

Thursday. 23rd

No Mass. A very hot day again; but heavy rain with thunder fell at 4 p.m. & it became cooler. Busy all day preparing for the Festival. Fr. Huddleston C.R. came in the morning for address & confessions.

Friday. 24th.
Christmas Eve Vigil.

Mass. 8.15. Busy all day preparing for the Festival. Solemn Vespers followed by Cards to which the girls came 5.30 p.m. After words the presents in Trust. Mother General seemed very happy & loved opening her presents. The usual visit round to the different departments took place after words. Compline & Matins. 8.15. Dinner 12.30. Tea & Sext 9.10. Vespers 10.30. Dorothea Fehren came to stay.

Saturday 25th.
Christmas Day.

Midnight Mass followed by Lauds 12. Midnight A large congregation. 24 coming from the Township. ~~Mass~~ A beautiful service, but very hot. Mother General, Mother P, S^r Dorothea, S^r O.F. went in the 7.30 a.m. Mass at the Township in the car. This year the Chaplain had a 6.30 a.m. Mass as well as a 7.30 a.m. which eased the situation considerably.

Prime 8.15. Tene 9.30 a.m. Sext & Vespers 12.10 after S^r Margaret's Christmas Tree which was at 10.45 a.m. Very nice but terribly hot! Prepared meals 12.30. The Waverley Sisters came for afternoon tea, Vespers was 4.15 & tea at 3.30 p.m. Vespers should have been at 4 p.m. The Queens Speech 5 p.m. Christmas dinner 7 p.m. followed by dancing which ended at 9 p.m. Matins & Lauds 9.10 p.m. A very nice & happy day.

Sunday. 26th.
St. Stephen. M.

Sung Mass. 6.50 a.m. A very hot & muggy day with hardly any sun. Everything in the morning as usual. The Bishop

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of Pretoria came to tea in the afternoon. All had tea on the Cottage lawn with him. After tea both the Mothers came up to the house & showed the Bishop some of the decorations. Supper was at 6-30 p.m. as instead of Evening & Sermon, Cantos & Lessons took place in the Recreation Room by candle light. Very nice & something new! Mass, 7-15. At 9-10: Mother General, The Assistant & Mother P. drove into Pretoria to the D.S.C. for Morning Tea. Dinner was at 12-30. Vespers & Compline, 4-30. Supper at 6 p.m. Christmas Tree & Present giving at 7 p.m. All had to be in the Recreation Room as there had been torrents of rain the evening before so it was far too wet to have the presents out side. The girls, six of them dressed up as Christmas Trees & danced in & the Staff did some excellent scenes from the Wizard of Oz! Matins & Lauds was at 9-10. Everything went well, & all seemed pleased with their presents.

Mass, 7-15. The Chaplain left for his holiday at 10 a.m. The Assistant went to Pretoria in the Morning to the Court. Drenching rain started about 10-30 a.m. & continued during the Morning. Charlotte Plaine left. Sister Evelyn Angela arrived from St. Cathbert's. St. Margaret's gave their Christmas supper party at 7 p.m. All very nice. Both the Mothers & all the Sisters went to it. It had to be on the stoep owing to the wet.

Monday, 27th.
F. of St. John. 4 p.m.

Tuesday, 28th.
F. of the Holy Innocents.

Wednesday, 29th
St. Thomas the Martyr. D.M.

No Mass. Sister Beatrice Puse, + Sister Margine Ann came at 10.30 a.m. to fetch Mother General to "Seeding". All had Morning Tea in the Recreation Room. Muriel Adams came to say good bye at 11.30. She was leaving for Cape Town in the evening en route for England, + to Wantage!.

Thursday, 30th
Sixth Day in the Octave.

Mass 7-15. Fr. Pakers. S.S.J. Everything as usual. Heavy rain at 4.30 p.m. with a storm.

Friday 31st
Seventh Day in the Octave

Mass 7-15. At 10.55 a.m. Mother P, the Assistant, Sister Phyllis, Sister Hilary Clare + Sister Katerina, drove out to "Seeding" for a Christmas party. Very nice, + 21 Sisters were there.

~~Saturday~~

Saturday 1st.
F. of the Circumcision

Sung Mass 7 a.m. Sister Veronica Faith came to stay + was brought by Sister Mary Bride who was taking S^r Irene back to Worcester + S^r Victoria Mary to stay there for a week. Solemn Evening + Devotion. 6-10 p.m.

Sunday 2nd.
Octave Day of St. Stephen M.

Sung Mass 7 a.m. Of the Sunday after Christmas. A soaking wet day, with very heavy rain. Solemn Evening + Sermon. 6-10 p.m.

Monday 3rd.
Octave Day of St. John E.

Mass 7.15. A fine day after the rain but not much sun + hot. Sheila Maspero came for retreat. Miss Paley returned. Ruth Newling came + had afternoon tea with Mother P. Sister Phyllis + Sister Veronica Faith in retreat.

Tuesday 4th.
Octave Day of the Holy Innocents

Mass 7.15. At 9 a.m. Mother, S^r G. Austin, + Jocelyn went into Pretoria by car to shop. S^r Dorothea in retreat. Mary Dainton Alice Burke, Jocelyn Schuebe, + Monica went off at 6.30 p.m. to the Bishop of Pretoria's party.

Wednesday 5th.
Epiphany Eve.

Mass 7.15. Mother General returned from "Eh" + was brought over by Sister Emma + Sister Ida + Sister Beatrice Rose who remained for a week's visit. Sister Constaney also came to stay. A fine very hot day.

Thursday 6th.
Friday 6th.
F. of the Epiphany.

Sung Mass 7 a.m. Morning Tea in the Recreation Room as we were 12. Sisters!. A very warm day. Father Dally came over in the afternoon to see Mother General + S^r Francis Mary drove him over from J.S.G. Film in the evening "Christmas Carol." Very good. Dorothea Fehren left.

Friday 7th.
Saturday 7th.
Octave.

Mass 7.15. Sheila Maspero left after breakfast. S^r Constaney in retreat. Film in the evening + the Irene Film was shown first for Mother

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Saturday, 8th
Octave.

General to see. Heavy rain fell at 2 p.m. but it cleared at 4 p.m.

Mass 7-15. At 12-30. Mother General went off to D.S.C. Portoria + was fetched by Sister Joan. S^r Hilary Clave returned, also Sister Veronica Faith. Sister Constance left. Susan Andrews came to stay. Sister Viola came to stay. Vera Price Jones turned up in the afternoon just to see every body + had tea in the Visitors Room. Solemn Evening + Devotion. 6-10 p.m. Sung Mass 7 a.m. A very hot, drizzly day. Evening + Sermon. 6-10 p.m.

Sunday, 9th
9th in the Octave of the Epiphany.

Monday, 10th
Octave.

Mass 7-15. Mother in retreat. The Assistant went to Court at 9 a.m. + never got back until 1-45! S^r Phyllis also went in + up to the School to do some work. Heavy rain fell at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, 11th
Octave.

Mass 7-15. S^r C. Austin in retreat. After dinner the Assistant went into Portoria to meet Mother General + both had their injections against yellow fever. Four babies were baptized at 11-30 a.m. by Fr. Dahers. S.S.S. Monica started her holiday.

Wednesday, 12th
Octave.

Mass 7-15. Monica left for her holiday at 7-30 a.m. Vespers was at 3-30 p.m. followed by the Itinerary for Sister Violet Ruth, + Sister Veronica Faith. Sister Emé came over with S^r Dorothy. Mother General came from the D.S.C. + remained. Sister Joan, Sister Frances Mary, + Sister Victoria Mary came. Talking led on the Cottage lawn which ended disastrously as "Pussy" the dog flew at S^r Phyllis + bit her! A horrid affair, + frightening for every

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body. The D. S. C. car left just after 5 p.m. + S^r Violet Ruth went in it to start for Cape Town with S^r Veronica Faith. S^r P.rose went to "Eh" for good with S^r Lanie + S^r Dorothy.

Thursday. 13th.
Octave Day.

Mass. 7-15. Fr. Huddleston c.r. came in the morning for Confession. He could not give the address as his car broke down! The Assistant + Mary Jounton took "Buntie" the dog to the N.S.P.A. for them to find another home for him. Victor came + had tea with Mother P. in the afternoon.

Friday. 14th.
Founder's Day.

Mass. 7-15. Talking Day. Bishop + M^r Mound came in the morning. The Bishop to see over St. Margaret's + he also saw Mother. At 6 p.m. a M^r Oosterloo from the Township brought a dog along for us to see. A nice brown short coated puppy.

Saturday. 15th

Mass 7-15: Tere was after breakfast as the Sister Dorothy Michael, + Sister Krome Mary were arriving from England. The Assistant went down to meet them in the Van as the car was in the garage. The two Mothers met them in the porch with the other Sisters. Father Luyt from Vereeniging came to see Mother about a sad case of a girl in trouble. At 2-15 p.m. Sister Phyllis, + Sister Viola left. Sister Kathryn drove them to the Jo'burg road to catch the bus for Waverley. Evening + Devotions. 6-10 p.m.

Sunday. 16th.
Epiphany II.

Sunny Mass. 7 a.m. A storm came up at 12 o'clock with heavy rain + it became much cooler. Evening + Sermon 6-10 p.m.

Monday. 17th.
Fq. S. Anthony Abc.

Mass. 7-15. At 9 a.m. Mother General, Mother P. the Assistant, + S^r Dorothy Michael all started off in the car for the installations

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of S^r Editha, at Leseding, + S^r Beatrice Rose at "Ela". the first at 11 a.m. + the second at 2-30 p.m. Everything well + happily. Mother General went to Waverley after all was over + Sister Esmé returned to Holy Cross for a weeks rest before going to St. Cuthbert's. S^r OF, + S^r Mary in retreat. Marcia, Daphne's child died suddenly in the morning.

Tuesday. 18th.

No Mass. Fr. Dakers S.S.E. left early for Cape Town. The Chaplain returned in the afternoon. Dog "Buller" arrived at 6 p.m. being brought by the Osterbrooke family! Great difficulty in getting him settled down barking + whining! eventually Alice had him in her hut! Mother Provincial went into Pretoria for treatment for her knee from M^r Postorius. Heavy storm + much rain in the night.

Wednesday. 19th.

Mass 7-15. S^r D. Michael in retreat. Sister Beatrice Rose + Sister Ida fetched S^r Evonne Mary to "Ela" at 10 a.m. Mother went for treatment into Pretoria, the Assistant also came to shop. S^r Joan came to stay.

Mass 7-15. Sister Esmé in retreat. Mother went to Pretoria in the Van for treatment. The Assistant, + S^r Kathryn went in the car with Daphne to the funeral of her child in Pretoria cemetery.

Thursday. 20th

Mass 7-15. Mother went into Pretoria for treatment. Jocelyn also came in. Janet Smith left. Mother General returned from Waverley. Sister Joane remained for retreat, Sister Frances Mary came for retreat.

\$\$ Fabian + Sebastiani. 17.17.

Friday. 21st
\$. Agnes. V. 17.

Saturday. 22nd
\$. Vincent. 17.17.

Mass 7-15. Torrential rain fell most of the morning. Mother General, S^r Irene,

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Sister Joan, + Sister Frances Mary all in Retreat!

Worship + Devotion. 6-10 p.m.

Sunday. 23rd.
Epiphany. III.

Sung Mass. 6-50 a.m. A grey, cool day + heavy rain fell in the afternoon. Sister Orsola, Sister Joan, + Sister Frances Mary, left at 9 a.m. Sister Olive Frances left for St. Cuthbert's on the 3-40 p.m. train to Maritzburg. The Assistant, + S^r Dorothea took her to the station. Fr. Huddleston, C.R. drove over with some African boys to say good bye to Mother General. Worship + Sermon 6-10 p.m.

Monday. 24th.

Mass. 7-15. Mother went into Poetoria for treatment. The Assistant also went in to the Court. At 3-30 p.m. Mother General + Mother P. went to the Lewis for tea. Rain off + on most of the day.

Tuesday. 25th.
Conversion of St. Paul.

Sung Mass. 7 a.m. A day of days! being Mother General's last day! All the Sisters in the Transvaal assembled at Holy Cross at 3 p.m. to say fare well to Mother. The Bishop of Poetoria came to itinerate Mother + he gave a most beautiful short address. Vespers was sung at 3-30 p.m. Tea in the Recreation Room to which the Bishop came, also the Chaplain + Father King who the Bishop brought with him. After tea all the Sisters in town said goodbye to Mother in Trust + they had all gone by 5-35 p.m. Talking supper in the Community Room + after supper Mother said goodbye to all in the Visitors Room, Evelyn, Violet, + Matron Joan. + the Sisters in the home. Compline was 6-45 p.m. Matins + Lauds 8 p.m. owing to the early start the next morning. A very happy

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Wednesday. 26th
F. of S. Polycarp. B.M.

send off! The day was cloudy, but no rain.
Susan Andrew left at 6 p.m. —
Mass, None. The day a wet one + the day of
Mother General's flight! Mother P, the Assistant
+ Sister Esme had breakfast in the Community
Room at 5-50 a.m. —! with Mother General
+ all started forth for Jan Smith's aerobome
at 5-15 a.m. —. We arrived there at 5-55 a.m. —
Mother General left on the stroke of 2 a.m. —
+ a gleam of sunshine came just as the
plane started!

Thursday. 27th
F. of S. Chrysostom. B.M.

Mass 7-15. Drenching rain from 6 p.m. — to 8 p.m. —
It was so heavy that those sleeping in St.
Matthew + St. Mark were Marooned for Prime!!!
After dinner, Mother + the Assistant drove off
to Johannesburg for the "Eh" Meeting. Sister
Esme came also + was dropped at Tolburg
station en route for St. Cuthbert's where she
was being made Sister Superior. Fine evening
with sun + warm.

Friday. 28th

Mass. 7-15. Requiem. Drenching rain all night
+ off + on all day. Mother went to Proctoria
on the Van for treatment + to do the Money.
Sister Kathryn + Mary in retreat. A cable
came from Mother General saying "lovely
flight, no incidents"! Sent off from
Wantage at 8 a.m. —.

Saturday. 29th
S. Francis de Sales.

Mass. 7-15. The Assistant in retreat. Mother
went into Proctoria for treatment, + went
on to the School for Morning Tea + to
see the delightful painting etc. that
had been done. Jane Stevens came for the
Night. Evening + Devotions. 6-10 p.m. —
Sung Mass 2 a.m. —. A fine day + warmer.
Jane Stevens left in her car after

Sunday. 30th
Epiphany. V

breakfast. The Assistant retired to bed after afternoon tea with a streaming cold! Margaret Bailey came for a night + was brought by Kay Crable who got back from Fordingham the day before!

Monday. 31st.

Mass 7-15. At 9-15a.m. Mother went to Pretoria for her last treatment before going away. S^r Gladys Austin also went in to the Court + to shop. Margaret Bailey left at 5p.m. The Assistant came up for Morning Tea + went to bed again after 6p.m. supper as there were ~~no~~ films. Her cold much better.

Tuesday. 1st
S. Ignatius. B.M.

Mass 7-15. The Assistant very poorly in bed all day. The Bishop of Pretoria, the Bishop of Natal, the Bishop of George, came to Morning Tea (in the garden) after which they all went up to look over St. Margaret's. Rain in the evening. Distribution of Candles, Procession + Sung.

Weds: 2nd.
F. of the Purification.

Mass at 6.45 a.m. The Assistant quite recovered + able to play! Jeds' service 6p.m. Mother went off to Barberton in the evening for her rest. Marcia Habbott returned.

Thurs: 3rd.
Octave.

No Mass. A very busy day. Fr. Huddleston was supposed to come at 9.30 a.m. but did not turn up. At 9.45 Fr. Trelawney Ross arrived with Fr. Brabant + a layman. There was no address, + Fr. T. Ross heard confessions + then went to Pretoria. Very wet - heavy rain at intervals all day. Supper 6 p.m. + film at 7 p.m. - David Copperfield - rather noisy + horrible.

Great preparations at St. Michael's, - house being prepared for girls to sleep there during the painting of the dormitories.

Fri: 4th.
Octave.

Mass 7.15 a.m. Supper 6 p.m., film 7 p.m.

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