

Winifred Leseley in retreat. The members of the Mothers' Union came for their retreat arriving about tea-time - twenty two members were in retreat.

1. 10. 1948. Mass 6.30 a.m. in Church - Sister Rachel May and Sister Joan Augustine went to this mass. The remaining Sisters went to 7 a.m. mass in St. Mary's Chapel - Father Brabant celebrated. Miss Robertson stayed with us (using S. Anne) during the retreat and has not yet returned to her place of work.

2. 10. 1948. Mass 6.20 a.m. in S. Lucy's Chapel at which all the Feast of the Sisters were present and made their Communion.

H. Guardian A. Telegram from Mother P telling us of Sister Dorothy Helen's safe arrival and conveying loving greetings for the Centenary festival.

3. 10. 1948. Mass 7 a.m. - ^{The Reverend} Father Dakus S.S.J.E. celebrant. 9 a.m. Sung

TRINITY XIX Mass. No extra visitors to tea. Sisters went to evening but there was no sermon.

4. 10. 1948. Mass 7 a.m. Celebrant The Rev. ~~Father Dakus, S.S.J.E.~~ Brabant.

FEAST OF S. FRANCIS. C. CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS. The Centenary of C.S.M.N. was celebrated in the South African Province. High Mass in St. Alban's Cathedral, Pretoria - procession from St. Alban's Hostel and the Sisters were met at the west door by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Pretoria - (Wilfred Parker) and received his blessing. The children of St. Mary's, Hillcrest, and St. Mary's, Haverly, with the Sisters formed the choir, the Bishop celebrating.

At St. Cuthbert's (within our own compound) we kept the feast - picnicking on every possible occasion - morning tea, dinner, tea and supper. Father Young being of our celebrations came and officiated at Masses Vespers in honour of the occasion. We certainly celebrated from morning until night!!

The children returned from their holidays to begin school tomorrow.

5. 10. 1948. Mass 6.20 a.m. in S. Mary's Chapel. The Reverend Father

Dakens, S.S.J.E. The Reverend Father Young, S.S.J.E. came to
hear confession at 4.15 p.m. - so we began the 101st year
all cleaned. The school began in earnest.

6.10.48. Mass 6.30 a.m. Most refreshing soft rain almost the whole
day.

7.10.48. Mass 6.30 a.m. (Xmas). Sister Joan Augustini in retreat.
Holy Hour 7.30 p.m. Conducted by the Rev. Father Dakens S.S.J.E.

8.10.48. Mass 6.30 a.m. Rain continues and nature is refreshed.

9.10.48. Mass 6.20 a.m. S. Lucy's Chapel. We heard that Mrs
S. Denny L.H. Robson (who has completed her three score years and ten)
has diphtheria! The fact has been confirmed. No news
so far concerning the Centenary celebrations at Ireme, except
a letter from Sister Dorothy Helen telling us of the beautiful
flowers - lilies and roses.

10.10.1948. Mass 7 a.m. Sung Mass 9 a.m. with Sung Litany. There was
TRINITY XX. no sermon but Mr Lucidi read the Archbishop of Canterbury's
encyclical letter issued after the Lambeth Conference. This was
also read at the European Congress. Unity was the
keyword and an earnest desire to uphold the precepts of
the Church.

11.10.1948. Mass 6.30 a.m. of S. Philip the Deacon although the Community
was keeping a feria. Sister Dorothy Helen returned and
we had a trolley tea and she told us all she possibly
could of the Centenary celebrations - really thrilling - a
most happy occasion. We heard also that Sister
Oliver Irene is really very ill and also Doctor King,
who has attended and tended the Community so long,
is seriously ill. The rains have begun in earnest.

12.10.1948. Mass 6.30 a.m. Requiem. The rain has changed to a
mighty wind. There were no confessions.

13.10.1948. Mass 6.30 a.m. Sister Evelyn Angela in retreat.

14.10.1948. Mass 6.30 a.m. Holy Hour 7.30 a.m. really very
missionized by Father Dakens, S.S.J.E. Mrs Wright
has contracted diphtheria so has joined her mother at Uxbridge

The nurses are being instructed with the aid of films; they went to the Carpenter's Shop for the first lecture by this means.

- 15.10.1948. Mass 6.20 S. Lucy's Chapel. Nurse Maud Macquinn (staff nurse - 1946) has been in hospital many months suffering from TB.; she passed away in her sleep and we therefore had a Requiem Mass and funeral at 2 p.m. today - Sister Euphemia, Sister D.H.; Sister O.F., Sister J.A. Sister M.A. attended having prepared the flowers for the grave and chapel. Sister W.L. not particularly well - noted the whole day.
- 16.10.1948. Mass 6.30. S.O.F. & S.M.A. in retreat. Doctor Irving, recently returned from New Zealand came to see us.
- 17.10.1948. Surg Mass 9 a.m. Doctor Irving, Miss Smith-Ross and our own visitors came to tea - we had tea in the parlour as TRINITY XXI. it was wet and cold. They shared our centenary cake. Evening 6.45 p.m. Miss Preston came to sleep for two nights.
- 18.10.1948. 6.45 a.m. Father Dahms communicated the Sisters from the FEAST OF Tabernacle. 8.15 a.m. Surg Mass. (Singing was so poor SAINT LUKE. until one of the young men led the congregation). 3.45 p.m. Talking tea followed by Hostel meeting to arrange Christmas plays etc. Miss Preston in retreat.
- 19.10.1948. 6.30 a.m. Mass. Miss Preston returned to her work. S. FRIDESWIDE Mother P. sent us jottings to say that Sister Olive June is to have complete rest for at least three months as the Speculbit says she has had a stroke. She is in the Edith Cavel Nursing Home, Tottenham and is happy there.
- 20.10.1948. Mass 6.30 a.m. Sister Euphemia in retreat. The Reverend Father Savage (Provincial Superior) arrived from Apetown for Conference and Chapter. The Father Superior also returned.
- 21.10.1948. Mass 6.20 a.m. in St. Mary's Chapel. A Requiem in Church for Sarah Ann Mwambo - one of the pioneer workers of the Mission. R.I.P. A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hospital.
- 22.10.1948. Mass 6.20 a.m. in St. Mary's Chapel. Sister Dorothy Helen in retreat.

Voting papers received from Home also bulletin concerning Sister Olive Irene. We heard Father Rumney, S.S.J.E. is not returning.

23. 10. 1948. Mass 6.20 of S. Mary in Saint Lucy's Chapel. Sister Rachel Mary in retreat. Bundles for the standard candlesticks ordered in May last and despatched the end of September last on route!! Sister Euphemia preparing for the Clothing on Monday.

24. 10. 1948. Mass 7 a.m. in Saint Mary's Chapel - Father Dahus S.S.J.E. celebrated. High Mass 9 a.m. in Church. The Reverend Provincial Superior preached. Doctor Irving and Miss Drew came to tea.

25. 10. 1948. We all went to S. John the Baptist's Chapel at 6 a.m. Feast of S.S. To share in the Clothing of two Postulants. The Warden Crispin & celebrated and officiated. All so peaceful and impressive. The Reverend Provincial Superior and Father Dahus came to visit Sister Euphemia; there seem to be many pilgrims on foot but one day at a time. S.W.H. in retreat.

26. 10. 48. Mass 6.20 in Saint Mary's Chapel - The Reverend Father Superior celebrated. Sister confessions at 4.15 p.m. Doctor Dickson and Miss Drew went to the cinema leaving at 5 p.m. Telegram received from Mother P asking whether Sister Marguerite Anne can spend her rest with us. Sister will leave Irene on the 4th November.

27. 10. 48. Mass 6.30 a.m. (Feria rot of the Vigil). Mother P sent us a copy each of the Centenary Address. Letters from Sister Bernice Mary, Sister Dorothy and Sister Hilda Vinity giving us news of Home.

28. 10. 48. Mass 6.30 a.m. Sung Mass 8.15 a.m. Sister D.H. & Sister W.H. went with Miss Rachel Drew to Umtata to buy gifts for Simon & Jude Christmas and prizes for end of term; they arrived back in time for Vespers. Holy Hour 7.30 a.m.

29. 10. 48. Mass 6.30 a.m. The Assistant General embarked on Thursday so is now on her way to visit Africa. Letters from Home tell us that Sister Janet is to help Mother during the Assistant

General's absence but until the end of the School term
Sister Monica May is to do so. Mother P wrote asking
that Sister Wipfeld herself be relieved of her duties so
that plans may be made for her return to England.

30. 10. 1948. Mass 6.30 a.m. (Korea). First Vespers of the Feast of
Vigil of Christ the King. Children busy earning pennies for the
All Saints collection on Sunday to be given to Saint Mary's Hospital.

31. 10. 1948. Mass 7 a.m. of Trinity ~~XXIII~~ Sung Mass 9 a.m. also of Trinity ~~XXIII~~
Feast of Christ although the sermon was based on the Festival of Christ
the King. 3 p.m. First Evening of the Feast of All Saints
with Procession. All the Sunday Schools assembled in Church
and the children joined in the procession. First Vespers
of All Saints in Saint Mary's Chapel. The flowers were really
beautiful - white, blue & gold.

All Saints Day. Mass 6.30 a.m. 8.15 a.m. Sung Mass with procession. Talking
1. 11. 1948. Day therefore morning tea and afternoon tea in the Community
Room. We received a telegram from Mother P telling us that
Dorothea Dawson (known to us as Doctor Long - a friend of the
Community in Africa - she herself liked to be considered as one of
the family) who had been seriously ill had had a sudden
collapse and had passed away. She had been married about
nine months. R.I.P. We can give thanks for an interesting
and loving service.

All Souls Day. Mass 6.30 a.m. Sung Requiem 8.15 a.m. Vespers 4.30 p.m. We
2. 11. 1948. waited at the priest's gate and joined the procession to the
cemetery following immediately behind the priest. We returned
about 5.45 p.m. and Father Young came then to hear confessions
Sister Rachel May not very well - there was a question of it being
pneumonia but there were no mumps - Deo Gratias.

3. 11. 1948. Mass 6.20 a.m. in St. Mary's Chapel.

4. 11. 1948. Mass 6.30 a.m. S.O.F. went with Miss Sheppard to T-sho
fairly to speak to the Magistrate and secondly to meet
Sister Margie Anne who is having her rest with us. We
returned about 12.55 a.m. We heard that Sister Isabel

Everild is on the boat with the Assistant General.

5. 11. 1948. Mass 6.20 a.m. in Saint Lucy's Chapel. Devotions 5 p.m.
There was recreation but some of us were prevented from joining in.
6. 11. 1948. Mass 6.30 a.m. of Saint Leonard. S.O.F. and S. M. Anthony in retreat. Doctor Bride Durham away for the day.
7. 11. 1948. Mass 7 a.m. of Trinity XXIV. Sung Mass and Procession 9 a.m.
Sunday in Octave All Saints. We had white bread for the first time since the war - a great event. Visitors from the Guest House came to tea, also burial Drew.
8. 11. 1948. Mass 6.20 a.m. in Saint Mary's Chapel. Octave Day of All Saints.
9. 11. 1948. 6.30 a.m. Requiem Mass. Sister Joan Argentini in retreat. We heard that Miss Feibing is to come to stay with us as a paying guest.
10. 11. 1948. No Mass. Sister Margorie Anne went with Sister Datinis, C.S.J.B. to Spang's Stores - Pin Tin accompanied them. Letter from Sister Monica May telling us that she had actually filled in forms for her return passage.
11. 11. 1948. Mass 6.30 a.m. Sister Evelyn Archer in retreat. Sister Feud of Margorie Anne and Sister Winifred Hardy went to the clean Saint Martin for a picnic. Both returned in time for afternoon tea looking very sun burnt. Confessions after Compline. Holy Hour 7.30 p.m.
12. 11. 1948. Mass 6.30 a.m. Sister Margorie Anne in retreat. Sister Joan Argentini detained at the hospital and unable to come to Mass. A very bleak day, although the sun shone and made the atmosphere considerably warmer than it might have been.
13. 11. 1948. Mass 6.20 a.m. of St. Mary in Saint Lucy's Chapel. Sister Rachel May in retreat. So far as we know the Assistant General and Sister Isabel Towill arrived at Trane - it will be like a myth until we actually see the former.

14. 11. 1948. Sunday Trinity XXV. (Epiphany VI.) Mass 7 a.m. Sung Mass 9 a.m.
 Trinity XXV. Sermon preached by the Reverend Father Superior concerning finance
 (Epiphany VI.) - stirring and bewildering. Mrs. Wright came to tea.
 First Vespers of the Dedication Festival.
15. 11. 1948. 6.30 a.m. Requiem Mass. 'Come and Go' talking morning tea.
 Talking afternoon tea, the mail was distributed - one from
 Mother General telling of her dream (the Bp. of Johannesburg
 is delighted and approves) Sister Euphemia to go home on
 furlough and then to go to Heredity with one other C.S.M.U.
 Sister and open a bread house for C.S.F.B !! News
 received today that the Royal baby (Duke & Duchess of
 Edinburgh) has arrived - a son. Air mails from
 Sister Joan Augustini's father giving full details of a
 morning market in aid of Saint Lucy's Hospital - over
 £36. - 1/2 was collected - a noble effort.
16. 11. 1948. Mass 6.30 a.m. Sister Marijoni Anne went with Miss Mauriel
 Feast of. Drove to Iguele - 9 a.m. to 12.30 a.m. The Reverend Father
 St. Edmund B.C. James came to see Sister Euphemia as he is planning for
 the arrival of Sisters of the Community of Saint Denis who
 are to work at All Saints' mission. Today the new
 Archbishop of the Province was elected at 8.30 a.m. but no
 news received by the time we had mid Lands. A slight
 shower of rain but oppressively hot.
17. 11. 1948. Mass 6.30 a.m. The Archbishop elect is the Right Reverend
 Geoffrey Clayton - the Bishop of Johannesburg. An extra-
 ordinary meeting of the Board of S. Lucy's Hospital - 3 p.m.
 to 4.50 p.m. Confessions 7.15 p.m.
18. 11. 1948. Mass 6.30 a.m. Heavy rain fell soaking the earth.
 Hostel meeting at 5 p.m. therefore we had Vespers at 4.30 p.m.
 Holy Communion 7.30. Freddy returned from her holiday.
19. 11. 1948. Mass 6.20 a.m. at S. Lucy's Hospital of Saint Elizabeth of
 Hungary. Sister Euphemia in retreat. Miss Wallace
 (Wally) and her sister were entertained to dinner on the
 porch.

20. 11. 48. No Mass. Concert given by the girls in honour of Sister
 Majorie Anne's visit to Saint Cuthbert's.
21. 11. 48. Mass - Sung 9 a.m. All, with the exception of Sister Tom
 Sunday next Augustini made their Communion at this Mass. Mrs and
 before Admunt. Monica Hartley came to tea - Monica is preparing for her
 marriage on the 27th November.
22. 11. 48. Mass 6.30 a.m. (of Saint Cecilia - in Xosa). Letter from the
 Obaire Day Assistant General telling us she hopes to visit S. Cuthbert's
 of Dabintin on the 26th January 1949. Sister Winifred Lealey in retreat.
23. 11. 48. No Mass. Miss Barber came to examine the girls of the
 FEAST OF Homecraft School. In the afternoon Mrs. Monica Hartley came
 S. CLEMENT. to ask whether they could use C.S.T.B. buildings for the
 Wedding reception - a lovely idea. Film in the evening.
24. 11. 48. Mass 6.20 in Saint Mary's Chapel. Confessions 4.15 p.m.
 FEAST OF S. The Fathers - S.S.T.E. in retreat. Sister Euphemia and Sister
 JOHN OF THE + Majorie Anne went to C.S.T.B. after supper to see the dress
 rehearsal of the Christmas play. Mr. Robert Stamford the
 fiancée of Monica Hartley came to see Sister Euphemia this
 morning
25. 11. 48. Mass 6.20 a.m. in Saint Mary's Chapel also sick communion
 FEAST OF ST. taken by the Father Superior to Sister Ursula, C.S.T.B. who is
 KATHARINE. in hospital - St. Lucy's. Sister Majorie Anne left this
 morning for Irene - Miss Sheppard took her to Tsole.
 Holy Hour 7.30 p.m. The anniversary of Mother P's
 installation.
26. 11. 48. Mass 6.30 a.m. - Requiem - Xosa. Sister Euphemia very busy
 keeping an eye on the preparations for the wedding
 reception at S. J. B. Very bleak but the wind dropped
 at 9.15 p.m.
27. 11. 48. Mass 6.20 a.m. in Saint Lucy's Chapel. - Votive of Saint Mary.
 Sext 11 a.m. to enable those who wished to see the decorations
 for the wedding reception at S. J. B. Wedding in Church at
 12 noon - large number of guests European and African -
 The Bishop, the Dean, Doctor Deewe of Holy Cross and many

(the late Dean of Untata).

others. Father Halward married Robert Stanford and
Monica Mary Hartley. It was a very happy ceremony and
the guests made their way to S.T.B. where the reception
was held.

- 28.11.1948. Mass 7 a.m. Sung mass 9 a.m. Mrs Hartley, Joan
ADVENT I Hornby and Muriel Stanford came to afternoon tea. Talked
'Wedding' and saw the photographs taken by Doctor Birde
Dickson. Evening 6.45 p.m. - Presided Father Halward.
- 29.11.1948. No mass. Day of Intercession for the Missionary work
Vigil of the Church. Letter from Mother G. telling us of the
sufferings of Sister Margel and the improvement in health of
Sister Greta and Sister Freda. Letter also from Mother P.
telling us that it has been arranged for Sister Winifred
Sereby to return with the Assistant on 15th March 1949,
therefore she has not to leave us just yet. It should have
been mentioned that Althea Graham last week returned
from furlough and has taken up her duties at Saint
Margaret's thus relieving Sister Maria, C.S.T.B. who has
come to live with us and join us in our Community Room.
Sister Euphemia had early supper and went to C.S.T.B.
to meet Father Superior there.
- 30.11.1948. Mass 6.30 a.m. Sung mass 8.15 a.m. Miss Feilij came
FEAST OF to take up her abode with us. We had a talking
S. ANDREW. afternoon tea.
1. 12. 1948. Mass 6.20 a.m. in St Mary's Chapel. Sister Dorothy Helen
in retreat. More rain. S.M.A. to Untata to shop.
2. 12. 1948. Mass 6.30 a.m. St Joseph's Hostel gave a concert in
their own quadrangle. It was not possible for us to be
present as we were going to the Holy Hour. Sister Euphemia
told us of the plans being made for C.S.T.B. to open a branch
house at Igcele.
3. 12. 1948. Mass 6.30 a.m. St. Mary's & St. Joseph's Hostels gave a
combined concert - we were all very late getting to bed.
4. 12. 1948. Mass 6.20 a.m. St. Lucy's Chapel. Sister Virginia C.S.T.B.

received Holy Unction; Sister Euphemia, Sister Olive Frances & Sister Joan Augustine also Sister Druce were present. A peaceful day although the School Sisters busy with reports.

ADVENT II 9 a.m. Sung Mass. Solemn Evening for boys and girls of
5.12.1948. the Sunday Schools with procession accompanied with a
base drum at 3 p.m. Collection for Saint Lucy's Hospital
Collection at Tren for S.P.G. Musical Drama came to tea.
7.15 p.m. went to C.S.J.B. To see the Bethlehem Tableaux
Most impressive and devout.

6.12.1948. Mass 6.30 a.m. At 7.30 p.m. we went to the dining hall
and Sister Euphemia gave prizes and gifts to the staff
and children. All (with the exception of one poor child who
has failed) were delighted.

7.12.1948. Mass 6.30 a.m. Requiem (Xosa). 2 p.m. Exhibition and
Sale of Work at the Evening School - well supported by the
Missionaries. 3.30 p.m. School prizes were given followed
by a special tea. Confessions 4.15 p.m.

8.12.1948. Mass 6.30 a.m. of the Feast. Talking morning and afternoon
FEAST OF THE ten. The afternoon tea was chiefly taken up with
CONCEPTION. B.V.M. pursuing the mail - English and otherwise. Exhibition
of work and prize giving at the Evening School.

9.12.1948. No Mass. Prime 6.45 a.m. A few children have gone
home in order to catch connections. 4.30 p.m. the School
Sisters continued with the reports. Holy Hour 7.30 p.m.

10.12.1948. Mass 6.20 a.m. Requiem C.S.M.N. Obit. in Saint Mary's Chapel.
The children left at 6 a.m. by the various buses. After
dinner Sister Euphemia began to read the Customary in
order to revive our memories and in accord with a request
request from the Convent.

11.12.1948. Mass 6.10 a.m. Votive of our Lady - St Mary's Chapel.
S.D.M. & S.J.A. the only Communicants. The remaining
Sisters went to Church at 7 a.m. High Mass of Fein -
Workers' Fraternity. Business Meeting of Workers 10 a.m.
Deep in discussion at 12.20 when we left. (Teacher's Union

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