

**South Berkshire Pastoral Area  
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***40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the church*  
August 15<sup>th</sup> 2010 – Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady  
August 22<sup>nd</sup> 2010 - 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Year, Year C**

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This weekend we celebrate the great feast of the Assumption of Our Lady into heaven. This is a feast of hope, that where the Mother of God and Mother of the Church now is, we will one day follow her. The feast holds out the hope of eternal life.

Devotion to Our Lady is still very strong and powerful in the Church. She is our mother to whom we can pray for help. We need to pray to her now for the success of the visit of Pope Benedict in September. There is a lot of hostility towards the Pope in this country, most of it very unfair and unkind. For us, the Pope is the successor to St. Peter and the one who keeps the Church together in unity. It is irrelevant what type of personality one pope has compared to his predecessor. It is his office and place in the Church which is important. In his own quiet way he is achieving a lot for the Church.

- ***The next newsletter will be on August 29<sup>th</sup>.***
- **Pakistan:** there is a retiring collection this weekend for the victims of the flooding in Pakistan. You will have seen the devastation of people who are homeless, without food or water or medical help. It is so sad that those who in normal times have so little can be defenceless against the forces of nature. Please be generous.
- **Papal Visit: Hyde Park and Cofton Park.** If you have put your name down for either the Hyde Park Vigil or the Cofton Park Mass, payment for your Pilgrim Pack is now required. For Hyde Park this is £10 per person and for Cofton Park it is £25 per person. Cash or cheque please, payable to St. Joseph's Church, write 'Papal Visit' on the back and send to Mary McNab, St. Joseph's Parish Office, Stanley Walk, Bracknell, RG12 1HA . Pilgrim packs will be distributed around the end of August or beginning of September and will definitely reach you before the Pope's visit begins. Inside each Pilgrim Pack will be a bracelet/band which is also the ticket for entrance – you will not receive a printed invitation through the post! Any queries, please call 01344 425729 or email [bracknellrc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bracknellrc@yahoo.co.uk)

- **Welcome** to Eleanor Way, Emily Treacy and Alexander Duffin who were baptised in the parish recentl.
- **Congratulations** to Christine Cooper & Christopher Gamm, Zoe Barlow & Justin Wylie and Joanna Zieba & Ben Richards who were married recently.
- **Parish Pastoral Council Vacancies.** There are now two vacancies on the PPC. Please contact Digby Carter (978 8059) for more details. It is very important for the health of the parish that new blood comes forward regularly to help with the running of the parish, so please think carefully if you could offer your assistance here. The commitment need not be too onerous, and need only be for two years. Thank you.
- **Parish Pantomime** will take place at Holme Grange School on Friday December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm and on Saturday December 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm. Two sets of auditions will be held in the Keenan Rooms: on Monday September 13<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 – 9:00 pm and on Saturday September 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 - 2:00 pm.

### **Mass Intentions:**

August 14 – 6:30 pm – Pat Durrant RIP  
 August 15 – 9:00 am – Nora Noone RIP  
 August 15 – 11:00 am – Bernard Crowther  
 August 17 – 9:30 am – Pat Homes RIP  
 August 18 – 9:30 am – Pat Morrissey RIP  
 August 19 – 9:30 am – Mrs Patrick Hastings RIP  
 August 20 – 9:30 am – Steven & Lynne Terry  
 August 21 – 6:30 pm – Pat Tucker RIP  
 August 21 – 9:00 am – People of the Parish  
 August 22– 11:00 am – Deceased of the parish  
 August 24 – 9:30 am – Margaret & Bill Evans  
 August 25 – 9:30 am – T P Timblin RIP  
 August 26 – 9: 30 am – Joan Whitehead RIP  
 August 27 – 9:30 am - Barry Bresnihan RIP  
 August 28 – 6:30 pm – Gerry Cashman RIP  
 August 29 – 9:00 am – Dr John Black RIP  
 August 29 – 11:00 am – People of the parish

