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Fri: Cont<sup>d</sup>

The Assistant, M. Joan, Miss Schaubert + 14 of the girls went up to sleep at St. Michael's - very wet evening, + heavy rain most of the night.

Sat: 5<sup>th</sup>  
St. Agatha.

Mass 7.15 a.m. Sr. Euphemia arrived from St. C's. Evensong + Devotions 6.10 p.m. - more rain for a change.

Sun: 6<sup>th</sup>  
Septuagesima.

Evening Mass 7 a.m. Visiting Sunday + many visitors. The Misses Thoyts left in the afternoon. Fine day! K. Crabbe came. Evensong + sermon 6.10 p.m.

Mon: 7<sup>th</sup>  
Octave.

Mass 7.15 a.m. In the afternoon Mr. Burger, the new Pretoria magistrate, came to see the Homes. He was very nice + friendly. K. Crabbe left. Painting of dormitories began. No Mass.

Tues: 8<sup>th</sup>  
Octave.

Rain, rain, rain!

Weds: 9<sup>th</sup>  
Octave Day.

Mass 7.15 a.m. The Assistant went over to a meeting at Mutezele by car. Daird went with her. Torrential rain after Halfway House, + roads almost under water. The bridge at Orlando was just clear of water on the way there, but coming back the water was right over it, + ∴ the car had to come back via Baragwanath. There was no meeting after all, as members did not turn up, partly owing to the rain + partly because of fear of rioting over the Western Areas removal scheme.

Miss Tubbs came to tea.

Girls' service 6.10 p.m.

Thurs: 10<sup>th</sup>  
St. Scholastica.

Mass 7.15 a.m. More rain. Everything soaking wet + <sup>house</sup> full of mud. Holy Hour 5-6 p.m.

Fri: 11<sup>th</sup>

Mass 7.15 a.m. Still raining.

Sat: 12<sup>th</sup>.

Mass of St. Mary 7.15 a.m. Still soaking wet. Reports of heavy floods all over the country were in the paper.

Evensong & Devotions 6.10 p.m.

Sr. J. Austin in retreat. Mrs. Fehrsen came to stay for the night.

Sun: 13<sup>th</sup>.  
Sexagesima.

Evening Mass 7 a.m. Miss Schwabe in retreat. Teeming rain all night & all day - fires to warm up the Rec: Room & the Visitors' Room. Mrs. Fehrsen left at 5 p.m. Sr. Deborah Mary came to stay. Evensong & sermon 6.10 p.m.

Mon: 14<sup>th</sup>.

Mass 7.15 a.m. Still wet. Sr. Margie Anne came to stay. In the morning Fr. Alexander & 4 parishioners came over from Tremrose with Harvest Festival gifts. Weather cleared during the morning. In the afternoon Fr. & Mrs. Lovegrove, Fr. & Mrs. Hardwick, 2 babies & a small girl all came over to tea. They also brought Harvest Festival gifts, consequently the kitchen was flowing with carrots, cabbages, pumpkins, peaches, etc. - all most acceptable. Sr. Dorothea in retreat.

Tues: 15<sup>th</sup>.

No Mass. Fine day. Sr. Deborah Mary in retreat.

Weds: 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mass 7.15 a.m. C.S.P.V. sbit. At midday the Assistant & Sr. Deborah Mary went off to a meeting in JHB. Mother had returned from Barberton & was at the D.S. J. so the Srs. met her at Fountain's & took her along to the meeting also. Afterwards, Sr. D. Mary returned to Plumley & Mother went back to the D.S. J. The Assistant returned to Irene alone! Girls' service 6.10 p.m.

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Thurs. 17<sup>th</sup>.  
Comm. of the Bk. Soc.

Mass 7-15 a.m. Sr. Margie Anne left by the 10 a.m. train. The Car + David fetched Mother from D.S.C. + got back at 10 a.m. Fr. Huddleston. Came for address + confessions. A Meeting of the Home at 3 p.m. M<sup>rs</sup>. Nixon came with Muffie, + had tea.

Friday 18<sup>th</sup>.

Mass 7-15. The Assistant went to Pochon on the Van to see about her passport + do shopping.

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>

Mass. 7-15. A waking wet day. Mother went off to Waverley at 8 a.m. for a Meeting at the School about the new buildings.

Vespers + Devotions, 6-10 p.m.

Sunny Mass. 7 a.m. Heavy rain most of the day. Very thing as usual.

Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup>  
Liquagesima.

Monday, 21<sup>st</sup>

Mass 7-15. The girls gave a short entertainment in the evening supper was at 6 p.m. Some rain about 5 p.m.

Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup>

No Mass. A fine day + no rain! Sister Mavis Mary S.D. came for two nights to be in retreat.

Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Ash

Imposition + Distribution of Ashes 7 a.m. followed by Mass with hymns. A lovely fine day. Mother + S<sup>r</sup>. Michael in retreat, also S<sup>r</sup>. Mavis Mary S.D. The Lent Service 6-10 p.m.

Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup>  
F. of S. Matthias 4 p.m.

Mass 7-15. At 10.30 a.m. Mother + the Assistant went to Johannesburg in the car to meet S<sup>r</sup>. Joan + to go on to see M<sup>r</sup>. Fleming the architect about the Staff building for Mtisingele. Sister Mavis Mary also came in + went with S<sup>r</sup>. Joan to Mtisingele before going on to Springs. Another lovely day.

Friday, 25<sup>th</sup>

Mass 7-15. Sister Frances Mary came for rest + retreat + was brought over by S<sup>r</sup>. Victoria Mary.

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>

Mass 7-15. The Assistant + S<sup>r</sup>. Frances Mary in retreat. Vespers was at 1-30 at some

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of the Servers from St. Albans Cathedral came for a Quiet Afternoon, 10 only came, 17 were expected. Fr. Langley conducted the retreat. M<sup>rs</sup> Langley came Evening + Devotions 6-20 p.m.

Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup>  
Lent I.  
Monday, 28<sup>th</sup>

Sung Mass 6-50 a.m. - A warm sunny day. All as usual. Evening + Sermon. 6-10 p.m.

Mass 7-15. The Assistant + S<sup>r</sup> C. Austin went into Pecton after dinner, the Assistant to be vaccinated, + S<sup>r</sup> C. Austin to see D<sup>r</sup> Venning about her hand that was swollen. Heavy rain fell at 4 p.m. - starting with slight hail!

Mass 7-15. Everything as usual. Heavy rain at 4 p.m. with some thunder.

Tuesday  
March 1<sup>st</sup>  
\$ David. Bp. c.  
Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
\$ Chad. Bp. c.  
Ember Day.

Mass 7-15. Two friends of Mary Dauntin's came to see over the House + had Morning Tea. Rain + Thunder again at 4 p.m. - The Lent Service. 6-10

Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup>

No Mass. Fr. Huddleston c.a. came for address + confessions. Rain at 9 a.m. -! S<sup>r</sup> Kathryn + S<sup>r</sup> D. Michael went to Pecton after Recreation

Friday, 4<sup>th</sup>  
Ember Day.

Mass 7-15. Sister Euphemia went off on the 10 a.m. train to Mt. Holyoke for the week end. Mary Dauntin, Jocelyn Schwabe, + Miss Paley went on the 2-3 p.m. train to Johannesburg for retreat at St. Benedict's, Rosettenville. Stations of the Cross. 6-45 p.m.

Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup>  
Ember Day.

Mass 7-15. Everything as usual. Sister Joan rang up to say S<sup>r</sup> Brumary had fallen + broken her left arm! Evening + Devotions. 6-10.

Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup>  
Lent II.

Sung Mass 7 a.m. - At 9-45 a.m. - Mother + S<sup>r</sup> Dorothy Michael drove into D.S.C., Mother to see S<sup>r</sup> Rose Mary. Miss Symms came for one Night. Evening + Sermon. 6-10 p.m.

March

Monday 7<sup>th</sup>  
St. Thomas Aquinas c. 7.

Mass 7-15: At 12 o'clock Mother drove off to Waverley to the usual monthly meeting. While there Mother went to see S<sup>r</sup> Korne Mary in the General Hospital with an unknown complaint! Mother brought back Sister Euphemia after her week end at Mt. St. Angelo. Very heavy rain during the afternoon.

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>.

Mass 7-15: Mary Danton, Jocelyn + Miss Paley returned from their retreat at St. Benedict. Heavy rain started at 4 p.m. - + went on most of the evening, it turned quite chilly. Cleaning of the newly painted dormitory went on + some of the girls returned from St. Michaels.

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>

Mass 7-15: Wet, + towards the evening quite cold! A meeting was held at 3 p.m. in the Recreation Room to make arrangements for the Fete. About 31 people came; a very good meeting all so nice + helpful. Some of the Irene people brought various cakes for the tea! The Assistant, S<sup>r</sup> Dorothea, + S<sup>r</sup> Katerina went to Pretoria in the Morning for shopping. Heard from S<sup>r</sup> Beatrice Rose S<sup>r</sup> Korne Mary had jaundice!

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>.

Mass 7-15: M<sup>r</sup> Wilman came to Morning Tea + saw Mother afterwards about various things in connection with the Fete. Sister C. Austin went to Pretoria in the Morning to do Court cases + shop. Quite a cold day.

Friday 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mass 7-15: A very cold day. The first Lent retreat started at 5-30 p.m. The School Sisters came also S<sup>r</sup> D. Joan, + S<sup>r</sup> Kathleen Mary. Fr. Stanton. C.B. came to conduct both. Miss Paley left in the Morning.

March

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>  
F. Gregory B.C.

Mass 7-15. Fr. Stanton. c.R. Retreat. A nice day but cold. Confession + Devotions 6-15 p.m. for the Retreat.

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>  
Lent. III.

Spring Mass. 7 a.m. Fr. Stanton. c.R. The Sisters all left before 10 a.m. Mother had to take the D.S.G. Sisters back to Pretoria as their car refused to move! S<sup>r</sup> Joan returned with Mother for the second retreat. A warmer day. Evening + Sermon. 6-10 p.m. the Chaplain.

Monday. 14<sup>th</sup>

Mass. 7-15. Fr. Stanton. c.R. The Chaplain served the 2<sup>nd</sup> Lent retreat began at 5:30 p.m. All the Sisters coming to it arrived in time for 3-4:50 p.m. tea.

Tuesday. 15<sup>th</sup>

Mass 7-15. Fr. Stanton. c.R. Retreat all day. Not a very nice day regarding weather + heavy rain fell at 2 p.m. S<sup>r</sup> Joan left at 5:45 p.m.

Wednesday. 16<sup>th</sup>

Mass. 7-15. Fr. Stanton. c.R. who left on the 8-36 a.m. train. The Sisters left before 10 a.m. Sister Gladys Austin went to Leseding with three Sisters for two weeks rest. A lovely day, sunshine all day. A snake killed out side the Chapel!!

Thursday. 17<sup>th</sup>

Mass 7-15. Fr. Huddleston c.R. came in the morning for Confessions no address. Lorna Mundahl + Margery Jamerton came to stay. A man ~~has~~ came for most of the day to see about the electric light going on to the Municipality.

Friday. 18<sup>th</sup>

Mass 7-15. Mother, the Assistant, + S<sup>r</sup> Dorothea went to Pretoria for Easter shopping. Lorna Mundahl left after dinner. Stations of the Cross. 6-4:50 p.m.

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>  
F. of St. Joseph.

Mass. 7-15. Miss Hicks a worker from the Sisters at Grahamstown came in the morning to see over the Homes. Dorothea Fabron

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Sunday. 20<sup>th</sup>  
Lent. 1<sup>st</sup>.

Came to stay for one night. Evening + Devotions. 6-10.  
Sung Mass. 7 a.m. A lovely day of bright sun.  
Thirteen children from Waverley with some  
parents came for Mothering Sunday outing  
also eight from D.S.C. with some staff.  
S<sup>r</sup>. Irene, S<sup>r</sup>. Joan, S<sup>r</sup>. Viola, S<sup>r</sup>. Frances Mary,  
+ S<sup>r</sup>. Irene Benedict. T-liners, cakes, + sweets  
for the day! All the children from the  
Schools had M. Tea on the Cottage lawn  
then went round every where! All the  
Sisters grown ups + the girls had M. Tea on  
the lawn at St. Margaret's. Sent + Nov 12-20.  
A very happy day. Mary Coffey, + Eileen Foyes,  
came for the night. Dorothea left. Evening  
+ Sermon. 6-10 p.m.

Monday. 21<sup>st</sup>  
S. Benedict. A.B.C.

Mass 7-15. M<sup>rs</sup> Soames + M<sup>rs</sup> Wheeler, came  
to stay. Mother had tea in Trant with  
M<sup>rs</sup> Soames. Mary Coffey + Eileen Foyes left  
after Vespers.

Tuesday. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

No Mass. Mother + the Assistant went to  
Pretoria in the Morning to see about the  
new car + also to get a price mentioned  
for the present one. Margery Dainton  
left.

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Mass. 7-15. Everything as usual. The  
Lent Service. 6-10 p.m. The palm branches  
were collected from the Van der Byls  
16. in all.

Thursday. 24<sup>th</sup>  
S. Gabriel Archangel.

Mass. 7-15. A Profession Day, or a talking  
day.

Friday. 25<sup>th</sup>  
F. of the Annunciation.  
D.V.M.

Sung Mass. 7 a.m. Sister Beatrice Prose  
brought S<sup>r</sup>. Evonne Mary from the hospital  
to convalesce after jaundice. Sister Ida  
also came over. Sister to remain in  
bed for a week. Stations of the Cross. 6-7.5.  
M<sup>rs</sup> Soames left.

March + April

Saturday. 26<sup>th</sup> Mass 7-15: Many happenings all day! Two-Poman Nuns from Nazareth Home called in the morning. M<sup>rs</sup> Wheeler left! + M<sup>rs</sup> Kempel came for retreat! Evening + Devotions. 6-10. p.m.

Passion Sunday. 27<sup>th</sup> Sung Mass. 6-50. a.m. M<sup>rs</sup> Kempel in retreat. Busy with the palm crosses most of the day. Evening + Sermon. 6-10. p.m.

Monday in Passion-Week. 28<sup>th</sup> Mass 7-15: Everything as usual.

Tuesday in Passion-Week. 29<sup>th</sup> Mass. 7-15: M<sup>rs</sup> Kempel left. All the palm crosses finished.

Wednesday in Passion-Week. 30<sup>th</sup> No Mass. Mother + the Assistant went into Pretoria to the dentist, + to do shopping also to collect £50. from M<sup>rs</sup> Anderson! (see letter) The usual Lent service.

Thursday in Passion-Week. 31<sup>st</sup> Mass 7-15: At 1-50. Mother went into Johannesburg for the "Eh" Meeting at 3-30. p.m. The Assistant was unable to come so David went in with Mother. S<sup>r</sup> Gladys Austin returned in the car from her seat at "Seeding."

Friday in Passion Week! April 1<sup>st</sup> Mass of the Seven Sorrows. 7-15: Sister Euphemia in Retreat; Mother + the Assistant went into retreat at 1-30. + 4. p.m. Joy Pantou came to stay also Fr. Toke after his serious accident. Stations of the Cross 6-45. p.m.

Saturday in Passion Week 2<sup>nd</sup> Mass 7-15: Charlotte Plaistone came for Holy Week. A letter from ~~the~~ Mother General saying she was going to keep Sister Margie Gabriel in England after her Surgeon! The usual practice for the Palm Sunday procession at 5-30 p.m. John Hoag. Thimble this year.

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Palm Sunday.  
3<sup>rd</sup>

Distribution of Palms, procession + Sung Mass.  
6-30 a.m. - A beautiful service + perfect weather.  
Mrs Peters came to stay. Mother, S<sup>r</sup> Euphemia,  
S<sup>r</sup> Katerina, Alice, + Jocelyn all went to  
the Passion Music sung by the girls at  
D.S. Co. Pretoria at 4-40 p.m. Evening +  
Sermon 6-10 p.m. - Matins + Lauds. 8-15 p.m. -

Monday in Holy  
Week. 4<sup>th</sup>

Mass. 7 a.m. - The Assistant went into  
Pretoria early. S<sup>r</sup> Mother in retreat. S<sup>r</sup>  
Euphemia went to conduct the Inuit After-  
noon for the Coloured Women at the Good  
Shepherd Mission Pretoria. Mother went  
to the Waverley Meeting in the afternoon.

Tuesday in Holy  
Week. 5<sup>th</sup>

Mass 7 a.m. - Sister Katerina in retreat.  
Busy all day preparing for the various  
ceremonies.

Wednesday in  
Holy Week. 6<sup>th</sup>

Mass. 7 a.m. - A holiday, so no frats. All  
day spent in getting ready for Maundy  
Thursday + Good Friday.

Maundy Thursday.  
7<sup>th</sup>

Sung Mass, Procession to the Altar of Repose,  
+ Stripping of the Altar 7 a.m. - This year  
as the Chaplain had a Mass at the Church  
Square. All very lovely. This year, after  
several years there was white cosmos  
to use. Heard from Mother General that  
she completely approved of S<sup>r</sup> Katerina  
becoming the Assistant in Sister M. J. Gini  
Gabrieli's place.

Good Friday.  
8<sup>th</sup>

A grey, + rather cold day but no rain. Every-  
thing went beautifully + the girls kept  
the day well. Archdeacon Borne took the  
Three Hours Service at St. Martin's. Very good  
address + so simple. The Church was  
full for the whole 3 hours. M<sup>r</sup> Cousins  
came up about 4 p.m. + brought

April

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>  
Easter Eve.

the collection up which was for the Homes.  
The usual service at 7-30 a.m. A very long day.  
Sister Victoria Mary, + Sister Irene came over with  
things from the Schools in the Morning. The  
blessing of the Paschal Candle was at 5-15 p.m.  
a full Chapel. Afterwards greetings in the  
Community Room which was full of various  
Easter eggs + sweets + other useful things.  
Lauds was sung preceded by Compline sung  
+ Matins at 8-15 p.m.

Easter Day  
10<sup>th</sup>

Sung Mass. 6 a.m. as the Chaplain had two  
Masses at St. Martin's, 6-15 + 7-15. Fr. Tsebe  
was able to take the Mass for the Africans  
at 7-15 a.m. A lovely day, but cold. S<sup>r</sup> Yvonne  
Mary came down for the Sung Mass + Recreation.  
Offices all at the usual time, Teve 9-15.  
Sext + None 12. Vespers 1-30 p.m. Compline  
after Solemn Vespers + Sermon. Mrs Peters  
left. The Bishop preached at St. Martin's  
for Evening. Mary Dainton, Jocelyn +  
Monica went also Fr. Tsebe.

Easter Monday  
11<sup>th</sup>

Mass, 7-15. Nearly all day spent in telling  
the Sisters + others about the Assistant not  
returning from England + plans. S<sup>r</sup> J. Joan, +  
S<sup>r</sup> Hilda Verity, and S<sup>r</sup> Joan, came over in  
the Morning. Fr. Huddleston, came for a  
short time in the Morning + said good bye  
to the Assistant.

Easter Tuesday  
12<sup>th</sup>

Mass 7-15. The Assistant and S<sup>r</sup> Gladys Austin  
went to Poctona in the Morning. Victor  
came in the afternoon + had tea in  
St. Monica's with Mother. Heavy rain  
started at 4 p.m. + went on all the  
evening.

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