



## Stay Home & Stay Safe



Around the world, we are at different stages of lockdown, and outside of the UK we are sending this bulletin to OAs in: Italy, Spain, France, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the USA.

Today is the 50th anniversary of Earth Day and a side-effect of the global pandemic, has resulted in clear waters in Venice's canals, pollution has plummeted as carbon emissions have declined and the price of oil is at an all-time low.

Will life return to normal on the other side? You can listen to a podcast from the Fraser of Allander Institute featuring OA Professor Sir Harry Burns (1969), Professor of Global Public Health at the University of Strathclyde, and former Chief Medical Officer for Scotland from 2005-14. (31 mins listen)

["Public health, the 'new normal' and the economy with guest speaker Sir Harry Burns"](#)

## Working Together on Coronavirus

Professor Declan Doogan (OA 1970) tells us about his work.

"We are all coping with COVID19 in different ways but our front line defence being the health workers and suppliers of essential services deserve our unstinting gratitude.

I was lucky enough to have had a great Jesuit education and qualified in Medicine, which led me ultimately to being a drug developer.

Because of this, I am involved in several pandemic projects e.g. the development of a vaccine using chicken eggs that can provide early passive immunity whilst we wait for the "real thing" vaccine. There are two other projects that aim to curtail the deadly lung inflammation that causes most of the deaths. Also, a rapid saliva test for the virus that can be deployed worldwide especially in developing countries.





Though I live currently in the US, it is interesting to note how Glasgow and St Aloysius are directly or indirectly involved. I am a partner with Sir James Mellon's son, Jim and we are attempting to develop recovery and resilience strategies for the world after this acute phase; I am working with Simon McKenzie (son of David McKenzie, OA 1960) on the vaccine project. It was he who brought forward the idea and we formed an international group to accelerate its development. Additionally, we hope to treat COVID19 patients with Professor McInnes a leading expert in

Inflammation at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital with one of these new drugs.

Glasgow is a wonderful place for medical research and innovation and I hope the College continues to inspire young students to follow such a path and make an impact on our world.

## Brainteaser

The missing words in last week's Brainteaser were: laudis, vanas and scuto.

For those of you who would like to refresh your memory, the full Hymn, in English and Latin is [here](#).

Well done to Gerald Warner (1957) who was first out of the hat with the correct answer. A pure silk Aloysian tie is yours!

This week's brainteaser is:

Turn me on my side and I am everything. Cut me in half and I am nothing. What am I?

Answers as usual to [alumni@stalloysius.org](mailto:alumni@stalloysius.org). This week's fantastic prize is a St Aloysius' College golf umbrella!

## On This Day ...

Happy birthday to any of our OAs who celebrate their birthday today, 22 April. Other eminent Taurean personalities who share the same birth sign are Jack Nicholson and Donald Tusk.

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

- 1838 The 703-ton Sirius, built in Leith and carrying 90 passengers, reached New York, the first ship to cross the Atlantic entirely under steam.
- 1945 Battle of Berlin: After a planned counter-attack never happened, Adolf Hitler flies into a rage, denounces the German Army and concedes World War II is lost
- 1971 Haiti's ruler, Francois 'Papa Doc' Duvalier, dies after 14 years in power.
- 2000 The [Big Number Change](#) takes place in the United Kingdom
- 2020 [Today is Earth Day!](#)

## Jokes of the Week

I can't remember  
how to write  
1, 1000, 51, 6 and  
500 in Roman  
Numerals  
**IM LIVID**

I told my wife how  
thankful I was to  
have someone I  
enjoyed being  
quarantined with.  
She said "must  
be nice".

## Laugh of the Week

[A Right Good Mash Up](#)

## Reflections

*But ask the animals, and they will teach you,  
or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you;  
or speak to the earth, and it will teach you,  
or let the fish in the sea inform you.*

*Which of all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this?  
In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind.*

*Job 12:7-10*

Our thoughts and prayers are with our Aloysian Community; those who are alone, are ill or have been bereaved, those working tirelessly in the NHS and the Scientists researching treatments and vaccines.

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