

SALISBURY CATENIANS NEWSLETTER

October 2025



Province 11 Circle 266
Founded 14th March 1972
Current membership 25

Circle Website: <https://www.salisburycatenians.org>



September Circle meeting



At this month's meeting we were joined by the new headmaster for St Josephs School, Matthew Higgins, along with RE Teacher and School Chaplain, Otto Blaho-Schlogl. After our meal Matthew spoke about



his first year at St Josephs and his aims for the future, including building closer ties with Salisbury Catenians. The Catenian Cup which is awarded each year will reflect pupils who show Catholic values in the life of the school. After a difficult

few years for the school it was most encouraging to hear the positive developments at St Joseph's. Matthew spoke most warmly of the school and how the chaplaincy and values of Catholic Social Teaching are embodied in the ethos of the school. St Joseph's is reestablishing the chapel and also obtaining funding for a sports hall. School GCSE results showed a marked improvement, which was a great cause for celebration by the pupils and staff, and will reflect on those children seeking a secondary education. At the end of the headmaster's talk Salisbury Catenians and their wives toasted St Joseph's School Staff and pupils.

Editors Note: Coincidentally, a week after Matthews visit to our circle, the Salisbury Journal carried an informative article under the heading "A secondary school is celebrating a transformational year since a change of leadership last September."

Words courtesy of Bro. Steve Carravick, picture by Bro. Albert Rhodes.

This Month

Tuesday 14th Council mtg;
Zoom 7.00pm.

Thursday 23rd Circle mtg (Ladies); 12:00, Registration from 11:45am.

Anniversaries

Enrolments:

David Morehead 24yrs,
Allan Trowbridge 14 yrs

Birthdays:

Ziggy Kajota
Graham Brown
Michael Cairnes
David Moehead

Ladies Birthdays:

Melinda Hilliard
Mary Gillen

Wedding Anniversaries:

Gary & Gillie Porter
Richard & Melinda Hilliard

See end of the Newsletter for the "Circle Meetings & Dinner Planner" and also the "Events Diary"

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Catenian Rosaries for Schools

We are delighted to have had the opportunity to support our young people and our Catholic schools. This month Brothers Kevin Lynn and Albert Rhodes delivered 120 rosaries to St Osmund's School, Salisbury. They were welcomed by Headmaster Richard Sanderson and introduced to several young students. It was lovely to see the strength of faith in the school. Brother Steve Carrivick and his wife Maureen delivered 95 rosaries to St Mary's School, Marnhull and were welcomed by the Headmistress Sharon Betts. She was delighted to receive the rosaries and especially the support from the Catenians. Both schools will have the rosaries blessed at school services.

Association Vote

Brothers, please remember there is a vote on the wording of the constitution change from MEN to LAITY. Please urgently record your vote by emailing Brother Secretary so that all votes can be collected and sent for recording. Vote: YES, NO, or ABSTAIN.

Dining Matters – Reminder

This month we switch to lunchtime meetings for the winter period where we will be joined by our Ladies.

Also this month, the price of Circle meals will increase as follows, 2 courses will be £31 and 3 courses will be £35. The intention is that all future meals will be 2 courses except for the Christmas Party and our Charter Night, both of which will be 3 courses. Exceptions may be made for other special occasions.

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Circle Meeting, Thursday 23rd

October (Ladies)

Meeting 12:00

Registration from 11:45pm

Dress Code: Smart Casual

Dinning Cost: £31

Brothers are kindly asked to advise the Dining Secretary Steve Carrivick of their dining intentions, menu selection plus any dietary requirements, especially allergies, no later than the preceding SUNDAY.

Main Course

Maple Glazed Slow cooked Pork Belly, Maple and Mustard Cream Sauce.
Roast Fillet of Sea Bass with Prawn Sauce.
Breast of Chicken with a Wild Mushroom and Tarragon Cream Sauce.
Creamy Broccoli and Pea Gnocchi with Pesto and Parmesan.
Served with Potatoes and Vegetables.

Dessert

Frangipane Tart, Vanilla Custard.
Blueberry Crème Brulee, Shortbread Biscuit.
Triple Chocolate Tart, Chantilly Cream.
White Hart Orange and Whisky Bread and Butter Pudding with Toffee Sauce and Vanilla Ice-cream.
Fresh Fruit Salad.

Don't forget your tickets for the Salisbury Swindle

Each square selected costs only £2, with a monthly prize of £20. The draw takes place after the monthly circle meeting during the meal. Squares may be purchased on the night or you can choose from the available numbers and pay in advance, see our Treasurer for details. Profits go to the Presidents Charities, which this year is the Parish Poor Fund.

Brothers are reminded that photographs may be taken at our Circle functions for inclusion in the Newsletter and our website unless an objection has been notified. Please advise any of your visitors accordingly.

Officers

President	Kevin Lynn	Vice President	Gary Porter
Imm. Past President	Steve Carrivick	Provincial Councillor	Joe Falzon
Secretary	Albert Rhodes	Treasurer	Allan Trowbridge
Presidents Marshall	Ziggy Kajota	Registrar	David Gillen
Welfare	John Detain	Charities	Phil Jones
Dining Secretary	Steve Carrivick	Benevolence Board	David Morehead
Membership	<i>vacant</i>	Chamberlain	David Morehead
Press & Publicity	Eamon Duffin	Newsletter & Website	Richard Verrian

Province 11 Website: <https://province11.catena.org.uk/homeProvince.aspx>

Catenian Website: <https://thecatenians.com>

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Poets Corner

By Brother Eric

Equinox

The first day of autumn tests the leaves' hold.
Chilling gusts rattle windows, scoop the river,
Ruffle hair and feathers, clouds grow bold,
Smother the sun: we wake with a shiver
To premonitions of scarves and buttoned coats,
Closing doors, encroaching nights, as the cold
Stiffens bones, freezes the twigs' quiver.

The silt of memories stirred by the piercing notes
Of the robin's recall, sifted and shifting, brings
Images of change that merge with the leaves' release,
Move me like the awaited surprise of spring:
Its soft unhurried opening of tight buds will ease
The birth of fresh supple gestures of greeting,
Waving in the echoing sunshine's mirror,

Threshing through the lilt of summer, the old
Refrain renewed and renewing, gleam and glimmer
Of light in darkness, death into life, our tale told
To the beat of the great tit hammering its anvil,
The blackbird's serenades to sunsets, singing
With the robin into the wind, voices that will,
Please God, resound in the cease of winter.

Sacrament 1

Communion cleaves to my palate,
manna melting in a snowflake's memory
in my bowed amen as

the shuffling queue is consumed,
fragments into each soul's content,
our daily bread distributed.

My groping path to our pew through
abandoned coats and service sheets
to vowed renewal of thanks -

that we can be here together again,
women children men stepping to proffer
trusting tongue or cupped hand

to receive loving mercy taken into
humbled happiness as companions
come to share a taste of mystery.

Sacrament 2

We are God's body and God is ours.
We are gathered here by that fact, so
simply profound we need it

to take and eat, so precious this gift
of life from our Creator's willed death,
first and last testament to

the sole truth we need to remember each
grateful day that finds us somehow alive,
able to hear the voice in

one another's love that sings the single song
through all creation's quantum pulses vibrating
the furthest stars, its diapason

resounding ineffably in every rising new
-born cry and dying breath to heaven, above
its sustaining drone held to intone

the astounding wonder of a mere wafer
transferring eternity to the tip of my tongue
silenced by the unspeakable.

Eric Williams, Salisbury 20 August 2025

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Events Diary

Date	Event	Notes
Thursday 02 October	Weymouth Circle -60 year scroll event.	Circle Visit - to Weymouth Circle.
Friday 03 October	Jersey Weekend.	Details in email. Steve and Maureen Carrivick attending.
Tuesday 07 October	Military Icon Blessing. Guests invited who have donated to the cost of the ICON.	Aldershot Cathedral 1400hrs several from our circle attending. The event is also being livestreamed. (The link has been sent by separate email)
Tuesday 14 October	Funeral Mass for Helen Ahern, daughter of David and Mary Gillen.	St Gregory's Church Salisbury at 1130am
Tuesday 21 October	Westminster Cathedral.	Coach trip arranged -pickup at Salisbury.
Saturday 12 October	Provincial Council Meeting	Southampton
Wednesday 12 November	Deceased Brothers Mass	10am at St Gregory's Church, Salisbury.
15 -21 November	Malta Week.	Details circulated by Joe Falzon.
Wednesday 10 December	Christmas Party.	No meeting
11 – 13 December 2025	Christmas at the Medieval Hall. If sufficient interest Eric and Gary will arrange. Please indicate interest. Sales open 10 October. Can we arrange a group on one day.	 https://www.celebratevoice.co.uk/whats-on-2025.html
TBA	Michael Cairns – 60 Year scroll presentation.	Invite National President Gerry McCormack to attend and make the presentation. Visit M Cairns at home in Worcester in November.
20 – 23 March 2026	Provincial weekend Prices reasonable and great venue: Send in your booking form as soon as possible.	Provincial event at Cricket St Thomas, Chard. Booking form circulated. Support this event. A weekend with friends from around Province 11.

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Meetings & Dinner Planner 2025 – 26

Month	Date	Lunch / Dinner	Courses	Gents / ladies	Mtg Time	Meal Start
April ^{Note 1}	Thursday 24 th	Evening	Two	Gents	1800	1930
May	Thursday 22 nd	Evening	Three	Gents & Ladies	1830	1930
June	Thursday 26 th	Evening	Two	Gents	1830	1930
July	Thursday 24 th	Evening	Three	Gents & Ladies	1830	1930
August ^{Note 2}	Thursday 28 th	Evening	Two	Gents & Ladies	1830	1930
September	Thursday 25 th	Evening	Three	Gents & Ladies	1830	1930
October	Thursday 23 rd	Lunch	Two	Gents & Ladies	1200	1300
November	Thursday 27 th	Lunch	Two	Gents & Ladies	1200	1300
December ^{Note 3}	Wednesday 10 th	Evening	Three	Gents & Ladies	1800	1900
January	Thursday 22 nd	Lunch	Two	Gents & Ladies	1200	1300
February	Thursday 26 th	Lunch	Two	Gents & Ladies	1200	1300
March ^{Note 4}	Thursday 26 th	Evening	Three	Gents & Ladies	1830	1930

1. April, earlier start time due to AGM immediately before Circle meeting.
2. August, joint meeting with Andover Circle (Hosted by Salisbury in 2025).
3. December, Christmas Party, no meeting, no dress code. Arrival/Drinks from 1800.
4. March, Charter Night, Black Tie or Lounge Suit.

Registration commences 15 mins prior to meeting time: i.e. 1145 or 1815.

Two course meal comprises Main & Dessert.

Lunchtime meetings Oct/Nov & Jan/Feb