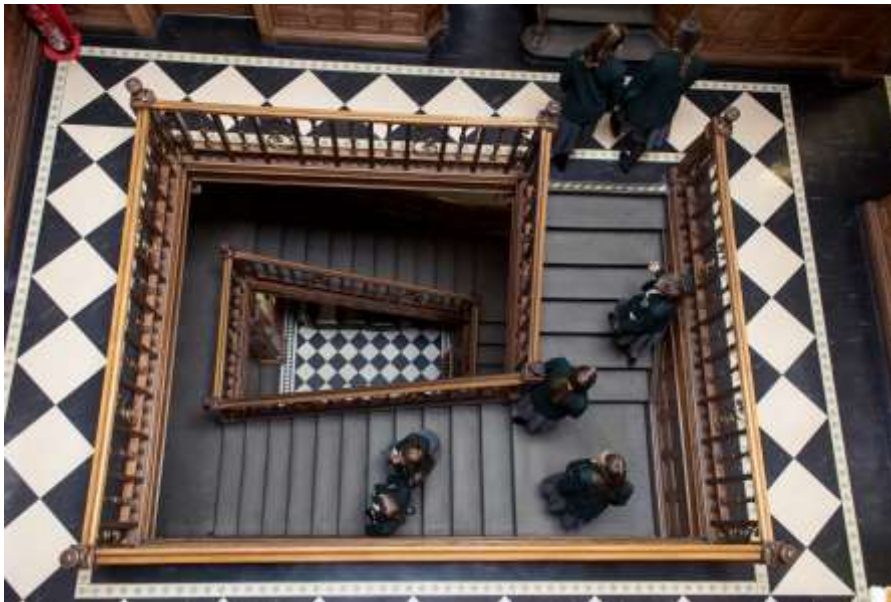




## Stay Safe



Welcome to the last in this series of our “Keeping In Touch” lockdown bulletins. If you took part in the recent OA Survey, then thank you for taking the time. We are still wading through the comments and aim to feed back at some point, but the main themes centred around:-

- regular communications, online access to school archives,
- availability of online talks on specific topics careers/mentoring for young OAs.

We were able to make a start on archive materials last week with our rogues’ gallery of Faces, but today we are looking at [Places](#).

The importance of place and the connection you have all had with the College during your formative years binds you together, so, this edition is dedicated to the bricks and mortar.

From Charlotte Street in the East End in 1859 – to the Collegiate School at 21 Dalhousie Street (which became St Aloysius’ College in 1866), we take a look at the much-loved John Ogilvie Hall in the South Side and the Millerston playing fields to the North East of our city. The footprint of the school has expanded and today is our “city centre campus”, so our new(ish) buildings are also included in this glimpse into the College, past and present.

## Introducing Piping Legend Fred Morrison (1980)



Fred Morrison, one of our new inductees into the OA Hall of Fame, talks about learning to play the pipes, and how the current situation is affecting the piping world.

“I learned from my dad who came from the island of South Uist, where piping has been a very strong part

of the culture for generations. Many members of my family played – uncles and other relatives - and it was just like a way of life learning the pipes. South Uist was known for having a very musical, expressive style of playing, which I still use today.

“The current situation really has had a major impact on performing. I had a full month’s coast to coast tour of Canada scheduled for May which had to be cancelled, which was a big disappointment, as there were a lot of terrific venues and many of them had been sold out in advance and I had been so looking forward to it. Also, in the Summer there are already some major celtic festivals cancelled, including Ortigueira and Lorient, which are probably the two biggest celtic festivals in the world.

“Looking forward, I always go to the US in October, and I’m keeping my fingers crossed, but with the way things have been, it’s beginning to seem unlikely also.

“I have been planning a live online concert that I will try to broadcast at some point and hopefully that will give some of the people who wanted to come along a chance to get a listen.

“I would like to wish everyone at home all the best and hope that things will resume to normality as soon as it is safe and healthy for all.”

Fred has shared a [video](#) with us , from the Transatlantic Sessions programme, on the BBC, with a medley: Farewell to Uist, The Lochaber Badger, RIP the Badger.

Viewing time: 4 mins.

## Brain teaser

Last week's correct answer was:

31 Head Masters since 1859, and the winner was:

Tom Ralph who has chosen an OA Tie as his prize.

This week's brain teaser:

What is next in this sequence of numbers:

1, 11, 21, 1211, 111221, 312211, \_\_\_\_\_?

We'll announce the winner in next week's Hill Street News.  
Answers as usual to [alumni@stalloysius.org](mailto:alumni@stalloysius.org).

This week's prize is your choice of a St Aloysius' mug or tie.



## On This Day ...

Happy birthday to any of our OAs who celebrate their birthday today, 10 June. Other eminent Gemini personalities who share the same birthday are Judy Garland and P. D. K. Philip. Did you know that, on this day, in the year:-

- 1692 The first victim of the Salem witch trials, Bridget Bishop, is hanged for witchcraft in the colony of Massachusetts
- 1829 The Oxford team won the first-ever Oxford and Cambridge University Boat Race
- 1944 Nazi forces massacre of 642 civilians in the French village Oradour-sur-Glane
- 1966 Beatles "Paperback Writer" is released in UK
- 1977 Apple Computer ships its first Apple II computers
- 1977 James Earl Ray (Martin Luther King's killer) escapes from prison

## Jokes of the Week

### A Vision

A Jesuit, a Dominican, and a Franciscan were walking along an old road, debating the greatness of their orders.

Suddenly, an apparition of the Holy Family appeared in front of them, with Jesus in a manger and Mary and Joseph praying over him.

The Franciscan fell on his face, overcome with awe at the sight of God born in such poverty. The Dominican fell to his knees, adoring the beautiful reflection of the Trinity and the Holy Family.

The Jesuit walked up to Joseph, put his arm around his shoulder, and said, "So, have you thought about where to send him to school?"

## **A vocation**

A mother went to her pastor and explained that her son seemed very interested in becoming a priest. She asked what this would require.

The priest began to explain. "If he wants to become a diocesan priest, he'll have to study eight years. If he wants to become a Franciscan, he'll have to study for ten years. If he wants to become a Jesuit, he'll have to study for fourteen years."

The mother listened carefully, and as the priest concluded, her eyes brightened. "Sign him up for that last one, Father. He's a little slow!"

## **Laugh of the Week**

### **Last Call**

**Reflections**

### *On Waking, John O'Donohue*

*I give thanks for arriving  
Safely in a new dawn,  
For the gift of eyes  
To see the world,  
The gift of mind  
To feel at home  
In my life.  
The waves of possibility  
Breaking on the shore of dawn,  
The harvest of the past  
That awaits my hunger,  
And all the furtherings  
This new day will bring*

We hope that you have enjoyed these bulletins during these last weeks. As we move forward in whatever the next phase brings, hopefully our sense of community – even if it is virtual currently shine through during this extraordinary time.

As ever, we give thanks to those in our community who are working to find a cure, or caring for the sick. We keep in our prayers those who have been ill, been bereaved, have suffered in isolation or are now facing financial hardship. We look forward to a time when we can meet again. Until then, stay safe.

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