



THE BROUGHTON CATHOLIC CHARITABLE SOCIETY

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2017 WHITSUN NEWSLETTER

THE WHIT TUESDAY 231ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND LUNCH

will be held at
The Garstang Country Hotel & Golf Club,
WHIT TUESDAY, 6th June, 2017 (12noon for 12.30pm)

THE COST WILL BE £20.50p PER PERSON

In order to ease the administration burden, members and guests are again requested to book and pay for lunches prior to the date of the function. We require the names of those wishing to attend in order to assist with the seating arrangements. Please make your cheques payable to the "Broughton Catholic Charitable Society". Please book as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

Directions: The Hotel is situated one mile south of Garstang on the B6430 which runs through the village. If approaching from the M55 roundabout at Broughton, travel north along the A6 towards Lancaster. In 6.5 miles take the first right turn after Rogers SHELL garage (B6430). Continue for approximately 1.5 miles and you will see the large sign for the Hotel on the left.

THE MASS FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS ON THEIR WAY TO GARSTANG this year will again be celebrated at St Mary's, Station Lane, Newhouse, Barton (near Broughton) at 10.30am on Whit Tuesday. Many of our members have remarked what a privilege it is to share in a Mass with fellow Broughtoners. We do hope that as many as possible will attend, as this Mass will be offered for all the Living Members of the Society. Priests wishing to Concelebrate should contact the Parish Priest, Rev Canon Timothy Sullivan (Tel: 01772 862831).

Directions: From the M55 roundabout at Broughton, travel north along the A6 towards Garstang to the traffic lights at Broughton Village (formally The Golden Ball). Continue straight on along the A6 towards Garstang. In just under one mile, take the first turning on the left into Station Lane. St Mary's Church is approximately 300 yards on the left.

TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

From Blackpool: Mr. Stephen Evans has arranged for a coach to leave The Holy Family Church, Links Road, Blackpool at 9.30am (Mass at St Mary's, Newhouse on route to Garstang). To reserve a seat please contact Stephen (Tel: 01253 592041).

NEW SECRETARY AND TREASURER

The Society welcomes Mr Peter Van Parys as Secretary of the Society, Peter has taken over from Mr Frank Pearson who is warmly thanked for his time as Secretary. Mr Tim Haley BA FCA has agreed to become Treasurer of the Society, Tim has taken over from Mr John Hadfield who hands over the reins after over two very successful decades as Treasurer, The Members and Trustees are very grateful for all the help and guidance John and Frank have given to the Society.

Secretary
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**"Unmarried ladies seem to have joined the Society from its beginning.
In 1814 there were 16 single lady members out of a total of 189 members."**
Broughton Catholic Charitable Society History 1787-1922 by Dom. F. O. Blundell, O.S.B

Ladies, Single or Married, Please Become a Member & Join Us for Our AGM – We have nothing like the percentage of lady members that we had in 1814. Please consider joining in your own name and playing an active part in the Society as well as gaining the Spiritual Benefits granted to all members.

**MEMBERS SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2017/18 ARE NOW DUE
FROM ALL EXCEPT PRIESTS AND LIFE-MEMBERS**

Following the Rule changes approved at the 2015 AGM, Membership is open to **any person** who subscribes to the Roman Catholic Faith and who was born in or has resided in the Diocese of Lancaster, Liverpool, Salford, Shrewsbury or of parentage in a member diocese.

On admission to the Society, members shall pay a subscription as follows:

Under 18 – Free,

18 & Over – Subscription for the current year becomes due and annually from 1st May for each subsequent year.

An increase in annual membership to £5 has been proposed by the Board of Management, however this would only take effect once agreed at the AGM. The annual Membership fee is currently £3 and an additional £2+ donation on this occasion would be gratefully received.

Life Membership currently costs £60.00 and covers both husband and wife.

The Board of Management will review the subscription annually for approval by the members at the AGM.

**ALL MEMBERS WHO CAN AFFORD TO DO SO ARE ASKED
TO ADD A DONATION TO THEIR SUBSCRIPTION IN
ORDER TO AUGMENT OUR ALMSGIVING**

*PLEASE MAKE ALL CHEQUES PAYABLE TO THE
"BROUGHTON CATHOLIC CHARITABLE SOCIETY".*

*(If you require a receipt please enclose a stamped addressed envelope with your Subscription/Donation)
GIFT AID: We encourage all Members who are taxpayers, to date and sign the enclosed form and return it with their contribution if they have not already done so previously. For every £1.00 that a person Gift Aids, the Society can claim a further 25p from the Inland Revenue.*

**LADYEWELL, FERNYHALGH 2017
THERE WILL NOT BE AN ORGANISED BCCS VISIT
TO THE LADYEWELL SHRINE THIS YEAR.**

A BIG THANK YOU

Joseph Tipping, on behalf of the SDP Missions in India, Kenya and the Philippines, would like to thank all the members who purchased flower bulbs and gave donations at the Christmas Lunch 2016 which raised a total of £305, 1 bowl of bulbs at £5 will feed a child for 3 days. They will be on sale again this coming Christmas, so please give generously and enjoy your flowers.

NEW MEMBERS OF THE BROUGHTON SOCIETY

We welcome the following new members who have joined the Society since the publication of the 2016 Whitsun Newsletter

Mr. B Bunting

Mrs. E Fitzgibbons

Mr. P Rigby

Mr. K. Downes

Mr. J Peake

Miss M Dent

Mr. G McCrave

Mr. F Darwen

Mr. J Kirby

Mrs. A Carr

Mr. D Kidd

Mrs. M Sergeant

PRIEST MEMBERS JUBILEES DURING 2017

We offer our warmest congratulations to the following Priest-Members who celebrate their jubilees of Priesthood this year.

PLATINUM JUBILEE OF PRIESTHOOD (1947-2017)

DIAMOND JUBILEE OF PRIESTHOOD (1957-2017)

Fr Michael Diskin - Lancaster Diocese

Fr William Bootle - Lancaster Diocese

Fr Thomas Forster - Lancaster Diocese

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF PRIESTHOOD (1967-2017)

Cannon Aiden Turner – Lancaster Diocese

Cannon Christopher Cunningham – Liverpool Archdiocese

RUBY JUBILEE OF PRIESTHOOD (1977-2017)

Monsignor John Daley – Salford Diocese

Monsignor Michael Kujacz – Salford Diocese

SILVER JUBILEE OF PRIESTHOOD (1992-2017)

Fr Peter Tierney – Salford Diocese

Fr Stephen Beale – Liverpool Archdiocese

AD MULTOS ANNOS

PETITIONS FOR ALMS IN 2017

Applications should be forwarded to the Secretary no later than the 20th June, 2017.

If possible, a Priest familiar with the circumstances should support the petition.

MINUTES OF THE 230TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WHIT TUESDAY - 17TH MAY 2016

The meeting was opened with Prayers for Fr Birmingham RIP by Fr John McLoughlin, then the Vice Chairman, Tom Ibison, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone, including the ladies for the first time in 230 years and led the prayers for our Holy Father, Pope Francis followed by the singing of God Bless Our Pope led by Mr Chris Jenner. Lunch then followed which was enjoyed by all. After a short interval, the Vice Chairman proposed the toast to the Queen and everyone joined in singing 'God Save the Queen' led by Chris Jenner and then due to the schedule of Bishop Arnold, Prof Eric Bolton proposed the toast to 'The Success to the Broughton Society', he entertained everyone with comical stories and finished by thanking the Clergy for their hard work in the Parishes and their guidance and spiritual support. The Reply was given by the Most Reverend John Arnold, Bishop of Salford who spoke on the changes to the Church and its future, he said don't worry about the future, 'if you want to make God laugh, plan your life!' The Priesthood values your friendship, energy and faith and finished saying 'go out and walk with people, even if they are walking away.

The Vice Chairman then addressed the Annual General Meeting as follows:

1. Minutes of the AGM May 2015 were moved and seconded as a true record and all present voted in favour.
2. Treasurer/Secretary Report - The Vice Chairman referred to both reports which had been circulated. The financial statements were on display in the Hotel's reception area, with abbreviated copies on each of the dining room tables along with the Secretary's report. The Vice Chairman asked for a mover and seconder and asked for a show of hands accepting the accounts and both reports. These were accepted.
3. Alms - The Vice Chairman asked for agreement to the Board of Management's proposal that there be no limit to the Alms for the relief of poverty and Spiritual benefits to be paid this year - accepted, He went onto explain that he wanted to encourage members to seek out genuine needy cases in their own parishes and asked those present to reflect on and examine their own locality for genuine people in need.
4. Board of Management - Mr Chris Jenner and Mr Tony Pritchard's term of office expires at this meeting, both had indicated their willingness to accept re-appointment. No other nominations had been notified to the Secretary. Accordingly, members were invited to confirm their agreement to both these gentlemen being re-appointed for a further term. This was accepted by a show of hands. Mr Mike King has been appointed to the Board to fill the Lancaster Diocese vacancy. Mr Leo Casey has resigned from the board after 21 years as Secretary and Member of the Board, The Vice Chairman expressed the Society's thanks and this was very well received by the meeting.
5. Membership - The Vice Chairman said that membership was still falling and we need to encourage ladies and younger people to join, The Board is proposing that the Website is maintained as a source for newsletters, forms and info but that members will still receive hard copies in the post, but please consider sponsoring the newsletter to help with its substantial printing and postage costs.

Mr Michael Byrne JP proposed the toast to 'The Success to the Broughton Society' giving some amusing anecdotes on his 45 years as a Barrister and Circuit Judge. He paid tribute to well-known Judges who were all identified by their Catholic religious commitments. The reply was given by Monsignor Mgr. John Daly who related tales on his early life playing football for Radcliffe St Mary's team, that as the world progressed charity continues, he then paid further tribute to Fr Peter Birmingham. Mr. Chris Jenner then led the meeting in "The Broughton Song".

The toast to the 'President of the Year' then followed by Rev Fr. John McLoughlin who thanked Mr Bill Fleming and his wife for their work over the year and as his Parish Priest all the work he does in the Parish as reader, eucharistic minister/organiser and the care they have given to him. He finished with the amusing benefits to society of cardboard cutout police cars, priests and congregations.

Mr Bill Fleming replied by thanking the Vice Chairman and Hotel Management for the meal cheerfully served by friendly staff, he thanked the Society and noted that they were somewhat responsible for him marrying his wife Josie as her father regularly sang 'When our old catholic fathers...' to previous prospective boyfriends. He wished Mr Mike Bradley every success in the coming year and hoped everyone had a safe journey home.

Election of President/Vice President for 2016/17: Members confirmed the nomination of Mr Mike Bradley and Mr John Cadden respectively. Mr Tom Ibison then installed Mr Mike Bradley with the Chain of Office as President.

The meeting then came to a close with the singing of 'Faith of Our Fathers'.