

- <sup>R</sup>  
 12 Eleven Sisters in retreat. Jocelyn Schwabe drove  
 a garden fork into her foot. Natter drove her to the doctor  
 13<sup>R</sup> The Sisters all left. Fr Singleton drove back to 'Ek'  
 Sisters  
 14<sup>R</sup> Natter - the assistant and S. Deborah Mary went to  
 Johannesburg with Lucy and her child - the latter  
 to be left at the Children's Home. S. Helay Clare  
 went to speak at the Garrison church - on the care  
 of Church linen - Alice drove her.  
 15<sup>R</sup> S. Ng Antony drove Natter to Church Sq: and then  
 took a girl to Court. Natter went by bus to St.  
 Mary's School where Sister P. A and Louisa called  
 for her later. There was a terrific dust storm  
 at 5 pm so Stations were said in Chapel  
 16<sup>R</sup> Mrs Scott returned from a visit to her son  
 Robin. Father called on Mrs Dunster.  
 17<sup>R</sup> Visiting Sunday Mrs Fehman - Mrs Danta + Mrs Schwabe  
 went to Mass at Sophomore and stayed on to lunch.  
 18<sup>R</sup> A party went to home dinner by S. D. Mary.  
 19<sup>R</sup> A lovely St. Joseph's Day beginning with  
 Sung Mass  
 20<sup>R</sup> Mrs Edwards very crippled with arthritis  
 came with her African maid to stay for a  
 fortnight. They are living in St. Raphael's wing  
 and being fed from S. Margaret's. To Resistant-  
 took Nguyen R. W for a X Ray. - No heart  
 trouble as was feared. S. Joan to stay  
 21<sup>R</sup> Sister Deborah Mary was examined and told that  
 she must have the hysterectomy operation. - a  
 blow to us all - Natter sent an air mail to  
 Hester Schmidt asking if she could help  
 22<sup>R</sup> Father Lawler took his wife to a Nursing Home  
 as she is suffering from melancholia  
 S. Margaret - Antony went on the bus to shop  
 23<sup>R</sup> Mrs Bertel a member of the Homes Committee

brought friends to see us - S. Prof. Anthony - S. Euphemia  
S. Dorothy + Irene Jackson went shopping.

S. Joan left.

26<sup>th</sup> Mass 6:50 am. Mother - The Assistant - S. Euphemia  
+ S. Deborah Mary went to the installation of S. Viola  
as assistant to S. Joan. The Bishop installed her.  
We all had tea + staff reporting.

25<sup>th</sup> Sunny Mass for Our Lady - The Eli's sisters  
brought over S. D. Michael who had fallen down  
stairs and bruised herself rather badly. She was  
left behind! Mrs Soames came and had  
tea with Mother before starting her retreat.

26<sup>th</sup> S. Deborah Mary departed to hospital at 8 pm. She  
had dinner girls to clinic + Mother to Bank  
earlier in the day and was not called to hospital  
until after 3 pm!

27<sup>th</sup> Sister had her operation - hysterectomy - she gave  
the doctors a bad time as she bled profusely.

28<sup>th</sup> The Assistant and S. P. Anthony took girls and  
children to dentist and hospital - one in the  
morning - the other in the afternoon.

S. Dorothy arrived with a cold.

29<sup>th</sup> Mother + S. Euphemia went to see S. D. Mary.

S. Dorothy had a day in bed.

30<sup>th</sup> S. Thomas Mary came to breakfast and drove S.  
Dorothy Michael back to Eli's. Mrs Smith came for 2 nights.  
Joan Viner came for one night. The Assistant went  
to see S. D. Mary.

31<sup>st</sup> A full Nativity Sunday. The girls brought  
their babies to Trent. Mother + The Assistant greeted  
the girls. Mother went to the old ladies at The Cottage.  
The prefects from D.S.G. + Waverley came bringing  
my flowers + cakes. S. Irene Benardit, S.  
Viola + S. Mary's Anne and three nuns also  
also came. The sisters had tea in Trent.

and the priestesses with the sisters. The school  
fraternised under the apical lines. All went  
to see the babies. Joan Vines drove Natter and  
S. Margaret Antony to see S. D. May & after  
S. Joan.

1<sup>st</sup> The car was taken to Lifford by S. N. A. Co  
he overhauled. Natter drove to Waverley for  
Governing Body meeting taking Innes Jackson  
as a companion.

2<sup>nd</sup> No Mass. S. Katerina went to town and to  
see S. D. May. The latter had received  
Communion that morning. Mrs Schmitt's  
furniture arrived from Capetown.

3<sup>rd</sup> Confirmation administered to 5 girls by the Bishop  
of Pretoria - a happy occasion.

In the evening Her. Schmitt (Pastor # Schoeman)  
arrived to help.

4<sup>th</sup> Natter - host - S. N. Antony went to town & to see S.  
Deborah May

5<sup>th</sup> Three ladies to see the Thomas - The accountant took  
girls for ante natal, a baby was adopted - a  
new girl arrived.

6<sup>th</sup> A busy morning - Chapel service. S. Deborah  
May returned to convalesce in St. Mark

7<sup>th</sup> Pastor Sunday

8<sup>th</sup> S. N. Antony took Mrs Dunstan to town etc.

9<sup>th</sup> An emergency Home Committee was held to  
discuss the future.

10<sup>th</sup> Natter - J. Schabbe and N. Dawson went to Jo'burg  
Natter called on at Ekurhuleni - shopped -  
had tea with Mrs Sunday Brown - one time  
Natter's worker at EK and met the others for  
the return journey. No Mass

11<sup>th</sup> Natter & S. Euphemia left at 10 am to go  
shopping & returned at 2:10 pm!

13<sup>th</sup> The assistant drove Mother to work and a Mother and babe to hospital

14<sup>th</sup> Mrs Tope - Sister Deborah Mary's sister came to stay.

16<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday - All the ceremonies went smoothly - Grace Broughton nobly copied with hymn playing - The rest we sang unaccompanied. Blanche Meider came for the day. A party of Sisters and Mrs Tope went to the O.S.G. to hear.

Passion music. Fr Sudekotten presided on Tues + Wed.

15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> Holy Week - Namely Thursday Fr Sudekotten sang Mass + heard confessions

Good Friday

The girls were good - Some went to the Boat by ambulance - Ellen was fetched to her dying Mother. The home was very painful and all went smoothly. We went to church for the 3 hours which was taken by Fr. Rubinson of Orange Grove

20<sup>th</sup> Sunday Mother + Edith Tope went to Patisian - the former to fetch Easter flowers. The latter to book air passages to Durban for herself and S. Deborah Mary. Dorothy Fehsen fetched a girl from the Boat.

21<sup>st</sup> EASTER SUNDAY - a thoroughly happy day although the weather was a little grim until the afternoon.

22<sup>d</sup> We had a family party of Sisters - Visitors room - and O.L.'s S. Joan also joined us

23<sup>d</sup> S. M. Antony took Mrs Dunstan and a girl to town. S. Inez Benedict + S. Kathleen Mary came to recreation

24<sup>th</sup> The assistant drove S. Deborah Mary + her sister to the airport and S. Dorothy went as a companion. Jocelyn Schwabe and Mary Dunstan left for England. A.H.S!

25<sup>th</sup> No Mass

26<sup>th</sup> Mother went to Sophiatown to see Reggie and his kids. She drove S. Joanne Mary to Park Station + waited to see her and Sister Ann

Gertrude Constantine and Christiana off to E. London.  
for their rest. She also drove S. Dorothy Michael  
back with her to home as she was not at  
all well.

27<sup>th</sup> S. Rosemary had a small operation - at  
Andrew Nicholas Hospital. Nettle went  
to N. Tee at D.S.G. Home returned - Fr. H. Smith  
arrived.

28<sup>th</sup> a fairly quiet Sunday. In the evening  
three arrived for D.S.G. for Retreat.  
S. Joan was dismissed.

29<sup>th</sup> The three from Waverley for retreat arrived.  
The Retreat began at 5:15.

30<sup>th</sup> Mrs Baker came and asked to be allowed  
to work. Nettle looked and then went  
with Mrs Baker to the N.O.H. - while the  
Assistant saw Dr. Veering. Both were  
most forthcoming re future work.

31<sup>st</sup> Nettle went to visit an old lady who  
said she was 100 and wanted to come to us!  
She also went to see S. Rosemary and  
found her up.

2<sup>nd</sup> The Assistant drove Nettle to town. Both  
stopped at the printer went to see S. Rosemary.  
S. Mary Brito came for Vespers & drove.  
Nancy R. Watson to D.S.G. for two nights.

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Mass - The Chaplain - Fr. Horner Smith officiated  
S. Katerina took Kitty to the Board once more.

4<sup>th</sup> The Retreat ended and Fr. H. S. left by the 9:15 pm  
train. Sisters Frances Mary, Nancy Anthony and  
Hilda Kathleen stayed in Retreat for an extra  
day, and S. Dorothy Michael continued her private  
retreat which she started on Friday. Mrs Cantal to stay  
S. No services for Mass - A Very Cold Day - bitter  
wind.

S. Rosemary  
came for  
hospital.

- 6<sup>th</sup> The O.S.G. section returned.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Sister Dorothy Michael emerged from her retreat and returned to Eli as S. Evelyn Angela was ill in bed.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Nobody to Mass - No Mass.
- 9<sup>th</sup> The electricians came after promising to come at some eight weeks previously. Father - S. Euphemia and S. Dorothy went shopping - Budget to dental hospital.
- 10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING. - Fairly well attended. Mr Sydney Watson secretary of the Rural Aid Society speaks re the aged - Good speech - The Bishop who had spent eight hours driving from Toronto in order to be here - went to sleep - but was forgiven.
- 11<sup>th</sup> The Assistant took a baby to see Dr. King
- 12<sup>th</sup> No sewers for Mass. A fairly peaceful day.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Nobody went to Mass - fairly cold weather.
- 14<sup>th</sup> No Mass - The Nuns from S. Boniface cancelled their picnic.
- 15<sup>th</sup> Weather improving - The sister had recreation in the garden.
- 16<sup>th</sup> Rev. Father, ill in bed. S. A. Audrey went to Mass.
- 17<sup>th</sup> Father better but stay in bed until ten time. S. Dorothy also in bed.
- 18<sup>th</sup> A fairly peaceful day - Father came down stairs to Vespers and ten. S. Dorothy much better.
- 19<sup>th</sup> The sewer returned - Sister was not at Mass.
- 20<sup>th</sup> S. Katerine busy preparing for a visit.
- 21<sup>st</sup> S. Deborah Mary returned from Dubon by air. S. Katerine - S. Euphemia and S. Dorothy want to meet her.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> S. D. Mary being instructed - V. busy but seems well.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> S. Katerine left for Port Elizabeth. - The Bishop came in to see Father about the head work - told her to send him the bills!
- 24<sup>th</sup> Important letters from home re new work mostly taken!
- 25<sup>th</sup> Father & Sister Dora went to buy plants for the garden. They called at the O.S.G. and S. Mary Bude took them to Silverton.
- 26<sup>th</sup> Mass at 6:50 - The sewer came, but only one for the

Four days

27<sup>th</sup> Miss Jepsen not well - kept in bed

28<sup>th</sup> The doctor came and saw both Mrs Scott and Mrs Jepsen

He was anxious about Mrs Scott and ordered two days in bed. S.D. Mary drove to Lyttelton for medicine S. Dastler is

29<sup>th</sup> Father took a party to bank and slopes - also girls to Naederboard. The Burke got up at crack of dawn to

meet the 5:30 am for N. Tol. Mrs Hunt should have been on the train but it did not stop. She arrived by a later train. Mrs R and Miss Jackson fetched flowers from the school. Mrs Scott quite ill - Sister Ida &

Mrs Faber and did night duty. S.H. Clare ill - had

30<sup>th</sup> Ascension Day - A low Mass - at 7 am. The Sisters had to manage as best they could. S.N. Aubrey was Saviour and thence. S. Dastler started with the boat but finished with the censes as S.N. Aubrey had to go to say the big bell. S.D. Mary slipped along to extinguish the Paschal candle and then quickly back to pray the Creed. S. Ida was unable to be present and S.H. Clare slipped - for her Communion.

D. came to see Mrs Scott - said she must go very carefully and her children warned. Mrs Jepsen may have to go into hospital for investigation. Kitty was ordered to hospital as she had a large abscess in her breast. Anna fell down - not badly hurt. Bindi closed a visitor's hearing aid.

We all divided into five camps and the girls cooked dinners - great success - long day. After.

S.D. N took Kitty to hospital. The whole family had tea on the lawn at 3:30.

Supper at 6 pm - film at 7 pm.

31<sup>st</sup> Mrs Scott up for a time - St. Mary's staff being difficult - but Hester Schmitt said she would stay and help with new work. We finished the film between 6 and 7 pm.

- 15<sup>+</sup> S. Ida reported that she had been up since 3:45 am with Mrs Scott. She rested in order to do night duty. Natta and S. Deborah Mary went to try and find a nurse - Josephine - She was away on a case. Natta found one - Irene to come on duty on Sunday night. Natta got into touch with Patrick Scott who came from London in the afternoon. Natta impressed upon him the necessity of getting into touch with his sister. Violet collapsed.
- 2<sup>d</sup> Dusty Anson - Mrs Scott's daughter - flew from Dublin and stayed the night - leaving Sunday - many cars. Sister Margaret returned.
- 3<sup>d</sup> Mrs Burke took Violet to the General Hospital - leaving at 7:30 am. The Felman went with them as far as Praterin. Violet was kept in as an urgent case. Natta went to Waverly accompanied by Sister Margaret Anthony.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Natta in Retirement. a fairly peaceful day.
- 5<sup>th</sup> S. Margaret Anthony took girls to Church etc and did some shopping.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Fr. Sidelbather gave an address and heard confessions. Natta + S. Deborah Mary went to town - took two girls for eye testing, shopped and went to the Andrew McColm Hospital to inspect their ward books with a view to ordering them for the same factory. Mrs Japson left by ambulance for the General Hospital.
- 7<sup>th</sup> S. Ngt. Anthony - Retirement. Natta and S. Ida and S. Deborah Mary went to fetch Kitty from the General and to visit Miss Japson and Violet. They also did some shopping. The men came to put up cubicle roofs at St. Margarets. Dan Baker to stay.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Alne Burke drove Natta to see Mrs Schuettenberg and then on to the D.S.G. to collect flowers. Ngt. Scott came.
- 9<sup>th</sup> WHITSUNDAY. Mass at 7 am with sermons - S. appears in the congregation. Joan Braybrook for Mass having arrived the previous night after camp fire.



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Margaret Scott left. Evelyn went to visit Mrs. Japora and Violet. St. Margaret Anthony drove 3 girls to Saphentown for Sunny Pass - Lucy went to visit her child in Schrammsburg. Nellie's children came to visit her.

- 7. Family quiet
- 10. Family quiet
- 11. Pouring rain most of the day - most unusual for June
- 12. Miss Japora had her operation - No Pass
- 13. The Fink-Hill of Patten Holdings fettered Nottle and Sister Deborah Mary to take them to the factory at Bokerburg
- 14. Nottle - D. Polson and I. Jackson drove to Saphentown. Nottle and I.J. to stay two nights and O.F. one
- 15. Nottle and I.J. gave out collecting boxes and returned to Saphentown at night
- 15. Street Collector - realized \$270 on the street
- Nottle returned by train - Alene having arrived by train in the morning. She and D.F. and I.J. returned by car in the early evening. Violet and Kitty returned from hospital. James came to stay for night and part of Sunday in the priest's parsonage. Nottle's niece dined for the family in the afternoon.
- 16. St. Deborah Mary spent the morning between her hospital and B&B. Nottle ordered beds etc
- 17. The Assistant returned from her rest accompanied by Nottle Tabitha -
- 18. A great day of sorting out news etc. A new girl arrived at the creek of dawn. Alene Parks met her. - No Pass. <sup>5.00 + 5.75 money to the girl</sup> committee for a picnic
- 19. The COLDEST DAY on record. We had a lovely Sunny Pass in spite of it! Also we kept festa - dropping feast in front
- 20. Hospital beds etc arrived for the first week

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and took St. Dunleas back en route for St. Catharines

21<sup>st</sup> S. D. May visited her surgeon - and was pleased out with flying colours -

22<sup>nd</sup> Mother drove Mother Tabatha to the D.S.G. and found them all in retreat

23<sup>rd</sup> The Assistant drove Mother Tabatha + S. Euphemia to Saphorone in time for A. Ten. They stayed for High Mass service - dinner etc and then went to the Corpus Christi procession - All thrilled -

24<sup>th</sup> Mother + the Assistant went to A. Ten with the other Sisters as they were celebrating holy Vera as well as St. John the Baptist. Retreatants arrived

25<sup>th</sup> A cold overcast day - with rain - All busy trying to keep the retreatants warm. After an early dinner Mother and S. Margaret Antony drove to Johnsbury. After shopping at the International they went to tea at Waverley. S. Antony returned to Irene but Mother stayed for the parents meeting and slept the night.

26<sup>th</sup> S. Agnes [Irene!] brought Mother back. S. Robert Mary went to hospital with girl and baby - still wet and cold.

27<sup>th</sup> In the morning Mother and the Assistant went to Patience and in the afternoon to the 'Ek' meeting in Johnsbury. They had tea with Mrs Brown (Brown) before leaving for home.

28<sup>th</sup> Some of the retreatants left also Fr Guinness but the rest stayed in retreat.

29<sup>th</sup> All retreatants left. Mother - the Assistant - Mother Tabatha and S. Euphemia went to a conference at the Patience School.

Also in the morning Mother + Mrs Jackson went to 'Ek' via Newbury.

30<sup>th</sup> A very quiet Sunday - the Hodge arrived in the afternoon having driven from St. Catharines.

1<sup>st</sup> Vera visited in preparation for driving to Salisbury. The girls all busy preparing for a fancy dress dance. Mother took Mother Tabatha to Waverley. Mrs Joyce announced

2<sup>nd</sup> S. Ida <sup>Sunny</sup> and Vera Hodge left by road for Salisbury

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