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THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

SAT	15th	(6.30 pm)
Sun	16th	(9.30 am) (11.00 am)
Mon	17th	(9.15 am)
Tues	18th	(9.15 am)
Wed	19th	(9.15 am)
Thurs	20th	(9.15 am) (12.30 pm)
Fri	21st	(9.00 am) (2.00 pm) (St Margaret Clitherow School) (6.30 pm)

THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS

(Daily Mass time is 9.15 am except
where otherwise indicated)

ST ANDREW'S

Sat (6.30pm)	Sheila Byrnes (Anniv)
Sun (9.30 am)	Marcia Polanka RD
Mon	Michael French, Thomas F Mooney & Jim Fiddy (B'day Anniv)
Tues	John McGee (B'day Anniv)
Thurs (9.15 am) (12.30 pm)	Molly Forrestal RD Retirement Mass (for the intentions of Sue Lemmon & Family)
Fri (6.30 pm)	Pauline Bagley (Anniv)
Sat (6.30pm)	St Mary Nativity RD

ST ANNE'S

Sun (11.00 am)	People of the Parish/Mary Catherine Spencer
Wed	Hugh Lyth (Anniv)

ST PETER'S

Sun (12.15 pm)

SCHOOL MASSES

THIS WEEK: FRIDAY

ST PETER'S COLLEGE: (9.00 am) Walter Ingo (Anniv)
ST MARGARET'S: (2.00 pm) Retirement Mass - Eileen
Close's Intentions

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

(for those who would like to prepare for next week's
Liturgies) will be as follows

Isaiah 7:10-14
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-24

3rd Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday (16.12.07)

Traditionally today was know as "Gaudete Sunday" after the opening words of the old Introit, or Opening Prayer, of the Mass: "Gaudete in Domino semper..." "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice", and today we light the pink candle on our Advent Wreath as a sign of that spirit of rejoicing to which we are called even in the midst of our more penitential Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6. 10

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

Come, Lord, and save us.

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11



Your prayers are requested for all the sick
and housebound of the parish and those
in hospital and nursing homes -
remember also those with care of them.
Please also check the 'Prayer Intentions'
board at the back of church..

Advent



WEEKLY OFFERING
came to £1565.58

TOTE: L O Q No winner £140 c/fwd
COUNTING TEAM
Team 'B' next week please

CHRISTMAS CARDS With Mass and Service Times

Available in the porch if you didn't get one last week. **Christmas Mass times are as follows:** Christmas Eve: St Andrew's: 8 pm (Carols from 7.30 pm); Christmas Day: 9 am (St Peter's) & 10.30 am (St Anne's) No Mass on Christmas Day at St Andrew's.

CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS **Advent Reconciliation Service**

THIS MONDAY 6.30 pm at Saint Andrew's Church - an opportunity for individual confessions as part of our preparation for Christmas. Extra priests will be available.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2008

Children are to register in the sacristy before or after Mass each weekend.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Please collect the quarterly "Guide for Readers" from the back of church. If you were not at the Advent Preparation meeting, also collect a copy of the 2008 rota.

THE CHRISTMAS CRIB

The Crib in front of the altar takes us to Bethlehem and to the stable door as we gaze in wonder and awe. Try to have a crib in your own home.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

There will be a voluntary collection basket at the back if you wish to make a donation towards the cost of decorating our altars with flowers for Christmas.

THREE DAYS TO THE VOICES OF CHRISTMAS

Prepare for the coming of our Saviour with the Senior Youth Team at the Voices of Christmas this Tuesday in St. Andrew's Church, 7pm, doors open from 6.30 pm. A voluntary retiring collection will be taken in aid of Barnado's who support less fortunate teenagers in the Tees Valley area. Mulled Wine, tea or coffee and mince pies in the hall afterwards. All welcome. If you have kindly volunteered to provide some mince pies for the evening please see Paul Terry for arrangements regarding delivery.

RETIREMENT OF MRS SUE LEMMON

There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving in St Andrew's Church on Thursday, 20 December at 12.30 pm. All welcome.

MEDJUGORJE EASTER PILGRIMAGE

Wednesday, 19 March until Wednesday 26 March. Cost from Heathrow is £415. Tel 530739 for more details or see the poster at the back of church.

CHRISTIANS TOGETHER FOR CHRISTMAS

Free Christmas lunch, for those who are alone at Christmas, at the Salvation Army Citadel, Southfield Road on Thursday 27 December at 1 pm. List in the porch. Free transport to and from. See poster.

CAFOD / BANGLADESH COLLECTION

Many thanks to all those who generously contributed to our retiring collection last weekend the total received was £623.14.

ORDINATION OF OUR NEW BISHOP **TERENCE PATRICK DRAINEY**

The ordination takes place on 25 January at 12 noon. We have a limited number of invitations for the parish so if you wish to go, please hand in your name and then from the names received a draw will be made and the lucky ones will represent our parish.

RECENTLY DEAD

Olga McCullagh; Molly Forrestal; Maria Polanka (Poland); James Peter Keegan (South Bank); John Bandeira

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Pauline Bagley; Priscilla Alexander; Hugh Lyth; Mary Catherine Spencer; Thomas Ward; Jim Fiddy; John McGee; Kevin Power

MASSES RECEIVED

.Special Intention (2); Molly Forrestal (11); Thomas Ward; Holy Souls; Mary Catherine Spencer; Nora & Ernie Rushby; Norah & Peter Baxter; Rose Mary South; Special Intention- Ian Wallace; Madge & Ernie Johnson; Kevin Lenaghan; Eddie Healy; Paul Family; Ann Potter; Richard & Mary Gaffney; Betty Large; Hugh Lyth; Maria Polanka; Priscilla Alexander; Terry Savage; Pauline Bagley; Gordon Mayhew; Cecilia & Alex Yare.

COUNTING TEAMS

Please collect the new rota for 2008 from the back of church. There are now seven teams so you will now be counting a little less often.

ROCKING IN THE AISLES - 11 /12 January

At the Little Theatre, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough. Tickets £7.50 pm. Proceeds to St Mary's School Grangetown and Children's Hospital in Bagdad. An evening of music and fun with some of the priests and parishioners from across the area. Ring Chris 324043; see poster for details.

ST ANDREW'S CHOIR

Carols for Christmas at the Stapylton Arms, Eston, TODAY at 6.00pm. Admission £1; children with adults 50p. All proceeds to the Edward Guy Hospice Foundation. All welcome.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT - 19 DECEMBER

(Date was incorrect in last week's newsletter) The Sacred Heart Church, Middlesbrough is hosting a Christmas Concert with the Billingham Choral Society. Admission is FREE.

300 CLUB RESULTS FOR NOVEMBER

1st £80 V Maddox (138); 2nd £30 J Bailey (4)
3rd £20 N Rich (244); 4th £10 T Daley (48)

Please think about joining the 300 Club it's just £12 a year. New members place you money in an envelope with you name on it and hand it in to one of the parish team and you will be given a number - its as easy as that.

ROYAL MAIL

Royal Mail has this year issued nativity scenes on their stamps - be sure to ask for them when posting Christmas cards.

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FUNDRAISING

Warmest thanks to Joe, the Functions Committee for the cheque for £6,000 received this week. Thanks also to all who helped or gave their support.

Sunday Smile *A teacher, wanting to explore the notion of God that young children had, began by asking them, "Who is God?"*

There was silence, but finally one six-year-old boy said, "God is the man who saved the Queen."



PARISH BINGO IN THE HALL

Monday: Doors open 6.30 pm, eyes down 7.15 pm
Thursday: Doors open 1.30 pm, eyes down 2.15 pm
Newcomers always most welcome!



This is a regular source of fundraising for the parish so your support is always appreciated