

1956

- Nov: 7th 2nd evening of Pilgr. S^r Dorothea in Retreat from 4:0 P.M.
Miss Betty Thorburn came to see S^r Ida.
- 8th A Day of Prayer for the Peace of the World. Watch kept from Mass + on through the night - Several people came from home during the day - Sherily made her Confession + was Baptized at 11:0. S^r Euphemia in Retreat + S^r Dorothea until 4:0. The Assistant + S^r M. Anthony to town shopping in the afternoon.
- 9th The Watch ended at Mass. S^r Deborah Harty to a girl to Anti-Natal Clinic. The Assistant + S^r Margaret Anthony went to the Junior Prize Giving at Waverley.
- 10th Four Ladies from the Children's Home, T.H.S. came to bring us their Christmas Gift (Ker) + some cakes for tea! Evensong + Devotions. Mrs Robertson left.
- 11th Sung Mass 7:0. Very hot. a few visitors - Evensong + Services.
- 12th The Assistant took 4 girls to the Dental Clinic + did some shopping.
- 13th Nolla + Irene Jackson returned per Sr Cuthberts
- 14th S.O.N went to clinic with girls
- 15th Fr. Sulekhan heard confessions - stayed over night
- 16th Fr. S. said Mass and drove Nolla to the Junior meeting at Bishops court. The Assistant packed her. S.O.N took a girl to the Bond
- 17th Prosperina Lennan to see the cottage.
- 18th S. Irene and S. Irene Benedict arrived - the latter went into retreat. We had a talking supper in the Comm: Room with S. Irene
- 19th In the morning Nolla the Assistant and S^r Irene drove to Waverley to prepare for the installation of S. Irene Benedict. She arrived later with Irene Sisters. 2:30 S. Phoebe installed as 3:15 S. I. B. installed by Fr. S. who gave an address. Tea - and then Vespers and Compline
- 20th S. Irene + (Miss Smith her sister) and S. Phyllis

all directed. S. Irene Benedict and S. Phoebe were present having dinner over a time for Pruna J. 6:40! S. A. Frances Mary represented the O.S.G. After breakfast S. I. B. drove the departing folk plus Notler back to Waverly - then to the Station for to catch the 10:15 to Cypriote. Notler and S. I. B. returned to Waverly for tea - then on to home. S. I. B. returned to school after dinner.

21st The O.S.G. preparing Notler the assistant, S. Euphemia and S. Gertrude Constantine attended. The weather was poor and the ceremony took place in the hall - the youngest children could not get in!

22nd The sub-committee of the Thomas met to consider future work. It was decided that S. Michael best lent itself to the work in view i.e. the care of the sick.

23rd The Assistant did shopping with Notler.

24th Mrs. Saunders kept their GOLDEN WEDDING. Notler - the Assistant - S. Dorothy & Notler's Margaret & Mrs. Fletcher attended a special celebration of Mass at 8:15 in St. Martin's.

The Sisters gave a 'golden' basket of chocolates + a bunch of golden flowers

25th Mass at 6:50

26th The Lewins kept their silver wedding! We made a cake with a silver 25 on the top and presented a spray of 25 flowers culled by the Assistant from the garden.

Mrs. Dunston came into residence at the cottage.

27th S. D. N. went shopping. No Mass

28th Notler took Mrs. Dunston & S. Euphemia shopping. " went to G. B. meeting at 10:30 G.

29th S. G. C. to dental - ~~to Mass~~ S. D. N. drove + shopped

The Ellis (architect) came to look at possible alterations at St. Michaels. Mother went by train to Johanna for the meeting. She returned to Sophomore with the Sisters and stayed two nights.

30th The Assistant met Mother & Soiburg and stopped. Mother returned to Eli & the Assistant to Irene.

1st Jocelyn drove Silda & S. Deborah Mary to Sophomore for Martha's Wedding. Jocelyn stayed the night and Mother drove the party back to Irene (plus Felsow).

2^d Mass 6:50 - Visiting Sunday - Jocelyn returned in the afternoon.

3^d Jocelyn drove with Mother to Waverley & went to visit 'Mother Ada' while Mother attended the G. B. meeting.

4th The Assistant drove S. D. N. Mrs. Fletcher & Nara to town. She & Mother fetched them back at 4 pm. No Mass. Oblate's Margaret Richmond Watson arrived from Persim via India!

5th Father S. addressed the Sisters & heard confessions. S. D. Mary took girls to Bond and stopped. A Van load of girls were driven by the Assistant to see the S. D. N. actively play and a car load of stuff was driven by Dorriten Felsow.

6th Mother went to school early to be present at the dismissal of the leaving 6th form and stayed on to the play. David drove a Van load and S. Deborah Mary a car load of Sisters. Mother went shopping.

7th 8th The Conception of Our Lady - Sung Mass at 7 am - a lovely day - The Assistant went to town.

9th 10th 11th 12th 13th Mother & the Assistant to shops - No Mass. S. D. Mary to town.

Mother & the Assistant went to town. Mother went shopping.

- 14th Mother took Anne to sleep while the assistant took a girl to hospital. Jocelyn + Dorothy went away to make room for sisters coming for the Advent Retreat. Retreat began at 5.30 conducted by the Lord Bishop of Pretoria. 11 in Retreat
- 15th A lovely retreat but cold and overcast.
- 16th The Bishop sang Mass and stayed until after dinner. Monica's baby born. The sisters left during the morning. Joy Jocelyn + Dorothy returned. - Many visitors for girls and old ladies. Evelyn fell down stairs.
- 17th The assistant, S. Dorothy, S. Ida + S. Gertrude continue left for retreat at Waverley - calling at the air port ^{to} pick up the last Christmas letters. Mother drove the car.
- 18th The Sisters - retreat at Waverley
- 19-24th All busy preparing for Xmas - shopping packing etc. On the Sunday the Bishop left the sisters a check for Xmas - while they were at Vespers
- 24th Midnight Mass - very beautiful -
- 25th Seven of us went to 6.30 am Mass at S. Dunstons
- 26th We had a happy day finishing with family supper at 7 pm - also very happy!
- 27th Mass of St. Stephen 7.15. Christmas tree with the evening a great success. The ladies supplied the food - very good for all the Transvaal Sisters. About S. Rosemary + S. D. Mary for gutland for 12th Vespers + carols. Some went to sing to S. D. Mary after as she had been ordered three days rest by the doctor - 26-28. Fr. Dakkers came to be Chaplain for 3 weeks.
- 28th Fr. took Holy Communion to S. D. Mary. She came down to Holy Cross in the afternoon.
- 29th S. D. Mary nobly played for Evensong - Devotions

3rd Father Oakes sang Mass for us. - S. Mary played but did not make her Communion as she had Ven

31st The day was fairly peaceful until the evening when the girls had a fancy dress dance before supper. Mother went to bank + took girls to Band.

1st 1957 7th an Sung Mass - S. Hilary Clinic in bed with a temperature.

2nd The ladies went to the Berlyps party
3rd Mother Mary Richard S.S.D arrived from Nantigny. We had a garden party for the boys.

4th Mother drove S. Evelyn Angela to 'Eli' taking Sister Euphemie as a companion and on the way back they collected Brother Felson at Rosebank. Earlier in the day the Assistant had endeavored to get a girl to hospital but the car died at Kloofzicht + had to be welded. They kindly did the job quickly + David was able to fetch it for Mother to drive to 'Eli'. He had previously rescued the Assistant and her party.

5th S. Hilary Clinic made the Epiphany crib with some moaning as Mother seems to have sold the 'made' house to David.

6th Sung Mass at 7 - and after breakfast Joseph an African C.R. agent said a low Mass at which several of us were present. Mother + S. Margaret Anthony drove S. Mary Budo + S. Gertrude Constantine to the School. The latter to begin work.

In the meantime Sisters Kathleen Mary + Hilda Kathleen arrived from Worcester.
7th S. Hilda Kathleen + S. Kathleen Mary were fetched after morning tea to go to the D.S.G. for a party. Mother was fetched after Vespers to go the D.S.G. to stay

7^E cont. for a few days. The two Sisters returned from
their party. ^{S^r M. Agnes came.} S^r Deborah Mary to the Board at 1-50 AM.

8^E S^r Deborah to town for hospital etc. + S^r Margaret
Anthony went with David in the Van in the afternoon

9^E The Assistant in town all the morning at Coombe + Hospital
S^r Kathleen Mary + S^r Hilda Kathleen left + S^r Agnes Crystal
+ S^r Christina came. S^r Ida in Retreat. S^r T.

10^E Evening came + saw Babes at the Nursing + HQ Malecon.
The Assistant fetched Nether back from the DSG. We showed
the film of Mrs. Cune

Sisters Agnes Crystal + Christina left for Waverley +
S^r Inna Benedict stayed. We finished the film

11^E Nether Mary Richard went to ten with friends - here
12^E S. Joan came to N. Ten and took Nether N.R. back
13^E with her. Sister Kathleen Mary fetched S^r Inna Benedict

The Hozgs came to their last Sunday Mass - Mrs.
Mrs. Hozg had tea with the ladies + Mary O'Connell
went to supper with her.

14^E The car went to the Board + took Mrs. Dunstan to town
Fr. Chauswick fetched Nether N.R. and took her to Malvern

15^E From there she went to St. Benedict's for one night.
Joelyn + David took the car to town + had
one another so the Assistant started to drive the
Van with John + David Hozg plus luggage. They
met half way + changed over. All the Hozgs
left for Capelbrown - they all four were at Mass!
Nether + the Assistant drove to St. Benedict's +
brought back Nether N.R. + Father Pawson C.R.

16^E Father Pawson said Mass. Sister Joan came
for two nights. Janet Smith left -
S. Joan in Retreat

17^E S. Frances Mary came to Mass + breakfast +
drove S. Joan back. Hermina left with
2 escorts. The Assistant - S. Hilary Clare +
Joelyn took her to the station. There was a

police man hovering. Contrary to expectation she was amenable & tried to embrace the sisters!

S^r Victoria Mary played to us from 5:30-6:15

19th Three new girls from Augsburg - accompanied by three nuns. Natter went to Johannsburg

20th A normal Sunday - we were dinner out of the community room by bees - but otherwise peaceful!

21st S^r D. Mary took S^r Dorothea - Mrs Dunstan & girls to town. Natter Mary - Richard left for Maryland on the afternoon train

22nd The Assistant took Maria to hospital. No Mass. Natter went to a 'cocktail' at the Beckers!

23rd No Mass - The Home Committee Meeting
24th S^r Deborah Mary in retreat.

25th Sunny Mass, David & Aelia took Maria to hospital. Natter fetched Budget for hospital. Natter & S^r Euphemia went to visit S^r Viola in the Andrew Nicholas. The car gave trouble and was forced to stop right in the assistant and S^r Deborah Mary had to take a girl to the Boat Bay Van! Natter in retreat.

26th Mass at 6:50 Two abbates were thayer & boat-bay.
27th Visit Sunday - not many -

28th J. Schwabe drove the Assistant to St Bonavents for 3 nights & 2 days. S^r N. Aubrey & Irene fetched a harvest gift for near half way home.

29th David fetched another gift for Kempton Park
30th Natter drove Irene & a girl with baby to court. Irene went to bank in the Van and also took girls to dental clinic. The Assistant returned with Fr Sedobathian, who came to hear confessions. Sister Viola came to convalesce after having had her appendix removed.

Feb 1st Miss Shepherd left arrived. Dorothea. Home arrived. Natter fetched flowers from town and brought back S^r Helary Clare in Retreat.

passengers who had been left at Court by S. Deborah Mary
on an earlier trip

2^d Blessing of Candles - procession 6:45. A lovely Mass
Street Collector - most successful for 122.10.

Sisters, visitors, workers and elderly ladies had a picnic
in the lawn - A happy day.

3^d No servers for Mass - visiting Sunday. Father Donatace
came by the afternoon train to take duty while Fr. base
went into retreat.

4 Father went to Waverley by bus and stayed the night
Sister Kathryn took Sister Julia to hospital for treatment.

5th S. Agnes Capital drove Father back - talking in town.
Fr. Semanya came for a cert.

6th D. Hare left - Joseph went to James for ten days. Also
left for Pretoria - nursing an old lady for 3 weeks -

7th We had the film of Mrs. Munson. Father & S. Euphemia
went shopping. Father Semanya left -

8th Father Donatace left - but said Mass.

9th Mrs. Seth and Mrs. Jacques her daughter came to
stay. Mrs. Janet Smith came for the week end.

10th Bob Cousins and James's brother were thimble
boat James served. This is our new 'guild of
servers'!

11th S. Vivian went to hospital
S. Deborah Mary took girls to Board. Mrs. Dunstan
to town. Mrs. Preston left for E.H. ^{S. Donatace} ^{in retreat}

12th The Subs-committee met. The Bishop and the
Nurray - ^{head of Municipal} Social Welfare in Johannesburg were
present. S. Euphemia in retreat

13th Father drove Mrs. Felicia & S. Margaret out to
town. Father & Sister went to "Eke" for dinner &
then on to Orlando to see Grammy John & Sally
Potlana - at Oik. Sister drove on the return
journey. We met Mrs. F. in town and called
at Waverley. All home for Vespers

14th Mrs. Seth's came to stay. Mrs. Scott returned.
S. Deborah Mary in retreat

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- 15th Natter - retreat - a fairly quiet day.
- 16th Visiting Sunday - Mrs. Jones left.
- 17th / 18th A letter from St. Catharines counsel Natter
to decide to go to St. Catharines as soon as
possible. The Assistant drove Natter and
Mrs. Dunstan to town. St. Joan came
Natter & the Assistant drove to post a
letter at the airport. A cable was sent
to Natter General telling of Natter's
movements.
- 19th No Mass - a fairly steady day - St. Margaret Anthony
in Retreat. A letter to say J.S. delayed at "Jane with"
Natter drove - Mrs. Dunstan & Mrs. Jones to town and
did banking etc. in preparation for departure to St. Catharines
The Assistant saw to tickets. A mass got arranged
The Chaplain was unable to take girls' service so Mrs.
Richard-Watson talked to them about Jerusalem which
she had recently visited. St. Mary Clare in Retreat.
- 20th Irene Jackson took 2 girls with Kabusi to Couder, in the
Van. Mother left for St. Catharines. St. Ida in Retreat
- 22nd Dr. T. Vermeij came & saw St. Viola, & 2 old ladies, & some
girls & Kabusi. Dorothea Johnson away for the week-end.
St. Margaret Anthony to Town - shopping.
- 23rd Baby Susan Margaret Eumett was Baptized in Chapel.
Miss Symes came for two nights.
- 24th Sweet Mass. 6-50. A surprisingly quiet Sunday!
- 25th St. Deborah Mary to town, with Mrs. Dunstan & two girls for
Anti-Natal - much trouble with dresses at the College, the
Plumber came at last! Dorothea Johnson returned
Miss Symes left.
- 26th The Assistant went to town to collect a new oil
stove for the Bakery, & St. Euphemia shopping. St.
Deborah Mary took a girl to the Modershead at 10-30 P.M.
- 27th No Mass. The Assistant in Retreat.
- 28th St. Deborah Mary took girls to the Desert - St. Viola in Retreat
The Assistant went to Ek-Meeting at 7 P.M. taking St. Ida ^{Foreign} returned

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- Mar. 1st St. Vela not so well. The Assistant took her to Town for X-ray + to see Dr. Vennung. Short Films in the evening. a New Girl came.
- 2nd The St. Albans Cathedral Services came for their Quilt afternoon, taken by Fr. Smith - 2-15 to 5-30. - they had tea on the lawn + ended with Devotions in the little Chapel. Miss Janet Smith came for the week-end. Mrs. Rodie returned.
- 3rd GUNGAAGOSINA. SUNG MASS 7-0. - Much constipation early as the cows got in + were eating all our blades etc. etc. St. Mary Rode came over for Morning Tea.
- 4th No MASS. Mrs. T. Smith left. Jocelyn + Ivone went to Town early, left the car at Kloeksdit + David fetched them back. The car was brought back in the evening.
- 5th Mother returned - Fr. Sidebottom heard confessions.
- 6 We were asked at 7 - the Mass girls also - Mass with hymns - Father began his Lent course at Evening.
- 7 The car had a new steering rod put in.
- 7th Theria absconded leaving her trunk - We finished preparing the new wing for the Sisters coming to retreat.
- 8th S. N. Anding took girls to the dentist and shopped.
- 9th The Sisters (15) went into Retreat at 5.30. Fr. Singleton C.R. gave an excellent Retreat address - a eulogy to the Assistant went to ~~house~~ ^{the cathedral} with S. Euph + 2 ladies - It poured with rain all the morning for the Requiem of the Archbishop.
- 10 The Retreat finished and the Sisters dispersed. S. V. Mary played for Sung Mass. She stayed on and went to bed early.
- 11 A Sung Requiem for the Archbishop. S. V. Mary played. In the evening more Sisters arrived for retreat - Fr. Singleton also returned.
- * Archbishop Clayton died suddenly

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