

May 1950.

Friday 19th
St. Dunstan.

excellent, & most exciting. The rain kept off till about 9 p.m. & then descended in sheets. Mass 7.15 a.m. The Assistant, Sr. Olive Frances & Sr. Hilda Ven^{ts}, all went to town in the morning. Very cold after the rain, altho' fine. In the evening supper was at 6, & then the rest of the film. Everyone enjoyed it very much, & Rufus barked at it at the beginning!

Sat: 20th
Octave.

Mass 7.15 a.m. Pl. May & Pl. Francisca changed places again & returned to their former jobs.

Sunday - The Octave
21st

Sung Mass 7 a.m. Mother returned from St. Cuthberts. The Assistant, S^r. A. Crystal, & S^r. Charity came to fetch Mother from Waverley where she went for dinner from Ek having stayed there for Saturday night. The car broke down just after leaving Waverley & nothing would induce it to go!! Some very nice people of the name of Peckert found us in our dilemma pushed the car with their car to Tower Garage where it had to be left & then drove us all the way to Irene in their car!.. Solemn Evening + Sermon. 6-10 p.m.

Monday. 22nd
Octave.

Mass 7.15. A bitterly cold day. The Archbishop (Clayton) came to pay a visit. He arrived at 3.30 p.m. with the Bishop of Pretoria. All the Sisters with Mother greeted his Grace at the front door then proceeded to the Recreation Room for tea, where M^{rs}. Bunt-flower, Miss Hayne, M^{rs}. Gavin & the Chaplain were waiting. At 4 p.m. the Girls & Staff, Visitors & Sisters assembled in Chapel & the Archbishop gave a short address with his blessing.

The car was fetched back in the afternoon from the Turner garage where it was mended.

Tuesday, Octave
23rd

No Mass. At 9-30 a.m. Mother + the Sister with some of the Staff + girls walked down to the Township to see Field Marshal Smuts driving through on his way to Johannesburg on the occasion of his 80th birthday. All had a wonderful view of him, smiling + looking far more like 50 than 80!! His car stopped for some considerable minutes. The crowd sang "A happy birthday to you". A new dog was fetched from Pretoria for St. Margaret's a mongrel airdale. Little Brown went to a nice home in Pretoria.

Wednesday
Octave 24th
(Empire Day)

Mass 7-15. Canon Rumbold was brought by his cousin from Johannesburg to stay for a time after his eye operations. M^{rs} Rumbold was fetched to be with him from the Nursing Home at Silveston. Archdeacon Woodfield brought the Canon's boy John over to look after them. They were all down at the Cottage.

Thursday 25th
Octave Day.

Mass 7-15. The Confirmation was in the afternoon at 3 p.m. The Bp. of Pretoria took it. Charlotte came over with him. They both had tea in Trust with Mother also the Chaplain. At 4-30 p.m. Mother S^{rs} O.F. + S^{rs} D.Z. drove into Pretoria for a Play at Hillcrest. Very good, + most amusing.

Friday 26th
St. Augustine B.C.

Mass 7-15. The Canon came, + sat in the Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament. Mother in Retreat. No classes. S^r Charity went to Pretoria in the Van for shopping.

Saturday Vigil
27th

Mass 7-15. Everything as usual. Solemn Evening + Procession. 6-30 p.m.

May.

Whit-Sunday.
28th.

Sung Mass 7 a.m. In the evening Sister ^{Mabel} ~~Wells~~ ^{SSM} came for Retreat. Solemn Evening + Sermon. 6-10 p.m.

Whit-Monday.
29th.

Mass 7-15. Sister Mabel SSM in Retreat. Every thing quite ordinary!

Whit-Tuesday.
30th.

Mass 7-15. After Terse Mother took S^r M. Anne, S^r H. Verity, + S^r Charity into Pretoria to see the Voortrekker Memorial. Afterwards into the town to do the money + various shoppings + to collect the Alsatian dog from the WSPCA. A failure! as he started off by biting two of the Native boys so he was returned with thanks after tea! The Assistant in Retreat. Miss Coetzee came to see Mary. The Canon was not at all well all day. The Bp. of Pretoria came to see him in the afternoon. Eileen Kernac came in the evening for Retreat.

Wednesday. Octave.
Ember Day 31st
(Union Day.)

Mass 7-15. Eileen Kernac in Retreat. The Canon was better. S^r J. Everild went to bed after Compline with a heavy cold. Girls service. 6 p.m. Holiday or no posts.

Thursday. Octave
June. 1st

No Mass. The Assistant + S^r A. Crystal drove into Pretoria for shopping in the morning. S^r J. Everild was in bed all day with her cold. Eileen Kernac left after afternoon tea.

Friday. Ember Day.
Octave. 2nd

Mass 7-15. At 9-30 a.m. Mother + the Assistant with David drove into Johannesburg to go + see Sister Emie who was poorly + in bed + also to collect a "doggie"! a dear little retriever pup. Sister Mabel. SSM also came in leaving after her Retreat. Sister Isabel

*Doornkloof,
Irene,
Transvaal.*

My family and I are
deeply touched by your greet-
ings and good wishes for my
80th birthday.

W. Smits.

June.

was up + seemed better. S^r H. Verity went in on the Van + saw J^r Venning about her colds. Classes as usual.

Saturday, Ember Day.
October 3rd.

Mass 7-15. Mother started slight sciatica pains again + as things had not been quite comfortable below she went in to see J^r Venning with S^r Charity. He advised an Xray. Dorothea Fehren returned. Solemn Evening + Prayers 6-30.

Trinity Sunday.
4th.

Sung Mass 7 a.m. Everything as usual. Solemn Evening + Sermon 6-10 p.m.

Monday, Octave
St. Pious + Camp. 11th.
5th.

Mass 7-15. At 12.0'clock Mother went to Waverley for the Monthly Meeting + took David to drive back. The Assistant took girls to Court leaving at 1-15 p.m. Dorothea Home came for two nights. S^r O.F. went to Pretoria to have a tooth out!

Tuesday, Octave
6th.

Mass 7-15. Mother spent most of the day in Pretoria having an Xray taken of her bowels on J^r Venning's advice. Sister Charity went with Mother. Fr. Huddleston came for address + Confessions. Dorothea Home was in Retreat. Mother + the Assistant had supper at the Nursery; S^r H. Verity giving a small party for the girls.

Wednesday,
Octave 7th.

No Mass. The Brumbolds left for Pretoria at 10 a.m. M^r Bunt flower left for her holiday in the evening + went off with Dorothea Home. Sister Agnes Crystal had to go to bed at Morning Tea time as her side was so painful. Solemn Evening + Procession 6-30 p.m.

Thursday, 8th.
Fq Corpus Christi.

Sung Mass 7 a.m. At 9-15 a.m. Mother, the Assistant S^r O.F., S^r H.V., S^r M.A. drove into Pretoria for the C.B.S. High Mass at the Cathedral. ~~for~~ The Chaplain was celebrant. There was to have

been a meeting of the Amosin the afternoon at 3 p.m. but it was put off owing to the Bishop of Pretoria being ill. S^r A. Crystal was better but stayed in bed all day. Min Hague retired to bed with a heavy cold. The girls had a net dance at 6 p.m.

Friday, Octave
S. Columba. Ab. C. 9th

Mass 7-15. S^r A. C. came down for dinner, much better. Min Hague in bed. Dorothea took a child to Min Elliott's home. The message about Mother's X-ray came through from Dr. Venning. Very favourable, all alright, just showed a ^{slight} pressure of the spine on the sciatic nerve. Closes as usual.

Saturday, Octave
10th

Mass 7-15. A colder day. Min Hague in bed. S^r A. Crystal about as usual. All the Sisters went to afternoon tea at St. Margaret's being Queen Margaret's day! Tea was on the lawn & the children also had theirs too on the lawn. Solemn Evening & Devotions 6-30 p.m.

Sunday, 11th Octave
S. Barnabas. Apr.
Trinity I.

Sung Mass 7 a.m. Mrs. Proke returned from her holiday in the morning. Elaine came to spend the day with Dorothea. Min Hague came down after breakfast. Clare Lawrence came for the night to say good bye. Solemn Evening & Comm. 6-10 p.m.

Monday, Octave
12th

No Mass. The Chaplain came to stay for Retreat. The Sisters had their Festival drinking tea in Tourist at 3-30 p.m. Clare Lawrence left at 5-30 p.m.

Tuesday, Octave
13th

Mass 7-15. The Chaplain in Retreat. The Assistant with 3 girls & their habesment to the Court at 10-30. Mother, with Sister Hilda Venty drove to Eburia for a Meeting & called in at Waverley on the

way, Mother found on her return a beautiful cake
and of General Smuts which the family said was
to come to the Home. All white sugar with
a golden crown surmounted by the figure 80 in
sugar & beautifully done golden filigree work.
In the evening Mother & the Assistant told the
Staffs & girls that St. Margaret's Home was
eventually closing. S^r. M. Anne in Retreat.

Wednesday, Octave. Mass 8-15. The Chaplain in Retreat. Everything
as usual. A colder day & not much sun. Girls
service as usual.

Thursday, 15th. Mass 7-15. The Chaplain left after breakfast. Mother
drove him to his home & then went on into
Pretoria to do some shopping. The Assistant in
Retreat. A cold grey day & heavy rain fell
during the afternoon, making it very cold.

Friday, 16th. Mass 8-15. The Chaplain in Retreat. Everything
as usual. A colder day & not much sun. Girls
service as usual.

Saturday, 17th. Mass 8-15. All the Hillcrest Sisters and Sister
Olive Frances in Retreat. Sister Christina came
over from Waverley with a bus load of children
& two Staff to spend the day, for picnic &
seeing over the Home. Evening & Devotions. 6-30.

Sunday, 18th. Mass 8-15. The Chaplain in Retreat. Everything
as usual. A colder day & not much sun. Girls
service as usual.

Monday, 19th. Mass 7-15. Mother was out all day taking
the Assistant to Johannesburg in the morning

to stay with M^{rs} Soames then going through to
Proctoria to a Evening Body Meeting at the
School. Miss Clendinning came to stay. S^r A. Crystal
in Retreat.

Tuesday. 20th

Mass 7-15. S^r Charity went to the dentist in
the morning. Fr. Maund came to spend a
quiet day. Dorothy in Retreat. S^r O. F. went in
in the car (Van out of order) to change films.
No Mass. The Venables came in time for dinner.
Father Venables remained for a weeks rest.
Crisis service. 6 p.m.

Wednesday. 21st

Mass 7-15. Mother went off at 9 a.m. to fetch
the Assistant back from M^{rs} Soames. Fr. Huddleston
came for confessions at 11-30. & brought Fr. T. Ross
with him to stay for two nights. Miss
Cullinenden left after dinner. A M^{rs} Smithers,
& a M^{rs} Perkins came to see over the Huns
from Johannesburg. Some people came about
adopting a child. M^{rs} Point flew returned
from part of her holiday. Films in the
evening.

Friday. Vigil
23rd

Mass 7-15. S^r M. Anne left for her rest to
East London. The five Waverley Sisters came
for Retreat being their long week end.
Classes as usual.

Saturday. 24th
F. of St John Baptist.

Mass 7-15. Fr. Treloarney-Ross. c. n. who left on
the 10 a.m. train. The Waverley Sisters in
Retreat also S^r J. Eschild who went to bed
after supper with another cold & no voice!
Dorothy went to Johannesburg for one
night. Margaret Nelson, Lillian van Vlyk
came from Germiston for 1. night. Solemn
Evening & Devotions. 6-30 p.m.

June.

- Sunday 25th
Trinity III. Octave. Song Mass 7 a.m. The Waterley Sisters left after Morning Tea. Everything as usual. Mother returned. Margaret Nelson, & Lillian Van Dyke left after tea. Evening + Sermon 6-10 p.m.
- Monday 26th
Octave. Mass 7-15. Mother in Retreat. The Assistant went into Johannesburg with David in the morning to see Dr. Goldwater.
- Tuesday 27th
Octave. Mass 7-15. The Chapel of the B. Sacrament was calcidated & the green paint put into the arches again.
- Wednesday 28th
Octave. Vigil. No Mass. Sister Alice Mary, C.R. came for her rest. Miss Bazely came for Retreat, also Sister Ancilla for Retreat. Girls Service. 6 p.m.
- Thursday 29th
St. Peter & Paul. Song Mass 7 a.m. Sister Ancilla & Miss Bazely in Retreat. At 10-30 a.m. Mother, the Assistant, & Sr. Charity, drove into Pretoria to do the Court, Shopping + Moederbond. The Miss Crochets left in the afternoon.
- Friday 30th
Commemoration of St. Paul. Mass 7-15. Sr. Ancilla left on the Van. Mother took Sr. J. Eberild in the car at 10 a.m. to see Dr. Venning about her incessant cough. Sr. Charity in Retreat. Classes as usual.
- Saturday July 1st
F. of the Precious Blood. Mass 7-15. Miss Tanner & Mrs. Muir came for the week-end. Solemn Evening + Procession. 6-30 p.m. Davids, Thomas aged 5 was boat boy for the first time!
- Sunday 2nd
F. of the Visitation (Trinity IV.) Song Mass 7 a.m. Mrs. Bazely left at 3-30. + went to stay with the Lewins. The two students from the Pretoria University came, Miss Pilsner, & Minde Broux. Solemn Evening + Sermon. 6-10 p.m. Audrey Thom came in the afternoon.
- Monday 3rd
Octave. Mass 7-15. Mother went to a Waterley Meeting in the afternoon. The Assistant also came in to Dr. Goldwater.

Tuesday. 4th
Octave

Mass 7-15. Fr. Codepoy. Audrey Pruchle came over in the Morning to say good bye before sailing for England. Miss Home from the Stellenbosch student came in the afternoon. Sister Alice Mary went on the Van to Pretoria to see M^{rs} Amore

Wednesday. 5th
Octave.

Mass 7-15. Fr. Huddleston came. S^{rs} A Crystal went to see D^r. Venning & was taken to S^{rs} H. Verity in the car. Film in the evening "The Search. Very good.

Thursday. 6th
Octave Day of St Peter & Paul.

Mass 7-15. A much colder day. In the Morning Mother drove Sister Alice Mary c.s. to Hillcrest to spend the day. The film "The Search" was finished in the evening. Mother heard Sister Esme, Sister Janet, & Sister Christina were in bed with "flu".

Friday. 7th
Octave.

Mass 7-15. A very cold day after a heavy frost in the Morning. Mother & S^{rs} O.F. went off in the Morning to "Hunters" to fetch Sister Esme who had "flu" badly. On the way Mother visited Sister Janet & Sister Christina also laid low with "flu". M^{rs} Macaulay & Margaret came to stay. Classes as usual.

Saturday. 8th
Octave

Mass 7-15. M^{rs} Bunt plans left for the second bit of her holiday. Sister Esme slightly better. Mother heard S^r Ida had gone down with the "flu" germ, also the African girl staying there! Mother was commended to go & help them all. Evensong & Devotions. 6-30 p.m.

Sunday 9th
Trinity V.
(Octave Day)

Sung Mass 7 a.m. Very cold day again. Miss Maeder & Miss Shaw came to spend the day, also Mrs. Macaulay's son & his friend. Mother left for her retreat in JHB in the afternoon. Evensong & sermon 6.10 p.m.

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