



THE BROUGHTON CATHOLIC CHARITABLE SOCIETY

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England's Oldest Catholic Charitable Society

2025 ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

Introducing the Society's 237th President

Welcome to the Broughton Society's Annual Newsletter which includes Membership Info and booking forms for all social events during 2025 including Whitsun AGM & Lunch on 10 June (Page 4), President's Mass on 23 November 2025 (Page 8) and Christmas Lunch on 7 December (Page 9)

Mr Paul Briers will be taking over from Mr Tony Baron as President of the Society for 2025/26 at the AGM. Hailing from Liverpool, Paul is married to school sweetheart, Elizabeth and they have two children, Joseph (17) and Isabel (14). After moving from Lytham St Annes, they now live in Christ the Good Shepherd Parish, Workington, Cumbria. He serves as Honorary President and Chair of Trustees of the Archconfraternity of St Stephen, the International Guild for Altar Servers and is a Trustee of the Diocese of Lancaster and Chair of the Diocesan Youth Service Commission. Provincial Councillor of Province 5 of the Catenian Association and a Knight Commander of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. Paul is now in formation for the Permanent Diaconate for the Diocese of Lancaster and in the third of a four year programme.



Secretary: Mr. Peter Van Parys

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MEMBERS' SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2025/26 ARE NOW DUE FROM ALL EXCEPT PRIESTS* AND LIFE-MEMBERS*

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.

Fees

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

Under 18 – Free,

18 & Over - Annual Subscription of £10.00 + almsgiving donation

*Life Membership - £200 + regular Donations appreciated.

***ALL MEMBERS AND LIFE-MEMBERS WHO CAN AFFORD TO DO SO ARE ASKED TO ADD A DONATION TO THEIR SUBSCRIPTION IN ORDER TO AUGMENT OUR ALMSGIVING, GIFTAIDED IF POSSIBLE.**

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

Please enclose a cheque payable to 'Broughton Catholic Charitable Society' for the total amount and **Send to our Secretary** at the address below the Form (If you require a receipt please enclose a stamped addressed envelope with your Subscription/Donation) **Please do NOT send Cash!**

GIFT AID: Please consider Gift Aiding your donation and Membership Fee as this will benefit the Society by a further 25p in the £1 at no cost to yourselves. You must be a UK tax payer though! If you no longer pay Tax please let us know so we do not claim incorrectly!

Wills and Legacies

The Society has been helped over many years by the very kind donations in Wills and Legacies. The Broughton Catholic Charitable Society would be very grateful if members would remember the Society when they come to review their Wills and Legacies, please speak to the Secretary or a Member of the Board if you can help.

*** Paying by Standing Order/BACS**

All members of the Society have been allocated a Membership Number, which should be shown on the **address label** on this Newsletter. If you would like to set up a standing order/BACS to pay your Subscription and/or donation the information is as follows: **NatWest Bank, Sort Code: 01-01-35 Account: 04010523** please use your Membership Number followed by the first three letters of your surname e.g. **Ref: 3667Van** so you can be identified.

NEW MEMBER/SUBSCRIPTIONS/DONATIONS:

Name _____ Spouse _____

Please tick this box if any of your details have changed ☐

Address _____

_____ Membership Number _____

Post Code _____ Email _____

Tel. No _____ Mobile _____

* I have set up a standing Order to BCCS ☐ Or

I enclose my ***new/membership/subscription*** of £_____ for 2025-26

I enclose my donation of £_____ Gift Aided? _____

Signature _____ Date _____

PRIEST MEMBER FORM

(I am / I wish to become) a Priest-Member of the Broughton Catholic Charitable Society

Title _____ Name _____

Please tick this box if your contact details have changed ☐

Address _____

_____ Membership Number _____

Post Code _____ Email _____

Tel. No _____ Mobile _____

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TO: Mr Peter Van Parys, 13 Tanglewood, Fulwood, Preston, Lancashire, PR2 8WQ



THE WHIT TUESDAY
237th Annual General Meeting and Lunch
10 June 2025 (commencing 12 noon for 12:30pm)

Principal Speaker - Rt Rev Dr David J Oakley
(Bishop of Northampton & Past Rector of Oscott)

In order to ease the administration burden, members and guests are again requested to book and pay for lunches (£30.00) prior to the date of the function.

FINAL CLOSING DATE FOR BOOKINGS - 23 MAY 2025

We require the names of those wishing to attend in order to assist with the seating arrangements. **Please book as early as possible to avoid disappointment.**

AGM Mass at St Mary's Church, Station Lane, Newhouse (near Broughton).

The MASS FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS ON THEIR WAY TO GARSTANG will be celebrated by Bishop Oakley at **10:30am** on the morning of the AGM, please do your best to attend. Many of our members have remarked on what a privilege it is to share 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: Rev Fr Augustine Obiagwu via email: saintmarysnewhouse@gmail.com or Tel: 01772 862231, please bring your Celebret.

BOOKING FORM (2025)

I wish to reserve _____ Lunch(es) at £30.00 each. I enclose a cheque for £_____ Payable to Broughton Catholic Charitable Society

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Membership Number _____

Post Code _____

Email _____ Tel. No _____

The name(s) of those attending are: (use separate sheet if needed)

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SEND TO: Mr Peter Van Parys, 13 Tanglewood, Fulwood, Preston, Lancashire, PR2 8WQ,

AGM 2024 - Minutes

The meeting was opened by Mr Tom Ibison who welcomed Rt Rev Bishop Paul Swarbrick, Rt Rev Bishop John Arnold and our Toast givers HH Philip Butler, Mr Mike King, our President for the year, Mr John Holland, and Mr Chris Jenner who is leading us in the singing. Prayers were offered for our Holy Father Pope Francis.

Apologies were received from Bishop Mark Davies of Shrewsbury and Archbishop of Liverpool Malcolm McMahon and 12 members and clergy. Mr Chris Jenner then led the singing of God Bless our Pope before lunch was served. Bishop John Arnold led us in Grace. Mr Tom Ibison made the toast to The King and the singing of God Save the King was led by Mr Chris Jenner.

The minutes of the previous AGM had been made available and were proposed, seconded and approved by all. The secretary's report and treasurer's report were made available to all to read today and were accepted by all.

Tom encouraged members to seek out needy people in their own communities who might be suffering hardship in the present financial crisis, then pointed out the closing date for submission of appeals for alms to the Society was 4 June 2024. If possible, a priest familiar with the circumstances should support the petition.

Tom thanked Mr Stephen Evans who has now concluded his time on the Board of Management. He then welcomed Canon Tony McBride (Salford), His Honor Philip Butler (Salford), and Mr Michael Flynn (Liverpool) on to the Board.

Tom led us in a moment of silence for our 35 deceased members including Mr Joseph Tipping who you will remember sold bulbs and plants at the Christmas lunch over many years for the Sons of Divine Providence missions. We can successfully report that we have gained 22 Lay and Priest members since May 2023.

Tom then urged all members to ensure they are up to date with their subscriptions for the last 2 years and said that the Board were not proposing any increase to subscriptions this year. Members were urged to give where they can to the alms giving and to opt for standing orders where possible as this would help enormously. He reminded the membership that we need more Lay and Priest members to enable us to continue our good work, and to make every effort to recruit new members, in particular younger members. Application forms can be downloaded from the website. Secretary Peter urged everyone to keep hold of the annual newsletter as this contains all the information and booking forms for our Christmas lunch and President's Mass amongst other important information, including the almsgiving for the past year. The website and Facebook Page continue to be updated and maintained. Please supply an email address if you can, to save on printing and postage costs.

Thanks were extended to Rev Fr Francis Marsden, Canon Paul Embery and everyone who helped with the Mass, including Mr Anthony Donlan our Broughton Society organist. Also, our writers for the day Dr Eric Bolton, Mr Mike Cowley and Mr Shaun Aspden for taking subs and donations. And Mr Peter Van Parys, Secretary and Dr E Bolton, Treasurer for all their hard work throughout the year. Peter thanked the hotel staff for our meal and for their hard work in looking after us today.

There then followed the traditional toasts and speeches followed by the election of Mr Tony Baron as President for 2024/25 (Salford) and Mr Paul Briers as Vice President for 2024/25 (Lancaster).

The meeting concluded with "Faith of our Fathers" led by Mr Chris Jenner. Tom thanked everyone for their attendance today and closed the meeting.

Alms Giving

Blackburn Young Parents Project received a grant of £2,000 this year as part of the '**Relief of Hardship Framework**' previously awarded to Bolton Young Parents - changed to Blackburn by request of the Charity.

Caritas Maryvale supported accommodation for young parents and their infants, based in Blackburn, has accommodated ten young women during this period. They are each on Public Law Outline* (PLO) or on Child Protection Plans. Our aim is to keep the family unit safe and together and to step down from the legal arena, prior to them moving onto independent living. We work in partnership with other agencies to ensure the needs of all the young families are met.

With the help of your funding, we have had an intensive period of support sessions covering food and healthy lifestyle, and seen a reduction in the number of takeaway deliveries. Our young residents have engaged in cookery sessions, planning what they would like to eat and sharing the meal in a social environment. With the help of a regular volunteer and a

Student Social Worker on placement, we have also been

able to deliver wellbeing sessions for our young families to promote positive relationships between the residents. The young people that come to stay with us continue to be the hardest to reach and it is often a challenge to engage them in the activities prepared and organised for them. Thanks to Broughton's contribution, and our experienced and professional staff who are committed to encourage, motivate and support co-production in various activities, we have been able to achieve positive outcomes,

making it a more pleasant atmosphere for everyone.



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Case study: Jane* moved to Maryvale when pregnant, due to her previous child being placed in care. Jane engaged well with professionals and was in a new positive relationship with the father of her unborn baby. Jane worked through a support plan and attended the AIM programme. Jane delivered her baby, and a PLO was in place. Staff encouraged co-parenting and Jane's partner visited daily to support her with baby, and to be involved with all the routines. The PLO was stepped down to Child in Need, due to the positive changes Jane had been able to make and sustain. Following assessments and staff observations, Jane was allowed to move back to her own property and continue her relationship with baby's father. Staff have received reports from other professionals to say that Jane is doing well in the community, baby is thriving, and the family relationships are still strong and going well.



CRY/Heartfelt (Preston) received a grant of £2,500 to facilitate testing of young people for heart conditions. Six mothers from Preston formed Heartfelt following the loss of their Sons due to sudden death by heart failure, nationally at least 12 young people die every week from undiagnosed heart conditions. Heartfelt are raising money for local Screening sessions at Preston Grasshoppers in Preston by CRY - Cardiac Risk in the Young Charity 1050845 founded in 1995



Each Screening costs £6,500 and over 100 young people are screened and Heartfelt raises funds by doing Car Boots and Charity Evenings.

The next Screening will take place in May 2025 at Preston Grasshoppers

Broughton Society

Annual President's Mass in November

The 2025 President's Mass, for all Members, families and friends will be celebrated at 3:00pm on Sunday 23rd November 2025 , at:

Our Lady Star of the Sea

2 St. Annes Rd East, St Annes-on-Sea, Lancashire FY8 1UL.

Priest Members wishing to concelebrate should inform

Mr Paul Briers on 07773 848819

Immediately following Mass, light refreshments will be served at the
Glendower Hotel, North Promenade, Lytham Saint Annes FY8 2NQ

The 'Presentation Cheques' will be handed to the successful recipients of this year's almsgiving by our President Mr Paul Briers.

President's Dinner following Presentations

For those members who are joining the President for Dinner following Presentations, this will be a 3 Course Evening Meal with tea/coffee at

The Glendower Hotel for £29.00pp, this will be served from 5:30pm for 6:00pm: Details of the menu choices will be available when booking.

**IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND THE MASS AND STAY FOR
DINNER, PLEASE CONTACT:**

President: Mr Paul Briers

07773 848819 or email paul.briers@yahoo.co.uk

Or

The Secretary: Peter on 07507 335569

**ASAP to facilitate planning,
by Friday 14 November 2025 at the latest.**



Broughton Society's Christmas Lunch



ALL PRIEST MEMBERS, LAY MEMBERS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED TO
THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT

GARSTANG COUNTRY HOTEL & GOLF CLUB GARSTANG ROAD, BOWGREAVE, GARSTANG

ON



SUNDAY, 7TH DECEMBER 2025

(COMMENCING 12.30PM FOR 1.00PM)



As in previous years, the meal will be a traditional Christmas Lunch with a glass of wine and festive entertainment, the cost of which will be £31.00 per person, £15.00 for children under 10 years of age). In order to ease the administration burden, members and guests are requested to book and pay for lunches prior to the date of the function. The names of those people wishing to attend are also required in order to assist with the seating arrangements.

In order to avoid disappointment, please book by completing and returning the booking form below to our **Secretary Peter Van Parys** (address over page) by **24th November 2025**

CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2025 BOOKING FORM

I wish to reserve _____ Christmas Lunch(es) at £31.00 each. I enclose a
cheque for £ _____ Payable to Broughton Catholic Charitable Society

Name _____

Address _____

Membership Number _____

Post Code _____ Email _____

Tel. No _____

The name(s) of those attending are: (use separate sheet if needed)



Some Pictures from the Christmas Lunch 2024.

NEW MEMBER/SUBSCRIPTIONS/DONATIONS:

Name _____ Spouse _____

Please tick this box if your contact details have changed ☐

Address _____

_____ Membership Number _____

Post Code _____ Email _____

Tel. No _____ Mobile _____

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I enclose my **membership/subscription** of £ _____ for 2025-26

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Signature _____ Date _____

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OBITUARIES

Your prayers are requested for the following deceased Members whose deaths have been reported since the publication of last year's Newsletter.

Each Priest Member has been requested to offer Mass for all the deceased Members of the Society, on or about the Commemoration of All Souls.

Mrs Juliet Banks, Barton

Mr James A O'Brien, Wallasey

Mr John Porter, Blackpool

Mr Lawrence Ibison, Goosnargh

Mr Brian Plumb, Padgate

Mr Shaun Aspden, Lea, Preston

Mr Ellis Preston, Garstang

Rev Fr John Rigby, Salford Diocese

Rev Fr Thomas Forster, Lancaster Diocese

Rev Canon Brendan Alger, Liverpool Archdiocese

Rev Fr P Barry McAllister, Liverpool Archdiocese

Rev Fr Alfred Parker, Lancaster Diocese

Rev Fr Anthony Cogliolo, Shrewsbury Diocese

Rev Fr Bob Halshaw, Lancaster Diocese

Mr Thomas McAloon, Great Harwood

Mr Terence Mundy, Lytham St Annes

Mr John H Cookson, Cottam

Miss Mary C Fearnhead, Adlington

Mr John Christopher Slevin, Chadderton

Mr Brian Chaplin, Failsworth

Mrs Dorothy Rose Nelson, Blackpool

Rev Fr William Bootle, Lancaster Diocese

Rev Fr Gerard Dakin, Lancaster Diocese

Rev Fr Colin Wright, Salford Diocese

Rev Canon Tim Sullivan, Lancaster Diocese

Rev Fr Brendan Curley, Salford Diocese

Rev Fr Stephen Wright OSB Ampleforth

Member of Board of Management

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PRIEST MEMBERS' JUBILEES DURING 2025

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

AD MULTOS ANNOS

To our Priest Members from Lancaster, Salford and Shrewsbury Diocese and Liverpool Archdiocese (the old County of Lancashire)

Please may I remind you of the Mass to be said on or about the Commemoration of All Souls for all the Deceased Members of the Society, especially for all those mentioned on the obituaries page. Our Priest-Members may be aware that, unless we are informed that you are unable to say Masses for recently deceased Members, we will continue to send Mass requests (including stipend cheques) to you on a rotational basis.

NEW MEMBERS OF THE BROUGHTON SOCIETY

We welcome the following New Members and New Life Members who have joined the Society since the publication of the 2024 Whitsun Newsletter

Mrs Alice Mary Cookson, Cottam
Mr John Leaver, Great Harwood
Mr David Sherliker, Leyland
Mr Graham J Massey, Chorley

Mrs Maria Theresa Dickinson, Chorley
Mr Earnest William Morton, Adlington
Mr Simon K Preugschat, Blackburn

New Members of the Board of Management 2025

We would like to welcome on to the Board of Management of the Society the following:

Rev Canon Adrian Towers
Mr Paul Briers
Mr Ken Dennis

Lancaster Diocese - Priest Member
Lancaster Diocese - President
Liverpool Archdiocese - Vice President

AGM 2024 - Roll Call

Rt Rev Bishop Paul Swarbrick
Mr Tom Ibison (Chairman)
Mr Tony Baron (President)
Rt Rev Bishop John Arnold
Mr Paul Briers (Vice-President)
Mr Peter Van Parys (Secretary)

