

- 15th S^r Kathleen Mary stayed on for her long Retreat
 To Assistant and S^r Christina left for their Advent
 Retreat at Waverly - a repeat of the one here
- 16th Dingoes Day - Donah very crazy all day
- 17th The Assistant and S^r Christina returned from
 their Retreat at Waverly - Audrey Buckle - Retreat
- 18th S^r K. Mary emerged for Retreat. All the sisters
 went to an Ordination service at the Cathedral
 while Jocelyn and Mary held the fort.
 Audrey Buckle left before tea as a storm was
 threatening.
- 19th The Stevens drove Mother & S^r K. Mary to Waverly - The
 latter stayed but S^r here went on in the car to
 Lesely where she and Mrs Stevens chose furniture
 On the return journey, Mother stayed in house &
 returned by train, S^r Christina was picked up at
 Waverly & taken to here.
20. All busy preparing for - Xmas
- 21 Mother went shopping & to DSG. & The Assistant
 went shopping - aided by S^r Christina - a girl
 absconded
- 22 Charlotte Plunkowe came to stay over Christmas
 S^r Violet Ruth brought Martha & family to
 see Mother.
- 23 Fr Huddleston addressed the sisters & heard
 confessions. Fr Lucas came with him &
 stayed to lunch while he went to DSG -
 Tumbalong
- 24th Great preparations
CHRISTMAS DAY
 Midnight Mass - 42 Communicants. S^r Victoria
 Mary came and played - a lovely Mass - a
 beautiful night. A very happy day un-
 marred by incidents! We finished as usual
 with a family supper & dance

1955.

- Dec: 26th Mass. 7-15. The Bishop came to call in the morning. Girls wrote their letters in the morning + had Gramophone in the afternoon. Supper 6-0 P.M. Christmas Tree 7-0 P.M. Fr + Mrs. Lewis came. The Reverend Mother drove the van to the Recreation Room, having found Fr Christmas had been robbed, brought the (?) remainder in a large carton + laundry basket! much amusement. + a happy party - ending 8-45 P.M.
- Dec: 27th Mass 7-15. Girls had rest morning + then worked as usual. Matron Lina came for this day.
- Dec: 28th Mass 7-15. Matron Joan left. 7-0 P.M. Sr Christina acting House Sister pro. tem. Mother + Sr Evelyn Angela to Town in the morning. 25 Sisters to Tea 3-30 followed by Veapers + Carols. + the Italian for Sr Dorothy Joan, Sr Ida, Sr Rachel Mary + Sr Constaney. ^{Eileen Fryer came for 2 days}
- Dec: 29th Mass 7-15. Mother left for St. Catharines. Mrs. Scherwing came to stay. Some of the girls very tiresome!
- Dec: 30th No Mass. Fr Shaud called - with Fr Skriv S.S.T.E. - to collect the latter's luggage on their way to the Hospital. Eileen Fryer left. Dr. T. Vinning, saw Girls + Sisters, also Mr. Roxke + Sr Evelyn Angela. Supper 6-0 P.M. Short Film 7-0 P.M. including the one of Monica's wedding - very good. Rain nearly all day.
- Dec: 31st Mass 7-15. Sr Christina left. Sr Victoria Mary came. Miss Plawtowa left. Miss Savage came from Schanzenburg for a Quilt Day. Devil rampant among the girls! Eileen Evansong + Devotions 6-10 P.M. More rain. Mr. Roxke away for the week-end.
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1956.

January 1st
Sunday. Feast
of Circumcision
Monday - 2nd

Sung Mass 7-0. Devil subsided somewhat!
Solemn Evensong + Sermon - 6-10 P.M. More rain
Mass. 7-15. M^{rs} Rooke returned. The assistants
came down to sleep here, + S^r Evelyn Angela went
to sleep at St. Margaret's. A lovely day, a storm
4-30 - 5-30 + a most wonderful sunset.

Tues 3rd
Wed 4th

Mass 7-15. The Assistant went to town for
shopping in the afternoon.
No Mass. S^r Joan brought a D.S.G. day girl over in
the afternoon to see the Babes. S^r Dorothy Michael
came to stay for two nights. S^r Frances Mary
went to Pretoria for shopping. David took the
car to be greased. Chaplain for Girls Service 6-5 PM

Thurs 5th

Rev Nather returned. Fr Huddleston came
to discuss the future of a Sister in difficult
Sister Christina left to begin work at
Waverly. S^r Deborah Mary came to work
here.

Friday 6th

The EPIPHANY. Sung Mass at
7. Very lonely - S^r Victoria Mary played
for us. S^r Dorothy Michael left and
S^r Violet Ruth came to stay and work.
We ended the day with a most
happy Fancy Dress party. The Staff
excited by presenting us with the
hooping of the Colours!! We
ended with Carols by candlelight

Saturday 7th

A quiet day - all a little edgy
after the excitement of yesterday
The Chaplain was unable to come
so we had Carols by the crib
S^r Violet Ruth was in retreat.

Sunday 8th

S^r Victoria Mary played for Mass and
left us in the evening, but S^r Deborah
Mary played for Evensong.

9th The Confraternities of the B.S. met here - We sang Vespers of the B.S. were addressed by Fr. Loken and then sang Devotions
Cecily Paget came for two nights.

10th A rest morning
11th Mrs Hague came to stay - S. Joan came to stay. A new girl arrived on the doorstep

12th Fr. Haddleton heard confessions - and stayed on to dinner - We had film -

13th Sister's name - Phoebe came to stay and came to see the second part of Ken on the film as they wanted to feel homesick for India. Sister Joan was in Retreat

Founder Day

14th We held an emergency Council - chiefly to consider the future work of here. All councillors but the two at St. Catharines were present. We were only forty minutes in Council, and had a buffet dinner as it was Founder Day.

15th Sister Viola who had stayed one night returned to Hillcrest and S. Frances Mary took her place.

16th Sister Frances Mary - Retreat

17th " " " left. Fr. Winter came to do locum for the Chaplain.

18th Daily Mass until Chaplain's return

19th Usual chores

20th Fr. and Mrs Yates for St. John's College came for Retreat

21st Sister Violet Ruth left us. S. Joan for night

22nd Mrs Schekel left. S. Joan played for Mass.

23rd Mother left for Leeseclung. Sheila Napiero came for Retreat

24th Sisters Euphemia and Dantlen came

- back from leading
- 24th Mother returned having closed leading as a Community Home. S^r Maryone Ann came for a rest.
- 26 Fr Huddleston gave his last address and heard confessions
 Mother & the Assistant went to ~~London~~ Johannesburg for the 'Eki' Committee
- 27 Sister Euphemia went on laundry day to shop for the girls! The Bishop came to see Mother.
- 28 Mother - Retreat
- 29th The Assistant drove Mother to D.S.G. in afternoon tea.
 S^r Deborah May played her first Mass. There was a dog fight which put her off her stroke, but otherwise all was well.
- 30th Fr Winter left for one night. Fr Campbell came for Retreat. Mrs Tongrove brought the harvest funds from her Church.
- 31st Mother, S^r D. N., and Jocelyn went to town. Fr Winter returned. We heard of R. Newling's passing. The Assistant - a Retreat. Cable telling of S^r Juliet's passing.
- 1st Meeting of the Home. S^r Katelyn went to town and returned with the Chapel flowers at 12.15!
- 2 Candlemas - sung by Fr Campbell after the blessing of the Candles. Directly after breakfast Fr C. drove off with Mrs Tongrove to Ruth Newling's funeral.

We had a happy day - and after tea with
the staff and Vespera finished with the Jubilee
Green Years.

Feb 3^d F. Winter said Mass. - We finished
the Jubilee

Feb 4th Jocelyn drove Nather to see Sedney Clow
about trading - the car for a new Hillman

Feb 5th At 9.30 Fr Huddleston arrived. After
tea Father gave the Sisters his blessing
as he was not expecting to meet them
again before leaving S.A. He - Mrs Hole
and Sr. Kathryn drove off to Jane's
soon after 10 am.

Feb 6th Father Winter left. Jocelyn drove Nather
to the Waverly Board meeting.

7th No Mass. The Chaplain returned. J.S. drove
Nather to see the new car.

8th Fr Lewis said Mass. Fr Davis came to
stay. Father took the girls' sewing
The Architect - M. Ellis came to discuss the
possibility of converting upstairs rooms
should the Committee decide to turn these
rooms into homes for the aged

* The new Hillman was exchanged for
the Plymouth.

9th S.Y. Mary much better. Nather drove
two to the Station in the new car
Fr Huddleston rang up to say that
our defaulting Sister was St. Cornelia

10th Fr Davis said Mass. Fr Lewis
heard confessions. Nather fetched
S.H. Clow from Waverly. Mrs. Nather
who had stayed one night left. Fr Davis
left.

11th 2 ladies came for a quiet afternoon.

21. Transpired that they run a Beauty Salon
 & Clarendon circle!
- Fr Shant brought Fr Shrove to stay for
 a few days
- 12 Fr Shrove sang TG 7-a Mass, served by
 Fr Lewis.
- 13 Fr Shrove said Mass served by Fr Lewis
 We "definitely" heard for the Convent.
- 14th Sister Katherine was driven back from
 'Jans' by Th Cowan. Fr Lewis
 was fined for homicide and was acquitted
 but fined for reckless driving
- 15th Asht Wednesday Fr Shrove asked us
 assisted by Fr Lewis. The girls were
 asked. Notla took S. E. Angela to the
 orthopaedic section of the G. Hospital
 where she was to have an operation on
 her foot. S. Euphemie in retreat
- 16 Fr Shrove said Mass and at 10.45 he
 admitted Fr Hooper as an associate
 of C.S.N.V. S. Deborah Day - retreat!
- 17 Jane Fine Board Meeting at the Bishop's
 home. The Bishop was keen to see
 the new Hillman the assistant went
 to see S. Evelyn - Angela whose foot
 is now in plaster as she had severed
 a tendon in her heel.
- 18th Notla fetched Grace Broughton from
 Rosettenville & there went as a
 companion. Grace is to work as
 House Sister.
- 19th 1st Sunday - Lent + a peaceful
 day, though visiting Sunday
- 20 Sister Dorothy in retreat. Notla visited
 Sister E. Angela in hospital and did

- banking.
- 21st Notler & the ^{no grass} Assistant went to a meeting of the sub-committee of the Home at the Bishop's home. They went back with Sister Joan and had ~~tea~~ ^{dinner} at the school. They visited hospital.
- 22nd Girls' Service - Sister Deborah Mary went to the Noederbord.
- 23rd The Assistant in retreat. Fr. Sudekottam gave an address and heard confessions S.O. Mary fetched two mothers & babies from the Noederbord and called with Sister to see S. Evelyn Angela.
- 24 Fr. Loren came to take Stations of the Cross - as last week there was rain so we all stayed - the chorister.
- 25 Notler and S. Euphemie went to fetch Sister Evelyn Angela from hospital. She is sleeping on the ground floor - in night - Red Cross lent a steel chair and the hospital crutches.
- 26 Fr. Crabbe and a friend came for one night.
- 27 A new girl at last!
- 28 The sub-committee - Notler, the Assistant and Sister Joan (not bishop) went to visit the Princess Christian Home. The staff went to a preaching at St. Wilfrid's Protonic. S.O. Mary took a night ride with Budget to the Noederbord.
- 29th The Bishop said Mass at 7.15. Father Huddle St. A. Capt. S. A.

March 1st

The sub-committee minus the Bishop of Johannesburg met here at 3.15. The Bishop stayed till 5.30 pm! He went everywhere almost in the Home. A new girl came from Rhodesia by air. Will not stay!

2nd The Assistant went shopping. I lent Patrick

3^d began at 5:30 Fr. Inlawing Piss no conduct in
The Assistant had a 'regular day' with
many comings and goings

4 Fr. Ross sang Mass - our sisters
left by 9:30 We had a fairly peaceful
Sunday

5^d Mother left for Waverly by car - to dinner
and Quakers' meeting and did not
arrive back until 6:45 pm so was unable
to welcome the sisters who arrived for
the 2^d Retreat

* News from Waverly - Mother of is to
off for 6 months to be treated for
smouldering T.B. - both lungs. Danger
Mother P to be Sub-Assistant:

6 Some of the girls were troublesome -
afterwards it was a peaceful day
7 Retreat anti and Fr. Ross left during
the morning

8 Fr. Sidebatter heard confessions
Sister Evelyn Angela had one plaster
off - stitches removed - and another plaster
of. Girls' service at 6:5.

9^d Emergency Committee 2:30 - 5:0! A
party of drunk folk arrived as
committee members were leaving -
wanting to bring a girl.

10 Sister Dantler went with Mother to fetch
Budget - he baby for the Quakers and

11 Mothering Sunday - Two parties of
girls came for the school leader
with cakes & flowers. We gave them
tea and let them see the flowers

12th A happy day

13 The Assistant took the car to be serviced

A Ladies Home committee was held - the afternoon.

16th ^{The Bishop's saint Mass} S. Deborah went to the Board and to the General

15 Mrs Fleming & Mrs Polynaux came to see Mother & S. Deborah Mary re affairs at Mitigela

16th Mother took S. Evelyn, Angela and Marie to the hospital

17th Mother received the report of the special subcommittee called by the Bishop to discuss finance. They decided against raising a loan at present but went on to shortly convert the home into one for the aged.

Home
for aged

18th All making palms!

19th St. Joseph - not enough bodies for a sung Mass. - A beautiful day all the same. In the afternoon S. Katelyn & S. Dorothy went to the doctor. Mrs Soames had tea with Mother.

20 Cold and overcast -

21 Still wet and cold S.O.N. to hospital etc

22 Mrs Soames left. - Mother took a girl to hospital. The assistant took S. Dorothy to be X-rayed

23 Mother took Grace & Dora to lunch at the Van and gave them Coca-cola & cakes!

S. D. Mary took a girl to hospital
Great preparations for Palm ^{Bishop's saint Mass} Sunday.

24th 25th Mass at 6:20 - Preceded by the Blessing of palms and procession - all went well in spite of small party - The assistant was a host in herself!

Mother - and sisters Euphemia Dorothy (Evelyn Angela (with palm in plastic) and Joseph Grace, Irene and Mrs Fletcher went to D.S. in the ^{car} ^{Mother} - ~~Don't~~ driving on the

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