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- " 1st Sat. No Mass - The D.S.G. Sisters came over & we had a 'Mini' chapter, beginning at 11 a.m., & an afternoon Session. SVM fetched some D.S.G. Sisters in the morning, & took them back after Vespers, to assist the D.S.G. car. A very happy occasion.
- " 2nd LENT ii. Sung Mass 7 a.m.; B. Margaret's 9.30. SVM went early from Recreation to 1.15h SGC, SDM for a Council Meeting in the afternoon. SMCh c me for them after Vespers. ^{Mother showed them strips of the} Girls' 1.15 p.m.
- " 3rd Mon. Mass 7.10. SSF, SMCh, SME came for a short visit in the afternoon to say Good-bye to Mother G. After tea both Mothers called on the Thackerays at the Radcliffe Observatory, & had a wonderful
- " 4th Tues. Mass 7.10. MJ, SFM, SGM + SVM went with Mother G. to farewells to send her back to England. SGC, SDM + SMCh came from the D.S.G. Mother's plane left punctually at 6.45 p.m. arriving London Airport 9.15 a.m. S.African time. ^{Mother Barbara Charles returning England}
- " 5th Wed. Mass 7.10 Fr Barrin, as usual!
- " 6th Thurs. Mass 7.10 4 Sisters went to Pretoria Cathedral for the Lent Service. Mother + SFM met several Irene ladies in the Rec. Room at 8 p.m. - non Church people, who want to be Christians.
- " 7th Fri. Mass 7.10. A Festival day because of the Profession of Sr Susan Frances + Sr Eileen. NO Handyman yet! Girls' Toilets pulled down to-day, & a snake found on the roof. St M. Michael went to Bryanston to speak at an Ecumenical Meeting in the morning - Women's World day of Prayer.
- " 8th Sat. No Mass. K. Crabb's sister + 2 friends visited us in the p.m.
- " 9th LENT iii. Sung Mass 7; B. Margaret's 9.30. Mother took SIE to the D.S.G. in the afternoon, & the latter stayed for 24 hours. Mother continued her course of film strips to the girls after supper. Heavy rain during night.
- " 10th Mon - Mass 7.10. Very heavy rain until Noon, & intermittently for the rest of the day. SGM had a visitor.
- " 11th Tues - Mass 7.10. A deluge all day! Mr Krause came to see Mother in the morning - Fr French Baytegh came at 7 p.m. & gave the

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- Sisters at Conference in the C.R. at 7.30.
- " 12th Wed. Mass 7.10 - Confessions. The Dean went to the D.S.G. S.V.M. took Fr Bairn to see Dean Nye in the morning. More rain! as usual.
- " 13th Thurs Mass 7.10. S.V.M. took SFM, Gilbert, wife & baby to the Bantin Administration to get Gilbert married - Another visit needed! (Still more rain.) David & Maria came by train to fix the former's pension. Fr Longbotham came for a quiet morning.
- " 14th Friday. Mass 7.10. S.V.M. drove M.J. to the Bishop & afterwards to D.S.G. where Mother stayed for 24 hours. A very heavy storming. D. Howell came visiting in the afternoon. ^{the afternoon.}
- " 15th Sat. No Mass - The sun at last! The D.S.G. brought Mother back in the afternoon.
- " 16th REFRESHMENT SUNDAY. Sung Mass 7 a.m.; P. Margaret's, 9.30. The usual happy gathering after Teas on the lawn outside the front door. Communion Sung & Mother given a cake & presents. Morning Tea in the Rec. Room at 10.30, with 3 D.S.G. Sisters & Prefects • Mrs Eliza. Miss Clarke came for a week. Dorothy Howell left. ^{In Eccles arrived.}
- " 17th Mon. Mass 7.10. Lent Retreat, un-conducted. SIE, SVM, 3 Marie Mayz.
- " 18th Tues. Mass 7.10. . . . continued - SFM, SD, SMM, SN.
- " 19th Wed. Mass 7.10 SFM, SVM & Ruth took Honey to Fr Barker in the morning for a check up. Then on to D.S.G., where SFM dressed 'The House of Mary' & returned after tea. Fr Bairn paid his weekly visit.
- " 20th Thurs. Mass 7.10 Mother went to see the Architect about Chapel heating in the morning - Mr Sandwell arrived in the afternoon to know Hardy - man. 8 p.m. Lent meeting in the Rec Room, about 15 ladies. Mother & SFM conducted it. SD, SIG, SN & 2 ladies went to the Cathedral at 8 p.m. to hear Fr French Beyleigh.
- " 21st Fri. Mass 7.10 Mother in Retreat. Mr Sandwell started work.
- " 22nd Sat. No Mass. Miss Clarke was fetched by her brother.
- " 23rd PASSION SUNDAY. Sung Mass 7; P. Margaret's 9.30. *
- " 24th Mon. Mass 7.10. Mother J. had a cable to say her Father had died the previous day.
- " 25th THE ANNUNCIATION. Sung Mass 7 a.m. Mother J. spoke at St. Columba's Presbyterian Church, Hatfield at 10 a.m. on the Irene Homes. SFM, S.V.M. drove Mother to Stan Sweets, where she flew to London a 6.45 p.m.

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- .. 26 Wed. Mass 7.10 S. Barin came as usual for the day.
- .. 27 Thurs. Mass 7.10. SFM + SVM took Honey to Dr Baker for her op. at 7.45 a.m. Joan Mountain + the Irene ladies came to Morning Tea + to see the Homes. SFM + SVM fetched Honey after Vespers. She was very pleased to see them + to be back home, + Barley gave her a wonderful welcome! S.M., SD, SN, SIE + 2 ladies went to the last of the Lent Services at the Cathedral at 8 p.m.
- .. 28 Fri. Mass 7.10. SN took SFM to the D.S.G. in the morning, where the latter stayed to dress the Castle of 'The House of Mary'. SVM fetched a large quantity of the Anti 'Hong Kong' flag from the Fountaine Chemist in the afternoon. SFM was brought back in time for Supper.
- .. 29 Sat. No Mass. Mr Sandwell + Edward went in the former's van to fetch the large Palm branches for Chapel from the van der Byls.
- .. 30 PALM SUNDAY - Sung Mass 7 a.m.; B. Margaret's 9.30.
Because of inclement weather + colds, the girls stood in the front hall for the blessing of the Palms. SFM, SMM, SIE, SN + S Monica May went to D.S.G. at 5.15 for the play, 'The House of Mary' - Also Matron Margaret.
- .. 31 Mon. Mass 7.10. Dorothy Fehren arrived in the afternoon to stay a week. SVM took SD, 2 girls + ladies to the D.S.G. play.
- APRIL
.. 1 Tues. Mass 7.10 SVM took Mrs Cousins, Mrs Hamilton + girls to the D.S.G. play. Also Joan Mountain took 6 girls + Mr Sandwell SFM etc. A wonderful production by Betty Hamilton.
- .. 2 Wed. Mass 7.10 SVM took Mrs Volhard to the Cathedral in the morning for her Confession.
- .. 3 THURSDAY - Sung Mass 7 p.m., B. Margaret's 9.30 a.m.
SVM took R. Thomas to the Cathedral in the morning, also a workman on the building to have his eye stitched at the Non-European Consulity. The Watch began at 6 p.m. with a short service taken by SFM. Dr Marsh came for 3 weeks.
Mr + Mrs Yates came for 3 days.
- .. 4 EASTER EVE. GOOD FRIDAY. Everyone kept the watch really well - The girls were very good - Not a sound in the Rec. Room all day!
- .. 5 Easter Eve. As usual - A full Chapel for the lighting of the Easter Fire.

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EASTER DAY. Sung Mass 7 a.m., B. Margaret's 9.30. Ms + Mrs Yates left after Breakfast. Morning-tea in the Rec. Room for everyone. Talking Breakfast + Dinner. Afternoon tea for all the Sisters. A lovely day, except for the absence of Mother.

7th

Easter Monday. Mass 7.10. Picnic lunch in the Rec. Room - a cold wind outside! SFM late for this because of a broken hot-water tap in a bathroom! 5 D.S.G. Sisters came to Morning Tea + were shown over the new building at B. Margaret's. Denise Bagnall was brought by Fr + Mrs Hopkins - all stayed the night + came to the party. Party in the Rec. Room at 7 p.m. with dresses for the Girls. Mrs Stewart arrived from Durban + Dorothy Fahrion left.

8th

Easter Tuesday. Mass 7.30 SN took M. Margaret to the Orthopaedic Hospital + on to Witskoppies. SVM + SMM took SGM to the Bloemfontein train at 6 p.m. when she went for her Rest, + the Denise Bagnall on to the Airport where they all had supper.

9th

Wed. Mass 7.10; B. Margaret's 9.30. SFM + SVM in the town all the morning, doing Passes + shopping. Cathy Burri came to help in the Office in the morning.

10th

Thurs. No Mass - Rector away. SFM + SVM went to Johannesburg in the morning to see Mrs Soames. At 9³⁰ she still has a very active mind + memory - Cathy came again in the morning.

11th

Fri: 7.10 Mass Fr Rumbold. S.V.M. went to school for a rest. SFM + SN continued into town to shop + fetch Veg. Mrs Garner came in in the evening + said she could not carry on any longer with the accounts. They have moved to the Diocesan flat in Pretoria. Cathy Burri in office.

12th

Sat: No Mass. uneventful day. Had Easter Cards + Hymns service in chapel instead of Evensong.

13th

Sunday. Sung Mass Canon Rumbold. S. Nicolia played. Mr Eustice was the Subdeacon. Happy day with very few visitors. Fr James phoned about meeting S. Helen Mary's Sister at the Airport on Wednesday.

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Mon 14th No Mass S.F. went into town with Mr Cousins to shop.

Tues: 15th Mass 7.10 Mr Harrison. Mr Cousins spent a long time sorting out the bills + getting ready to bank.

Wed: 16th Mass 7.10 Canon Rumbold. S.D + SVR went to Jan Smuts air port to meet S' Deborah Nasu's sister. The plane was very late she just caught the plane to Bloemfontein. Mr Bussi came from 9-12 in the office. Janet Stevens arrived and went straight into the Rec Room where Cobie was rehearsing. S.E.M + S.N took S.V.R back to school. Mr Keogh brought S.V.R over in the morning. Father Bavin came as usual to the Roundabout.

Thurs 17th No Mass. Mr Bussi came to help in the office also Mr Cousins. Barbara Mackay very troubled Mr Morgan advised a visit to West Koppies Hospital for observation + treatment. S' Nicola took Barbara and Mr Mackay over in the afternoon. Barbara at once found a young friend + went off happily to play. Mr Mackay much relieved. S.F.M took Cook's letter about passage to school.

Fri: 18th Mass 7.10 Canon Rumbold. Mr Sandwall took S.F.M to the D.S.G. for Mr Keogh farewell party + then on to collect Vegetables + fruit. S.N took Violet + Matron Ngt to hospital for eyes 12.30 — 5 pm! Still no letters from overseas.

Sat 19th No Mass. Wantage letter arrived. Clothes Train jotted as returning to Convent 16th and to SA on 25th. S.G.C + SVR came over to collect itinerary papers. A.W.F. from Randfontein came to see the Hower and bring knee blankets they had made. Tea on the lawn with S. Elizabeth Ladies + Staff + Sisters. Short service taken by Canon Rumbold.

Sun 20th Mass 7.0 Sung Canon Rumbold. S' Nicola played S' Mary Christine + S' Stella Francis + came to Morning Tea for S.N.C to say goodbye.

Mon: 21st No Mass. No letters from England.

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- Tues 22nd Mass 7:10 The Rector. Letter from Mother Joan returns to S.A. deferred until April 30th arriving May 1st. Architect & Mr Viguier spent a long time over the buildings at Holy Cross.
- Wed: 23rd Mass of St. George - Canon Rumbold, SFM + SN had morning tea at D.S.G. for St Mary Bride's Profession day. S.V.T. + SFM + SN took the car on to be serviced and S.N. visited Social Welfare to get permit for payment for Marie's teeth. S.V.T. returned to Holy Cross. Fr Barin came as usual for the day.
- 24th Thurs. Mass 7:10. The Rector spent the morning in Retreat
- 25th Fri. Mass 7:10 A. Stoneman & J. Stevens came to see us, & had tea in the Community Room.
- 26th No Mass.
- 27th EASTER IIJ - Sung Mass 7 a.m.; St Margaret's 9:30. SD, SIE + SN were taken by SVT in the afternoon to D.S.G. for their Annual Retreat - Only SFM, SNM + SVT left to 'hold the fort'! St Monica Mary, C.S.J.B. also here.
- 28th Mon - No Mass.
- 29th Tues - Mass 7:10. SFM + SVT went to the Pass Office with the Malawi men.
- 30th Mass 7:10
- May 1st Thurs. Mass 7:10. SFM arrived back, 7:40; SVT met her. SFM + SVT went to Jan Smuts & met Mother Joan at 11:45
- 2nd Fri. Mass 7:10. SFM went to D.S.G. to fetch the Sisters back from their Retreat, in time for Morning Tea. After tea, Mother drove SFM + SIE to Pretoria Station, where they went to Durban + Nelspruit for their Resto. She also went to D.S.G.
- 3rd Sat - No Mass. Mother went to D.S.G. for their 7:30 a.m. Mass - her Profession Day. Afterwards she drove SDM to Gail frost's wedding - she returned in time for dinner.
- 4th EASTER IV. Sung Mass 7 a.m., St Margaret's 9:30. Fr Guiney arrived at 4:15 p.m. for a short rest.
- 5th Mon - No Mass. Mother went to Pretoria in the morning - Mr Ellis, the

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- Architect, came in the afternoon & spent a long time with Mother.
- .. 6 Tues. Mass 7.10 said by Fr Guiness - It was good to see him again after his illness, & he said 'Good-bye' to us, for he is being recalled to Mirfield.
- .. 7 Wed. Mass 7.10. Our first 'free' Accretion.
- .. 8 Thurs. Mass 7.10. Mr Newton came, from Dawson & Frases, in the afternoon. He met Mr Sandwell & they & Mother discussed the alterations to the laundry.
- .. 9 Fri. Mass 7.10 Tessa Croijé came for the night to visit us.
- .. 10 Sat. No Mass. SVM drove SD, SME, S. Monica M. & Grace Broughton to Rosettenville to the C.R. Open day. It was much enjoyed, & the Sisters met many old friends. They were back by 5 p.m. Mrs Morgan came to see Mother about the vacant Sewing-Matron post. Old & frail, quite unvisible. Tessa Croijé returned to Johannesburg.
- .. 11 EASTER V. Sung Mass 7 a.m.; P. Margaret's, 9.30. Mr & Mrs Kell brought Miss Sheridan to say good-bye before her return to England, in the early afternoon. Miss Davis (Dom. Sci, Girls' High) visited Sr Dorothy in the afternoon, & they spent hours planning the new Kitchen etc. at P. Margaret's. SME brought SDM 164 in Retreat 2 days.
- .. 12 Monday - No Mass. SVM & Ruth took Honey to the Vet in the afternoon. She is suffering from Skin Eczema - a common complaint of Labradors - otherwise very well.
- .. 13 Tues. Mass 7.10. Fr French Beytagh came in the evening & gave the Sisters a conference on Intercession - 7.30 - 9.30 p.m.
- .. 14 Wed. Mass 7.10 - After hearing the Sisters' confessions Fr J.B. took SDM back to the D.S.G. Mother visited the Architect, & Mr Goodwin about the fete. Cathy Bussie helped in the Office in the morning - away.
- .. 15 ASCENSION DAY. Sung Mass 7 a.m. (no collection) P. Margaret's, 9.30. Sports 11 a.m.; Picnic Lunch on the circle, 1 p.m. Afternoon walk. "A fabulous day" for the Girls!! Altogether, very happy, & beautiful day Sophie - E. Grinstead - brought by Fr Beytagh, & a rather calm sunshine. Sister - to stay for a fortnight - Also had tea together in the Refectory -
- .. 16 Fri. Mass 7.10. SVM fetched plans from the Architect. Mother went to D.S.G. for Tea & Vespers - Her first visit since her return to S.A. Cathy Bussie helped again in the Office - Also Gail!

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.. 17th Sat. No Mass.

.. 18th SUNDAY IN THE OCTAVE. Sung Mass 7 a.m.; St Margaret's, 9.30. So Nicola drove 4 ladies in the evening to the Presbyterian Church in Pretoria for an Ecumenical Evensong. No Meeting at Holy Cross, because of the extension of the Chapel, which should be already happening!

.. 19th Mon. No Mass. Mother went into Pretoria in the morning to see the Bishop & the Architect. She also went to the Wesleyan Church there for the daily Ecumenical Service, 1.15 - 1.30 p.m.

.. 20th Tues. Mass 7.10. Mother had Morning Tea with Mr & Mrs Conomos, to celebrate the Bishop's permission for them to live at St. Benedict's! In the afternoon Kay Durward came, & brought us a lot of books from her library. We were also given a lot of beautiful materials-samples-by Mr Woods-Gathiebo - who had an early connection with Fr Heintz.

.. 21st Wed. Mass 7.10. A very wet day. All wrong!

.. 22nd Thurs. Mass 7.10. Rain continued through the night, very heavy. Cleared up during the a.m. SD & SVU went into Pretoria to shop & to the Ecumenical Service - Only about 15 there, mostly Anglicans.

.. 23rd Fri. Mass 7.10. Mother took Joan Watson to Fountain in the afternoon - a great success! Dorothea Fahrzen came for the weekend.

.. 24th Sat. No Mass. S.I.E returned from her Rest, 6.30 in Pretoria - Met by SGM. SVU met SFM at 9, returning from her Rest. Mother went to the Air-port to meet Sr Mary Winifred.

Sr Mary
Winifred

.. 25th WHITSUNDAY. Sung Mass 7 a.m.; St. Margaret's 9.30. So Mary Winifred surfaced about 5 p.m! Mother took SFM & Monica May to the Cathedral after Supper, to the closing service of the Ecumenical week.

.. 26th Mon. NO Mass... 27th Tues. Mon. The Rector.

.. 28th Wed. Mon. Communal Fete Meeting at Mrs & Dr Byl's. Mrs Mackie of Boksburg, Barbara Kelly come to see us

.. 29th Thurs. Mon. The Rector. Mother went to Eastgate in the morning to arrange Quirn afternoon programme. In afternoon late Sir Reg Winifred to tea at school. Fr Sophie from U.P.C.

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MEETING

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- 30th May - 13th
June.

- 30th Fri Mass 7.00. Mather went to see the Bishop & Fr. May to Shop. Rest of day rather upsets by Mr Sandwick getting very drunk! Mr Richards promised to come tomorrow
- 31st Sat No Mass. Clothing Day of 4 Novices - Mr Sandwick still "under". Mr Richards came morning, evening - Mr S's brother promises to come tomorrow to help - Mr. & Mrs George & Pat come in the afternoon with clothing - & saw over the Homes -
- BURGLAR
IN
HOUSES!
- 1st TRINITY SUNDAY Sung Mass 7.0 after a very disturbed night. African woke me & went to dormitory 11 o'clock. Mather sang for Flying Squad & also Mr Hogg who came at once - Men chased off. Mr Sandwick's brother came over & took him home in the morning.
- 2nd Monday No Mass - Mather took Account Report to Hennie's - Fr May gone Michael went off to Mangalore at 8.15 pm
- 3rd Tuesday Mass - The Rector. Fr An Nguyen arrived. Fr F May went with K. Barnard to give a talk to Fr. Martin's loc. Vics. Rosarians.
- 4th Wednesday Mass. Inspection from Fire Staff - hy Toller - came - very disturbed by our vulnerability - Plans must be made to improve situation.
- 5th Thursday Mass - ^{with hymns} Mr Myburgh of Social Welfare came to ask questions & see work - very nice -
- CORVUS
CHIRPS
- 6th Friday - Mass - Mather took Fr Ph. Mgr. over to School -
- 7th Sat. Mass - Mr Newton of Dawson Farm came to review fire situation. Mather went to Good Shepherd Ecumenical to conduct Quiet Afternoon - This is our first official piece of work here.
- 8th Sunday Trinity I Mass Sung - Mrs Furness here - talked about Turnbury. Mrs & Mr. H. in 90th birthday. Janice Hanmer (Fr Ph. Mgr's sister) came - also Fr Linda & 13 of her family brought Fr Monica Mary back -
- Mather went to
HERITAGE
MUSEUM
- 9th Monday - No Mass.
- 10th Tuesday - Mass - The Rector. Dean H. B. came in evening. S. G. Lawrence - Fr. & Mrs Dairine M. came over for Discussion. Fr Ph. Mgr. returned with the Dean from visiting his cousins -
- 11th Wednesday Mass (the Dean). S. G. sang little Gregorian to the Vic. The Dean went over to School as usual.
- 12th Thursday Mass - The Rector.
- 13th Fri. Mass. Canon R. Mather went to Eluru & took Fr Ph. Mgr. & three Girls over to Ecumenical High School -
- Sacred
Heart.
- Confession

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- 14th Sat. No Mass. Mr Elton came above buildings. Relation of S. Ph. Mgr. came in afternoon.
- 15th Trinity II Sung Mass 7.0. Great many coughs and colds - Sr Margaret Elizabeth came over in the afternoon.
- 16th Mon. No Mass. Sr Katherine, C.H.N. arrived in time for tea for a rest & week's Retreat.
- 17th Tues. Mass 7.10. SVM returned from her Rest, & was met by Mr Worringham at 7.15 a.m.
- 18th Wed. Mass 7.10.
- 19th Thurs. Mass 7.10 Joe Swanson brought his Aunt to see the Rumbolds & Dorothy Howell visited the Home. Mother & S.D. went into Portoria to buy materials for the New Wing at B. Margaret's.
- 20th Fri. Mass 7.10. Sr Marjorie Michael returned from her Rest, & was met ~~from~~ by Mr Worringham at 7.10.
- 21st Sat. No Mass. Mother in Retreat.
- 22nd Sun. Sung Mass 7. - B. Margaret's, 9.30. Annual General Meeting. The Bishop spoke - All very nice. Tea afterwards in the Refectory. Fr Blake came after Supper to help measure & arrange the Refectory for our temporary Chapel.
- 23rd Mon. No Mass. The Sisters said Teve in the old Chapel, & Sext in the Temporary one! A complete move, accomplished in 3 hours! In the afternoon 2 O.H.P. Sisters brought Fr Gibbs to see us. Fr Davies came for a few days holiday.
- 24th Tues. Mass 7.10 Sr Phoebe Margaret returned to B. Cuthbert's.
- 25th Wed. Mass 7.10 Mother left for B. Cuthbert's - Her 6 monthly visitation.
- 26th Thurs. Mass 7.10 - Fr Davies left. About 20 men put in the concrete foundations for the new walls of Chapel.
- 27th Fri. Mass 7.10 Chapel walls falling!
- 28th Sat. No Mass
- 29th Sun. Mass with hymns. 7 a.m. B. Margaret's 9.30
- 30th Mon. - No Mass.
- JULY 1st Mass 7.10. Monica Burnett started as Secretary. Hurrah! Roof of Chapel removed - only floor left!

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