



Stay Home & Stay Safe



We have reached Week 3 of the "Keeping In Touch" Lockdown Bulletin and hope and pray that you and your loved ones remain safe and well.

Have you lost touch with old school friends, and feel you would like to reconnect? If so, please let us know and we will try to put you in touch with them if we have their contact details. As ever, drop a line to: alumni@staloyisus.org and we'll try to help

A Wartime Memory by Sir James Mellon KCMG (1940)

When the war started St Aloysius' College had many non-Jesuit teachers. Very soon they disappeared into the forces. My memory is that there were only two non-Jesuit teachers by the time we got to 1940 41 – the art teacher who had failed his medical and a retired science teacher who took most of the strain in that department. All the rest, in every other subject, was an aged Jesuit drafted in. They were highly educated but not trained teachers. It was wonderful because they shared experiences of their own particular backgrounds.

We did not sit Highers because it was felt generally that they had lost their stringency during the war years. We went instead for the University Prelims which were still pretty straightforward – pass or fail – so we had plenty of time to do other things with wide-ranging Jesuit teachers stretching our minds.

One very special plus was that Fr Lakeland was in charge of the church choir in which my brother and I served and he was really very talented. Many of the boys in this choir stayed on when they went to university – Altos became Basses – and the wartime generation from St Aloysius was the basis for the Bullfrog Club set up immediately after the war at Glasgow University Union.

We were a generation who can say we were educated by the Jesuits, for there was nobody else.



News Flash From Our Man in the West

We've received the latest quarantine update from our intrepid man-about-toon in Troon, Francis McCrossin.

"We are 3 weeks into self-isolation and it's really upsetting me to witness my wife standing at the living room window gazing aimlessly into space, with tears running down her cheeks.

It breaks my heart to see her like this, and I've thought very hard of how I can cheer her up.

I've even considered letting her come in, but rules are rules."

This Week's Brainteaser

Cast your mind back, and guess the missing words from the glorious Carmen Aloisianum. You're singing now, aren't you? Answers to alumni@staloysius.org

This week, there's a fantastic prize of a fabulous Old Aloysian Silk Tie for the first-out-of-the-hat correct answer! We'll post it out to you once we're back in the office ...

Eia, Deo accinamus

Carmen eucharisticum,

Et Gonzagae concinamus

Dignum ***** canticum

Mundum, carnem superasti,

De inferno triumphasti,

Inclite, Inclite,

Victor tu clarissime!

Sive mundus te tentabat

***** per divitias,

Sive carnis commendabat

Sordidas delicias,

Semper victor evasisti,

Hoc te ***** protexisti:

"Quid est hoc, quid est hoc,

Ad aeterna gaudia?"

On This Day 15 April ...

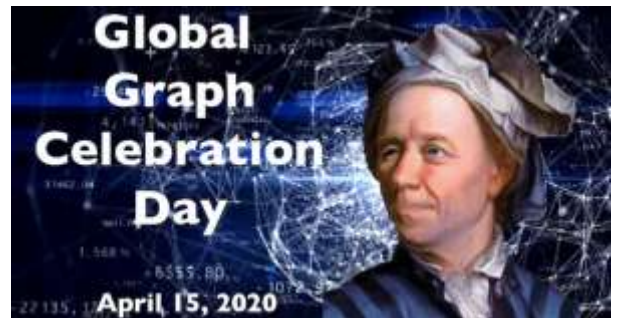
Happy birthday to any of our OAs who celebrate their birthday today, 15th April. Other eminent "Aries" personalities who share the same Fire sign are Emma Thompson and Elton John.

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

- 1452 Leonardo da Vinci was born
- 1865 Abraham Lincoln died
- 1912 The Titanic sank at 2.20am, 4 days into her maiden voyage
- 1968 Eleven days after the assassination of her friend Martin Luther King Jr., Aretha Franklin rec "Think".
- 1989 A small group of students initiates pro-democracy protest on Tiananmen Square in Beijing
- 1994 The World Trade Organization is founded

And Today is . . .

World Art Day, inspired by the birth of Leonardo da Vinci and for the maths-types out there, it is also Global Graph Celebration Day, inspired by the birth of Swiss Mathematician in 1707, Leonard Euler.



Joke of the Week:

The police stopped me when I was out in my car. They told me it was a spot check. I admitted to two pimples and a boil.

I met this cowboy with a brown paper hat, paper waistcoat and paper trousers.
He was wanted for rustling.
Chic Murray

Laugh of the Week:

Telling The Time



Silence for private Reflection and Prayer

O Christ Jesus,

When all is darkness

And we feel our weakness and helplessness,

Give us the sense of Your presence,

Your love, and Your strength.

Help us to have the perfect trust

In Your protecting love

And strengthening power,

So that nothing may frighten or worry us,

For, living close to You,

We shall see Your hand,

Your purpose, Your will through all things.

St Ignatius of Loyola

Stay home, stay safe and keep well.

Please keep in your prayers those who are alone, are sick or suffering, or who have lost loved ones in recent weeks.

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