



A Jesuit Education ...



How did your Jesuit education set you apart from others in life?" Now, there's a question to reflect upon during lockdown!

Several OAs have mentioned to me that during their careers, colleagues have asked them where they were educated, while others have even guessed they had a Jesuit education. But why?

Today the Jesuit Pupil Profile (left) is woven into teaching and learning.

Each term, a pair of words is selected, displayed around the school, and becomes part of the day-to-day life of the College. This term, "Eloquent" and "Truthful" are the focus. As 'The Jesuit Ratio Studiorum' in 1599 quotes, Jesuit schools "aim at an education in perfect eloquence . . . for speaking, for style, and for scholarly learning." Maybe that style of learning is what sets you apart.

Discovering Santiago with Dr Iain Hunter (1964)



One of the best- known Spanish poems of our times begins,

“Traveller, the Camino does not exist except in the footprints you leave behind, for it is yours alone to discover and it will vanish in the wind like the transient wake of a passing ship”.

A paradox certainly, since in medieval times the Road to Santiago and to the resting place of St James was the busiest highway in Christendom for those in search of that ultimate certainty, the remission of Purgatory’s penance.

Yet in today’s more secular times, what certainty drives forward the quarter of a million pilgrims on a journey so ill-defined? St Augustine’s proposition, *Solvitur ambulando*, it will be solved by walking, is soon discovered within Machado’s poem. The Camino is not there physically, it is yours to discover; it is in your own mind. “If you want to find St James in Santiago you will only find him if bring him with you” is often said, both by the devout and by the sceptic.

They are both correct, for the contents of your mind are as important on this journey as the contents of your backpack. Everyone sets off with a pack too full, every item a necessity for survival, only to discover, after a few days on the relentless road, that your shoulders scream, “Lighten your load!”. So too with your mind. What you imagined were leaden problems will lighten as you find them displaced walking up a valley full of damp morning mist to see it evaporate to clarity in the rising sun of a new dawn. What you brought you will not need; what you find you need will be brought to you, *ambulando*. You may discover St James, he may discover you, but without doubt you will discover yourself.

Worth a Look

[Life on the Frontline](#) for Andrew during the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr Andrew McKay is a current parent, and is married to an OA. He is a Consultant in Anaesthesia and Critical Care at Queen Elizabeth University Hospital Glasgow

He gives us an insight into how his work has adapted to meet the current challenges. (2 mins)

Brainteaser

Last week's winner (for a second time!) was Gerald Warner (1963), with a full answer of: St John 15: 13 "Greater love than this hath no man, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

This weeks' brainteaser:

Q: In which year was Rugby introduced to the College and under which Head Master?



Answers as usual to alumni@staloyusius.org. This week's prize is a cosy St Aloysius' jumper - let us know your size.

On This Day ...

Happy birthday to any of our OAs who celebrate their birthday today, 6 May.

Other eminent Taurean personalities who share the same birthday are

Eric Sykes and Tony Blair.

Did you know that, on this day, in the year:-

- 1937 German airship Hindenburg explodes in flames at Lakehurst, New Jersey
- 1941 Last major bombing attack on the Clyde area by the Luftwaffe.
- 1954 Roger Bannister becomes the first person to run a 4 minute mile.
- 1994 The Channel Tunnel officially opened.
- 2001 Whilst in Syria, Pope John Paul II becomes the first pope to enter a mosque.

Jokes of the Week

What did the Scottish guy do with the trumpet buried in his garden?

He rooted it oot.

Three of us went to a fancy dress party in Glasgow last night dressed as a giant sandwich.

We managed to make it home in one piece.

Sanjeev Kohli (1988)

Laugh of the Week

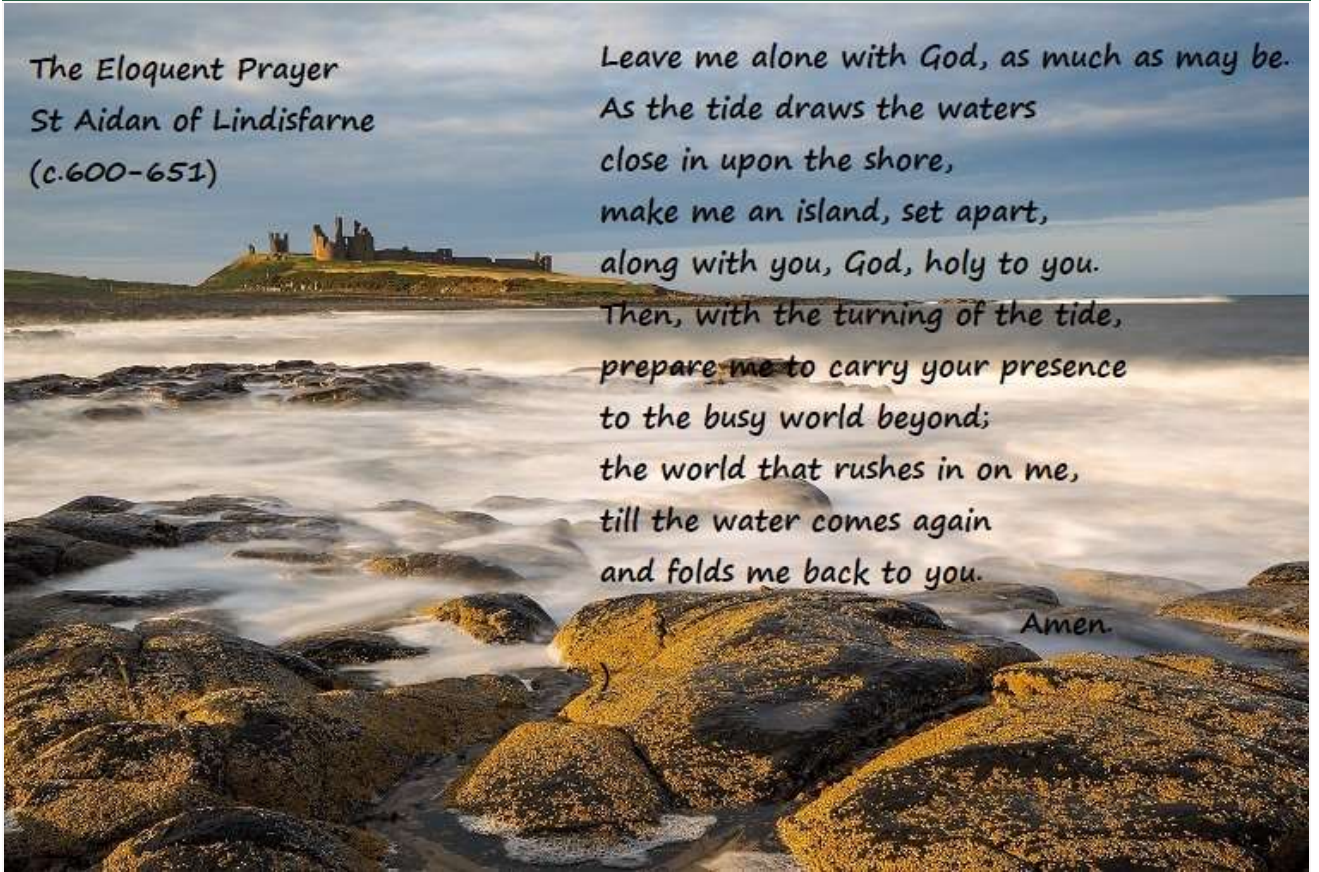
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Reflections

*The Eloquent Prayer
St Aidan of Lindisfarne
(c.600-651)*

*Leave me alone with God, as much as may be.
As the tide draws the waters
close in upon the shore,
make me an island, set apart,
along with you, God, holy to you.
Then, with the turning of the tide,
prepare me to carry your presence
to the busy world beyond;
the world that rushes in on me,
till the water comes again
and folds me back to you.*

Amen.





Friday 8th May marks the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe. On that day in 1945, many mourned family members, remembering those in the Armed Forces who made the ultimate sacrifice. They also thanked the ARP Wardens, the Women's Land Army, the factory workers and shopkeepers, and the many more behind the scenes who kept life going.

As we reflect and remember those who gave so much, we give thanks today for the people who are providing a service in a time of different challenges: our delivery drivers, refuse collectors, farmers, supermarket staff, NHS staff, carers, the police, and our teachers.

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