

SHEFFIELD AWAITS

Friendship in faith and fun



Mark and Maxine

At the time of composing this it is still October, but when you receive it, Christmas celebrations, the time of celebrating with family and friends will have passed and New Year's resolutions will have been made and possibly broken – certainly in my case, as I reach for the last piece of cake or glass of wine because it would be a shame to leave it.

We have had a couple of years now, due to the pandemic, when it has been harder for us all to get together and enjoy meeting and socialising. We will have the opportunity to put that behind us in the vibrant city of Sheffield, a city packed full of culture, with vast green spaces to enjoy before settling down in one of the many places to eat and drink.

The Brothers and ladies of Provinces 3 North and 3 South are looking forward to welcoming you all. They have been working hard, ably led by director John Tweddle to create a great programme of events for the weekend. This includes a walk on the hills above Sheffield, and a gin distillery or brewery tour. For those wishing to venture a little further, Chatsworth House and the Peak District are not far away by car. A golf competition has been arranged for the Friday at the renowned Hillsborough Golf Club set on the hills above Sheffield.

For those who wish to start the conference early, Sheffield Hallamshire Circle will hold their May 2023 meeting on Thursday 18th at the Crown Plaza Royal Victoria Hotel. This will be a ladies' evening with dinner.



The conference programme starts on Friday 19 May with the GBNC AGM in the afternoon. Brothers and ladies will be most welcome. On Friday night, Maxine and I look forward to welcoming everybody at the reception in the Ballroom at Sheffield City Hall.

The City Hall Ballroom is also the venue for the Saturday morning conference and Sunday morning Mass. Our keynote speaker is Tom Baptist, Nottingham diocese director of chaplaincies for Lady of Lourdes CMAT. The conference Mass will be celebrated by the Reverend Ralph Heskett CSsR, Bishop of Hallam, the 'bishop for youth' and a board member of CYMFed, the Catholic Youth Ministry Federation.

The Crown Plaza Royal Victoria is the conference hotel. The AGM and the Saturday night banquet will be held there. The other hotels we are using are the Novotel, Mercure St Paul's, and the Hampton by Hilton.

For Brothers and ladies who wish to attend the banquet, we have Sir John Battle, *Universe* columnist and former MP, as the guest speaker. We will also be joined by the Lord Mayor of Sheffield for the evening. For those who wish to celebrate with music and dancing there is the carnival ball at the Ballroom in City Hall, hosted by the new national vice president to The Magnetics, a local soul band with a great brass section.

Maxine and I hope you will take this opportunity to meet up with fellow Catenian families, to meet some old friends and make new ones. Why not make it an extra Circle weekend and come as a group? Come and meet people that you have only seen on a screen. Most importantly of all, come and have a fun weekend.



Banquet Guest Speaker Right Honourable Sir John Battle KC*SG

Born in Bradford in 1951, Sir John is married to Mary Meenan, originally from Belfast. They have three grown up children.

Sir John studied for the priesthood at Upholland College until 1972, before going to Leeds University, where he did a degree and research.

He set up the charity Church Action on Poverty and was its first director.

From 1980 to 1987, he served as Leeds city councillor, and in 1987 he was elected to Parliament for Leeds West. He worked on economic briefs and housing, and between 1997 and 2001 he served as minister of state, first in Trade and Industry, then in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. In 2001 he was appointed to Privy Council and was the government envoy to faith communities.

He stepped down from frontline politics in 2010 and in retirement he volunteers for local community projects, including the St Vincent de Paul, Citizens Organisation, and Bramley Baths social enterprise.

Sir John is the current chair of the Pastoral Council of the diocese of Leeds, a trustee of Las Casas Institute in Oxford, and pro chancellor at Leeds Trinity University. He is also an adviser to the Living Wage Foundation.

In 2022, he was knighted in the New Year's honours list.



Conference Keynote Speaker Tom Baptist

Tom currently works for the Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi Academy Trust in the Nottingham Diocese, as Director of Chaplaincy – supporting all of the staff and students across the trust to live out their faith and celebrate our Catholic Identity.

His work involves leading and supporting lay chaplains, apprentices and school staff to live out, share and celebrate faith with the 13000 young people in across the trust's 36 schools.

Tom pioneered the use of apprenticeship pathways in lay chaplaincy and continues to support this important pathway on a national level.

Before coming to OLOL, Tom was the Director of Youth Services for the Diocese of Nottingham, working with our schools and parishes to coordinate the provision for young people.

Outside of work, Tom is blessed with an amazing wife and two awesome children and when not building dens and going on adventures, he can usually be found gaming or 3d Printing in his attic!



Weekend Programme

Thursday 18 May

19.00	Sheffield Hallamshire Circle's meeting preceded by Mass at St Marie's Cathedral at 17.30 for the feast of the Ascension. Registers open at 18.30. Lounge suits. Dinner to follow the meeting at a cost of £32 Bookings to Tony Siverns: sheff218sec@hotmail.co.uk Tel: 07810 802323 or Andrew Neal: neals@blueyonder.co.uk Tel: 07751 551137.	Crowne Plaza Royal Victoria
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Friday 19 May

9am onwards	Golf tournament for the Raymond Rand and Tom Wolfendon trophies	Hillsborough Golf Club
10.00	Ramble: see full details below	
13.00	GBNC AGM	Crowne Plaza Royal Victoria
18.30 for 19.00	Dinner: lounge suits, £30 per person	City Hall Ballroom
20.30	Civic reception and welcome: The Lord Mayor of Sheffield, councillor Sioned-Mair Richards. Presentation of membership trophy and golf trophies, lounge suits	City Hall Ballroom
22.30	Evening ends	

Saturday 20 May

9.30	Annual conference: Keynote speaker Tom Baptist, director of chaplaincy, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi-Academy Trust, Nottingham Jacket and tie, ladies welcome	City Hall Ballroom
10.40	Coffee break	
12.30	Conference ends	
13.00	Buffet lunch: £20	Crowne Plaza Royal Victoria
18.30 for 19.00	Banquet: hosted by GB national president Mark Conroy Guest speaker: The Right Hon Sir John Battle KC*SG Formal dress, £45 per person	Crowne Plaza Royal Victoria
18.30 for 19.00	Carnival: hosted by GB national vice president Andrew Sowerby Music by The Magnetics, formal dress, £50	City Hall Ballroom

Sunday 21 May

10.30	Conference Mass: principal celebrant The Right Reverend Ralph Heskett CSsR, Bishop of Hallamshire, lounge suits	City Hall Ballroom
12.30 for 13.00	Farewell lunch Lounge suits, £33 per person	Crowne Plaza Royal Victoria



Travel

Coaches will be available at a cost of £20 per person for those staying in the Crowne Plaza Royal Victoria, for travel to and from the hotel to City Hall for Friday's welcome dinner, conference and Mass. It will be more cost-effective for those staying in city centre hotels attending the banquet, and residents of the Crowne Plaza attending the carnival, to travel by taxi. The approximate cost will be £7. Whilst Sheffield City Council has announced that the City Centre clean air zone will go live on February 27th, 2023, private cars will not be subject to a charge.

Conference Ties

Ties can be pre-ordered from Tony Deighton for £10. Please email tonydeighton1@virginmedia.com with your address details and the tie will be sent by post. You can view the design of the tie on the conference pages of the Association's website.

Golf Tournament

The competition for ladies and Brothers will take place at the Hillsborough Golf Club, Worrall Road, Sheffield S6 4BE on Friday 19 May.

www.hillsboroughgolfclub.co.uk, 0114 234 9151

Arrival from 09.00. First tee from 09.30. The cost of £28 includes 18 holes of golf.

Four buggies only are available for hire on a first come first served basis, £25 each. Please book directly with the club. Please contact Chris L'Estrange (Huddersfield Circle) at chris.lestrange@sky.com or 07740 624989. Chris will give you payment instructions.



Gin Distillery Visit

A visit is planned to the distillery in Sheffield on the Friday. Further details will be published in due course.

Ramble

There will be a five-mile Grindleford Circular walk in the Peak District on the Friday before the conference, including a visit to the medieval Padley Martyrs Chapel at the end.

Grindleford-Circular.pdf (letsgopeakedistrict.co.uk)

In the spirit of the ramblers of yore, this walk will be accessible by train from Sheffield station, departing at 10.14, arriving 10.29. Return 14.49/15.49, arriving 15.05/16.06. Current fare £5.10 return.

Please reserve your place on the booking form.

Conference Hotels

The booking process for conference hotels will commence on 3 January 2023. Details of hotel facilities, policies and prices can be found below.

Brothers are requested to book their rooms in accordance with the instructions below, quoting 'The Catenian Association' unless otherwise stated. Credit/debit card details will secure bookings.

In case of any difficulty, please contact conference organiser Paul Henderson on 01665 721941 or 07944 724197.

Please note:

- Prices quoted for all hotels are for B&B only.
- Friday's dinner will be at City Hall. Saturday buffet lunch will only be available at the Crowne Plaza.
- Both meals must be booked via the ticket application form.

Crown Plaza Victoria (designated conference hotel)

Victoria Station Road,
Sheffield S4 7YE

	Thursday bed and breakfast PER ROOM per night		Friday/Saturday bed and breakfast PER ROOM per night		Sunday bed and breakfast PER ROOM per night	
	Twin/double occupancy	Single occupancy	Twin/double occupancy	Single occupancy	Twin/double occupancy	Single occupancy
Standard double	£129	£119	£129	£119	£85	£85
Standard twin bedded	£129	£119	£129	£119	£85	£85
Deluxe twin bedded	£149	£149	£149	£149	£149	£149
Junior suite	£189	£169	£189	£169	£189	£169

Bookings will be accepted until 18 March 2023 by using the online booking link on the conference page on the Association website or by contacting the reservations team on 0114 252 6511(09.00-17.00) or stay@cpsheffield.co.uk

NB Twin bedded rooms benefit from two double beds.
Complimentary car parking available but cars must be registered at reception

Mercure St Paul's (designated conference hotel)

119 Norfolk Street, Sheffield S1 2JE
Tel: 0114 278 2000

	Thursday bed and breakfast PER ROOM per night		Friday/Saturday bed and breakfast PER ROOM per night		Sunday bed and breakfast PER ROOM per night	
	Twin/double occupancy	Single occupancy	Twin/double occupancy	Single occupancy	Twin/double occupancy	Single occupancy
Standard	£159	£149	£159	£149	£159	£149

Bookings will be accepted by telephone: 0114 278 2000 (reservations) quoting 'Catenians 2023'.

Free cancellation up to 30 days prior to arrival.

A multistorey car park is available at Q Park on Charles Street at a discounted rate rate of £15 per day.
Bookings will only be accepted until 31 January 2023.

Novotel

50 Arundel Gate, Sheffield S4 7YE
Tel: 0113 396 9005



Standard

Thursday bed and breakfast
PER ROOM per night

Twin/double
occupancy

£155

Single
occupancy

£145

Friday/Saturday bed and breakfast
PER ROOM per night

Twin/double
occupancy

£155

Single
occupancy

£145

Sunday bed and breakfast
PER ROOM per night

Twin/double
occupancy

£155

Single
occupancy

£145

Please telephone the hotel on 0113 396 9005 quoting 'Catenians' to reserve rooms.
A car park is available at the hotel at a cost of £13.50 per day on a first come, first served basis.
Bookings accepted until 28 February 2023.

Hampton by Hilton

West Bar Green, Sheffield 1 2DA
Tel: 0114 3999 0999



Standard

Thursday bed and breakfast
PER ROOM per night

Twin/double
occupancy

£149

Single
occupancy

£149

Friday/Saturday bed and breakfast
PER ROOM per night

Twin/double
occupancy

£149

Single
occupancy

£149

Sunday bed and breakfast
PER ROOM per night

Twin/double
occupancy

£99

Single
occupancy

£99

Bookings can be made using the hotel's online booking facility,
the link for which is on the conference page of the Association's website.
Parking is available at the hotel on a first come, first served basis at a cost of £12.50 per day.
Bookings will be accepted until 31 March 2023.

A Note From Paul Henderson, Conference Organiser

It has proved most difficult this year to secure a suitable allocation of rooms from the hotels in Sheffield and it is recommended that bookings are made as soon as possible. I had hoped to include the Leopold Hotel (0114 252 4000); however, a change in company policy resulted in the withdrawal of the allocation. The hotel is located close to City Hall and bookings may be made by contacting the hotel directly or using third party booking agencies such as Booking.com and Trivago.

Conference Function Tickets

Please book your tickets online using the online ticket application form at: <https://bit.ly/3ynkA4m>

This can also be found as a clickable link on the conference page of the Association website.

The booking line will open on 3 January and close on 21 April 2023.

Pre-booking is required for entry to all functions and events, including the conference meeting and Mass.

There will be a £5 administration fee per person for all bookings except those attending conference and/or Mass only.

If you have any queries, please contact Charlie Villa: ticketsecretary@thecatenians.com