



THE BROUGHTON CATHOLIC CHARITABLE SOCIETY

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2015 WHITSUN NEWSLETTER

THE WHIT TUESDAY 229TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND LUNCH

will be held at
The Garstang Country Hotel & Golf Club, WHIT TUESDAY, 26th May, 2015
(12noon for 12.30pm)

THE COST WILL BE £20.00p 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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MEMBERS SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2015 ARE NOW DUE FROM ALL EXCEPT PRIESTS AND LIFE-MEMBERS

Membership is £10 upon joining and 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 currently 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 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.

VISIT TO THE SHRINE AT LADYEWELL SATURDAY 4TH JULY 2015

You are welcome to join us and celebrate Mass at the Shrine at 5.00pm. Tea/coffee will be available from 4.00pm onwards. There is ample parking on the car park situated between St Mary's Church and Ladyewell House.

Anyone with walking difficulties may park at the Shrine (space providing). (Sat Nav PR2 5ST)

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 Ribblesdale. Continue to the second roundabout, then turn left (signposted Ladyewell). Travel straight on for approximately 1/2 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 Ladyewell.

After the Mass, arrangements have been made for an evening meal for 6pm at the Preston Marriott Hotel, Garstang Road, Broughton, Preston PR3 5JB (3 course meal / tea or coffee £21.00 per person) in the "Broughton" restaurant.

Please indicate on the enclosed slip if you wish to stay for the evening meal which will be a set menu as per AGM & Christmas Lunch and will on this occasion consist of:

Country Vegetable Soup

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Chargrilled Chicken Breast with Chateau Potatoes,
Seasonal Vegetables, Red Wine and Baby Onion Sauce

Vegetarian Option will be available

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Strawberry Mascarpone Cheesecake with Fresh Cream and Berry Compote

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Tea & Coffee

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 2014 which raised a total of £264. 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 2014 Whitsun Newsletter

Rev Mgr John Corcoran	Mr M B Adamson	Mrs M Blackburn	Mr R Coleman
Rev Fr Frank Mulgrew	Mr S Aspden	Mr E Bolton	Mr M Connolly
Mr A Dabrowski	Mr A Denye	Mr M Finley	Mr N Hanley
Mr J Jennings	Mr B Murray	Mr B Orford	Mr A Pearson
Mr P Sephton	Mr J Sharples	Mr P Weatherhead	

PRIEST MEMBERS JUBILEES DURING 2015

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

PLATINUM JUBILEE OF PRIESTHOOD (1945-2015)

Rev. J. Kevin Ashton (26 May 1945) Liverpool Archdiocese
Rev. Canon Peter Cronin (10 June 1945) Liverpool Archdiocese
Rev. Canon Richard Firth (26 May 1945) Liverpool Archdiocese

DIAMOND JUBILEE OF PRIESTHOOD (1955-2015)

Rev. A. Kevin Snape (4 June 1955) Liverpool Archdiocese

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF PRIESTHOOD (1965-2015)

Rev. Anthony Reynolds (12 June 1965) Liverpool Archdiocese
Rev. Canon J. Kevin Kenny (12 June 1965) Salford Diocese
Rev. Valentine Farrell (6 June 1965) Lancaster Diocese
Rev. Francis Flynn (12 June 1965) Lancaster Diocese

RUBY JUBILEE OF PRIESTHOOD (1975-2015)

Rev. Dermot Heakin (21 June 1975) Salford Diocese
Rev. Christopher Cousens (12 July 1975) Lancaster Diocese

SILVER JUBILEE OF PRIESTHOOD (1990-2015)

Rev. Paul Daly (22 July 1990) Salford Diocese
Rev. David Gamble (21 July 1990) Liverpool Archdiocese
Rev. Canon Paul Embery (24 November 1990) Lancaster Diocese
Rev. Canon Luiz Ruscillo (21 July 1990) Lancaster Diocese

AD MULTOS ANNOS

PETITIONS FOR ALMS IN 2015

*Applications should be forwarded to the Secretary no later than the 9th June, 2015.
If possible, a Priest familiar with the circumstances should support the petition.*

MINUTES OF THE 2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WHIT TUESDAY - 10TH JUNE 2014

The Vice Chairman, Tom Ibbotson opened the meeting by welcoming everyone present and led the prayers for our Holy Father, Pope Francis which was followed by the singing of "God Bless Our Pope".

After a short interval following the lunch, the Vice Chairman informed the members of Fr. Peter Birmingham's continuing battle with cancer and consequently his non-attendance as Chairman due to a hospital appointment. He asked members to remember Fr. Peter in their prayers.

The Vice Chairman then advised members that he was going to deviate from the Agenda and invite Sir Peter Fahy, QPM to propose a toast to the "Success to the Broughton Society". Sir Peter apologised to the meeting, explaining that he had another meeting in Manchester scheduled for later in the afternoon. When the invitation had been accepted on his behalf to speak at the lunch, it had been thought, wrongly, that the Broughton Catholic Charitable Society was based in Broughton, Salford and it was only later, when additional paperwork for the meeting arrived was it discovered that another Broughton existed! He explained that he was a practising Catholic and is proud of that fact.

He kept the meeting amused with anecdotes of police work but also touched on the very serious side of policing. Most of the work is protecting vulnerable people as families breakdown due to poverty, alcohol abuse, elderly and domestic abuse. "You are at greater risk from someone you know rather than the stranger in the street". Budget cuts have made it more challenging - 1200 fewer police officers - but "vocation" is important in the way the police serve and protect people. Consequently the police need to encourage active communities, with people prepared to be involved in their communities looking out for the elderly and vulnerable. He appreciated that the Broughton Society care and are active. He ended by saying that it had been a real pleasure for him being with the members and at a Society with a remarkable history. He proposed a toast to the "Success of the Broughton Society".

The reply was given by Leo Casey who explained that he had 17 pages of notes but given that Sir Peter had to leave almost immediately, he would reduce it to 1 page! Leo thanked Sir Peter and responded with a police joke of his own relating to "avoiding family embarrassment". Broughton is a successful Society - this being the 228th AGM. Leo took members back in time and outlined facts and figures from the Society's history. The AGM has never been omitted even during the two world wars. He had been secretary for 20 years and during that time had introduced Ladyewell, President's Mass and the Christmas Lunch and made many friends along the way. Whoever succeeds as secretary should concentrate on this day, the AGM on Whit Tuesday, as it is the corner stone of this society. He thanked members for their prayers, Masses for himself and Veronica during his long illness. He concluded by thanking Sir Peter.

There was then a short break followed by a toast to The Queen, Duke of Lancaster by the Vice Chairman. This was followed by the National Anthem.

Treasurer's Report - The Vice Chairman referred to the financial statements and report which were on display in the Hotel's reception area, with abbreviated copies on each of the dining room tables and asked for a show of hands accepting the accounts. These were accepted.

Secretary's Report - The Vice Chairman then read the Secretary's report from Margaret Jenner. Margaret explained that she had enjoyed the role. She had been helped by Linda Forster who had taken over the membership but Margaret appreciated that that had made more work for individual members themselves. She reported on the Ladyewell, President's Mass & Presentation of Cheques in relation to the Petitions and Christmas Lunch 2013. Membership 1,119 (Priests 212, Lay Members 907) but many lay members are now lapsed and had not paid subscriptions for the last three years. She appreciated the help and guidance she had received from the Board but she was unable to carry on as secretary. The report was accepted by the members who indicated approval by a show of hands. The Vice Chairman thanked Margaret for her report and for standing in during very difficult times. He was very pleased that Leo was once again in the room and he gave a "special thank you" to Leo and Veronica for their achievements during his 20 years as secretary of the Society. He then made an appeal for the recruitment of new members and asked members to take it seriously. He then "pleaded" for someone to step forward to take on the role of secretary.

He then introduced Mgr John Marsland, President of Ushaw College, to propose a toast to the Bishops and Clergy of Lancashire. He stated that there were currently only two people resident at Ushaw - so plenty of spare room! As to the future of Ushaw - he was trying to make it into a Post-Graduate college of Durham University which could take a couple of years. It could possibly be a venue for a future trip for the "Broughton". Ushaw has also been used by film companies for some weird and wonderful programmes. There were more relics at Ushaw than in Rome. Hopefully the future for Ushaw and Broughton is bright and he hoped that we would have new members. He promised to become a member. He then proposed a toast to the Bishops and Clergy of Lancashire. Fr Paul Embery replied by thanking Mgr John Marsland and referred to the amount of good work Mgr Marsland was doing on behalf of all Catholics in relation to maintaining Ushaw as an ongoing, living building. Fr. Paul then made mention and contrasted Ushaw with Upholland which was still derelict. He then thanked, on behalf of the clergy, all the laity for the help they gave to them. He concluded by thanking Mgr Marsland.

Chris Jenner then led the members in the singing of "The Broughton Song".

The Vice Chairman then invited Fr. Jonathon Brandon to propose a toast to the retiring President of the Year, Paul Hatchman. Paul married Louise in 1984 and they have been married for 30 years with four lovely children. He has done a great deal for charity organisations primarily as a treasurer. We wish him good health and God's blessing.

Paul responded by thanking Fr. Brandon for his kind words. He thanked Tom and the staff of the Best Western, Garstang for a wonderful meal. He thanked the Board and the past presidents for their help and support. He thanked Leo for his dedication and long hours of work and Margaret for standing in at short notice. He thanked all the members for attending and wished them a safe journey home.

Board of Management - The Vice Chairman informed members that Mr. James Begley and Mr. Tony Baron'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 on behalf of the Salford Diocese. 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.

Alms - The Vice Chairman invited members to approve the granting of funds not exceeding £26,000 for the coming year to assist needy causes. This proposal was accepted by a show of hands. Members were reminded to consider petitions and put them forward to the Board, be it on behalf of individuals or organisations. A priest should support the petition. Members were reminded of the importance of supporting the needy especially during these times of austerity.

Election of President 2014/15 - Members confirmed the nomination of Mr. Mike King. Mike was then presented with the Chain of Office.

Election of President-Elect 2015/16 - Members confirmed the nomination of Mr. William Fleming.

The Vice Chairman then asked Mr. Chris Jenner to lead the members in Faith of Our Fathers whilst reminding them of the importance of finding a Secretary for the society. The meeting then closed.