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Nov: 1<sup>st</sup> 1950. — April 30<sup>th</sup> 1954.

November 1950.

Nov: 1<sup>st</sup>.  
All Saints Day.  
Wednesday.

Sung Mass 7 a.m. A very hot day. Tere + Sext 9.0  
None 10-30 a.m. Vespers 2 p.m. This was found a  
good plan to leave the Chapel free in the  
afternoon to be got ready for Vespers of the Dead  
at 7 p.m. Father's service for the girls was at  
6 p.m. Compline + Matins 8+30 p.m. Thunder  
and heavy rain began at 8 p.m.

Nov: 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
All Souls Day.  
Thursday.

Sung Requiem 7 a.m. Rain nearly all night; a  
warm day. Tere + Sext of the Departed 9-10 a.m.  
+ None. 10-30 a.m. In the evening the girls had  
come short films. Very good selection.

Nov: 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
Octave Friday.

No Mass. More rain in the early hours + very  
warm. M<sup>rs</sup> Pontifera + Miss Hague went into  
Proctoria in the afternoon to the farewell party  
at the Deanery for Fr. Maund. They were driven  
in by the Lewins.

Nov: 4<sup>th</sup>. Octave.  
Saturday.  
Sunday. 5<sup>th</sup>.  
Trinity XXII. Octave.

Mass 8-15. Every thing as usual. Evensong +  
Devotions. 6-30 p.m. S<sup>rs</sup> Frances in Retreat.  
Sung Mass 7 a.m. A busy day with girls visitors  
After Recreation Mother drove over to Hillcrest  
to see the Sisters + took S<sup>rs</sup> H. Venty with her.  
Evensong + Sermon 6-10 p.m.

Monday. 6<sup>th</sup>.  
Octave.

Mass 7-15. Mother went over to Waverley to  
the usual monthly meeting; a very long meeting  
discussing the building of the Chapel! Sister  
Charity also went in to take Sarah to  
be seen by an employer at Industrial.  
No Mass. Very warm; a high wind  
got up about 3 p.m.

Tuesday. 7<sup>th</sup>.  
Octave.

Wednesday. 8<sup>th</sup>.  
Octave Day.

Mass. 7-15. Lady Mary Baring came to  
see Mother + had morning tea with her;  
a good bye visit. Film in the evening;  
the Vines have tender grapes. Rather disappointing.  
Many other films much better!

Thursday. 9<sup>th</sup>

Mass 7-15. In the afternoon Sister Hilda  
Venty, + Sister Charity drove into Proctoria  
to see the Doctor Venning, about regular.

Visit to the Homes. In the evening the film was finished. We had to wait in the middle for about 20. mins: as all the lights went out!

Friday, 10<sup>th</sup>.

Mass 7-15 a.m. Requiem. Vazelle Hole came to stay also Monica Arch + Father Whitnall. c.R. Sister Frances Mary + Sister Veronica Faith came in the evening for Retreat. Fr. Symonds c.R. came in the Morning for Confessions.

Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup>.  
St. Martin B.C.

Mass at St. Martin's Church only at 6-15 a.m. All the Sisters went. Prime was said at 7-10 a.m. The two School Sisters in Retreat also Vazelle Hole + Monica Arch. A bad storm came up at 4-30 p.m. with heavy rain + wind. No lights the whole evening so Evening + Devotions was with candle light!

Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup>.  
Trinity XXIII.

Sung Mass 8 a.m. Fr. Whitnall. c.R. S<sup>r</sup>. F. Mary, + S<sup>r</sup>. V. Faith left with the Chaplain in his car at 8 a.m. for the Mass at the School. Molly Shaw, Miss Maeder, + a friend of M<sup>rs</sup>. Brooke's all came to spend the day. Evening + Sermon. 6-10 p.m.

Monday, 13<sup>th</sup>

Mass 7-15. Requiem. The Chaplain. Monica Arch left on the 8-37 a.m. train. At 2-15 p.m. Mother drove into Portina for shopping + took Matron Jean + 3 girls to Fontaine. In the evening M<sup>rs</sup>. Louis Botha came to see Mother about Matron Salome!

Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup>

Mass 8 a.m. Fr. Whitnall. c.R. He + Vazelle Hole left at 8-15 a.m. In the afternoon a M<sup>rs</sup>. Locke called with a friend from Johannesburg. M<sup>rs</sup>. Locke had just arrived from England + knew Miss Houghton who had stayed at Holy Cross + the latter asked her to call on Mother! M<sup>rs</sup>. Locke asked to come + stay.

Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup>

Mass 7-15. At 8-30 a.m. Mother drove into Johannesburg to Ek. to see S<sup>r</sup>. Eané. She took Dorothea in + also M<sup>rs</sup>. Brooke the latter to see Sophiatown. The Stone

Came for the Cemetery + the work there was completed.  
Sister Viola came in the evening for Retreat.

Sister Hilda Verity in Retreat. Nursery tank leaking!  
Mass 7-15. S<sup>r</sup> Viola in Retreat. Dorothea returned.

Thursday. 16<sup>th</sup>.  
F. of \$ Edmund B.C.

The Holy Hour. Some rain + thunder at 5-30p.m.  
M<sup>rs</sup> John Vander Byl. called + left a cake!

Friday. 17<sup>th</sup>.  
F. of \$ Hugh. B.C.

Mass 7-15. The geyser that heats the water leaking  
badly! M<sup>rs</sup> Brunley, the plumber who came to fix  
the Nursery tank (a new one) said there would have  
to be a new geyser! No hot water; + the laundry  
geyser failed in the evening! Also no lights from  
6-30p.m. An evening of evenings indeed!! D<sup>r</sup>  
Venning (Tom) came in the afternoon for the first  
visit. He went over the Hones + the Nursery +  
saw the babies Eileen Keomac. came for two  
Nights.

Saturday. 18<sup>th</sup>.

Mass 7-15. S<sup>r</sup> Isabel Everild in Retreat. It tried  
to rain in the afternoon but it all blew away!  
Evening + Devotions. 6-30p.m.

Sunday. 19<sup>th</sup>.  
Trinity XXIV.

Sung Mass 7a.m. E. Lane came to spend the  
day. Eileen Keomac left at 4-30p.m. Evening  
+ Sermon 6-10p.m.

Monday. 20<sup>th</sup>.  
F. of \$ Edmund. K.M.

Mass 7-15. Mother in Retreat. Sister Hilda Verity  
left for her rest to Dooderport. Some heavy  
rain with thunder about 4-30p.m.

Tuesday. 21<sup>st</sup>.

No Mass. Mother went to Proctoria early to see  
D<sup>r</sup> Saul who stopped a tooth!. Sister Charity also  
went in to some shops.

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>.  
\$ Cecilia. V.M.

Mass 7-15. After Tere + Sept Mother + Sister  
Isabel Everild drove over to Hillcrest for the  
Junior Schools parents day + to see Mid Summer  
Nights Dream. Very heavy rain at 2p.m.  
with a storm. The Assistant returned from  
her rest at St. Luthbert's + Mother met her  
3-50p.m.

Thursday. 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
S. Plément. B.M.

Mass 7-15. M<sup>rs</sup> Lewis came for a days Retreat.  
Mother went to Johannesburg on the 1-26p.m.

train for the "Els" executive Meeting at Paragon Home.  
Rain fell during the night, but it was a fine  
warm day.

Friday, 24<sup>th</sup>  
St. John of the Cross.

Mass 7-15. Fr. Symonds came in the Morning for  
Confessing. D<sup>r</sup>. Venning + D<sup>r</sup>. Hurst came in the  
afternoon. Sister Mary Bode came for Retreat.

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>  
St. Katharine V.M.

Mass 7-15. Mother's installation day, 17 years! A  
lively rain nearly all night. It cleared up  
during the day + was quite hot. After tea  
Mother + the Assistant walked down to the Cemetery.  
All the big lts failed at 6 p.m.!! Evening + Devotions  
by candle light!

Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup>  
Next before Advent.

Sung Mass 7 a.m. Miss Field, a friend of M<sup>rs</sup>. Rother's  
came in the afternoon to stay. Heavy rain fell from  
6 to 7 p.m. Evening + Comm 6-10 p.m.

Monday, 27<sup>th</sup>

Mass 7-15. A Requiem. In the Morning Sister  
Eamé came over to see Mother on business. She  
left again in the afternoon. More rain during  
the night + a cooler day. Sister Charity in Retreat.  
No Mass. At 10 a.m. Mother + the Assistant went  
off to Pretoria to do the Christmas shopping. They  
returned at 4 p.m. Vespers was at 4-5 o.p.m.  
+ then Recreation in the Community Room to  
see all the "shoppings"! A fine day but the wind  
got up at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup>  
Vigil.

Mass 7-15. The day was kept as a day of  
intercession for the Missionary work of the  
Church. Sister Charity was out most of the  
day at a Native Maternity case at Pine dene!  
The Assistant in Retreat.

Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup>  
Fey St. Andrew. Ap.

Sung Mass 7 a.m. A grey day + inclined  
to rain. Miss Nicol came to stay +  
help. S<sup>r</sup>. O. F. drove into Pretoria in the  
Morning to do the Money.

Friday December 1<sup>st</sup>

Mass 7-15. In the Morning Mother  
went into Pretoria to do Christmas shopping.  
In the evening Mother, the Assistant + S<sup>r</sup>. O. F.!

# December.

Saturday. 2<sup>nd</sup>

went into Proctoria, to Hillcrest for their Nativity Play with several girls + Staff.

Mass. 7-15. In the evening Mother, + some Staff with S<sup>rs</sup> O.F. went to St. Mary's Waverley for their Christmas Play "The First Crib". Most beautiful.

Evening + Devotion 6-30 p.m.

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

Sung Mass. 7 a.m. Miss Field left in the Morning. After Morning Tea everyone went to look at the things for the Morning Market. A very nice array! especially the soft toys made by M<sup>rs</sup> Pothe. A tempest storm got up at 6 p.m. with drenching rain. Evening + Service 6-10 p.m.

Monday. 4<sup>th</sup>

No Mass. The Chaplain came down at Morning tea time for two nights to be in Retreat. At 8.30 a.m. M<sup>rs</sup> Conin came to see about the building of a Sister's Refectory + Cloak Room. After Noon Mother drove into Proctoria to the School to see the two Holy Poor Sisters staying there, Sister Mildred, + Sister Theodora to say good bye as they were leaving for England on the 5<sup>th</sup>.

Tuesday. 5<sup>th</sup>.  
S. Birinus, B.C.

Mass. 7-15. The Chaplain in Retreat. Devotion out for the day. At 2 p.m. Mother + the Assistant drove into Waverley for the prize giving.

Wednesday. 6<sup>th</sup>  
S. Nicholas, B.C.

Mass 7-15. Five Sisters from Hillcrest drove over for Mass + Sister Viola's itinerary; she left for Cape Town on route for England in the evening. After dinner the usual Sisters + Mother drove into Proctoria to prepare for the Morning Market. At 4 p.m. Mother + Sister Charity left the Hall in order to go to Hillcrest for the prize giving at 5 p.m. All the stalls looked very nice.

Thursday. 7<sup>th</sup>

Mass 6-45 a.m. The Morning Market Day. Tece after breakfast. All left at 8 a.m. for St. Proctoria collecting M<sup>rs</sup> Conin on the way. There was heavy rain just after starting + showers went on most of the day. Every thing went very happily

December.

M<sup>rs</sup> Nicol the Administrator's wife opened the Sale + she was introduced by the Bishop. £345. was brought with more to come in. The first party got home just at 3 p.m.

Friday, 8<sup>th</sup>  
F. of the Conception  
of the B.V. Mary.

Sung Mass 7 a.m. A confirmation in the afternoon of 5 girls the last one to be taken by Bishop Parker. The confirmation supper in the evening; Mother the Assistant + S<sup>rs</sup> Frances went.

Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup>.

Mass 7-15. Everything as usual. No Chaplain for Evening as he was at the St. John's School prize giving. The girls had a carol practice at 6-3 p.m.

Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup>  
Advent II.

Sung Mass 7 a.m. Most of the day taken up with Christmas preparations, doing up many parcels etc. S<sup>r</sup> Charity went to Sophiatown in the afternoon to see the Play + to stay the night. Annabel + her family came for their Christmas visit + afternoon tea. Evening + Sermon 6-10 p.m.

Monday, 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mass 7-15. Mother + the Assistant + S<sup>r</sup> I Weild with some Staff + girls went to see the Sophiatown Nativity Play, leaving at 6 p.m. in the Van + Car. Cable from Mother asking for S<sup>r</sup> Mary to go home + S<sup>r</sup> Frances coming out of town!

Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup>.

Mass 7-15. S<sup>r</sup> H Veity returned from her rest. The Sisters Advent Retreat started in the evening. All the Waverley Sisters came + those from Hillcrest, Few of the "Els". Bishop Gilman came to conduct the Retreat + arrived in time for afternoon tea. M<sup>rs</sup> Burke went to St. Benedict's for Retreat + left in the afternoon. The Assistant was not in Retreat.

Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup>  
Lucy, V.M.

Mass 7-15. The Bp. + the Chaplain served. Retreat all day; 20 Sisters in it. A lovely day + warm.

Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup>.

Mass 7-15. The Bishop. All the Sisters left during the morning. There was a Council Meeting at 10-15 a.m. Sister Ida came for Retreat in the evening. Torrential rain.



Friday. 15<sup>th</sup>

started at 3-30 p.m.

Mass 7-15. At 8-20 a.m. Mother drove into Pretoria + took 3 girls to the Court + Dorcas Pruther food also came in. After the Court all did shopping. The Bishop left on the 12-36 train + the Assistant drove him down to the station.

Saturday. 16<sup>th</sup>  
O Sapientia.

Mass 7-15. A holiday or no fasts. In the morning M<sup>rs</sup> Proke returned from her retreat at Prettenville + was brought back by Mrs Prinaar who also had M<sup>rs</sup> Amos + Mrs Law with her. They all had Morning Tea + then saw Mother. Evening + Devotions. 6-30.

Sunday. 17<sup>th</sup>  
Advent III.

Sung Mass. 7 a.m. A very hot day. Mrs ~~De Witt~~ <sup>Richcott</sup> from Orlando came to stay. Evening + Sermon. 6-10. The Assistant went into Retreat at 6 p.m.

Monday. 18<sup>th</sup>

Mass 7-15. The Assistant in Retreat. Mrs Fort, + M<sup>rs</sup> Pruther came in the morning to see the Huns + Sonia, from the C.D.A. hotel. A M<sup>rs</sup> Kidson brought toys in the afternoon.

Tuesday. 19<sup>th</sup>

No Mass. The Assistant went into Pretoria to shop; Sister Charity went in to see D<sup>r</sup> Saul about a tooth! S<sup>r</sup> S. Ewald had to take Bence to the doctor! who said he had "bilouy" badly. Janet Smith arrived to stay in the morning. A very hot day.

Wednesday. 20<sup>th</sup>  
Vigil. Ember Day.

Mass 7-15. Charlotte Plaistone came to stay.

Thursday. 21<sup>st</sup>.  
St. Thomas. Ap.

Sung Mass. 7 a.m. A very stuffy day. A good deal of rain fell between 5 + 7 p.m.

Friday. 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Ember Day.

Mass. 7-15. Terrible down-pour of rain from 5 a.m. until about 10 a.m. with thunder. Fr. Symonds came for address + confessions + was brought by M<sup>rs</sup> Kerne from Pretoria. In the morning at 8-30 a.m. S<sup>r</sup> Charity went in to see D<sup>r</sup> Saul about her tooth. The girls had a short class at 6-45 p.m. on

December

Saturday. Vigil  
Ember Day. 23<sup>rd</sup>

Christmas. Miss Plainance in Retreat. M<sup>rs</sup> Buntflower went to Johannesburg for Mother to get S<sup>r</sup> M. Marj's boat ticket sent up.

Mass 7-15. A very wet day, rained more or less off & on all day! Charlotte Plainance in Retreat. The Bishop of Pretoria drove up & left Mother a beautiful crucifix of silver & rose coloured wood for the new Refectory. Evening & Devotions 6-30 p.m.

Mass with Hymns 2 a.m. A fine warm day, but grey but no rain. Tere & Sext 9-10 a.m. Singing practice at 10 a.m. until 10-20 a.m. & then Vene. Dinner 12-30, Tea 3-30. The whole day was taken up with getting ready for the Festival. Solemn Vespers 5-30 p.m. followed by procession after which two carols were sung in Chapel. After that Mother had the Sisters in Transit for their presents; then the round of seeing the various decorated rooms was done.

Supper 7 p.m. Compline & Matins 8-15 p.m. During the morning M<sup>rs</sup> Dunn from Bishopsburg called with her husband & two sons. The two Coaten girls left a sack of greenadilles, & a beautiful turkey; a gift from M<sup>rs</sup> Smuts.

Midnight Mass. 12. A fine warm night & fine during the day until 4-30 p.m. when slight rain started - warm. Most of the Sisters went to St. Martins for the 7-30 a.m. 17 am. The Church was packed out & the Sisters had to kneel in the Vestry! Tere 9-30 & two carols were sung at the Crib after words. The girls had a short service in Chapel at 9-15 a.m. Morning Tea 10-30. Nursery Tree 11 a.m. Sext 12. (12-15 better) Dinner 12-30. Vespers & Compline & after 3-30 p.m. tea; the King's speech 5 p.m. The Christmas Day dinner at 7 p.m. followed by dancing until 8-45 p.m.

Sunday. 24<sup>th</sup>  
Vigil of the Nativity  
(Advent IV.)

Monday. 25<sup>th</sup>  
Christmas Day.

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