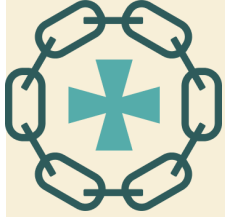


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Province 11 Circle 266  
Founded 14<sup>th</sup> March 1972  
Current membership 27

Circle Website: [www.salisburycatenians.org](http://www.salisburycatenians.org)



## Cruising with Joe & Josephine

### Building Faith and Community at Sea:

#### The Formation of a Rosary Group on the Queen Victoria

During our current cruise aboard the Queen Victoria, a simple idea from fellow Catenian, Bro. Tom McGovern of Aberdeen Circle (107), has grown into something far more profound. What started as an informal gathering for daily prayer among four passengers has blossomed into a vibrant Rosary Group, now bringing together thirteen passengers from all walks of life and nationalities in a shared sense of spiritual purpose as we journey together.

It is no surprise that this modest initiative has gained such momentum. Each day, more passengers join us, eager to participate in this prayerful solidarity. What began as a simple act has now become a regular feature of our days at sea, as we gather to pray for peace, guidance and unity.

But the spirit of this group did not stop there. As a beautiful extension of our efforts, we introduced the recorded streaming of the 9am Sunday Mass from the Parish St. Osmund's, Salisbury, on Sunday 19th January whilst in the middle of the lumpy North Atlantic. This made sure that, irrespective of location or time zone, no one missed this important ritual.

On the following Sunday, January 26th, we were fortunate to be in Barbados, where our Rosary Group, along with passengers from other cruise ships in the area, gathered at the stunning Cathedral of Saint Patrick for a truly uplifting live Mass. The Caribbean rhythm of the hymns and responses made for an especially joyful experience, and the beauty of the setting



provided the perfect backdrop for reflection and connection—not only with fellow travellers aboard the Queen Victoria, but with others from all

## This Month

**Friday 7th Life In The Spirit;** In the Parish Centre after the St Osmunds 7.00pm Mass. See last page for further details.

**Tuesday 11th Pub Lunch;** Charlies Kitchen (Turkish), Endless Street, Salisbury, 12:15 for 12:30. Contact Bro Richard if planning to attend.

**Tuesday 11th Council mtg;** Zoom 7.00pm.

**Thursday 27th Circle Meeting;** Ladies Invited, Registration from 11:45. Meeting starts at 12:00 & Lunch at 1.00pm.

## Anniversaries

### Enrolments:

Steve Carrivick 23yrs  
Charles Sultana de Maria 30yrs  
David Gillen 7yrs  
Bob Wells 1yr  
Gary Porter 35yrs  
Graham Brown 15yrs

### Birthdays:

Eamon Duffin  
Richard Verrian

### Ladies Birthdays:

Mary Cairns  
Madelaine Sadler  
Margaret Godwin  
Pam Trowbridge

### Wedding Anniversaries:

None

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corners of the world, united in faith and the shared joy of worship.

As we continue our journey, it is clear that this group has become a cherished part of our experience, reminding us that faith, like community, knows no bounds. With Lent approaching, we look forward to more memorable moments as we approach the Equator and continue our journey around South America.

*Inside St Patrick's Cathedral—Barbados*



*The Queen Victoria Rosary Group*

Standing: Tom and Caroline (Scotland), Joe (Malta), Tony (Washington, Northumbria), Bob (Florida, USA), Danielle (New York, USA), Marilyn (Iowa, USA)

Seated: Josephine (Malta), Deb (Indiana, USA), Grace and Michael (Bournemouth), Andrew (Tunbridge Wells), Patricia (Trinidad and Tobago)



*The Cruising Catenians*

Tom and Caroline McGovern (Aberdeen Circle)

Josephine and Joe Falzon (Salisbury, Mensija, & San Pawl Circles)

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## Circle Meeting, Thursday 27th Feb 2025

### Ladies Invited

### Meeting 1200

Registration from 11:45am

Dress Code: Smart Casual

Dinning Cost: £27

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



### Main Course

Breast of Chicken with Leek & Bacon Cream Sauce.

Braised Blade of Beef, Red Wine and Shallot Sauce.

Grilled Fillet of Cod topped with a Herb Crumb and Hollandaise Sauce.

Vegetable Tian topped with Mozzarella and rich Tomato Coulis.

Served with Roast Potatoes and Vegetables.

### Dessert

Brioche Bread and Butter Pudding with Custard.

Tangy Lemon and White Chocolate Parfait, Raspberry Compote.

Apple Tarte Tatin with Clotted Cream.

Fresh Fruit Salad in Meringue with Chantilly Cream.

### 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, then you still have a chance of wining even if you're no attending on the night. Profits go to the Presidents Charity. As ever your generosity is much appreciated.

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.

### Circle Officers

<b>President</b>	Steve Carrivick	<b>Vice President</b>	Kevin Lynn
<b>Imm. Past President</b>	Michael Presley	<b>Provincial Councillor</b>	Joe Falzon
<b>Secretary</b>	Albert Rhodes	<b>Treasurer</b>	Allan Trowbridge
<b>Presidents Marshall</b>	Eric Williams	<b>Registrar</b>	David Gillen
<b>Welfare</b>	John Detain	<b>Charities</b>	Phil Jones
<b>Dining Secretary</b>	David Morehead	<b>Benevolence Board Chairman</b>	David Morehead
<b>Newsletter &amp; Website</b>	Richard Verrian	<b>Chamberlain</b>	David Morehead
<b>Press &amp; Publicity</b>	Eamon Duffin		

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## Poets Corner

By Brother Eric

### Seasonal Joys—Winter 2025

#### Haiku for the New Year

Spring's premonition:  
searching through the last dead leaves  
birds call out unseen

#### Late January Afternoon

I saw cloud dissolving in a fine soft mist of drizzling rain,  
Bare branches swaying slowly in winter's thawing trance,  
Delicate light stealing through the lengthening hours again,  
Pale hazel catkins and snowdrops presaging *primavera's* dance:  
Silent movement of the gathering spring's stealthy advance  
Healing the desolate undergrowth of absence and pain,  
Stirring roots and shoots into bristling life to enhance  
The assurance of living, that love's hope does remain.

#### A bird plays its two notes in the garden

A bird plays its two notes in the garden  
pumps them like a piston  
insistent, resisting the clinging persistent cold  
restores distant echoes of the forest  
where I longed for you  
tracking the seasons' path through the years  
recalls a closer memory, a few weeks ago  
these notes piercing the rolling  
rumble and screech of another morning's traffic  
rediscovers this heart-stopping surprise in  
the pre-echo of spring's voice  
renewing, brightening, glowing gold

#### Transformations

summer's evening glow:  
dusk holding heat in pavements  
echoes of laughter  
winter's smoothing snow:  
walking towards the future  
our footprints submerged

Eric William  
February 2025

#### Note from Eric—Life In The Spirit, 7th February

As readers of my work, you may be interested in coming to the forthcoming session of the monthly Life In The Spirit talks held on the first Friday of each month in the St Osmund's Parish Centre at 7pm following Mass. I shall be sharing how poetry is central to my spiritual life, with readings by Glynis Yeomans, Martin Turner and Oltea Williams, including from my poems. The presentation is timed for an hour, and printed copies of texts that will be recited will be available for you to follow during the session and take home afterwards. I am grateful for the invitation to contribute to the Life In The Spirit programme, as it gives me an opportunity to share my faith through my writing with friends and fellow worshippers. I hope you are free to come and find the evening enjoyable. If you cannot make it on 7 February, I understand that a video recording will be available on the parish website afterwards.