

Scheme. A very full assembly.

- ADVENT III. Sung Mass 9 a.m. 11 a.m. Sister Euphemia and Sister Evelyn Angela went by car with two visitors to Iguala with a view to opening a branch house for C.S.J.B. The visitors came to tea with us but the Sisters went to C.S.J.B. as they were to begin their long retreat.
- 13.12.1948. Mass 6 a.m. at the Hospital - All the Sisters, the nurses and Festival of the women workers were present with Brerly as Server. Saint Lucy. Hymns and incense. Father Young S.S.J.E. celebrated and gave a short homily on the life of Saint Lucy. 10.30 a.m. Sister Euphemia, S.D.H., S.T.A. and S.M.A. went to Uxatla to do Christmas shopping; they returned at 5 p.m. laden and tired having accomplished much.
- 14.12.48. Mass 6.30 a.m. Members of the Mothers' Union began their gathering - Mrs Barnett arrived in time for dinner. Mrs Gibson stayed at the Guest House. Sister Euphemia very busy interviewing prospective boarders and husbands for ex boarders. A short hail storm.
- 15.12.48. Mass 6 a.m. Ember Day. Members of the Mothers' Union present at Mass. Sister Tom Argenti and Doctor Dickson out from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the ambulance. Good showers of rain. Des gratias.
- 16.12.48. Mass 7 a.m. Sister Rachel Mary left for Irene - Mrs O SAPIENTIA. Night took her to Tzolo. Sister ~~Beatrice~~ Beatrice Rose arrived - brought from Tzolo by Miss Keith-Ross. We went into Retreat at 7.30 p.m.
- 17.12.48. Mass 7 a.m. St. Mary's Chapel. Continued our Advent Retreat with Father Young conducting. Addresses on the great Os - O Root of Jesse; O King of the Nations; O Emmanuel. A great emphasis was made by Father Young of the community as a family - this was stressed at the opening address and again at Devotions.
- 18.12.48. Mass 7 a.m. Sung - Chapter Mass of C.S.J.B. This was indeed a privilege and occurred through their being only one Priest

available on the Mission. Sister Euphemia stayed to breakfast and the Chapter meeting and returned to C.S.B.U. in time for dinner.

- ADVENT IV. 9 a.m. Sung Mass. All with the exception of S.T.A. made their Communion at this Mass. Wally and Wally Wally came to tea. Vespers & Compline at 20 p.m. Evening in Church as usual but no sermon.
- 20.12.1948. Vigil of St. Thomas. Mass in St. Lucy's Chapel and all the Sisters went to this Mass. Sister Beatrice Rose rested until morning tea and then enclosed herself in her cell to do Christmas surprises. Mrs. Dorothea Levin (Sister of our own Sister Maria) sent a cheque for St. Mary's Hospital, also Sister Sheila Bryant sent £3 as a result of her handwork.
- 21.12.1948. Mass 7 a.m. - St. Mary's Chapel. Solemn Vespers at 4.45 p.m. Feast of St. Thomas. Rained all day and very cold. S.O.S. from All Saints Thomas Est. Mission asking for help as there has been a crisis.
- 22.12.1948. Mass 7 a.m. Compline at 15 p.m.
- 23.12.1948. Mass 7 a.m. Holy Mass 7.30 p.m. Unfortunately no notice was given therefore we were very late in taking our part. Sister Beatrice Rose and Sister M.A. went off to gather flowers for the Christmas decorations.
- 26.12.1948. Mass 7 a.m. in St. Mary's Chapel. Solemn Evening & Christmas Eve. Baptisms at 4 p.m. in Church followed by Vespers & Carols in St. Mary's Chapel; Supper 6.30 p.m. followed by Christmas greetings. First Mass 11.45 p.m. in Church.
- CHRISTMAS DAY. Prime 7 a.m. Sung Mass & Procession 9 a.m. S.T.A. busy at the Hospital distributing gifts but there were no visitors & within the joy of the patients. Tea party at 3.45 p.m. followed by Carols. Vespers. A very happy day although Sister Euphemia had to go to entertain the Sisters of C.S.T.B. in the evening.
- Feast of St. John. Mass 7 a.m. Blessing of the Crib & Solemn Vespers at 3.30 p.m. 7.30 p.m. Doctor Dickson, Elizabeth Feibig & Aileen Poy entertained informally friends of the Mission with

CHRISTMAS EVE.

4 P.M. SOLEMN
EVENSONG IN CHURCH
BAPTISMS AND
PROCESSION.

FOLLOWED BY FIRST
VESPERS IN SAINT
MARY'S CHAPEL
AND CAROLS

FOLLOWED BY SUPPER

AFTER
SUPPER CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
IN COMMUNITY ROOM

8.15 P.M. COMPLINE (SUNG)

10.45 P.M. MATINS

11.45 P.M. FIRST MASS
IN CHURCH
FOLLOWED BY LAUDS IN
ST. MARY'S CHAPEL.

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birds, accompanied with flute & piano.

FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS Mass 7 a.m. 7.15 p.m. went to C.S.J.B. and saw the children enjoying a party and hearing rhymes acted especially for their entertainment. Sweets and toys were received with delight and the party ended at the Aib in Chapel. Matins & Lauds 9.30 p.m. now just crept into bed before 10.30 p.m. Sister Dorothy Helen returned to her bed.

FEAST OF S. THOMAS. Mass 7 a.m. S.D.H. much better but visited until dinner time. A quiet day.

VII DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS. Mass 7 a.m. The Chapter Sisters of C.S.J.B. came to Cards and afternoon tea and were entertained with competitive games and were awarded prizes from the Christmas tree. They were happy and very skilful. Holy Hour 7.30 p.m. Today a telegram received from Mother P. telling us that the Assistant General is unable to visit us but is returning to England a month earlier and is taking S.W.L. with her. The disappointment is great.

31.12.1948. Mass 7 a.m. S.B.R. & S.M.A. went to the tiger bush for a picnic returning in the late afternoon with flower platters. Mr. Wright gave a cinema entertainment in the evening.

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Feast of the Annunciation. Mass 7 a.m. S.B.R. & S.O.F. went with three C.S.J.B. Sisters for a picnic primarily to pick bell flowers, also lilies & begonias. A beautiful day and a very happy picnic - returned in time for tea.

2.1.1949. Mass 7 a.m. Purg Mass 9 a.m. A meeting of the Executive Committee of St. Lucy's Hospital at 3 p.m. To discuss the question of buying a new car. The suggestion made by Doctor Dickson has been waived and it is hoped that no unnecessary expenditure will be made as the financial position of the hospital is low, although considerable grace has been bestowed upon it.

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- 3.1.1949. Mass in St Mary's Chapel 7 a.m. Sister Euphemia went to Chapter meeting at C.S.J.B. to discuss an urgent matter. Sister Drew does not seem particularly well.
- 4.1.1949. Mass in St Mary's Chapel 7 a.m. S.B.R. & S.O.F. went with C.S.J.B. Sisters T. Kyeale leaving at 8 a.m. A perfect day. The two C.S.J.B. Sisters are staying at Kyeale for two weeks - a glorious place for quiet and refreshment with the church close at hand although there is no resident priest. S.B.R. in retreat after tea.
- 5.1.1949. Mass 7 a.m. in Church. S.B.R. in retreat until Vespers. Confessions 4.15 p.m. Fast Eucharist of Epiphany in Church 5 p.m. Vespers 3.45 p.m. Compline, Matins & Lauds 8.15 p.m.
- 6.1.1949. Mass 7 a.m. Surg Mass 8.30 a.m. Talking Morning Tea - FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY Table lit with candles - very festive, although a little swimming. Sister Beatrice Rose left for the Terminal; she was able to receive her Communion at St. Lucy's as Sister Virginia was receiving her Communion from the Tabernacle; it was a happy arrangement. Tea after tea - the candles were again lit. Tableaux in church.
- 7.1.1949. Mass 6.20 a.m. in St Lucy's Chapel; all the Sisters with the exception of S.W.H. were present. The nurses of St Lucy's had a party beginning at 7.40 p.m. Miss Polly Wallace gave the certificate to nurse Rose who has now been appointed as Staff nurse. A very happy evening, although the Sisters left at 8.30 p.m. Devotions & Address to
- 8.1.1949. Mass 6.30 a.m. in St Mary's Chapel - Hymns were sung. Sister Evelyn Ayckle in retreat. Miss Feilding went to Kyeale to see the Bethlehem Tableaux arranged by Miss Poy. All busy winding up accounts, etc.
- 9.1.1949. Mass 7 a.m. Surg Mass with Procession 9 a.m. The SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY Congregation joined in the Procession. Althea Graham came to tea.

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- 10.1.1949. Mass 7 a.m. (Xosa) Father Young left for the Transvaal. Doctor Pearson came to take up duties at the Hospital.
- 11.1.1949. Mass 7 a.m. We are continuing during the Octave of the Epiphany to have talking morning and afternoon teas. Sister Euphemia called on Doctor & Mrs. Pearson at the Guest House.
- 12.1.1949. Mass 7 a.m. (Xosa). Telegram received from Mother asking that Sister Evelyn Angela go to the Transvaal on the 20th. Sister Rachel Mary returned from her visit. A really good downpour of rain in answer to special prayers at Mass this morning. *Deo Gratias.*
- 13.1.1949. Mass 7 a.m. Octave Day of the Feast of the Epiphany. Talking morning and afternoon tea with candles lighted in honour of the Feast. Holy Hour 7.30 p.m.
- 14.1.1949. Mass 6.20 a.m. in Saint Lucy's Chapel. All the Sisters present as there was no other Mass in the parish. Founder's Day. Doctor Dickson took Sister Winifred Sereby to Leemba to open clinic there. Left at 9 a.m. returned at 10.30 p.m. - Some alarm prevailed - but all relieved when the ambulance was heard.
- 15.1.1949. Mass 7 a.m. Votive of S. Mary. Sister Margaret Anthony went with Miss South-Ross and Sister Drews to Inkobotwana and Triton Falls on River; arrived back in time for Vespers.
- 16.1.1949. Mass - Surg - 9 a.m. Returned 11.10 for morning tea. The Valleys came to tea before embarking upon their mission to All Saints. Father Brabant arrived just before we finished tea. Retreat began at 7.30 p.m. A mighty wind raged whilst saying Prayers.

Community Retreat: 16th - 21st January 1949.

Conductor Father Brabant - Principal of Saint Bede's College, Ventnor.

Subject The Revelations of God.

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21. 1. 1949. Mass 7 a.m. St. Mary's Chapel. Retreat. undak.
Sister Evelyn Angela left for the Terminal on the 20th January.
22. 1. 1949. Mass 6.20 a.m. in St. Lucy's Chapel. All the Sisters under
Feast of their Communion. Montschubels Gabeni one of Saint
St. Vincent, Mary's Hostel Girls, who has been in Hospital since May,
D. H. 1948, suffering from Pulmonary Tuberculosis, died on Wednesday
20th January 1949. R.I.P. Sister Euphemia went to
Inbobotwana to see the C.S.I.B. Sisters safely established.
23. 1. 1949. Sung Mass 9 a.m. There was a 7 a.m. Mass & which
Sister Joan Augustine went but we were not aware of the
early Mass. No visitors for tea.
24. 1. 1949. No Mass. Miss Druce returned from East London
where she had been for the week-end. Mr. Wright gave
a cinema show. Sister Rachel Mary and Sister Wimpfel
leaved and returned in time for Office at 8.30 p.m.
25. 1. 1949. Mass 7 a.m. Sister Dorothy Helen went to shop at
Feast of Urntata, and returned in time for Festival tea. Four
Con. of S. Paul. Novice made their Profession at the Convent today including
Novice Dorothy Raphael who did pioneer work at Sophiatown
and Ekutubeni. The children began to return.
26. 1. 1949. No Mass. Sister Datin, C.S.I.B. has come to help at
S. Polgamp, the Hostel. School opened - about sixty boarders have
returned.
27. 1. 1949. Mass 6.30 a.m. Requiem for Father Leo - Year's mind.
S. Chrysostom Hospital Board Meeting 2.30 p.m. Holy Hour 7.30 p.m.
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28. 1. 1949. Mass 6.20 a.m. St. Lucy's Chapel. Extremely hot.
29. 1. 1949. Mass 6.30 a.m. Votive of Saint Mary with a particular
intention for the boys and girls and teachers and their
homes. Abigail - Mother of the Hostel taken to Hospital -
her little girl has developed chicken-pox!! Letter from
Sister Evelyn Angela. The Wander flew from England on
Tuesday arriving in Johannesburg on Friday

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Epiphany IV Mass 7 a.m. Sung Mass with sermon preached by the
30. 1. 1949. Reverend Father Provincial, S.S.J.C. Sunday Schools
began. Miss Phenard and Miss Hobhouse came to
tea.

31. 1. 1949. Mass 6.20 a.m. in Saint Mary's Chapel. Vespers
3.45 p.m. Hostel meeting 4.30 p.m. Letter from the
Mother P saying S.O.F. to go to June during the
absence on furlough of Sister Margorie Gabriel.

1. 2. 1949. Mass 6.30 a.m. First Vespers of the Purification.

2. 2. 1949. Mass 6.20 a.m. in Chapel of Saint Mary. Father Young,
FEAST OF who returned from the Transvaal on Monday, distributed
THE PURIFICATION. candles - a Light & Lighten the Gentiles?.

Sung Mass with procession 8.15 a.m. The choir
carried lighted candles. Talking morning and
afternoon tea. Confessions 4.15 p.m.

3. 2. 1949. Mass 6.30 a.m. Sister Joan Augustine went to
Mortdale in the ambulance with Doctor Pearson driving
to bring back the hospital car.

4. 2. 1949. Mass 6.20 a.m. in St. Mary's Chapel. Sister Datini,
C.S.J.B. acted as early Sacristan. Sister Evelyn
Angela expected from June but as the lorry broke down
she was left on the road side & to be picked up by
the hospital car; actually arrived about 4.15 p.m.

Devotions 5 p.m. News of Sister Monica Mary's early return

5. 2. 1949. Mass 6.20 a.m. in Saint Mary's Chapel. All the Sisters
& Agatha V.A. commemorated at this Mass. We saw for the first
time the Contouring photographs from Moore - so nice.
Torrential rain but very much needed.

6. 2. 1949. Mass 7 a.m. (Epiphany V). Sung Mass 9 a.m. Mrs Pearson
IN THE OCTAVE (Wife of Dr. Pearson) and Mrs. Bishell (of the Weaving School)
came to tea.

7. 2. 1949. Mass 6.30 a.m. We continued to celebrate the Feast of the
Purification - talking afternoon tea. Mail from the Convent
telling us that Sister Linda is really very ill and confirming

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the date of Sister Monica Mary's sailing. Everybody busy consulting the calendar!! Doctor Dickson returned in the evening, having been away ten days at East London.

8.2.1969. No Mass. The boarders went to a cinema show which ended at 9.30 p.m. Sister Ephemia went to talk to the Sisters of C.S.J.B.

9.2.1969. 6.20 a.m. Mass in St. Mary's Chapel. Sister Euphemie and OCTAVE DAY. Sister Joan Augustini went to Spang's Stores, Baledale.

10.2.1969. Mass 6.30 a.m. Blessing of the new Classroom of the Primary School. Holy Hour 7.30 p.m.

11.2.1969. Mass 6.20 a.m. in St. Lucy's Chapel. Sister Winifred Lereby in retreat. Sister Margaret Antony began her retreat at Vespers. Sister Ephemia went to C.S.J.B. after Vespers and stayed there for supper arriving back in time for the night office. Doctor Dickson went to Kumbur for the clinic.

12.2.1969. Mass 6.30 a.m. of St. Mary. Festival tea in honour of Sister Winifred Lereby. A ghost tree of Christmas. The children gave a concert - very homely - and very happy and loving in spite of the presence of the ghost of departure.

SEPTUAGESIMA. Sung Mass 9 a.m. Father Young came at 4.30 p.m. & 13.2.1969 itinerate Sister Winifred Lereby - the Nations came also Doctor Dickson and Miss ^{Ramsay} Rindell. Afterwards a car load of Sisters and luggage took Sister to Saint Bede's to Father Brabant and Miss Lee where Sister was to have supper and then to be taken down to the station to entrain en route for Cape Town.

14.2.1969. No Mass. Sister Evelyn Angela left for Imbokotswana until Wednesday.

15.2.1969. Mass 6.30 a.m. Father Young came to hear confession 4.15 a.m.

16.2.1969. Mass 6.20 a.m. in St. Mary's Chapel. C.S.M.N. Requiem

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A day of experiences. Set black sky, followed by hail stones - the size of cherries - followed by torrential rain - the river swelled and roared horribly and continued to do so all night. All is safe at the Mission although some loss of life in the farm-yard. One wonders very much about the Africans and their huts and their losses. Sister Evelyn Angela returned from her visit to Imbokotswana and went back to C.S.T.B. after discipline accompanied ~~with~~ by the little dog, both nice and wet.

- 17.2.49. No Mass. Meeting of Heads of Hostels in Sister Euphemia's Office at 11 a.m. To discuss a proposed choir. Holy Hour 7.30 p.m.
- 18.2.49. Mass 6.30 a.m. Sister Dorothy Helen in retreat. Sister Euphemia went to C.S.T.B. after Vespers and stayed for supper. The Assistant General, Sister Olive Irene and Sister Winifred Ferrelly embarked for England. Letter from Mother P. telling us Sister Angela has Typh. Fever. and that she herself would stay at Cape Town until Thursday.
- 19.2.1949. Mass 6.20 a.m. in St. Mary's Chapel. Voters of St. Mary. Sister Euphemia and Sister Rachel Mary in Retreat. Uneventful day.
- 20.2.1949 9 a.m. Mass. All Sisters Communicated. Miss Litch. SEXAGESIMA. Ross; Miss Gibson (of Holy Cross) & Miss Muriel Drew came to tea.
- 21.2.1949 6.20 a.m. Mass in St. Mary's Chapel. Letter from Mother P. & Sister Winifred Ferrelly telling us that the Assistant General and her companions are safely on board the Adhlonie Castle; also no passage at present for Sister Euphemia on the 25th March. Miss Barber came to visit the Housecraft School. Barnabas Faden one of the Preachers (aged 68 years) was buried today.

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