

- May 7. Mass of Requiem 6 am for Stephen Steyn - a High School boy who had died from T.B. Funeral was at 11 am - All the High Sch: boys & girls came - (700) Fine Roedean Girls came to help at the Nursery - S Ry did Sch: Feeding - S. E. Dorcas went to Hospital with Isabella + 2d discharged -
- .. 8 Mass 6.30 am - S. Edith visited in the Bridgeman - Mr. + Mrs. Cuthbert called + had tea - The Guild of St Vincent met in St Christopher -
- .. 9 Mass 7 am Children's Mass 8.30 - Staff Prayers 9.45 - S. Edith had Classes 11.45. St Confirmation Cl: 2.30 - Guild Picnic 4.30 - C. y. P. A. in St Christopher Vazeille off for her day -
- .. 10 Mass 7 am - S. Edith + S. Ry went to the Station to meet S. Dorothy - She + S. Edith shopped for St Cuthbert's while Isabella + S Ry did usual Friday Shopping - The Parkview Mothers Union came to visit the Mission about 16 + had Tea - S. Dorothy came to stay for a few days -
- .. 11 Mass 7 am in Chapel - Johannesburg Symphony Orchestra played in St Cyprian's Playground at 3 pm, the players came to Ek for Tea later (30 of them)
- .. 12. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun: aft: Easter - Mass 6. 7. High Mass 11. Fr: + Mr. Stowell with David + Gillian came to hr. Tea + Mass - S. Ry + Martha went to an Isingay Maternity Case - Baby not born yet - but a complication - Woman too poor to go to Bridgeman or have nurse Sister -
- .. 13 Mass 7 am - S. Dorothy + S. O. Irene went to Roodepoort for the day - The School Missionary Assn: came to Ek: at 10.30 am - for Fr. Huddleston gave a talk on the Work, chiefly Education - They visited the Schools that Mr. Tea Dr. Trout visited the Mission - S Ry took her to one or two poor houses - S. Ry + Martha went to Evelyn Molotane - a maternity case - Vazeille went to Irene, driving Father Ross over -
- .. 14 Mass 7 am - Very dull + cold - Sent Evelyn Molotane to the Bridgeman by Ambulance - (T102. P136) it was not safe to take the case without a D. -
- .. 15 Mass 6.30 - S Ry went to say Good-bye to Mr. Begley - Sr. Dorothy left to return to Irene - Vazeille returned from 2 days at Irene - Evelyn Molotane had a still-born baby - Mr. Button of Jane Ferre House had a v. bad Stroke -

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- May 16 Mass 7 am - Children's Mass 8-30. Staff Prayers 9-45. Miss Brown started work at the Nur: Sch: - Fr: Yeats came to see S.Ry. S. Edith had Classes 11 + 3 pm - S.Ry at 2-30 + Guild at 3 Mary 4-30.
- " 17 Mass 7 am of Requiem for Vazeille's husband (year's mind) - S.Ry did usual Friday Shopping - Calling <sup>at</sup> 3 places for toys + cloth - met Joan Newman from Turnetong who came for the week-end.
- " 18 Mass 7 am in Chapel - Fr: Shelley brought 5 \$ Mary's Orphange girls to see the Church - A quiet day - Mr. Button still unconscious
- " 19 4<sup>th</sup> Sun: aft: Easter Mass 6-7. High Mass 11. Unusual Sunday visiting John White - came for the day - had Aft: Tea at "Ek - news came through that Mr. Button died at 2 pm -
- 20 Masses of Requiem for Mr. Button - Joan Newman taken by Vazeille to spend the week at Jesdney - a quiet day -
- " 21 Mass 7 am - 14 or 15 Nurses from the Preliminary Nursing School came out with Miss Doughtwaite from the Gen: Hosp: - A warm day ending with rain
- " 22 Mass 6-30 - S. Edith visited in the Bridgeman - Class 3 pm - a Thunderston Devotions 7 pm -
- " 23 Mass 7 am - School Sports on WNT Ground - The children brought won 4 Cups - Mr. Grentie Wyle + Dr. Shannon visited the mission - Fr: Scott brought Miss Harrison + two friends Aft: Tea - They had visited the Nursery - S.Ry + Martha called to a confinement -
- " 24 Mass 7 am - S. Edith went to WNT. Betty Waterman with Bill, Pamela + Melania + Jonathan came over for an hour to say Good bye - Vazeille brought her friend Rosemary Penn to spend the day - Fr: Yeats brought Margaret Brewster to talk to S.Ry - Miss Richards came to talk to the Sen: Guild - Nurse Eyster was called to the Confinement started by S.Ry - She was an acute condition of partially retained Placenta + P.P.H. nurse sent hurriedly to S.Ry + we got the woman into the Coronation Hosp: - S.O. Irene took her guides a Hike to Assonet.
- " 25 Mass 7 am in Chapel - S.Ry called to the Confinement of another woman - nurse Eyster's case but she was out - S.Ry left - Miss Nurse came - Called later by Nurse to a case she could not manage -

May 26 S' Augustine - 5<sup>th</sup> Sun: after Easter Mass 6-7. High Mass 11. Mr. Foster came to see Sr. about a native nurse for his wife - Mr. & Mrs. Mills + John W. Saunders, Mr. Hudson + Mr. & Mrs. Corson came to see Fr. Hadler about a Picket + had h. Tea at "Ek" - The rest of the day quiet. Usual Sunday routine.

- 27 Mass 7 am - S. Editha, S.O. Irene + S.Ry went to Town, the two Sisters to Shop + S.Ry to meet Mother Provincial - "Ek" + Central Finance meeting at 4 + 4:45 pm - Mother returned to Irene - Mr. Foster came to fetch Eleanor Dangwa (112 Good St.) to nurse his wife -
- 28 Mass 7 am - S.Ry did Sch: Feeding - Mr. Crawford brought Mr. Stokoe + his friend from Baragwanath + Mr. Waters, Mr. Meyers + their friend to see the nuns - They had h. Tea - Mr. Decker + Rosemary came to say Good bye to S.Ry - Mr. Glen called with Toys for the Nur: School - Fr. Shelley + Fr. Yeats came to say Good bye to S.Ry - Fr. Shelley heard Sister Conferences - S.Ry went to Super at the Nursery Sch: - Guild of St. Anthony in St. Christopher 8 pm to 9 pm -
- 29 hours 7.6-20 am - Margery Stokoe came over to say Good-bye to S.Ry - S. Editha visited at the Bridgeman - A quiet day -
- 30 Ascension Day Sung Mass 6 am - Requiem Mass 7 am for Noah - Children's Mass 8:30 - Funeral of Noah 1:30 - S.Ry had Confirmation Cl. 2:30 + Jun: Guild Social 4:30 - S. Editha Classes 11 + 3 - Continuous Mother's Union to say Good-bye to S.Ry - S. Editha, Martha + S.Ry went to the Station to meet Mother Provincial at 9:22 pm -
- 31. Mass 6 am - foll: by Prince + Breakfast - The Sisters with Dorothy, Doreen, Vozelle, Martha, Priscilla + Gwen motored to Rosettenville to Fr. Rakate's Profession 8:30 am - Anna Heller + her friend Lionel came to say Good-bye to S.Ry. as did many others during the day - Burglary in the Store room - the C.I.D called - 11 pm -

June 1. Mass 7 am in Chapel - S. Eunice arrived - S.Ry went to Town for shopping - Mr. Jacobs left for 2 months - Mr. Chiffa took his place - A.Y.P.G. Quiet Afternoon - \$ in. Magdalene's Social - June 2<sup>nd</sup> S' Rosemary left - Sophtons - Mother Cass: came for a visitation -

June 3<sup>rd</sup> S' Eunice was installed as S. Superior - The

Installation took place before Mass. Our Warden installed Sister and gave an address. Fr Huddleston said the Mass. There were present a chapter before the Celebrant - two priests - Father Provincial, + eleven sisters - four staff and two boys (Rungu & Boulton) !! All were most beautiful. The Sisters Irene, Joyce, Constance, and Olive Francis came from School (Pretoria) and the Sister Angela, Katherine Elizabeth and Vallet Ruth from Holy Cross. All stayed to morning tea.

June 4<sup>th</sup> We all took Father for a picnic. Jacob drove us to the Water Tower. We left at 10.30 and returned just after 2 p.m.

June 5<sup>th</sup> Father left by the 10.35 train S.E. Durban. Went with her as she wanted to visit the non-European hospital. A busy day at home.

June 6<sup>th</sup> The usual Thursday happening - Sewing ladies. Women school teachers to morning tea.

June 7<sup>th</sup> The Europeans on the mission were held absent charge of rooms in the Sisters' house. i.e. Communal Room upstairs and Sisters + visitors refectories thrown in one

June 8<sup>th</sup> We shared about 250 lbs of meat between 48 poor people. This was given by wholesale butchers of Johannesburg at the time of a meat shortage.

June 9<sup>th</sup> Mrs Bryan-Jones and her prefects came to High Mass. We all had n-tea together

June 10<sup>th</sup> Dorothy Fenton + Doreen Chappie having left for their rest. S.S. went to visit the sick students.

June 11<sup>th</sup> A normal day S.S. bought a bicycle.

June 12<sup>th</sup> The Warden flew back to England - leaving about 400 lbs of meat arrived to be distributed

- June 14<sup>th</sup> Fr. Yeats brought Margaret - a girl of 16 who wants to be a Sister.
- June 15<sup>th</sup> The Sisters were busy coping with the distribution of meat when free for other work.
- June 16<sup>th</sup> S<sup>r</sup> Edith left by the 6.5 pm train to Irene for her June Retreat.
- June 17<sup>th</sup> 400 lbs of meat given for distribution.  
S.S. attended Cripples Committee.
- The boys of St John's gave a social for their club boys.  
Mostly spent distributing meat.
- June 18<sup>th</sup>-
- June 19<sup>th</sup> In the morning all busy decorating for Corpus Christi  
Ann Wylie of Eman. brought Mrs Nassor from  
All Saints - Transkei.
- 86 were confirmed at 7.30. all went peacefully and  
happily
- June 20<sup>th</sup> CORPUS CHRISTI a beautiful day beginning  
with Mass at 5.30 am 140 communicants. Children's  
Mass at 8.30. At 3 pm there was a procession  
of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The new  
Canopy was used for the first time and the  
procession was made outside.
- June 21<sup>st</sup> A normal Friday - SS and SE went shopping
- June 22<sup>nd</sup> An afternoon Retreat for the newly confirmed was  
conducted by Fr Gilmore.
- June 23<sup>rd</sup> The newly confirmed made their communions  
at the 7 am and 8 am Mass. Sister Olene  
Irene went to St Mary's Rosettenville for Retreat  
and Sister Elmer Dorcas to Irene.
- June 24<sup>th</sup> A normal day
- June 25<sup>th</sup> Nursery School Committee - S.S. attended.
- June 26<sup>th</sup> About 400 lbs of meat arrived for distribution.
- June 27<sup>th</sup> The school sewing sale - very successful.
- June 28<sup>th</sup> The usual Friday shopping

- June 29<sup>th</sup> a normal Saturday
- " 30 Sunday services and classes as usual.
- July 1<sup>st</sup> A most successful staff meeting - Orlando  
(C. Hillery arrived) and the Fathers joined Elizabeth in S. Christopher.
- July 2<sup>nd</sup> a Happy Festival - Sung Mass at 6 a.m.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Missionary Conference at Randolphair. S. Ernest  
and S. Edith went for the day but left before  
the evening discussions.
- 4<sup>th</sup> The ladies of Park Town held a jumble sale  
in aid of the nursery schools - Too noisy -  
These sales should be highly organised if  
held at all.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sister Ernest and Martha involved a slight car  
accident. Christine Hillery left.
- 6<sup>th</sup> A baptismal Mass - a big funeral and a  
United Guild meeting. The latter was  
well attended in spite of school holidays.
- 7<sup>th</sup> A normal Sunday - excepting that Sister  
Olivia here and three quite leaders attended  
Mrs Solomon's funeral at Bristol.
- 8<sup>th</sup> S. Ernest went to Iren for Retreat. Orlando left a  
few days.
- 9<sup>th</sup> A normal day
- 10<sup>th</sup> Rev. Notter Provincial returned with S. Ernest  
and spent the day
- 11<sup>th</sup> A busy day - raffling - selling clothes - visiting  
etc.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Mrs Hole returned.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Normal week end.
- 14<sup>th</sup>
- 15<sup>th</sup> Staff meeting - a happy occasion.
- 16<sup>th</sup> Mrs Hole entertained two friends S. Edith in Retra  
Mrs Gaedfolk for Change of Min Hospital care  
for a servant and was much interested - Miss
- 17<sup>th</sup> The men from Orlando Guild were entertained

- 18<sup>th</sup> Normal day at home  
19<sup>th</sup> ..  
20<sup>th</sup> Fr H. returned  
21<sup>st</sup> Agatha Carow Hunt came for two nights.  
22<sup>nd</sup> Tea in S. Christopher for S.M. Maydalen  
23<sup>rd</sup> a lonely Quelld's Mass Votive for S.S.F. 100  
communications, a tea-party in the garden for  
S.S.F. Quelld.  
24<sup>th</sup> Normal day  
25 General Wakefield & Dr Cooper to see housing  
conditions  
26<sup>th</sup> S. Esme has shopping shopping  
27<sup>th</sup> General brought by F. Yates to see S. Esme.  
28<sup>th</sup> A severe frost caused two pipe bursts.  
Kay from Orlando to stay one night - No hot water  
and no lights!!  
29<sup>th</sup> S. O. here in Retrial. Fr Dennis took a Dutch  
woman and two children to the 10.45 pm train  
to Swaziland. He was to save the children.  
30<sup>th</sup> Mrs Bryn-Jones fetched S. Esme and took her  
3 back to tea at Waverly. Also in the morn-  
ing S. Esme went to the Morris car agents  
to make enquiries about a Morris-Ten car.  
31<sup>st</sup> A busy day - had now sewing clothes case  
Aug 1<sup>st</sup> The first Sunday after the opening of the schools.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mother brought S. Monica Mary S. J. Augustine and  
S. M. Anne to see Sophielawn. S. M. A stayed on for  
the week end.  
3<sup>rd</sup> S. M. A. S. Esme and S. Olmo Irene went to  
Waverly to bid farewell to Mrs Bryn-Jones  
4<sup>th</sup> A normal Sunday  
5<sup>th</sup> A very cold day so we had a fire upstairs  
and made liver! to amuse S. Monica  
6<sup>th</sup> S. Monica Mary left for S. Catharine's

- August 7<sup>th</sup> S. Elena Doreen left for East London.
- " 8. Usual Thursday happenings including Sewing ladies
- 9<sup>th</sup> S. Esme and S. Edith went shopping
- 10<sup>th</sup> Normal Saturday
- 11<sup>th</sup> S. Esme went to S. Mary's Orphanage for her Retirement.
- 12<sup>th</sup> As usual
- 13<sup>th</sup> S. Esme returned.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Nothing unusual 15<sup>th</sup>. All sisters and Martha went to S. Mary's Orphanage for High Mass
- 15<sup>th</sup> Jacob had two accidents - first running over a dog and later bumping into a car.
- 16<sup>th</sup> Fr Lemans took S. Esme to town as Jacob went off with Fr Jenkins and did not return until 11pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> Dorothea and Doreen to tea at 4 pm instead of Sunday.
- 18<sup>th</sup> Sisters and Fr Jenkins called out to a fight. S. Editha S. Esme & Martha had干涉 (interfered) with people concerned during High Mass. S. Editha went to Rossettewells for Retreat. Jacob involved in a car accident in which a man was seriously injured. Jacob was detained by the police.
- 19<sup>th</sup> Fr Lemans took Jacob to Insurance office
- 20<sup>th</sup> S. Emily Isobel left England by plane. Sisters Flora Mary and Rachel left Africa by sea. Postgraduates & Normal College Students came.
- 21<sup>st</sup> Christina Hillery accepted work at Etukutene. Rev. & Mrs Venables brought Mrs Batchan to see N. School. Richard engaged as part-time chauffeur.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Fr Ross brought the head girl and a prefect of Wavering to tea.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Sister Emily looked "touched down". Martha

Provincial, Sister Irene and Sister Evans went to the  
airport to meet her. S' Evans returned to Irene  
for the night. On Saturday Sisters Editha and Sister  
Olivia Irene went to Irene by car to greet the  
new sisters - Sisters Charity and Eveline Angela  
having arrived by sea during the previous week -  
and to take S' Evans back. All three  
Sister sisters left after Sr. Srst. Irene and had  
a picnic on the way back.

25<sup>th</sup> S' Irene went to Irene for Retreat.

26<sup>th</sup> A normal day

27<sup>th</sup> A study circle of young married women -  
mostly from Oakbank paid us a visit.

S. O Irene returned partly - Father's car which  
was taking S' Emily Isabell & S' Constance to take  
the processor of Waverly

28<sup>th</sup> A busy normal day

29<sup>th</sup> Guild Confession - 4.8.17

30<sup>th</sup> Usual shopping

31<sup>st</sup> S' Eleanor Davies returned from E. London.

Sept 1<sup>st</sup> The usual Sunday happenings except  
that Phyllis Haskins came to see us before  
leaving for England.

2<sup>nd</sup> Ekalukemi & Central Finance Meetings

Father Provincial spent the day with us.

3<sup>rd</sup> S. Es & S' Olivia Irene went to Roodepoort.  
Fr Huddleston returned from his rest.

Fr Evans gave an address and heard  
the Sisters' confessions

Fr H. & S' Es sent a letter to the Queen!

The Sisters kept the Holy Hour.

4<sup>th</sup> All the sisters went to S' Emily Isabell's  
Installation

5<sup>th</sup> Usual Thursday

- 6<sup>th</sup> S' Edith went into town with S' Esme
- 7<sup>th</sup> Great preparations - church for Dedication Festival  
- many flowers -
- 8<sup>th</sup> Dedication Festival. The church was crowded  
at 11 am High Mass and at 3 pm for Thanksgiving  
Service. All the Sisters from Waverly spent  
the day here - a lonely festival
- 9<sup>th</sup> S' Esme went to Irene for Retreat.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Usual happenings
- 11<sup>th</sup> S' Esme was driven back to Joburg by  
Mother who was taking S' M. Galore to a  
doctor
- 12<sup>th</sup> F' Huddleston sold his car and for now  
until he gets a new one with share with  
Ekukhene. Mrs Gemmer arrived on a visit.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Usual shopping
- 14<sup>th</sup> Margaret came to see Sisters. The Sisters  
had tea with staff and Mrs Gemmer.
- 15<sup>th</sup> Mrs Gemmer present at High Mass - then  
went to lunch and tea with Dorothy  
and Doreen. S' Esme went to confessional  
at Pennell's
- 16<sup>th</sup> All vestments etc stored at Pennell's  
Lending Committee. For evens for address  
and confessions
- 17<sup>th</sup> S' E. Duncan is bed with a cold.
- 18<sup>th</sup> - - - up for morning tea.
- 19<sup>th</sup> A busy Thursday. Theresa Reddy taken to Mrs Nsimang
- 20<sup>th</sup> Friday shopping - Boxes given out for street  
Collection
- 21<sup>st</sup> Street collection very good £649 with more  
to follow.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Usual Sunday + Play Rehearsal.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> S' O Irene in Retreat at St. Joseph's

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