



THE BROUGHTON CATHOLIC CHARITABLE SOCIETY

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England's Oldest Catholic Charitable Society

2024 ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

Introducing the Society's 236th President

Welcome to the Broughton Society's Annual Newsletter which includes Membership Info and booking forms for all social events during 2024 including Whitsun AGM & Lunch on 21 May (Page 4), President's Mass on 24 November (Page 8) and Christmas Lunch on 8 December (Page 9)

Mr Tony Baron will be taking over from Mr John A Holland as President of the Society for 2024/25 at the AGM. Tony may be familiar to you as a trustee, board member and as a past president. Tony is an ardent Catholic, and was made a Knight of Saint Gregory in 2017 which is a Papal Knighthood awarded for particular meritorious services to the Church.



Tony was born in Ipswich in 1940 just after the start of WWII. His father was an engineer who had to move to Lancashire as part of the war effort and Tony has remained in Lancashire ever since. On leaving school Tony worked in commercial sales for a number of national and international companies before moving to Canada where he lived for 3 years. On his return from Canada Tony met his wife Jean and had 3 children Leo, Gemma and Katrina.

Tony set up his own company of petrol filling stations in and around Preston eventually growing to cover a wider Lancashire area including Rochdale and Kirkham which he operated for 30 years. During this time Tony became a Governor of Oakhill School in Whalley, eventually becoming the proprietor which he still is to this day.

Secretary: Mr. Peter Van Parys

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MEMBERS' SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2024/25 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 your contact 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 2024-25

I enclose my donation of £ _____ Gift Aid? _____ Yes/No

Signature _____ Date _____

PRIEST MEMBER FORM

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

Title _____ Name _____

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



THE WHIT TUESDAY
236th Annual General Meeting and Lunch
21 May 2024 (commencing 12 noon for 12:30pm)

In order to ease the administration burden, members and guests are again requested to book and pay for lunches (£28.00) 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 book as early as possible to avoid disappointment.**

FINAL CLOSING DATE FOR BOOKINGS - 10 MAY 2024

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 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

BOOKING FORM (2024)

I wish to reserve _____ Lunch(es) at £28.00 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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Alms Giving for 2023-24

Chorley Help the Homeless received their final grant under the 'Relief of Hardship Framework' with an additional £2,000 in 2023, totalling £14,000 support given to the Charity since 2019.

"The generous grant you gave us in July has helped our food bank at The Gateway to distribute more food parcels over the summer months, when we experienced a large need from low-income families struggling while their children were on school holidays, along with single people and couples, and people who are street homeless or sofa surfing.



In July, August and September we gave 662 food parcels to individuals and couples, and 226 food parcels to families with children, along with 28 household item packs for those setting up a new home. We also served a free lunchtime meal to over 700 people. We have also been continuing our Market Voucher scheme so that customers can get fresh food items from Chorley market stalls. This also takes

significant cash funding, and some of your donation this year was allocated to this".

Bolton Young Parents Project received a grant under the 'Relief of Hardship Framework' with £2,000 in 2023, totalling £14,000 support given to the Charity since 2020.

Over the last 12 months our Radcliffe Road Young Parents' Accommodation in Bolton has been able to provide supported accommodation to 16 young parents and 16 babies. 13 families have moved into their own independent tenancies and received help with registering for rehousing, bidding on properties, preparing for independent living, and settling into their new tenancies



Case Study: J. was referred to the service by Children's Services. She was 19 years old, pregnant with her first baby, and had been in an abusive relationship with the father. Our staff helped her gain support from social services, work positively with professionals, and show that she was making positive choices. This meant that after the birth, she was allowed to keep the baby and our staff helped her to learn how to feed, bathe, and establish a positive routine. Staff also helped her with finances, benefits, and budgeting skills, to give her the confidence to live independently. She was

with us for 12 months before successfully moving into her own tenancy and creating a family home for her and her new baby.

Alms Giving

Irenaeus Project Our President Mr John A Holland visited the Project to see the ramp



which was partly funded by a grant of £1,000 from the Broughton Society. The ramp is needed to access the Garden from the Outreach Centre as a number of activities are held in the Garden and access for visitors with disabilities and wheelchair users was lacking. The Centre welcomes many people, both local and those who have joined the community from other countries, including Ukraine, Turkey, Syria and Poland, activities include Knit and Natter, Arts and Meditation, Tai Chi and singing specifically for people living with dementia.

The Centre is run by volunteers and guests are always offered a warm welcome, refreshments and a chat.

High Five is a play and support group run by volunteer parents, providing activities for Children with severe disabilities and their families.



The Broughton Society have provided £300 to help engage young people with ordering food on line or making sandwiches to enjoy.



The money has helped purchase a Hostess Trolley, afternoon tea items, sandwich making equipment and a screen to create a café environment, over 40 families are regularly supported.

Photo Sarah Kiley being presented with the Cheque by President John A Holland. Canon Peter Stanley and Secretary Peter Van Parys

Our Ladys Catholic College (Lancaster) were granted the sum of £2,400 to enable them to take pupils from low income families in Lancaster to Uganda, to work with link schools and clinics there. The trip is a life-changer for many of our students, they develop a number of soft skills and gain confidence – all of which improves their chances of employment on return. They grow in faith and learn to appreciate aspects of our life in the UK which they may have taken for granted. Our Lady's Catholic College Sixth Form have supported and worked with school and church communities in Uganda for over 15 years. Since 2014, we have led biennial projects which culminate in a visit to Uganda to meet and interact with the people in these partner communities. Prior to the trip the students do a massive amount of fund-raising which is ring-fenced for the communities we visit.



ACE Project - Assisted Community Engagement



Received £2,000, completing £14,000 in grant aid from the Broughton Society since 2019.

The ACE Project supports ex-offenders with multiple and complex needs to lead more independent and abstinent lifestyles. All have been through the criminal justice system and most also experience poor mental and physical health, along with histories involving substance abuse, being in care, unemployment, social isolation, and homelessness.

The Society provided another grant of £2000 to support this rehabilitation work. Although a reduction on the previous year, the programme could still provide that vital and flexible support.

The money means the team can respond quickly and flexibly to meet someone's immediate needs in a moment of crisis. This could mean putting £20 credit on someone's electric meter, getting someone £10 phone credit, helping with relatively minor travel costs, or paying for an overnight stay in a B&B. The intention here is to give people a leg up, so that they are then better able to help themselves.

In 2024, The Ace Team received 239 new referrals. Many of these men and women benefitted directly from the donation.

Gary Welsh, Manager of the ACE Project, said: "We're very grateful to the Society for its support these past years. It allowed us to use often just small sums to make a real, material difference to someone's life – particularly important given how the cost-of-living crisis intensified the needs of our beneficiaries.

It's no exaggeration to say that the generosity of BCCS has been a massive asset and will be greatly missed going forward.

Although, what some would think as a minor expense, it's knock on effect often provides the opportunity to rebuild".

Impact Youth Group (Castlerigg Trip)

The Society has supported IYG with a grant of £1,500 to help towards the accommodation, food and travel costs for 10 young disadvantaged people to travel to a Castlerigg Residential Weekend. The residential is an opportunity for these young people to experience catholic faith and spirituality, and to help them develop both personally and socially. Edie and Amelia ran a workshop on 'Body Image', Ava and Izzy a workshop on 'Dreams and Aspirations', and Molly led one on 'Being Ourselves'.



Broughton Society

Annual President's Mass in November

The 2024 President's Mass, for all Members, families and friends will be celebrated at 3:00pm on Sunday 24th November 2024 , at:

**Oakhill School & Nursery, Wiswell Lane,
Whalley, BB7 9AF**

Priest Members wishing to concelebrate should inform

Mr Tony Baron on 07770 572848

Immediately following Mass, light refreshments will be served at the School. The 'Presentation Cheques' will be handed to the successful recipients of this year's almsgiving by our President Mr Tony Baron.

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 at Oakhill School, 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: Tony Baron

07770 572848

Or

The Secretary: Peter on 07507 335569

**ASAP to facilitate planning,
by Friday 15 November 2024 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, 8TH DECEMBER 2024

(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 £28.00 per person, £12.50 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 **27th November 2024**

CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2024 BOOKING FORM

I wish to reserve _____ Christmas Lunch(es) at £28.00 each. I enclose a
cheque for £ _____ Payable to Broughton Catholic Charitable Society

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Membership Number _____

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Tel. No _____

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



Mr Joseph Tipping RIP:

The Broughton Society were very sad to hear of the passing of Joseph Tipping on 14 February 2024. Joseph was instrumental in raising a considerable amount of money over the years for the work of the Sons of Divine Providence Missions for the poor children in Kenya, India and the Philippines! Over the years this has helped towards building 5 water wells in the Philippines and 3 in Kenya. Joseph will be sadly missed at our Christmas Lunches selling his bulbs and plants.

NEW MEMBER/SUBSCRIPTIONS/DONATIONS:

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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 Elsie Lawson, Chadderton

Mr Terence Rabbitt, Horwich

Mr Sidney Moy, Aughton

Mr Denis T McConville, Timperley

Mr Stephen PJ Wright, Netherley

Mrs Irene M Dewhurst, Catterall

Mr Michael J Walsh, Bamford

Mr Joseph E Tipping, Penwortham

Rev Fr Michael Diskin, Lancaster Diocese

Rev Fr Bernard Charnock, Salford Diocese

Rev Fr Vincent McShane, Liverpool Archdiocese

Rev Canon Kevin Kenny KCHS, Salford Diocese

Mrs Elizabeth Hughes, Maghull

Mrs Mary A Cardwell, Hurst Green

Mrs Mary Brennan, Houghton

Mr Phillip L Rice, Bispham

Mrs May Almond, Leyland

Mrs Jo Walton, Walton Le Dale

Mrs Marie Corless, Chadderton

Mr Lawrence Ibison, Goosnargh

Rev Fr John Mackie, Salford Diocese

Rev Fr Francis Flynn, Lancaster Diocese

Rev Fr John Dobson, Lancaster Diocese

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

If you know of any other person who has died in the past year whom you believe to be a Member of the Society, please inform the Secretary.

PRIEST MEMBERS' JUBILEES DURING 2024

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 2023 Whitsun Newsletter

Mr Gregory Smith, Samlesbury
Mr Andrew Wygladala, Bamber bridge
Mr Paul Whelan, Blackpool
Mr James Howcroft, Lytham St Annes
Mr Tom Howcroft, Warton
Mr Craig Cowley, Higher Bartle
Mr Mark Issacs, Lytham St Annes
Mr David Holden, Whittingham
Mr John McNabb, Cliviger
Mr Jack Knight, Chorley
Rev Fr Stephen Talbutt, Lancaster Diocese

Mr Peter Welsby, St Annes
Mr Peter Issacs, Crossmoor
Mr Stephen Howcroft, Blackpool
Mr Matthew Howcroft, Lytham St Annes
Mr Joseph Isaacs, Lytham St Annes
Mr Richard Jones, Wesham
Mr Fred Kilroy, Oldham
Mr Peter Mawson, Goosnargh
Dr Iain Bolton, Newcastle
Rev Fr Chris Thomas, Liverpool Archdiocese

New Members of the Board of Management

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

Rev Canon Tony McBride	Salford Diocese Priest Member
HH Judge Philip Butler (retd)	Salford Diocese Representative
Mr Michael Flynn	Liverpool Archdiocese Representative

