

- November 14 Sunday next before Advent Mass 6.00. at S. Joseph  
 Bar at S. Mary's. S.R.M. had usual classes. P.C.C. meeting  
 Various visitors came S.S. went to see S.D.M. after tea, returned  
 rather late for supper.
15. Superior, S.R.M. & H. Paley all went to town to do various  
 shoppings & other business. S.R.M. went to Gen Hosp. to see  
 S.D.M. & stayed there till Superior & H.P. came - & we all went  
 home together. Mrs Hope called & 2 officers from the  
 Municipal Gardening Scheme & enquired about the garden & left several  
 packets of seeds.
- 16 S. Edmund B.C.  
 Superior took a girl to court & went on to the Hospital  
 to fetch S.D.M. home. Wheel punctured which delayed return.  
 Mrs Venables & Mrs Robertson came for class.  
 Kathleen & H. Paley left for Transkei by 1.11 train. S.R.M. &  
 Monica went with them to town. S.R.M. saw them off at 2.30.  
 Hope travelled 1st Class & had 3 companions - Kathleen & I also  
 & had compartment to herself - Superior picked up  
 S.R.M. & Monica at the station at 5.30
- 17 S. Hugh B.C. Visited by City E. Dept. to supervise work that is  
 going on.
- 18 S.R.M. went to Mission Staff meeting at Leaching.  
 Mrs Henderson called. S.D.M. went to Social Welfare for  
 veges: etc & did other shopping in.
- 19 J. Jenkins came in the evening. nothing special to report.
- 20 S. Edmund M.H.  
 Mass on home J. Jenkins. 6.30.  
 S.D.M. took girls to Bridgeman, went to Ek & did other  
 business. S.R.M. had usual Saturday classes.
21. Sunday next before Advent. Mass 6. & 8 at S. Mary's  
 Superior had phone message from Waverly to go over for  
 lunch to meet Mother G. Sunday as usual here.
- 22 S. Cecilia  
 Sisters all went to town - in the morning dropped girls  
 at the Bridgeman on the way. S.S. to Dentist - other shopping
- 23 S. Clement Got pink ticket on car - fine reduced to £1.  
 S.R.M. & S.D.M. went to Rosemore Nurseries - to get something

v. special to send Mother P for her Installation Day. Our friend gave us 6 lovely ficus plants very unusual ones.

On the way we took Mary to Mrs Morris at Northcliffe. Mother J. visited us in the afternoon, arrived 2.30 stayed 1hr. all as quick as possible we could make it for her - girls behaved v. nicely. Mother favourably impressed with Matuzela, she had had many unfavourable reports - so was expecting something far worse.

Dr Nicholas brought visitors at the same time - so S.D.M. has to escort them round - & missed some previous time with Mother.

Mr Robertson came for his class as usual - Superior took her home - Ice cream in Mother's <sup>in afternoon</sup>

24. S. John of the Cross  
S.D.M. went to Social Welfare & did other shopping in Brockton. Ann. Meeting & Prize giving at Vocational School 3.p.m. S.D.M. went to it. Radiator leaking - S.D.M. took the car to Winifreds - & Catherine to Bridgeman on the way & went to EK for the night -

25. S. Katherine V.M.  
Mother P's 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of her Installation Day - S.D.M. in Retreat at EK, was taken to S. Joseph's. After tea she fetched car from garage - came home. Regina Brooks & her child were brought here about 5.15 - from Rosetown - Taken in for the night but cannot stay here. Superior went to a lecture at the University in the morning. Mrs Henderson called about 12.02 & waiting for S.S. to return.

26. Went to Mass at Holy Cross, Superior in retreat & went with Leschig Sisters.

S.D.M. took Regina & Naomi to Court. the former did not return here. S.D.M. did shopping. S.R.M. sent to Native Commissioner's office in Leschig Van - & did other shopping. Mrs Struynell came for her sewing class. Mr Robertson for her class. P. Jenkins in the evening.

27. Our Mass was cancelled. Naomi was dismissed as Church - Church girls & Natra S. came to Mass at S. Mary's.

November 27 (Contd.) Kathleen returned Superior & S.D.M. went to meet  
9:30 train - it was 2 hrs late. In the afternoon they went to  
Villa Terrace to see lady who wants Sophie B. They saw Amy  
of her aunt. S.R.M. did her usual Saturday jobs

- 28 Sunday in Advent Mass 6 & 8 at S. Mary's. Car lent  
for Confirmation at Christ the King in the afternoon. S.B.R.  
finished S.R.M. about 5:30 & heading for her Retreat.  
S.D.M. & S.S. went to Alexandria Twp in the morning with  
Johanna Nivanczi to find her aunt. Mary taken to Sarah's.  
29 St. Andrew's S.R.M. took girls to Bridgman - & did  
business in town. Fr. Huddleston at Lesedig 4-02. S.R.M.  
returned with Nub. Sisters. Mrs Henderson called.  
30 S. Andrews Ap. Mass 5:30 S. Mary's.  
Johanna left S.D.M. took her to Alexandria Twp. Natrix  
went with her; they called at S. Mary's Waverly on the way home.  
Mrs Venables & Mrs Robertson came for classes.

December 1st Board Meeting 3 p.m.

- S.R.M. did visiting in Lesedig Van. in the morning. Fr. Jenkins  
came in the evening for Mildred's Confession - she leaves tomorrow.  
II. S.R.M. went to Staff meeting at Lesedig. S.D.M. went to  
S.W. for Veges: etc: & took Natrix Harriet to station to fetch her  
luggage she had an accident near the station - brakes wouldn't work  
car ran into the car in front of it. S.D.M. got home late  
Had "good-bye" supper in evening for Monica who came for  
games for the last time. Mildred Mhobeli & baby left.  
3 St. Francis Xavier S.D.M. took car to garage - & went to E.K.  
Finished Veges on the way home - too late yesterday. Mrs  
Henderson called. S.R.M. went to town with Lesedig Sisters.  
Fr. Jenkins came in the evening.  
4 Mass in Chapel. Fr. Wardle. Superior & S.D.M. went to  
Tos: H. to fetch keys in the morning. All Sisters went  
to the Laying of the Foundation Stone of S. Augustines Church  
in the White City. Superior, <sup>Kathleen</sup> girls went to the Film at  
S. Mary's Never take "No for an Answer" 5:30! but they had to



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(cont'd.) came here for Morning T. S.R.H. Classes as usual - Had Vespers after dinner - S.D.M. took Mother & Superior to EK at 4pm <sup>S. Editha</sup> B.W.R. & S. Dorothy took us on to Iwona for Advent Retreat.

S.D.M. took some girls to S. John's for their Christmas Play in evening  
15. S. Lucy V.M. Sisters in Retreat at Iwona. Mass at 11 multiple 6.50. 7:30. S.D.M. went to Town for shopping etc. to Leseching for Vespers.

14. S.D.M. met Hope Paley 9 am Joby: skation - went on to EK. to pick up Superior & S.R.H. & S. Editha returning from Retreat. Mr Tabor called 10-30 to look over building.

S.D.M. took S. Editha back to Leseching & went to town in afternoon  
Ember Day  
15. S.D.M. fetched stretcher beds from Frans - Superior & Kathleen fetched vegetables & did other shopping in afternoon. Mrs B. took S.R.H. visiting in the morning. Leseching Sisters fetched S.D.M. at 4pm for Mary's Waverly - Advent Retreat.

Mr & Mrs Strugnell & daughter came at 7-15 to give a film show to the girls. The Commission Mrs Harris came too - films of Cormation - travel in Africa - Holland - films taken by Mr Strugnell & daughter. V. happy evening. 7-30 - 9-15!

16 Day of Prayer in all our Churches - Mass 6 a.m. S. Mary's S.D.M. in Retreat. at S. Mary's Waverly. Chain of Prayer kept at S. Mary's 6 am to 8 p.m. Sisters & girls took times in Church - all went to Devotion at 7-30 p.m.

Ember Day  
17. S.R.H., Kathleen & Hope went to town in Leseching van - it came v. late - Kathleen met S.D.M. & shopped with her - all did much shopping. K. & S.D.M. returned by train in the afternoon. Superior took car to Iwona - returning about 5pm. Ladies came for sewing class - in the morning - St. Jenkins in the evening. Many gifts coming in.

Ember Day  
18. Mass in Chapel St. Jenkins. Quiet afternoon at S. Mary's Church girls went to it. S.D.M. went to Bridgema in a.m. did shopping. Bernard taken to Burgwanath in the evening.

19. 4th Sunday in Advent Mass 6. & 8 at S. Mary's. J. M. the two borrowed car. Anne Fellows came to say

"Good bye" in the afternoon.

20 Council & Chapter at Ireme. 11. & 2.30.

Mass in Chapel. 7. Evans.

Superior & S.R.H. left for Ireme at 8.45. with S.B.R. & S. Editta. via EK. where we changed into EK car. S. Esmer took us on. S.D.H. came for lunch - she was held up because a girl absconded in the night & she had to take girls to the Bridgman.

Buffet lunch at Ireme - after Council Meeting - Came home via Waverly after tea in Mrs Butler's <sup>hatchis decorated the house while we were out.</sup>

21. S. Thomas. A.P.M. Sung Mass 5.30. S. Mary's.

Sisters all went shopping in the morning, returned about 1.30. 7. Huddleston called with gifts from Redhill School. Cakes came for the Mayor's party, tomorrow.

22 The Mayor & Mayoress visiting the home 2.30.

S.R.H. did some Christmas visits with S.B.R. in the morning.

Hope came too. Much tidying up & preparations for the Mayor's visit. Board members arrived between

2. & 2.30. At 2.30 The Deputy Mayor, Councillor

Hurd, & Mrs Hurd arrived - they did a hour round the

lane - then the girls sang to them in the Dining Hall.

All the guests had tea in the sitting-room, all went pleasantly

23. S.D.H. & Hope went to town. Hope got flowers for the church. S.R.H. started the crib at S. Mary's.

Catherine & Lena had a fight - Lena tried to walk out.

Beard married at S. Mary's in the afternoon.

Christmas Eve

24 V. busy day. Superior & S.D.H. went to town, to shop & get flowers & food. 7. Huddlesome came for Sisters' confession at Mt. St. Elizabeth 11.30 - but was late. S.R.H. in Church

until time for 7. H. Hope & Visitor at Desk helped

with flowers - <sup>in the church</sup> continued with them all the afternoon.

at Vespers Christmas 6 p.m. Supper 7.15. Night Office 10.30

Midnight Mass 11.30

25 CHRISTMAS DAY

Mass 6. & 8 am at S. Mary's.

<sup>Prime 6.45. B.M.F. 7.</sup>  
All went to 8 am - Mass & Procession all round

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Christmas Day (cont.)

Church compound: Morning tea 10-15. Preparations continued for Christmas tree. All went to Leseding for Lunch. All got tickets in nice pies - good omen for Mtuzile's future! Returned 2:30 Christmas tree party 3 - waited for guests who did not come -! except Sumi, Beryl, Rebecca - & John. at 3:50 Party started on S.S. & S.D.M. gave out presents. F. Jenkins came at 4:15.

Picnic supper in the garden with the girls. Girls happy & nice all day.

26 S. Stephan. M. Sunday. Masses 6 & 8 at S. Mary's.

no classes. a peaceful Sunday. F. Rekalé called. Girls sang carols by the Christmas tree - lit up with fairy lights.

27 S. John. A.E. Boxing Day. Mass in Chapel 7 a.m.

Olive & Shurky both absconded with their babies early in the morning. Police notified & called for details. All went to dinner at Ek. & morning T. Had to work hard at games! A very nice party.

28 Holy Innocents M.M.

S.D.M. took girls to the Bridgeman - S.R.M. & Hope re-did flowers in house & Church - a day of getting straight at home.

29 Sixth Day in Octave S. Thomas of Canterbury B.M.

Superior took Hope Paley to the Y.W. & went to the Bank S.R.M. busy with Sunday Sch: babies party. Mother J. came back to Orlando to Leseding. S.D.M. went to Sophiatown S. affairs. & Ek.

30 Sixth Day in Octave

Mother General came to Morning T. & stayed till after supper. Superior & S.R.M. had "times". S.D.M. took Matron Selina home after dinner, she had is having 1 month holiday. Kathleen returned about 7. just as Mother was going.

31 Seventh Day in Octave.

Sisters went to Leseding for Mass & breakfast.

S.D.M. took girls to Baragwanath & dinner. Hope Paley brought flowers for S.R.M. after morning T. they went over to the Church & arranged flowers. Hope stayed for lunch &

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31<sup>st</sup> returned to the Y.W. by an afternoon train.

Sisters all went to Reading for Sisterly Party Mother G. & Mother P. both there, 21 Sisters Tea & Vespers.

January. 1955.

1. Circumcision of our Lord. New Years Day.

Mass in Chapel 6.30. Fr. Jenkins.

Mother G. came for morning T. Reading Sisters came for Vespers & Supper. & took Mother back after Supper.

Girls had a party in the evening - games & races & sweets.

2. Sunday. Octave Day of St. Stephen. Mass 6 & 8 a.m. - S. Mary's.

Many visitors to see girls. Sunday classes as usual for S.R.M.

Superior took S.D.M. to hospital for 'checking' returned about 4 p.m. to find that Lydia had 'walked out'. Superior went to her Gramp's house in Orlando - Lydia had been there & left. Superior was given several addresses - & eventually found her & brought her back - after 4 hrs returning here 8.15.

At 11.30 p.m. S.R.M. heard screams & great commotion in dormitories - a man was trying to get in through barred window - legs & body through - but could not get head & shoulders. Police phoned - took  $\frac{3}{4}$  hrs to come. Men chased away from dormitory but prowled round the house peering through windows & trying doors. Slak off when police came 12.20. searched all round - kept watch through the night. C.R. Fathers in Retreat at D.S.G. Regina till Sat.

3. Octave Day St. John.

Superior took girls to Bridgeman & went to Ek. in the morning.

Called on Mrs. Davids re Olive & Shirley. Police came 10.30.

4. Superior took Olive & Shirley to Social Welfare - Mrs. Davids went to

In the afternoon Superior & S.R.M. fetched refugeable from Soc. Aff.

went on to visit S.D.M. in Hospital. Fetched Olive's & Shirley's

children, then went to look for Sophie NK. who had not returned from the clinic, nor was she at the Baragwanath.

Police came at 10.30 till 6 a.m.

5. Superior went to Pinville to fetch Sophie from her granings



Miss Holyoake at Grahamton  
wrote to a friend in Orlando  
about her - who sent the letter  
to Sister at Mtutuzele -

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The Sisters are wanting a  
reliable Matron.

Mrs Georgina Nduma

38/11<sup>th</sup> Street

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