

December. 1953.

Friday. 25th
Christmas Day.

visit round to the different departments to see the decorations. All rather poor! except the Nations Room which was charming.

A lovely day, but very hot! Midnight Mass 12. o'clock followed by Lauds. A beautiful service several people came from the Township including several men so the singing was lovely. Mother + Sister Olive Frances went to St. Martin's for the 7.30 a.m. Mass + took M. Margaret.

Tomis 8-15 said by the Assistant, S^r. C. Austin + S^r. H. Clare. Breakfast 8-30 a.m. Teve followed by two cards at 9-30 a.m. No M. Tea. Some drink + sweets if anyone wanted them. The Christmas Tree at St. Margaret's 10-45. Sext, + None 12-10. Refreshments 12-30. collected from the Pantry + the 5. Sisters with Mother took them to the front door stoop. A short sit in Trust with Coffee! to hear some of the letters read. Vespers + Compline 4.p.m. Tea 3-30.p.m. The Queen's Speech from Australia 5.p.m. Christmas Dinner. 7.p.m. dancing afterwards. Matins + Lauds. 9-10 p.m. This year all came to the dinner in different paper hats!.

Saturday. 26th
St. Stephen. M.

Mass 7-15. Dinner 12-30. After noon Tea 3-30. Vespers + Compline. 4-30. Supper 6.p.m. The present giving + dancing 7.p.m. All had to be in the Recreation Room as heavy rain started at 6.p.m. which made the grass too wet to have it round the lighted tree. All seemed very pleased with their presents. Another very hot day.

Sunday. 27th
St. John. A.P.E.

Sing Mass. 6-50. a.m. Every thing as usual. Another very hot day which ended in a crashing storm at 8.p.m. with torrential rain. Solemn Evening + Seomon. 6-10.p.m.

Monday, 28th
Holy Innocents.

Mass 7-15. Mother + the Assistant out all day going first to "Shi" for festival Morning Tea then on to M. Mtungela for festival dinner 13. Sisters in all!

Tuesday, 29th
S. Thomas of Canterbury
P.M.

Mass 7-15. Mother went to Pretoria in the Morning to the D.S.G. to fetch S^{rs} Joan to go + see the Bishop. He asked us to see his cards + Mother Maibeli's statue of St. Michael in his Oratory which Mother P. gave him for Christmas. Mother had dinner at the School. A lovely day but very hot. St. Margaret's Supper party in the evening 8 p.m. Mrs. Plaine left.

Wednesday, 30th
Sixth day after
Christmas.

Mass 7-15. Very hot. Sister Margie Anne came to stay. Mrs. Dantton, Alice, + Monica went off to the Bishop's party at 6-45 p.m.

Thursday, 31st
Seventh day after
Christmas.

No Mass. A very hot day; but there breeze; rain came at 5 p.m. just heavy showers. Nobody came, + nobody left!

- Friday, 1st
Fq of the Circumcision
Sung Mass. 7 a.m. A holiday. Dorothea Fehsen in retreat. Sister Dorothea returned from the D.S.C. Much better but still rather a poor thing. Sister Phyllis also came to stay.
- Saturday 2nd
Octave Day.
St. Stephen. M.
Mass 7-15. Mrs Preston came to stay, also Kay Crable, + Eileen Fryer. A grey day with little sun but no rain. Sister Rachel Mary came to stay brought over by Sister Margaret Antony, Sister Margie Anne left. Solemn Evening + Procession 6-10 p.m.
- Sunday, 3rd
Octave Day.
St. John. A.P.S.
Sung Mass. 7 a.m. Drenching rain started at 5-30 a.m. everywhere was swimming in water by 6-30 a.m.!! A dull day, with rain most of the day. Solemn Evening + Sermon. 6-10 p.m.
- Monday, 4th
Octave Day.
Holy Innocents.
M.
Mass 7-15. Canon Rumbold arrived for retreat. Mrs Olchere, a student from the Pretoria University arrived, also M^{rs} Cox + M^{rs} Loveday. A fine day but not much sun.
- Tuesday, 5th
St. of the Epiphany
Mass 7-15. Film in the evening. The Royal Tour in Canada excellent. The Wizard of Oz was not shown as the sound completely failed! Several Township people came up.
- Wednesday 6th
Fq of the Epiphany.
Sung Mass. 7 a.m. Canon Rumbold. The Assistant, + S^o F. went to Pretoria in the morning. A lovely day + hot. The Wizard of Oz film in the evening. 6-45 p.m. Excellent.
- Thursday, 7th
Octave.
Mass 7-15. Canon Rumbold. Mrs Preston left. At 2-30 p.m. Mother went into Pretoria with S^o B. Austin, S^o Kathryn + Kay Crable. S^o B. A. went to see her doctor who gave her an excellent report.
- Friday, 8th
Octave
Mass. 7-15. The Chaplain. Canon Rumbold left after dinner. Sister Christian H.P. came for her rest. At 12 o'clock Mother, + Sister Kathryn drove into Waverley to spend the afternoon with Sister Constance + Sister Irene Benedict. M^{rs} Loveday left.

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Saturday. 9th
Octave.

Mass 5-15. Torrential rain started about 4 a.m. & went on until 10 a.m. Sister Joan came to stay for 3 nights & arrived about 12 o'clock. After tea Mother sent Sister Kathryn over to Waverley with Dorothea Fehsen the latter to stay a few nights as Sister Irene Benedict was really poorly with a severe attack of verticaria & Sister Emmanney was alone. Solemn Evening & Devotions 6-10 p.m.

Sunday in the
Octave. 10th

Sung Mass 5 a.m. A very wet day after 11 a.m. Amabel, Arthur, & Daphne came in the afternoon & all had tea in S.C. Joseph. The news of S^r I. Benedict not much improved. Evening & Sermon. 6-10 p.m.

Monday. 11th
Octave.

Mass 5-15. At 9 a.m. Mother drove into Poctonia & took M^{rs} Cox to M^{rs} Love day. S^r Kathryn also came in with two girls to the Pond. No Recreation as we had a talking tea at 3-4.5 p.m. to speed the churl Sisters who left after Compline; S^r Joan, S^r Phyllis, and S^r Hilary Clare. M^{rs} Tucker, & Kay Crabbe also left. A fine day but very cloudy. Mrs Broughton came to stay from "Lesedings".

Tuesday. 12th
Octave.

No Mass. A hot day & fine. The Coronation Film in the evening in colour "Coronation Day". Excellent also a Ballet film.

Wednesday. 13th
Octave Day.

Mass 5-15. Sister Christian H.P. in retreat. Everything as usual. Victor called in the evening to see Mother.

Thursday. 14th
Founders Day.

Mass 5-15. Talking day for Founders Day. Fr. Huddleston. C.M. came in the morning for address & confessions. Dorothea returned from Waverley. Very wet in the evening. D^r Venning came & saw Mother, S^r Dorothea, & S^r G. Austin.

Friday 15th

Mass 5-15. A very wet & cold day! Sister Christian H.P. left at 2 p.m. in the car as

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Saturday, 16th.

Mother drove Evelyn in with Thelma, the latter going to St. Mary's Orphanage. Miss Westerstahl came to stay from the Swedish Mission in ZuluLand. Mass 7-15. From 12.0'clock very wet + it rained for the rest of the day + quite cold. At 12.0'clock Mother drove over to Waverley for dinner + brought back Sister Irene Benedict to convalesce after her poisoning. Miss C. de Klerk a student from Potchefstroom University arrived. Miss Broughton left. Evening + Devotions. 6-10 p.m.

Sunday, 17th.
Epiphany II.

Mass 7 a.m. A fine day with sun but a high wind + very cold. Miss Olchere, one of the Students left at 5 p.m. Sister Dorothy Joan came over for the day to see Mother + the Assistant. Evening + Sermon. 6-10 p.m.

Monday, 18th

Mass 7-15. The Chaplain went to St. John's School Johannesburg for his retreat. Fr. Winter, C.R. came to be at Holy Cross during his absence. Mother in retreat. The Assistant went to Pretoria in the Morning. Janet Smith left.

Tuesday, 19th.

Mass 7-15. Fr. Winter, C.R. Sister Constaney came for retreat. Sister Phoebe arrived on the 6-57 p.m. train. Mother + the Assistant met her. Sister Kathryn went to Pretoria in the Morning to the dentist.

Wednesday, 20th.
St. Fabian + Sebastian
M.M.

Mass 7-15. Fr. Winter, C.R. Sister Constaney in Retreat. S^r Kathryn went to Pretoria in the afternoon with a child. Heavy rain with thunder started at 6 p.m.

Thursday, 21st.
St. Agnes, V.M.

Mass 7-15. Fr. Winter, C.R. Talking day as there was a Profession at home. All had Morning Tea on the Cottage Stoop. The Waverley School car out of order so Sister Irene could not come over + collect her Sisters! Mother drove over after Morning Tea + took them all back, Sister Constaney, Sister Phoebe, and Sister Irene Benedict. A film in the

Friday, 22nd
St. Vincent D.M.

evening which had to be shown in the hall as the Recreation Room was not ready, the painters still at it! All very successful, most of the girls sitting on the floor!

Mass 7-15: Fr. Winter, C.R. who left on the 12-23 train. The Chaplain returned from retreat.

Sister Kathryn in retreat. A good deal of rain after 4 p.m. The Assistant + Sr Gladys Austin went to Pretoria in the car in the morning.

Saturday, 23rd

Mass 7-15: The Chaplain. Sister Eunie brought Sister Beatrice Prouse over in the morning to see us all. Drenching rain at intervals during the day. Mrs. Norval left at 6 p.m. Evening + Devotions 6-10 p.m.

Sunday, 24th
Epiphany III

Sung Mass, 6-5 a.m. Mother went on the 2-6 p.m. train to Johannesburg to stay the night at "Eh" for the installation of Sr D. Tom at "Mintzigele" + Sr B. Prouse at "Lereading". Evening + Sermon 6-10 p.m.

Monday, 25th
F. of the Conversion
of St. Paul.

Mass 7-15: At 9 a.m. the Assistant, Sr Dorothea, + Sr O. Frances left in the Van (as the car was out of order) for the two installations. A lovely day of sunshine + all went very happily; the installation at Mintzigele was at 10-45 a.m. + the one at "Lereading" at 3 p.m.

Fr. Huddleston, C.R. took them both. Sr M. Antony returned on the Van to stay at Holy Cross until leaving for England. Mrs. Delfport came to stay.

Tuesday, 26th
St. Polycarp. B.M.

No Mass. Everything as usual. Drenching rain at 4-30 p.m. which went on for half an hour.

Wednesday, 27th
St. John Chrysostom
B.C.D.

Mass 7-15: Mrs. Darnnton in retreat. Meeting of the Homes in the afternoon. Both the Bp. of Pretoria + Johannesburg came. They went all over St. Margaret's + the grounds with Mother before the Meeting with a view

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to some scheme they were contemplating for both
Dorocees. The Nixons came + brought a charming
picture for the Homes.

Thursday. 28th

Mass 7-15: S^r. Dorothea in retreat. At 1 p.m.
Mother + the Assistant drove into Johannesburg
for the "Eh" Meeting + brought back Sister
Esmé starting her retreat. S^r. Kathryn took
Matron Joan to the Hospital to have her
limbs out. Heavy rain at 4-30 p.m.

Friday. 29th
St. Francis de Sales.

Mass 7-15: Monica went to Pretoria to do
the money by car. Miss Westerstahl left.
Sheila Macaulay came. Sister Esmé had the
whole day in bed. Mother + S^r. M. Antony went
to St. Mary's D.S.C. for the after noon.

Crashing storm
at 9-30 p.m.

Saturday. 30th

Mass 7-15: C.S.M.V. obit. The Assistant, S^r. M. Antony,
Dorothea, Alice, Sheila all in retreat. Evening
+ Devotions 6-10 p.m. A storm came up at 9 p.m.
with rain.

Sunday. 31st
Epiphany IV.

Sung Mass 7 a.m. Sister Irene came over to
see Mother in the morning + had dinner +
tea. S^r. Kathryn went to fetch back Matron Joan
from the Hospital. Miss Tracey came for
Retreat + was brought by Miss Sewlin who
saw Mother. Evening + Sermon 6-10 p.m. Rain
started at 6 p.m.

Monday 1st
St. Ignatius B.M.
Vigil.

Mass 7-15: A day of days! Fr. Huddleston
came at 10 a.m. Conferants were at 10-30.
Dorothea + Alice were made Oblates at 12
o'clock + Sheila Macaulay a Novice Oblate.
Sister D. Joan, S^r. Editha, + S^r. M. Anne all came
over for the service. Tea at 3-45 p.m. in
the Recreation Room; a tea party for the
Oblates. At 6 p.m. Sister M. Antony was interceded.
This was followed by a practice for the
Purification Mass + Procession. Sister Esmé
+ Miss Tracey in retreat. Rain in the evening

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Tuesday. 2nd
F. of the Purification.

Blessing of the Candles, Procession, + Sung Mass
6-45 a.m. A beautiful service. Sr. Margaret
Antony left on the 8-30 a.m. train for Johannesburg
+ to catch the Cape Town train at 10-15 a.m.
The Assistant drove Sister to the station. Father
Semenya came at 10 a.m. for the night to
be in retreat. A storm at 6 p.m. with
very heavy rain. Sheila Macaulay left.

Wed: 3rd.

Octave.

Mass 7.15 a.m. (Fr. Semanya.) Mother + Sr. Eusebia
left for E. London by the mid-day train.
No girls' service - Film. "Challenge to Lassie."

Thurs: 4th.

Octave.

Mass 7.15 a.m. A very wet day.
Film in the evening again - colouring
very good, but story rubbishy!

Fri: 5th.

St. Agatha.

Mass 7.15 a.m. Noise in Chapel quite
indescribable as men were scraping the
roof. The Assistant went to Court in the
morning.

Sat: 6th.

Octave.

Mass 7.15 a.m. Street Collection in Pretoria
convened by Mrs. Green - £100, + 3 boxes
still to come in.

Evensong + Devotions 6.10 p.m.

Sun: 7th.

Epiphany V.

Mon: 8th.

Octave.

Sung Mass 7 a.m. Mrs. Read came to stay.

Evensong + Devotions 6.10 p.m.

Tues: 9th.

Octave Day.

Mass 7.15 a.m. Mrs. + Miss Maspero came
to stay.

Mass 7.15 a.m. Sr. Katerina took N. Joan
to the Doctor in the afternoon.

Painting at the Homes finished - all looked
extremely nice. (Roofs, bathrooms, staircase + R.R.)

Weds: 10th.

St. Scholastica.

Mass 7.15 a.m. Mrs. + Miss Maspero left in
the morning, + Mrs. Read in the afternoon.

Fr. Campbell came for 1 night.

Girls' service, 6.10 p.m.

Thurs: 11th.

7.15 a.m. Mass. (Fr. Campbell.) He was in
retreat till after afternoon tea, + then had to
return to Pretoria.

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Fri: Feb. 12th

Mass 7.15 a.m. Confessions in the morning.
Class in the evening. Sr. Joan, Sr. Veronica
Faith + Miss Janet Smith came to stay.

Sat: 13th

Mass of B. Lady, 7.15 a.m. (Clothing Day.)
Sr. Joan, Sr. V. Faith, Sr. J. Austin + Miss
Smith all in retreat.

The Assistant left by car at 6.15 a.m. + drove
to Waverley. Mass + breakfast there, + then
in the school car with Sr. Irene + Sr. Christina
to Booyens to the Requiem for Fr. Strathern.
Church was packed, + the Bp. took the
service.

The Assistant had m. tea at Waverley + got
back to Irene just at dinner-time.

Evensong + Devotions 6.10 p.m.

Sun: 14th
Septuagesima.

Sung Mass 7 a.m. Miss Smith still in
retreat. Sr. Joan + Sr. V. Faith left just
before 10 a.m. Evensong + sermon 6.10 p.m.

Mon: 15th

Mass 7.15 a.m. The men started to scrape
the walls of the little Chapel, prior to
painting it. It was discovered that thieves
had been in to the Cottage + stolen curtains
+ blankets + covers from St. Monica + St.
Agatha. The Police were notified + a detective
came up + took particulars.

Fr. Tsebe came to stay for 1 night.

Tues: 16th

Mass 7.15 a.m. (Fr. Tsebe) C.S.P.V. det.

Fr. Tsebe was in retreat until about 4 p.m. +
then returned to Pretoria. Sr. O. Frances to
town in the morning.

Weds: 17th

Mass 7.15 a.m. Tremendous storm during
Mass - no one could hear a word that
the Chaplain said for part of the time!
Many comings + goings during the day.
Girls' service 6.10 p.m.

Mrs. Venables came to stay.

Thurs: 18th

Mass of the Bl: Sacrament, 7.15 a.m.

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Fr. Huddleston came, & brought Mrs. Lucas with him. She stayed for the day. In the afternoon the Assistant, Sr. Gladys Austin & Sr. Kathryn went to Pretoria for a short shopping expedition.

Fri: 19th.

Mass 7.15 a.m. [Com: of the Bl: Sacrament.]

Painting of small Chapel completed.

Another burglary! - at St. Nicholas this time.

Sr. Phyllis & Sr. Victoria Mary came for retreat, also Joy Panton.

Sat: 20th
Com: of O. Lady.

Mass 7.15 a.m. Sr. Phyllis, Sr. Victoria Mary & Joy Panton in retreat. Mrs. Venables left. Evensong & Devotions, 6.10 p.m.

Sun: 21st
Sexagesima.

Sung Mass 7 a.m. The 2 Srs. & Joy Panton left at 10 a.m. Heavy rain in the afternoon. Evensong & sermon 6.10 p.m.

Mon: 22nd.

Mass 7.15 a.m. Fr. Nye came in the afternoon for retreat. The Assistant in retreat from 2.30 p.m.

Tues: 23rd
Vigil.

Mass 7.15 a.m. (Fr. Nye.) Sr. O. Frances & Sr. Kathryn in retreat, & the Assistant until dinner-time. Fr. Nye left at 5 p.m.

Weds: 24th
St. Matthias.

Sung Mass 7 a.m. Mrs. Fehsen in retreat. Cracking storm in the evening. Sr. O. Frances went to Pretoria in the morning.

Girls' service, 6.10 p.m.

Thurs: 25th.

Mass 7.15 a.m. Mother returned from East London in the afternoon and was met by the Assistant.

Fri: 26th.

Mass 7.15. Mary Daunter went off to Retreat at S. Benedict's in the afternoon. Fr. Venning came out for his visit to the Home after his holiday. M^{rs} Cherry left for good.

Sat: 27th.

Mass 7.15. Eleven Servers from St. Alban's Cathedral came for a Quilt Afternoon 2-30 to 6-30 p.m. Canon Rumbold gave the address; tea was on the lawn. No

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