the car for baby Celina's funeral & took Frances with her. Mother saw Molly Stacey at 11-45. S^r Janet left after breakfast. Mother & the Assistant went out in the car at 3 p.m. for practice for Mother in reversing. S^r J. J. & S^r Alma came for Retreat on the supper train.

Saturday
October 7th

Mass 7-15. S^r F. M. not well so went to bed for two days rest mid-day. Cool & rain off and on. At 12-15 Mother drove into Portonri to have lunch with the Bishop & Charlotte. She took Miss Case in with her who was lunching with Isabel Abbott-Smith. Mother returned at 3-30 p.m. A wire from Cape Town telling of S^r Edith's & Sister Olive Jones' safe arrival from England. Evening & Devotions 6-30.

Sunday
Trinity XVIII
October 8th

Sunny Mass 7 a.m. Heavy rain all night & it rained part of the morning but cleared by 1 p.m. & sunshine came. S^r J. J. & S^r Alma left on the 9-28 a.m. train; the Assistant drove them down to the station. The Assistant went into her long Retreat at 6 p.m. Evening & Devotion 6-30 p.m.

Monday
October 9th

Mass 7-15. S^r O. J. arrived on the 9-40 a.m. train

Mother went down in the car to meet her; the Assistant being in Retreat. S^r: F. M. spent the day in bed for further rest. Sea mail came in. A lovely day of sunshine + quite warm.

Tuesday.
October 10th

Mass 7-15. The Assistant in Retreat. Another lovely day + so hot. S^r: Esme went into Proctoria in the car to see S^r: E. J. Vice took it in to the garage; Matron Winifred, ~~Whitford~~^{Emily} + Evelyn was in also. An air mail came in.

Wednesday.
October 11th

Mass 5-15. The Assistant in Retreat. A lovely warm day. No girls service, M^{rs}: Field was taken ill. S^r: B. N. + Mother walked up to the Chaplain's to see about things.

Thursday.
October 12th

Mass 5-15. The Assistant in Retreat. Another lovely day. M^{rs}: Field still very ill + in the afternoon Vice drove Father Field into Proctoria to the Mental Hospital to see about taking M^{rs}: Field there. Father Shelley came at 7-15 p.m. for the night, in order to conduct the Quiet Day for the Irene Company + also for the Sisters Concessions.

Friday.
October 13th

Mass 7-15. Fr. Shelley, M^{rs}: Field was taken into the Mental Hospital at 10-30 a.m. by Vice + the car. The Chaplain, M^{rs}: Whale, + M^{rs}: Melless drove in too. S^r: O. J. went into Proctoria on the Van to see S^r: E. J.; S^r: H. C. to a case. Fr. Shelley gave his address at 3 p.m. + the Sisters Concessions followed. Seven of the Irene Company turned up for the Quiet Day at 6-45 p.m.

Saturday.
October 14th

Mass 7-15. Fr. Shelley. The Irene Company's Quiet Day. Only seven came, + all left at 4-30 p.m. Mother went to the School for two nights + dance

into Proctoria with Fr. Shelley who was also going to the School for the Sunday. Mother went to see S^r & J. on the way in the Arcadia Nursing Home. Evening + Devotions 6:30 p.m.
Sung Mass 7 a.m. Evening, but no sermon at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday
Trinity XXX.
October 15th

Monday.
October 16th

Mass 7:15 a.m. The Assistant drove into Proctoria + arrived at the Arcadia Nursing Home at 12 o'clock. Mother met her there + both brought S^r & J. back to home in the car. S^r & J. fairly well in herself but her foot still not healed. Mother saw M^{rs} Duxbury on the way to the Home. All arrived back at 12:45.

Tuesday.
Fq & Etheldreda V.
October 17th

Mass 7:15. S^r A. J. + S^r H. C. went to Proctoria on the Van. + returned at 5 p.m. S^r & J. better + went round the garden in a wheeled chair after 6 p.m.

Wednesday.
Fq & Luke.
October 18th

Sung Mass 7 a.m. At 10:15 a.m. M^{rs} Paul, M^{rs} Cathbert + three other ladies came to see over the Home from the State Miss. They all had Morning Tea in Trant + left at 12:15. S^r H. C. was badly stung by a bee while taking girls dinner. The swelling was so bad, Sister had to go to bed for the rest of the day. S^r & J. better but too tired to use the wheeled chair. Miss Docking + a worker came for the night with a new girl. Heavy rain started at 7 p.m. some thunder + lightning.

Thursday.
Fq & Francis with V.
October 19th

Mass 7:15. Much rain in the night + a gray day + heavy rain fell at 4 p.m. + for the rest of the day. S^r H. C. better + got up after breakfast. S^r & J. had her communion

S^{rs} F. H. + S^{rs} A. J. in Retreat.

Friday.
October 20th

Mass 7-15. A very wet cold day. At 9-15 a.m. Mother, the Assistant, S^{rs} O. F. + S^{rs} B. H. drove into Pictoria by car; the three former to the School for Parents Day; + the latter to shop. The car returned at 12 o'clock. S^{rs} O. J. went to the School for the Night. Fr. Thomas called. S^{rs} E. J. is not much better.

Saturday.
October 21st

Mass 7-15. S^{rs} Janet brought S^{rs} D. J. + S^{rs} K. E. over from the school (in their car) to stay for two nights. S^{rs} Joyce drove over, + S^{rs} O. J. returned from the School. A Mr. Forleston called about his wife coming to stay at Inver. Evening + Devotions 6-30 p.m.

Sunday.
Trinity 8th.
October 22nd

Strong Mass 7 a.m. S^{rs} D. J. + S^{rs} K. E. went to afternoon tea at the Nursery with S^{rs} Esme + S^{rs} O. J. Thunder + rain started at 6 p.m. A hot + stuffy day previously. Evening + Communion 6-30

Monday.
October 23rd

Mass 7-15. The School Sisters left at 10 a.m. in the car, Vice driving as it had to go in to fetch girls + Victor from Hospital. The Rogationtide procession was to have taken place but a thunder storm with heavy rain prevented it. S^{rs} E. J. came to Sext in her chair. S^{rs} O. J. in Retreat.

Tuesday.
October 24th

Mass 7-15 a.m. Mother, S^{rs} H. C. + Mrs Hague in Retreat. Miss Hunt, + Miss Shuttleworth called, the former to say good bye to Mrs Case. A lovely day but very hot; rain started at 5 p.m. + thunder + lightning in the distance.

Wednesday.
October 25th

Mass 7-15. Fr. Shelley came + gave his address + heard the Sisters confessions. He left during the afternoon. The Rogationtide Procession

took place at 5:30 p.m. quite fine + sunny but windy.

Thursday.
October 26th

Mass 7-15. At 10:30 a.m. Father + M^{rs} Eaton brought over from Nalson about 20 members of the Mothers Union to see over the Hones. They all had tea in the Recreation Room and then divided into two parties to see round; Mother conducting one + the Assistant the other. They all left for Fountain at 12-15. A lovely day, + cooler.

Friday.
Vigil.
October 27th

Mass 7-15. Muriel was conditionally baptized at 11 a.m. 5th B.M. in Retreat. S^{rs} E J. walked quite a lot with shoes on + came to Vespers in her chair. Singing practice instead of classes.

Saturday.
F. of St. Simon & Jude.
October 28th

Mass 7-15. S^{rs} E J. came in her chair + sat by the Vestry + had her communion there. Father did not turn up for Evening so Mother took it.

Sunday.
F. of Christ the King.
Trinity 1881.
October 29th

Sing Mass 7 a.m. Of the Sunday. S^{rs} E J. came to Morning Tea. A fine warm day until 4 p.m. then rain started + some thunder. Aileen Hart came to see Mother in the evening. Solemn Evening + Sermon 6-30 p.m.

Monday.
October 30th

Mass 7-15. S^{rs} Ernie in Retreat. At 2 p.m. Mother + the Assistant went to Fountain for the afternoon + had tea there. Both returned in time for Vespers. S^{rs} E J. about quite a lot - walking slowly + in her chair. Confirmation class 6-30 p.m.

Tuesday.
Vigil.
October 31st

Mass 7-15. S^{rs} B.M. took S^{rs} E J. into the Nursing Home (Vice driving) to have her foot seen by M^{rs} Sanders. He opened it again + Sister returned at 1-30 p.m. + went straight to bed feeling very poorly. Mother did the flowers for All Saints after dinner. At 3 p.m. Mother + the Assistant drove down to

Wednesday
All Saints' Day
November 1st

the Station & Hack's Store. Suspect Murders at
St. Marguarts! Solemn Evening & Procession 6-30.
Sunny Mass 7 a.m. Miss Case left at 12 o'clock for
Crahamstown. M^{rs} Ellis & M^{rs} Jenkins called &
brought clothing for the girls. Miss Jones from the
Hope Home came to stay & arrived at 6 p.m.
After Vespers of the Dead Mother & the Assistant
walked down to the Cemetery. S^r E. J. in bed
all day, not feeling at all well.

Thursday
All Souls' Day
November 2nd

Vespers of the Dead was after Vespers of the Day.
Matins of the Dead after Compline.
Sunny Requiem 7 a.m. during which there was
a slight thunderstorm. The Assistant left
on the 12-40 train for her Post to East
London. She joined her cousin Miss Pleistone
at Johannesburg who went with her.
Violet Hamer that was came at 4 p.m.
for two nights. Father Miller, M^{rs} Gilchrist
& two other ladies came at 5:30 p.m. by
car to fetch the frontals for November.
They all had some tea in the Visitor's
Room. Heavy rain & a storm came up
at 6-30 p.m. & lasted about an hour.

Friday
Octave
November 3rd

Mass 7-15. A very wet & cold day. S^r Esme
& S^r Irene went into Pretoria in the
Van. A Miss Richards came to see S^r H. C.
in the afternoon; both had tea in the
Boudoir. Confraterni Class & classes 6-30 p.m.
S^r E. J. better but still mostly in bed.

Saturday
Octave
November 4th

Mass 7-15. Torrents of rain all night,
which continue all day; cold, raw, and
diabolical! S^r Endora in Retreat. S^r E. J.
about the same. Violet left on
1-30 p.m. train for Cape Town. Solemn Evening

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