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My dear Sister Julian,

I dont know whether the Rothmans July Handicap had any meaning for you, if it did, it is on today. If you have your money on any of the horses do not ask me for advice. I might live in this town but am not aware of the horses that run in this years race. Sorry. It is holiday time for schools and so the streets are awash with kids and parents on holiday or shopping. So gamblers and holiday makers have taken over our streets.

Also since Durban is rated the warmest place in SA in Winter, everyone is bound for eThekweni. However the cold has hit Durban and we are all freezing - holiday makers and their children, squatters and street kids and comfortable residents are all freezing.

However if one is to compare your weather with ours you are freezing in Lesotho, and Masite must be snow clad. I do hope you have shoes covering your feet - Keep warm.

I phoned Ruth after your letter and found that no one answered the telephone. I thought she was in hospital or had moved to an old aged facility. After making enquiries I was told she was still in her old place and that I should try later. I did and found Ruth. She has engina - that I knew. That apart she is well.

Where is Mother ? Is she back in Masite ? I do hope you are all well. I also hope by now you have seen the Tutu film. Has the operation been a success in the USof A. Have you heard ?

I spoke to Mike. He has been very ill. The bomb has hurt him and the crack was not picked up earlier. What he thought was a leaky nose turned out to be fluid from his spine. Luckily for him he was in Canada and in the hands of doctors who spotted this as meningitis and not the onset of flu. He has to have another operation and goes back in August for it. I do hope he is going to be OK. His body has had to cope with so much pain.

Take care Julian. With so much love to all of you.

Phyllis