2013 WHITSUN NEWSLETTER

THE WHIT TUESDAY 227th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND GENTLEMENS LUNCH

will be held at
The Garstang Country Hotel & Golf Club,
WHIT TUESDAY, 21st MAY 2013 (12noon for 12.30pm)

THE COST WILL BE £19.75p 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" or they cannot be paid into the bank. 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)

From Hindley, Wigan: Mr Michael Hull has arranged for a coach to leave Hindley at 9.15am (Mass at St Mary's, Newhouse on route to Garstang). To reserve a seat please contact Michael (Tel: 01942 254715). (Arrangements will be made to pick-up those persons interested on route between Hindley and the M6).

Due to Leo's ill health, alternative arrangements have been put in place on a temporary basis.

All administration work will be undertaken by our President's wife, Margaret Jenner.

Please return all correspondence to her at the address below:

18 Merefield, Astley Village, Chorley, PR7 1UR

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MEMBERS SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2013 ARE NOW DUE FROM ALL EXCEPT PRIESTS AND LIFE-MEMBERS

The annual subscription remains unchanged at:

£1.00 for all who joined the Society before Whitsun 1976.

£2.00 for all who joined after Whitsun 1976 but before Whitsun 1990.

£3.00 for all who joined after 1990.

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

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 a stamped addressed envelope is not enclosed with your subscription / donation, it will be assumed that you do not require a receipt.

GIFT AID: We encourage all those 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 28p from the Inland Revenue.

BROUGHTON SOCIETY'S 2013 VISIT TO THE SHRINE AT LADYEWELL SATURDAY 15TH JUNE

Those attending are requested to assemble at Ladyewell House from 4.00pm prior to the commencement of the Rosary at 4.30pm.

There will be ample room for parking on the car park situated between St Mary's Church and Ladyewell House.

Directions: Leave the M6 Motorway at junction 32. At the Broughton roundabout (A6) head for Preston, taking the immediate left turn following the sign for Ribbleton. Continue to the second roundabout, then turn left (signposted Ladyewell). Travel straight on for approximately ½ a mile then turn right into Fernyhalgh Lane. Continue past St Mary's Church on the left and follow the road round to the right into Ladywell.

Arrangements have again been made for us to have an evening meal at the Dog & Partridge Hotel, Hesketh Lane, Chipping commencing at 6.30pm (3 course meal and coffee £20.50 per person). Please indicate on the enclosed slip if you wish to stay for the evening meal and a copy of the menu will be forwarded to you in due course. Payment is required in advance and should be forwarded with your reply slip.

Please make all cheques payable to the "Broughton Catholic Charitable Society"

Thank you.

New Members Of The Broughton Society

We welcome the following new members who have joined the Society since the publication of the 2012 Whitsun Newsletter.

Mr & Mrs Biju Abraham, Blackpool

Mr & Mrs Michael Connolly, Westhoughton

Mr David Crossley, Lytham-St-Annes

Mr Anthony Donlan, Fulwood, Preston

Mr & Mrs Joseph Eaves, Fulwood, Preston

Mr Terence Flanagan, Wigan

Mr & Mrs Cyril Foster, New Longton, Preston

Mr & Mrs William Gillan, St Annes

Mr Philip Gooden, Thornton Cleveleys

Mr Peter Hampson, Fulwood, Preston

Mr & Mrs Joseph Harris, Penwortham, Preston

Mr & Mrs David Hart, Liverpool

Mrs Joanne Hoyte, Bolton

Mr & Mrs John Lord, Cottam, Preston

Dr Roger & Mrs Mason, Garstang, Preston

Mr & Mrs Thomas McAuley, Fulwood, Preston

Mr & Mrs Ray McHugh, Broughton, Preston

Mrs Marie Moore, Bispham, Blackpool

Mr Anthony Murray, Manchester

Mr & Mrs Michael Neill, Walton-le-Dale, Preston

Mr & Mrs Robert Ormisher, Brindle, Chorley

Mr & Mrs Joseph Raju, Blackpool

Mr Donald Sheerin, Lytham-St-Annes

Mr & Mrs William Sheerin, Castleton, Rochdale

Mr & Mrs Michael Simpson, Fulwood, Preston

Mr & Mrs Saji Simon, Blackpool

Mr Martin Smith, Mossley, Ashton-Under-Lyne

Mrs Julie Summerton, Sharples, Bolton

Mr & Mrs Anthony Taylor, Flixton, Manchester

Mr & Mrs Charles Webb, Cottam, Preston

Mr & Mrs Michael Whitfield, Bruche, Warrington

Mr & Mrs Francis Wilding, Fulwood, Preston

PRIEST MEMBERS JUBILEES DURING 2013

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

Diamond Jubilee of Priesthood

Rev Gerard Dakin (30th May 1953)

Rev Canon Francis Cookson (19th July 1953)

Lancaster Diocese

Rev Canon Kevin Mullen (30th May 1953)

Liverpool Archdiocese

Golden Jubilee of Priesthood

Rev Canon Thomas Doyle (8th June 1963)

Rev Patrick McMahon (8th June 1963)

Rev Mgr Michael Tully (8th June 1963)

Lancaster Diocese

Rev Canon Joseph Kelly (8th June 1963)

Rev Joseph Robinson (8th June 1963)

Liverpool Archdiocese

Ruby Jubilee of Priesthood

Rev Thomas Singleton (11th March 1973)

Rev Canon John Watson (16th June 1973)

Lancaster Diocese

Rev John Chaloner (7th April 1973)

Rev Canon Jude Harrison (10th March 1973)

Rev David Ryder (2nd June 1973)

Salford Diocese

Silver Jubilee of Priesthood

Rev Thomas Wood (11th September 1988)

Liverpool Archdiocese

AD MULTOS ANNOS

PETITIONS FOR ALMS IN 2013

These should be forwarded to the Administrator no later than the 4th June.

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

SUMMARY OF THE 2012 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WHIT TUESDAY 29th May

Secretary's Report, Mr Leo Casey:

The Secretary commenced by offering the Society's thanks and appreciation to the Hotel's Management and Staff for all their help in providing the excellent facilities, superb lunch and first-rate service.

Thanks and appreciation was also express to Fr Timothy Sullivan, Parish Priest of St Mary's Church, Newhouse for inviting members to celebrate Mass prior to the Annual General Meeting and to the organist, Mr Brian Dickinson for his excellent contribution during the Mass.

The Secretary then made reference to the Financial Statement, for the year ended 31st December 2011, which had been on display on each of the dining room tables. He pointed out that, in view of the present world economic crisis, the Board of Management had once again unanimously agreed that this year no limit would be put on the amount of money available for distribution in Alms. However, the Board was now depending on all members to seek out people who are in need within their own parishes and community. People who were struggling to meet their financial commitments.

Members of one year's standing were them reminded that petitions for alms, preferably one that is not supported Nationally or by the Diocese, should be submitted to the Secretary in writing prior to the 12th June. The Secretary would then bring them to the notice of the Board of Management at their next meeting on 3rd July 2012.

Records showed that during 2011, only 46 members were enrolled which included 5 Priest members. A decrease on the previous year of 62. During the same year 39 deaths were reported, 4 of which were Priest members.

Since 1st January 2012 only 8 members had been enrolled, none of whom were Priests. However, the deaths of 16 members had been reported which included 2 Priests. For the first time in many years, deaths reported now outnumbered enrolments.

The Secretary emphasised the fact that the Society cannot function without the support of Priest Members and again appealed to members to try and enrol a new Priest or lay member in the coming year.

The Society's functions held during 2011 which included the Pilgrimage to the Shrine at Ladyewell, the President's Mass at the Holy Family Church in Blackpool and the Society's Christmas lunch at the Garstang Hotel, were all very successful and memorable occasions.

The Secretary referred to the fact that Mr Bernard Glenholme of Penwortham, was elected as President-elect at the 2011 Annual General Meeting. Unfortunately, Bernard had since suffered health problems and regrettably had to relinquish his office. This meant that the Board of Management had to act very quickly to find a replacement from the Liverpool Archdiocese and unanimously agreed to appoint Mr Chris Jenner of Chorley, in Bernard's place.

The Secretary informed the meeting that he had not received any response to his appeal in 2011 and although he had no immediate plans to retire as Secretary, he felt that it would be beneficial to the smooth running of the Society if someone would be prepared to shadow him as regards to his duties as Secretary. Volunteers were requested to contact either Leo himself, the Reverend Chairman or any member of the Board of Management.

In view of several new and prospective members present, the Secretary then proposed the toast, "A Warm Welcome and Good Health to all New Members".

The Secretary then offered the Society's congratulations to a long standing member, Mr Bernard Jones of Broughton who would shortly be celebrating his 100th Birthday. Bernard was again present at the meeting.

Finally, the Secretary asked members to pray for the success of the Society and to ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all our lives.

Acknowledgements

Our thanks to the following establishments for their continued support

Best Western Garstang Country Hotel & Golf Club - Oakhill College Hayes & Finch - Serra International Larmenier Retirement Village - Sons of Divine Providence