



THE BROUGHTON CATHOLIC CHARITABLE SOCIETY

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2016 WHITSUN NEWSLETTER

THE WHIT TUESDAY

230TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND LUNCH

will be held at
The Garstang Country Hotel & Golf Club,
WHIT TUESDAY, 17th May, 2016 (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).

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).

From Mossley & Chadderton: Mr. Neil Baldwin has arranged for a coach to leave St. Joseph's, Mossley (8.30am) & continue and pick up at St. Herbert's, Chadderton (9.15am). (Mass at St. Mary's, Newhouse on route to Garstang). To reserve a seat please contact Neil (Tel: 0161 620 3193).

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 2016/17 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.

Currently Membership is £10 upon joining plus the Annual Subscription which remains unchanged at
£1 for all who joined the Society before Whitsun 1976
£2 for all who joined after Whitsun 1976 but before Whitsun 1990
£3 for all who joined after 1990
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 2016
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 2015 which raised a total of £195. 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 2015 Whitsun Newsletter

Mr. F Parisi
Mr. D Askew
Mr. L Westerbeek

Mr. A Murray
Mr. J Pidgeon

Mr. K Pearson
Miss Christina Davies

Mr. P Sudell
Mr. S Morgan

PRIEST MEMBERS JUBILEES DURING 2016

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

PLATINUM JUBILEE OF PRIESTHOOD (1946-2016)

DIAMOND JUBILEE OF PRIESTHOOD (1956-2016)

Fr. John Dobson (15 July 1956) Lancaster Diocese
Fr. J Hubert Strowbridge (4 November 1956) Liverpool Archdiocese

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF PRIESTHOOD (1966-2016)

Fr. David Lannon (19 March 1966) Salford Diocese
Fr. Robert Livesey (7 June 1966) Salford Diocese
Fr. Patrick J McKeown (4 June 1966) Salford Diocese
Fr. Peter Foulkes (4 June 1966) Lancaster Diocese

RUBY JUBILEE OF PRIESTHOOD (1976-2016)

Fr. Thomas Connolly (4 September 1976) Salford Diocese
Fr. Anthony Gaskin (24 July 1976) Lancaster Diocese
Fr. Richard Sloan (9 May 1976) Liverpool Archdiocese

SILVER JUBILEE OF PRIESTHOOD (1991-2016)

Fr. Peter Gooden (22 June 1991) Salford Diocese
Mgr. Anthony Kay (29 June 1991) Salford Diocese
Fr. Peter Maloney (7 July 1991) Salford Diocese
Fr John McLoughlin (21 December 1991) Liverpool Archdiocese

AD MULTOS ANNOS

PETITIONS FOR ALMS IN 2016

*Applications should be forwarded to the Secretary no later than the 10th June, 2016.
If possible, a Priest familiar with the circumstances should support the petition.*

MINUTES OF THE 229TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WHIT TUESDAY – 26TH MAY 2015

The Vice Chairman, Tom Ibison, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone present and Fr David Elder led the prayers for our Holy Father, Pope Francis followed by the singing of God Bless Our Pope. The Vice Chairman informed everyone of Fr Peter's illness and gave an update on his progress. Lunch then followed which was enjoyed by all. After a short interval following the lunch, the Vice Chairman proposed the toast to the Queen and everyone joined in singing 'God Save the Queen' led by Chris Jenner.

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

- 1) Minutes of the AGM May 2014 - The Vice Chairman referred to the minutes which had been circulated. These 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) Rule Changes - Members were invited to confirm the Rule changes which the Board had deliberated over for some two years. The Rule changes had been previously circulated and were also on the dining room tables. All Rule changes were accepted by a show of hands.
- 4) 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. The Vice Chairman asked for a show of hands accepting this proposal. This was accepted. He went on to 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.
- 5) Board of Management - Mr. T Ibison and Mr. B Hargreaves's Term of Office as Members of the Board of Management were due to expire 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.
- 6) Membership - In order to keep the records up-to-date the Vice Chairman asked Members to notify the Secretary of any change of address and also to report any deaths of Members so that they could be included in the Masses for deceased Members. We need new and young members. Ladies are entitled to membership in their own name. Please supply the Secretary with your email address in order that you can be updated on a more regular basis.
- 7) Deceased Members - Finally the Vice Chairman asked Members to remember all deceased Members of the Society who had passed away since the last Annual General Meeting in 2014.

Mr. John Calvert proposed the toast to 'The Success to the Broughton Society'. John said it was his first time attending the lunch but having enjoyed it so much he now regrets having missed the previous 228! His reflections on The Prodigal Son, Barrow in Furness and the Political Scene were enjoyed by all. The reply was given by Fr Frankie Mulgrew who kept everyone amused with his anecdotes in relation to his family, his ordination and on a more serious note, his "Young Adults" group. It takes only one small stone to make a landslide so keep the landslides of love coming. "A Priest is for life not just for Christmas". Kindness begets kindness but hate begets hate. One outstanding act of kindness is like a glimpse of heaven on earth. Please visit www.northerncatholic.co.uk and consider taking part. This year the NCC is over the weekend of 17/18 and 19th June 2016 at Hope University Liverpool. Mr. Chris Jenner then led the meeting in "The Broughton Song".

Brigadier (Retired) Anthony Crawford CBE, JP then took the "stand" to propose the toast to 'The Bishops & Clergy of Lancashire'. Lancashire is still the heartland of the Catholic Faith in this country. It might be colder in the North but the people are warmer. He praised the work of the Bishops who had to manage a multi-million pound business but said that the parish priests are the backbone of the church and work extremely hard on behalf of each and every one of us. They all need our support and loyalty. They also need our prayers. The Most Rev Malcolm McMahon, Archbishop of Liverpool, replied on behalf of the Bishops and Priests of Lancashire and started by thanking "call me Tony", not Brigadier, for his kind words saying "I don't know why I'm doing the reply.....I'm a Cockney It's wonderful how they talk about Catholic Lancashire - I've closed more churches since I've been here in the last year that I did ever in my last Diocese". The church will continue along with its great heritage. On a more serious note, he mentioned the primary work of a Bishop and how we must all work together.

The toast to 'The President of the Year' then followed by Rev Fr. Kevin Lowry who outlined Mike's involvement in parish work to which Mr. Mike King replied by thanking the Trustees, Secretary, Treasurer and the officers who had assisted throughout the day as well as the Staff at the hotel.

Election of President/Vice President for 2015/2016:

Members confirmed the nomination of Mr. William Fleming as President, to represent the Liverpool Archdiocese for the year 2015/2016. Members also confirmed the nomination of Mr. Mike Bradley to be President for the year 2016/2017 representing the Salford Diocese. Members then approved both nominations with a show of hands.

Mr. Tom Ibison then installed Mr. William Fleming with the chain of office as President.

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