



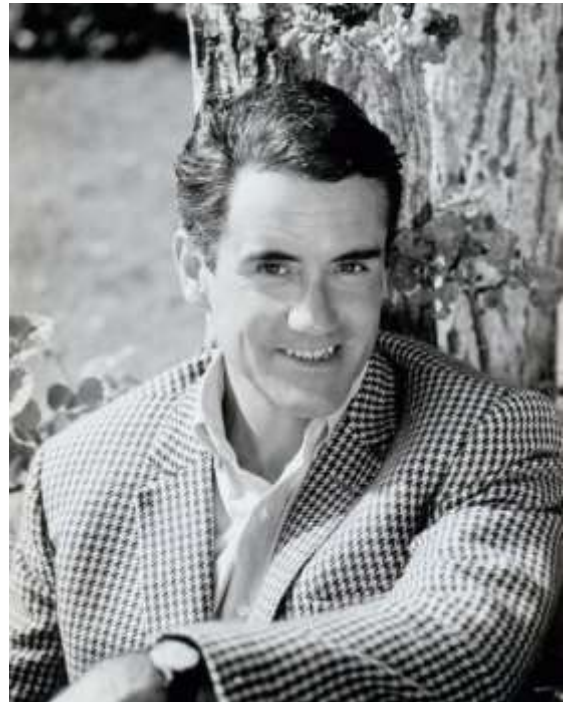
Stay Safe

Welcome to Issue 9 of Keeping In Touch

Paul Reilly (1974), recently brought to my attention that only one Old Aloysian actor has ever been nominated for an Oscar.

Other OAs have since won national and global awards, notably Armando Iannucci (1981) for his award-winning writing for film and television, such as “The Death of Stalin”, “The Personal History of David Copperfield” and “Veep”.

Long before that, however, at the 38th Academy Awards honouring the best film in 1965, Ian Bannen (OA ~1946) was nominated for an Oscar as Best Supporting Actor as “Crow” in “The Flight of the Phoenix”. Best Picture that year went to a film you may have heard of: “The Sound of Music”.



Ian Bannen 1966 Credit: MGM

Originally from Airdrie, Ian Bannen attended St Aloysius' College and Ratcliffe College, Leicestershire. He was one of the first cast members of the Royal Shakespeare Company appearing as a Spear Carrier. His career spanned stage and film, including the STV series Dr Finlay, playing Dr Cameron, (based on the stories by another OA, A.J. Cronin)

During his long career, he appeared in two Best Picture Academy Award winners: “Ghandi” (1982) and “Braveheart” (1995).

In 1996, he received the Lifetime Achievement Award of the British Academy of Film and Television Arts. Long after his leading-man days had passed, he won new acclaim for his role as the touchingly crafty villager in “Waking Ned Devine” (1998). The following year he died in a car accident on the south side of Loch Ness.

Life and Death in Pompeii and Herculaneum

Our Head of Classics, Mrs Ann McLeod, has inspired us to share with you the news that The British Museum have put online their 2013 blockbuster exhibition, "[Life and death in Pompeii and Herculaneum](#)" and their film associated with it. (88 min watch)

Presented by Peter Snow and Dr Bettany Hughes, they will transport you back to the Bay of Naples in AD79, when the two cities were buried by the cataclysmic eruption of Mount Vesuvius.



Brain teaser



Last week's brain teaser:

What word or phrase does the following reb represent: O_ER_T_O_?

The correct answer is 'painless operation' a week, the only person with the right answer Jamie Muir (1958). Well done!

This week's brain teaser:

Francis and Ronnie made arrangements to cafe at 2 pm. Francis thinks his watch is 25 fast, although it is 10 minutes slow. Ronnie watch is 10 minutes slow, but it is 5 minutes What will happen if they both aim to arrive c

Answers as usual to alumni@staloysius.org week's prize is your choice of a St Aloysius' tie!

On This Day ...

Happy birthday to any of our OAs who celebrate their birthday today, 27 May.

Other eminent Gemini personalities who share the same birthday are Jamie

Oliver and Christopher Lee. Did you know that, on this day, in the year:-

- 1941 The British navy sinks the German battleship Bismarck in the North Atlantic near France. The German death toll was more than 2,000.
- 1951 Chinese Communists force the Dalai Lama to surrender his army to Beijing
- 1955 Election victory for Tories under Eden
- 1964 Jawaharlal Nehru, the founder of modern India and its current prime minister, dies suddenly at the age of 74.
- 1985 Britain agrees to return Hong Kong to China in 1997
- 1994 Writer Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn returns to Russia after 20 years in exile
- 1995 1995, actor Christopher Reeve was left paralysed when he was thrown from his horse during a jumping event in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Jokes of the Week

A logician's wife is having a baby.

The doctor immediately hands the newborn to the dad.

The wife says, "Is it a boy or a girl?"

The logician says, "Yes."

A Roman walks into a bar and asks for a martinus.

"You mean martini?" the bartender asks.

The Roman replies, "Slow down there!

I'll let you know when I want more."

Laugh of the Week

I've started ...

Reflections

Prayer of St. Dominic

May God the Father who made us bless us.

May God the Son send his healing among us.

May God the Holy Spirit move within us and

give us eyes to see with, ears to hear with,

and hands that your work might be done.

May we walk and preach the word of God to all.

May the angel of peace watch over us and

lead us at last by God's grace to the Kingdom.



Our Chaplaincy Office maintains a College Prayer List for those in our Aloysian Community who are ill, or have died recently.

If you would find comfort in knowing that prayers are being offered, please let us know at: alumni@staloyisius.org

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