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THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

Sat	23rd	(6.30 pm)	
Sun	24th	(9.30 am)	
		(11.00 am)	
		(12.15 pm)	
Mon	25th	(1.00 pm)	No morning Mass - See St Peter's
Tues	26th	(9.15 am)	Service of Word & Holy Communion
Wed	27th	(9.15 am)	Service of Word & Holy Communion
Thurs	28th	(10.00 am)	Requiem Mass for Anne White
Fri	29th	(9.15 am)	Service of Word & Holy Communion

THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS

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

ST ANDREW'S

Sat	(6.30 pm)	Catherine Anne Walsh (Anniv)
Sun	(9.30 am)	People of the Parish
Sat	(6.30 pm)	Sr Finbar Dowling/Pauline Carroll/Brian Miller

ST ANNE'S

Sun	(11.00 am)	Successful Scan
Tues	(9.15 am)	Service of Word & Holy Communion
Wed	(9.15 am)	Service of Word & Holy Communion
Thur	(10.00 am)	Requiem Mass for Anne White
Fri	(9.15 am)	Service of Word & Holy Communion

ST PETER'S

Sun	(24th) 12.15	Louise Mackie (Anniv)
Mon	(25th) 1 pm	Requiem Mass for Margaret (Rita) Baxtram
Fri	9.15 am	No Mass


SCHOOL MASSES

THIS WEEK: NO SCHOOL MASS

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

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

1 Samuel 16:1. 6-7. 10-13
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

 *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.*

Have you not got a saying: Four months and then the harvest?
Well, I tell you: Look around you, look at the fields;
already they are white, ready for harvest!
Already the reaper is being paid his wages, already he is bringing in
the grain for eternal life, and thus sower and reaper rejoice together.
For here the proverb holds good: one sows, another reaps;
I sent you to reap a harvest you had not worked for.
Others worked for it; and you have come into the rewards of their
trouble.' Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the
strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I
have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they
begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he
spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the
woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we
have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour
of the world.'

3rd Sunday of Lent (24.02.08)

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. Why did you bring us out of Egypt? they said. Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle? Moses appealed to the Lord. How am I to deal with this people? he said. A little more and they will stone me! The Lord said to Moses, Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink. This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, Is the Lord with us, or not?

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: O that today you would listen to his voice
Harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2. 5-8

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' - Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you:

Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.' 'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water

will get thirsty again: but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give

will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give

will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.' 'Go and call your husband' said Jesus to her 'and come back here.' The woman answered, 'I have no husband.' He said to her, 'You are right to say, "I have no husband"; for although you have had five, the one you have now is not your husband. You spoke the truth there.' 'I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know;

for salvation comes from the Jews.

But the hour will come - in fact it is here already - when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshiper the Father wants.

God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah - that is, Christ - is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

At this point his disciples returned, and were surprised to find him speaking to a woman, though none of them asked, 'What do you want from her?' or, 'Why are you talking to her?' The woman put down her water jar and hurried back to the town to tell the people, 'Come and see a man who has told me everything I ever did; I wonder if he is the Christ?' This brought people out of the town and they started walking towards him.

Meanwhile, the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, do have something to eat'; but he said, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples asked one another, 'Has someone been bringing him food?'

But Jesus said: 'My food is to do the will of the one who sent me, and to complete his work.'

WEEKLY OFFERING
came to: £1494.23
TOTE: E X I One winner @ £70
COUNTING TEAM
Team 'C' next week please

REFLECTION

Lent should be more than a time for fasting. It should be a joyous season of feasting. Lent is time to fast **from** certain things and feast **on** others
Fast from anger, **feast** on patience; **fast** from worry, **feast** on trust in God; **fast** from bitterness, **feast** on forgiveness; **fast** on discouragement, **feast** on hope; **fast** from idle gossip, **feast** on positive silence.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

The re-lighting work at St Andrew's Church is complete; re-painting continues, weekday Services at Saint Anne's.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD AND HOLY COMMUNION

There will be a spiritual preparation for Lent followed by a business meeting to cover the Holy Week Services for both ministries, on **Wednesday 5 March at 7 pm**. Fr Gubbins would like to speak with ALL ministers, *especially those who rarely come to these meetings*. All ministers are asked to be present.

FIRST CONFESSIONS

Our young people will be making their First Confessions on Monday, 17 March at 6 pm in St Andrew's church. Registration by the children in the sacristy before Mass. Great to see so many making a real effort to come to weekend Mass.

RECEPTION OF THREE ADULT CONVERTS AT EASTER

Please see Pam Robson (Kingsley Road), Angela Griffiths (Fabian Road) and Shirley Gollogly of Lime Crescent in your prayers.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS (5 minute Stations)

After each Mass each day. *On Friday, 14 March, at 7 pm in St Andrew's Church, Stations of the Cross will be led by the youth.*

WEDDING BELLS

Congratulations to Liam Sunley and Rebekah Webb of Bevanlee Road, South Bank who were married on Saturday.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN NORMANBY/ESTON

Meeting and praying together on Thursday, 28 February in St Andrew's Church and afterwards in the Parish Hall.

YOUTH MASS

The next Youth Mass will be held on Sunday 23 March at the 9.30 am Mass (Easter Sunday).

PARISH RETREAT DAY

In preparation for Easter - Friday 7 March, 10 am - 2.30 pm, led by Kit and Caroline Dollard. List at the back of church if you intend to come along.

MASS WITH THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

and opportunities for Sacrament of Reconciliation beforehand, will be celebrated at the Community Centre off Station Road, Eston on Wednesday 12 March at 1.30 pm. All parishioners are welcome, especially the residents of Lindrick, Wentworth and Sunningdale Houses. There will be light refreshments afterwards.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Council members please note that the meeting planned for 4 March has been postponed and rescheduled for 8 April.

Fairtrade Fortnight : 25 February until 9 March
Website of the Week: www.catholicroom.com - (Spiritual news and inspirational stories)

RECENTLY DEAD

*Betty Pearson; Rita Braxtram; Bishop Paul Boyle CP.
Anne White; Sister Finbar Dowling*

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

*Louise Mackie; Jim Fiddy; Margaret Ann Webster;
Tom Stevenson; Michael Quinn; Eddie Healy; Monica
McCann; Joe Robinson; Ella Corrigan;
Joseph Dotchin; Harry Lavery.*

MASSES RECEIVED

Lilian Porter (operation); Bette Pearson (3); Kathleen O'Brien; Jim Fiddy; Louise Mackie; Bill Shears; Monica McCann; Margaret Anne Webster; Jean Mackie; Margaret Johnson; John Fowell; Tom Stevenson; Michael Quinn; Bishop Paul Boyle CP; Successful Scan.

LEGION OF MARY (P P C)

15 Legionaries from Ireland - 4 lads and 3 girls (17 yr old students) with their teacher and some parent will be visiting the parish 17 - 29 March and doing door to door visits. Board and accommodation is required for them. Contact Cath Coyle or Rita McClurey.

PIE & PEA LUNCH

On Thursday, 28 February, at 1.30 pm St Andrew's Bingo Social Section will be holding a Pie & Pea Lunch followed by Bingo. Tickets £1. Why not come along?

INTERGENERATIONAL HEALING MASS

Celebrated by Fr Shaun O'Neill at St Joseph's RC Church, 11 Darlington Lane, Norton, on Tuesday 4 March at 6.30 pm. For more information ring 01642 558447.

300 CLUB

If you haven't paid for your 300 Club for the year, monthly subs are now due. There is still time to join, £1 per month or £11 for the remainder of the year.

THANK YOU

- 1 from George Young & family for donations received. Rose's two favourite charities, Diabetic & Stroke Associations with share £376 raise. Key found at the funeral was handed in.
- 2 from Eston Handicapped Fellowship for funds raised at charity night and donations amounting to £2628.

A SOCIAL HISTORY OF ST ANDREW'S (including St Peter's, St Anne's & St Mary's)

Don't forget to get your copy and maybe one as a gift for family and friends living away. Details also on our website www.standrewsteesville.org.uk

**Sunday
Smile**

The local news station was interviewing an **80-year-old lady** because she had just gotten married -- **for the fourth** time. The interviewer asked her questions about her life, about what it felt like to be marrying again at 80, and then about her new husband's occupation. 'He's a **Funeral Director**,' she answered. 'Interesting,' the newsman thought. He then asked her if she wouldn't mind telling him a little about her first three husbands and what they did for a living. She paused for a few moments, needing time to reflect on all those years. After a short time, a smile came to her face and she answered proudly, explaining that she'd **first married a banker** when she was in her early 20's, then a **circus ringmaster** when in her 40's, later on a **preacher** when in her 60's, and now in her 80's, a funeral director. The interviewer looked at her, quite astonished, and asked why she had married four men with such diverse careers. She smiled and explained, 'I married **one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go.**'

Fr Gubbins in on holiday this coming week; any emergencies contact Fr O'Neill at Saint Gabriel's, 314501.