



ST. JOSEPH'S

ANNIVERSARY BOOK



Celebrating 125 Years

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1888 - 2013

*Celebrating 125 Years in the
Education System*

Front Cover Image: A modern photograph of the school.

Back Cover Image: A depiction of the school in the past.

Page Five Picture: A portrait by Sheila Kavanagh commissioned in 2002 to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Order of the Christian Brothers.

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It is indeed a great honour to be Principal here at a time when the school celebrates 125 years in existence. The changes that have taken place in society over that time have indeed been monumental. The areas of transport, communication and technology have truly undergone a revolution over those years. We have made advances in so many fields but one of the greatest advances that we have made in this country has been in participation in education. This is particularly so since the advent of free secondary education in the late 1960s. While many parents might scoff at the term "free", particularly having totted up the cost of back-to-school books, supplies and uniforms, the fact remains that since that political decision, going to second level school and completing second level education has become the norm and not the exception.



Sometimes we need to be reminded of that. It is not that we should be thankful for something which we regard as a right but it is incumbent upon each student to use the opportunity which not all of our forefathers had. I get that sense of appreciation when I meet people like Harry Boland, John Teeling, John Kennedy, Frank Byrne, Fr. Finbarr Neylon, Vincent Kenny, Paddy Walsh and a host of others at Past Pupils events. And what I really get from them is the sense that somehow a "Joey's" education is special.

I first became aware of what Joey's means to its many past students through friends I've made over the years, through work, college and sport. Consistently they have to a man spoken really fondly of their school and all seem to have maintained their friendships forged within these buildings. That in any era is a priceless commodity because friendship is such a valuable gift. Perhaps not everyone has these happy memories of their schooldays but I can only speak of the past pupils I've met. And it hasn't all been lost. I can honestly say that in my short time here I have experienced a great sense of community in the school, through the professionalism of the teachers, SNAs and support staff, the cooperation of the students, the support of the parents and the interest of the Past Pupils Union. The school's fabled past has been well documented – some of that is reproduced here. The current students are also making their own history and will continue to do so. For example those who have experienced a Zambian Immersion Project, a 21st century programme, have experienced a truly life-changing experience, before reaching the age of 18. Just as Edmund Ignatius Rice reached out to the local poor in his day, our students do so globally today. Each generation of students leaves its mark as does the school leave its influence on them. I believe that for today's students the Joey's experience remains special.

As you read through this publication I do hope that you get the sense of past merging with present. I do hope you get involved in other events through this special school year. So whether you are a current student, a past pupil, a parent – past or current, a staff member – working or happily retired, I hope that you enjoy the read. The people who have helped the school develop over the years are far too numerous to mention but all have contributed in their own way and for that, we the school community of 2013-14, are grateful. I would however like to thank Tim Quinlan, a long serving teacher in our school, ably assisted by Conor O'Reilly of Transition Year and Elliot Joyce of Fifth Year, for working so hard to make this commemorative publication happen. I would also like to thank all of you who contributed to it in any way. I very much hope you enjoy the read as we all look forward to the remainder of this special school year.

Gerry Cullen, Principal

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It has been more than the usual pleasure and privilege for me to edit this commemorative book for the 125 year anniversary of St Joseph's Fairview. Effectively, this book has been the result of barely 12 weeks hard and sustained work to enable us to meet the deadline of launching it within the calendar year of 2013. Luckily, I was afforded much help by many people, and it is the foremost task of any editor to tender his thanks to them.



Firstly, I would like to thank my small editorial team who are pictured alongside these brief words. Many thanks to Elliott Joyce, who is pictured to the left of the photo, for his wonderful illustrations and cartoons throughout this publication. My especial appreciation goes to Conor O'Reilly, pictured on the right, who is noted in this publication as its designer, but who in actual fact was so much more. Conor was, in effect, throughout the editing of this wonderful little commemorative adventure, my personal assistant, deputy editor, researcher, interviewer, assistant photographer and patient colleague as we sorted through many old pictures, school roll books or arranged interviews with past pupils.

Secondly, I would like to tender my thanks to the Principal Mr. Gerry Cullen, his Deputy, Mr. Pat Ó'Brien and to all the staff for their patient co-operation while photographs were taken and classes inevitably disrupted.

Thirdly, and most importantly, I would like to express my appreciation to all the former staff and past pupils who responded most readily to my asking them to provide us with their recollections of their time in Joey's for this short commemorative book. You will read with interest and delight, if not with a hearty laugh, their contributions within these covers.

Perhaps the most enriching aspect of editing a small publication such as this is the reward of learning much about the history of this small but wonderful school that I had not been aware of before, and which you will read further on. That so many committed and dedicated scholars and teachers taught on its staff over the years; that so many of them had published so much in many fields; that the Christian Brothers had given their whole lives to this and other schools without asking for much in return save that they be of service to the education of the poor boys of Ireland; that so many of our past pupils had achieved so much for themselves and their families both at home and abroad; and that we follow in a noble, great and generous tradition of education, coupled with care and compassion, spearheaded by Blessed Edmund Rice were all along inspiring reasons to keep to our task.

Is mór an onóir domsa, mar sin, bheith im'eagarthóir ar na h-ailt, na cuimhní cinn, na h-agallaimh agus na h-aistí atá faoin gclúdach agaibh anseo. Is pribhléid thar an gnáth bheith páirteach i gcúram cuimhneacháin mar seo agus guím gach beannacht ar an scribhinn is gach a léann í.

T. Quinlan (Editor)

Pre-1880's

Chronology

1753
-Lord Charlemont returns from his tour of Europe & calls his estate Marino.

1820
-Pope Pius VII grants approval & the Christian Brothers is created.

1856
-The Church of the Visitation, Fairview, opens.

July 1883
-The Christian Brothers move to Marino.

-Plans are made to open a new school in the area....

Edmund Rice's Vision and the Ethos of St Joseph's

When St Joseph's was founded in 1888, Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice, the founder of the Christian Brothers, was already forty-four years dead. He was born in Callan, Co. Kilkenny on June 1, 1762. There were seven boys and two girls in the family. It often comes as a surprise that a Catholic family could be prosperous in those days when the Penal Laws were still enforced, but the Rices had a lease of a good sized farm and were industrious people. In view of his future work in education it was fortunate that he received a very good education himself, first at a local hedge school and then at a private secondary school in Kilkenny. Edmund went on to become a prosperous business man – indeed, a millionaire in modern parlance. He soon married, but unfortunately his wife died some short time later, having already given birth to a handicapped child. Needless to say he was distraught and he turned to his Catholic faith to give him strength.



Edmund had always been a person of deep spiritual conviction and, unusual for lay Catholics at the time, was steeped in the Bible. After much reflection and prayer he decided to put all his property and wealth into the education of the poor boys that he saw running wild, ignorant and often destitute on the streets of Waterford. In this strong motivation lay the inspiration for the foundation of the Christian Brothers who would devote their lives to the education of poor boys who would not otherwise acquire it. Edmund's life was inspired by a spirituality that was strong and practical: he was forever caring for the poor in the wretched circumstances of their lives; for he believed there was a great need "to give to the poor in handfuls". Many people, both men and women, from many cultures, young and old were helped and given hope and purpose and a new footing in life. He and his Brothers even cared for the inmates of the jails of Waterford. Edmund was privileged to comfort and accompany many a condemned man to the gallows. The poor never forgot his love for them and saw Edmund as "a man raised up by God". And so this one man's vision for the well-being of others is the essential inspiration for the *ethos* or guiding beliefs or ideals

With the decline of their numbers in Ireland, the Christian Brothers have set up a trust called ERST (Edmund Rice Schools Trust) to which St Joseph's belongs. The five key elements of the Edmund Rice Schools Trust Charter are (i) Nurturing faith, Christian spirituality and Gospel-based values (ii) Promoting partnership (iii) Excelling in teaching and learning (iv) Creating a caring school community and (v) Inspiring transformational leadership. However, most importantly, ERST states on its home page that "children of any faith, or none, at every level of ability, of any nationality or ethnic grouping are all welcome in our schools. All of our schools recognise the uniqueness of each individual in caring communities where holistic development is nurtured. Enrolment processes are open and flagged in advance. High educational, developmental and pastoral standards apply in all our schools."

Anyone who sets a foot across the threshold of Scoil Iosaif, Fairview or of Joey's will know that the vision and spirit of Edmund Rice lives on in the way we continue to care for each other, and teach and learn in a respectful environment.

Stories from a Christian Brothers' School

Ah, there's an even better story about the retirement of a venerable teacher, now long gone to his well-earned eternal reward. This teacher was a very holy man, a walking saint, loved by every pupil in the school. Talk came round to his impending retirement and the boys in the class off their own bat hit on the idea of getting him a present, and knowing the man involved, they decided they'd get him 'a holy present' which I thought very noble and mature of them. Those thoughts lasted until the Parish Priest arrived at my door to report the theft of a statue from one of the side altars in the church. Apparently, some boys in blue uniforms had become the talk of the parish with their fervent praying after school, drawing the admiration of clergy and laity alike. When the boys left, however, it was noticed that a statue went with them. This brought the notion of moving statues to a new level altogether. Needless to say the poor retiring teacher didn't get the holy present.



Mr. Fanning with his wife.

That reminds me of another, similar episode – the Great May Altar Affair. The N.Q.T.(Newly Qualified Teacher), anxious to make an impression on the Brothers, constructed the most fantastic May Altar ever seen; never mind the Great Wall of China, this altar could be seen from the moon. All that was missing were flowers to finish it off so an appeal was issued for the boys to bring in flowers for the altar. There may have been a promise of no homework for any boy helping out with the flowers but, whatever the reason, the next morning saw the most wonderful array of blooms and blossoms. Br. O'Shea was thrilled; the altar looked like an exhibit from the Chelsea Flower Show; pats on the back all round, photos taken, no homework for the boys and shovel loads of brownie points for the muínteoir. All the euphoria disappeared into thin air with the arrival of a fuming gardener from Fairview Park whose beautiful flower beds had been raided, ransacked and pillaged in an early morning raid. The following year's altar was a much more low-key affair. "Sheaser" eventually forgave me but it did take a couple of balls of malt to smooth matters out!

Then there was the case of Confession and the Deaf Priest! You can probably imagine this one yourself but I'll tell you anyway! Little Peter had, we can say with the benefit of hindsight, a form of Tourette's Syndrome. In those much less enlightened days all he had, as my sainted mother would say, was 'a foul tongue in his head'. We used to take the whole school to the church for Confession regularly then and as time approached for the next visit, poor teacher had the job of preparing Peter for the sacrament. It was impressed upon him that he'd have to make a full confession and not hold back as the priest would be very forgiving. Unfortunately, or perhaps fortunately, Peter drew The Deaf Priest when we got to the church. When his turn came the whole church was treated to a loud, no holds barred, confession. "Shhhh – quieten down", went the teacher and the immortal reply echoed from the box, still at full volume, "I can't Sir, he's deaf!"

You couldn't talk about religion in our schools without mentioning the two big events – First Holy Communion and Confirmation. There is a serious debate required about the place of Confirmation and Communion in the Primary school but I'm not going to stray into that minefield here.

I remember Paddy who came to the church for his "confo" in a horse and trap. That was strange enough but even stranger was the fact that he was unaccompanied! He tied up the horse at the door in a scene resembling something from the Wild West and entered the church like a gunslinger entering the saloon.

Then there was Christopher who appeared for his First Communion in what could only be described as a Mafia Don's outfit – striped suit, spats, hat, tie – all he was missing was the Tommy gun.

Of course who could forget Tony and the stretch limousine – the first stretch limo ever seen in Ballybough. Tony and his family got into the limo outside their front door and were driven to the church for the First Communion. That might, unfortunately, be commonplace now; back then it was unheard of. What made it ridiculous was that Tony and family lived less than 100m from the church! They could almost have got in the back door of the car at their house and got out the front door at the church without the car moving at all!

The best craic, I suppose, on immature reflection, was the rivalry between the boys' school and the girls' school when it came to Communion and Confirmation ceremonies. You see, each took turns to organise the Big Days – readers, choir, music –“we do Confo, you do Communion” or “We do Communion, you do Confo”. All fine and dandy except that the arrangement descended into a competition, a dog-eat-dog game of one-upmanship of who put on the best show, who had the best singers, the most perfect readers! Competition became heated and twisted (very inappropriate, all their fault of course), and each year the girls' school upped the ante with more soloists, more elaborate processions and even, God help us, dancers! Time for retaliation; “tá Dia laidir agus mháthair mhaith aige!” Just when we needed it most, just as the girls were rubbing our noses in it, God sent us Johnny, a new pupil for the school. Johnny was a member of the Palestrina Choir, had the voice of an angel and was kept under wraps until the day of the Confo dawned when he was released on the unsuspecting public, or at least the unsuspecting girls' school. Johnny brought the house down – Pavarotti, eat your heart out, this boy was brilliant. A standing ovation in the church on Confo day? Game, set, match and championship to the lads! After that, thankfully, the Big Days became suitably lower key.

Time for one more? How about Moving Statues Cuid a Dó? Colm is a huge boy, one of our Special Needs pupils who have transformed our school in recent years – the best thing ever to happen to the old school but that's a story to be told at another time. Anyway, Colm wanted to go home to Mammy. “Send me home”. “No”. “If I'm bold will you send me home?” “No”. “If I'm really, really bold will you send me home?” “No”. After thinking for a minute Colm grabbed the statue of the Blessed Virgin which had graced the foyer of the school for just short of fifty years and pushed her off her pedestal. The crash was heard all over the school; pupils, staff and parents came running to find a shattered Mary and a beaming Colm. “Now, you'll send me home”. I didn't – not even when St. Joseph followed the Blessed Virgin. Luckily, Joseph was made of sterner stuff – wood – and generous applications of glue sorted him out. I will regret to my dying day that I didn't have a camera handy as the caretaker took the Blessed Virgin to her final resting place in the wheelie bin with her head sticking out. That surely would have been an award – winning shot.

Wonderful, funny vignettes of life in a Catholic school in inner-city Dublin; great kids, great memories. Before you smile too much though, a footnote is needed: (The names have been changed)-

“Paddy” died of a drug overdose after murdering his father;

“Christopher” followed his obvious vocation and now resides in the Big House on the North Circular Road;

“Tony” is now successfully running the family's pub;

“Johnny” is a surgeon;

“Peter” is in Australia;

“Colm” is in a special school.

P.Ó.F., Márta 2012.

Pat Fanning served St. Joseph's Primary School for 36 years before retiring as Principal in 2013.

1880's

Chronology

11 Nov 1887

-Foundation stone blessed by Fr. Scully - a Jesuit.

3 Aug. 1888

-Teaching begins

1890's

Chronology

1890

-Br. J.M Costen was the first Headmaster.

Jun. 1893

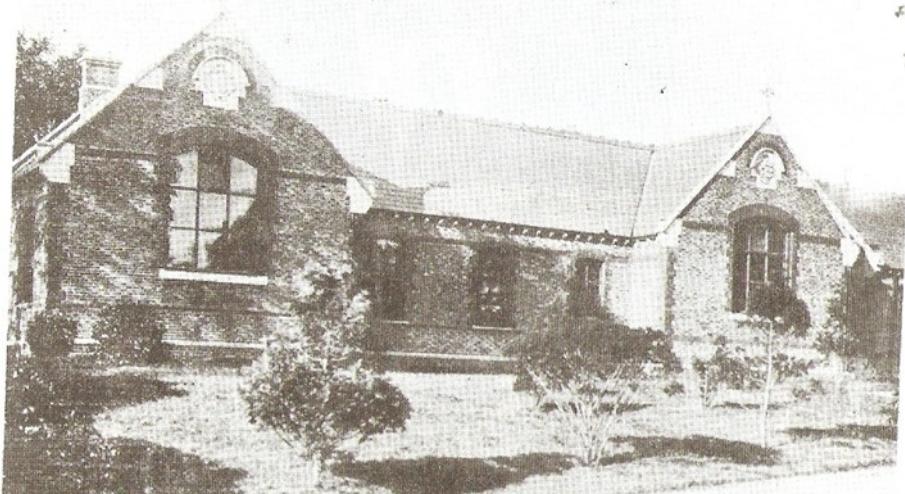
-Students begin the Intermediate Cert.

1897

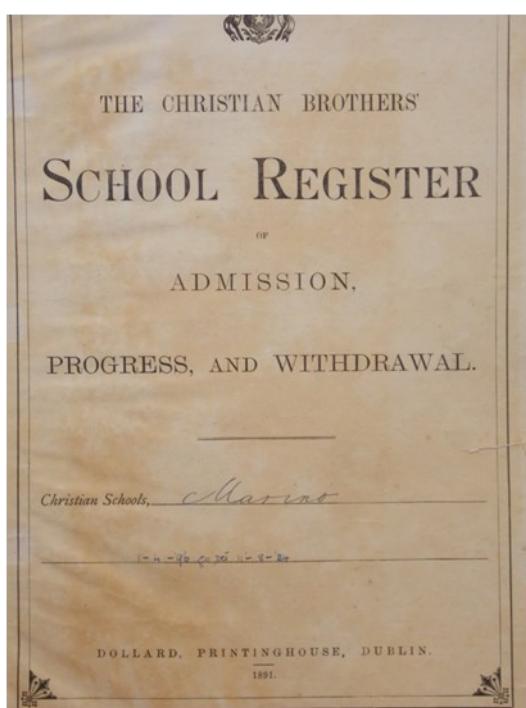
-Future Taoiseach John A. Costello enters & Peadar Kearney (who composed the National Anthem) leaves.



*Young Students,
1895*



*The School
Building with
only one floor.*

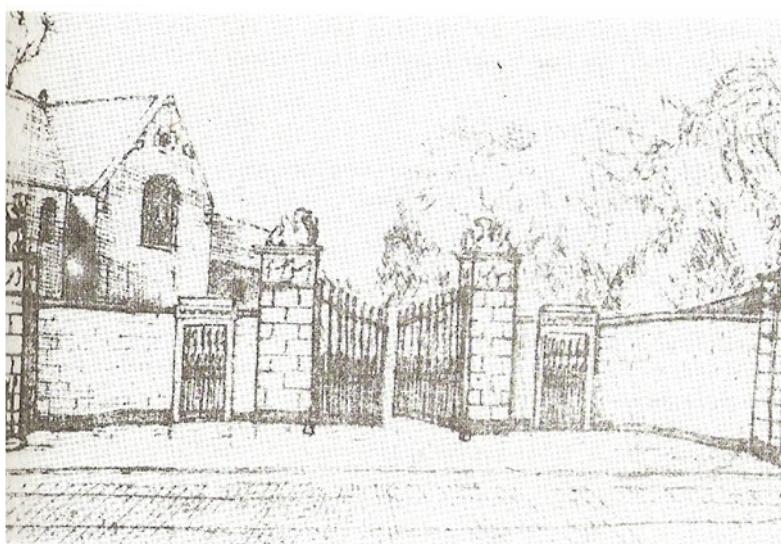


*Christian Brothers' School Register,
1891.*

A Science class in the laboratory (now Rooms 23 & 24)



A sketch of the school with the gates (later moved) around 1910



Roll Book, 1912

No.	DATE OF ADMISSION.			PUPIL'S NAME.	DATE OF BIRTH.	RESIDENCE.	PARENTS.	SCHOOL (if any attended by Pupil.)	in which Pupil was here examined.	Easter Date			
	Day	Month	Year							I	II	III	IV
453	22	4	12	Michael Kelly	20 11 06	Marino Lodge	Store Keeper	-	-				
4	29	4	12	Dermot O'Moore	4 11 04	Fairview Ave.	Saville in Bank	N.S.	-				
5	13	5	12	John J. Morgan	31 12 03	51 Windsor Ave	Laurence O'Leary	N.S.	-				
6	13	5	12	Edward Bandon Donville	7 11 05	11 Brighton Ave	O'Donnell & J. J. J.	-	-				
7	28	5	12	Patrick J. Elliott	8 10 05	12 Addison Road.	In. G. P. O.	B.S.	-				
8	29	5	12	Hugh J. Kean	14 11 04	11 Crescent Place	Seaman	B.S.	-				
9	3	6	12	Patrick Anthony Ward	10 8 05	10 North Brook Av. (formerly Plaza)	Carpenter	N.S.	-				
760	3	6	12	Patrick A. Collins	17 3 05	1 Austin Cottages	Painter	B.S.	-				
7	1	6	8	Edward Duggan	31 3 00	14 Arneley Place	Sailor	B.S.	III				
2	6	8	12	Joseph Crawford	8 3 04	150 Church Road	Murphy	B.S.	-				
3	6	8	12	Leo. Barry	7 8 06	148 St. Louch Road	Teacher Master	N.S.	-				
4	8	8	12	Vincent Devlin	10 8 05	79 Clonliffe Road	Clerk	N.S.	-				
5	12	8	12	Maurice Lennane	21 12 04	7 Leinster St.	Journalist	N.S.	-				
6	12	8	12	Arthur A. Kelly	12 10 04	109 Amiens St.	Concierge R. I.C.	N.S.	-				
7	13	8	12	Lawrence S. Kelly	17 8 98	109 Amiens St.	Tensioner R. I.C.	N.S.	Prop. Dr.				
8	14	8	12	John Madden	1 10 05	Ennville Road.	Bread Van Driver	N.S.	-				
9	16	8	12	John Platel	14 8 06	1 Crescent Concourse	Book Seller	N.S.	-				
770	19	8	12	Christopher Reilly	23 10 99	5 Kings Rd. Ballybough	Porter	N.S.	II				
1	19	8	12	Kevin Curran	9 11 06	6 Vernon Parade	Store Keeper	N.S.	-				
2	19	8	12	John J. Fleming	11 5 05	12 Dunns Row	Carter	N.S.	-				
3	19	8	12	Francis P. O'Farrell	29 9 98	5 Ennville Terrace	Sheaffer	B.S.	III				
4	19	8	12	Henry Dixon	12 6 00	11 Clonliffe Ave.	Brick Layer	B.S.	-				
5	19	8	12	Henry Duggan	9 6 03	8 Leinster Ave.	Compositor	B.S.	I				

1920's

Chronology

1920

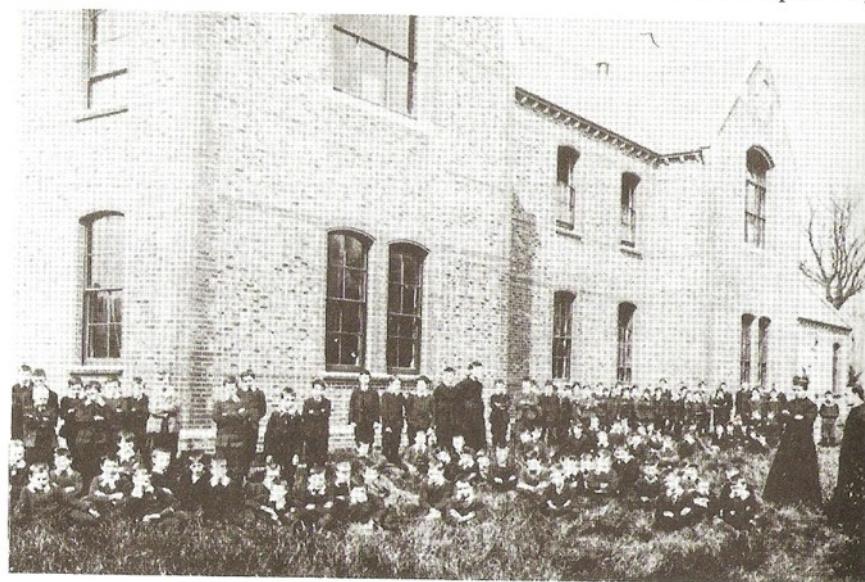
-The First ever Secondary Teachers' Strike.

-Br. M.L. O'Donoghue became Principal (for the second time).

1926-27

-Br. S. McGovern became Principal.

-Br. J.C. Wilson became Principal.



Staff & Students around 1910



A woodwork class around the early '20's.

1930's

Chronology

1930

-The Brothers teaching in St. Joseph's left St. Mary's & took up residence in the newly built St. Patrick's, Marino.

1931- 1939

-There were five Brothers who were Principal in this time: S. McGovern, L. Curran, W.B. Kennedy, T.G. Russell & T.M. Ó'Catháin.

1931 - 1932 —					
2 nd 61.	Annmhaeáca	lábhraice	Tioncharain	Fasness beaga cúrla isleab joradh an Difis	dáta físeala na scóile ar an bhliana bit eile
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"	Ó Fiáca Séamus	28 - 1 - 15	173	1930-31	24 - 4 - 32
"	Ó Moráin Brian Zabriel	25 - 3 - 16	207	1930-31	
"	Ó hInnagam Pól	23 - 7 - 16	74	1930-31	4 - 8 - 32
"	Ó hSolmhuaid Caorán	28 - 6 - 15	213	1929-30	
"	Ó Rímeáda Seán		48	1930-31	4 - 1 - 32
"	Ó Tuamaílán Pádraic	22 - 6 - 18	203	1931-32	
"	Breáináic Pádraic		61		21 - 3 - 32
"	Ó Maolruanaidh Pádraic	3 - 3 - 16	168	1930-31	
"	Mac Gocáid Deasmumhan	20 - 1 - 17	186	1930-32	

Roll Book, 1931.

1936

-Woodwork was discontinued in the school due to lack of space.

Aug. 1937

-St. Joseph's was recognised as an all-Irish or "A" school by the Department of Education.

The Business Department has been busy recently! Below are some recent happenings:

- In 2011 & 2012, our teams won the Regional Finals in the CIMA Business Quiz. They came 2nd in the former & both teams came 1st & 3rd in the latter.



1st Place Winners - 2012



3rd Place Winners - 2012

- In 2012, The Transition Year Mini-Company received a visit from *MoneySense*, which proved to be an invaluable resource.
- In 2013, The *Dublin City Enterprise Board* awarded the title of Most Innovative Idea to our students.



Winners of the Most Innovative Idea Award 2013.



MoneySense Staff with Students & Teacher.

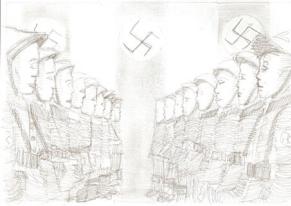
Business Teachers: Ms. Aoife McCormick & Mr. Darren O'Meara

Pictured above right: Ms. Bríd Bowles.



1940's

This Decade saw the Second World War in Europe & the Emergency in Ireland.



Chronology

1942

-The first Leaving Cert. is held. Twelve pupils passed with honours.

-Brendan Quinn, a past pupil, was on the victorious Dublin All-Ireland winning team.

1944

-Br. M.F. Ó'Donnchú became Principal.

1946

-The roof was raised over the science lab to provide two extra rooms. This was the first extension in forty years.

Br. Thomas Munchin Keane (1908-1989)

In the history of St Joseph's it is arguable that no one Christian Brother made a greater contribution to the school than an Bráthair T.M. Ó Catháin as he was more generally known. A Brother's stay in any one place was usually for a maximum of six years (two terms of three years), though a number did return to schools they had taught in earlier in their careers, and some few did manage to stay a longer term, though such happened rarely. Hence, Br. Ó Catháin taught and administered school in Fairview from 1938 until 1944, that is, for two terms.

An Bráthair Ó Catháin was a cultured academic who never ever used corporal punishment. This was quite rare for the times he lived and taught in. He was also a man of deep faith with a wide educational vision. He commenced his degree studies at University College, Cork, in 1936, having taught in primary schools for a number of years before that. In 1938 he graduated with first class honours in Irish, Latin and mathematics. Later in life he corresponded with friends in Latin.



In 1938 the destinies of St Joseph's all-Irish secondary school at Fairview, Dublin, changed when Munchin took charge. In the first year he attended University College Dublin (UCD) and was awarded his Higher Diploma in Education. At that time the pupils went from St Joseph's to other schools to complete their education after Intermediate Certificate. Munchin immediately started his own Leaving Certificate class. The superior of the O'Connell School was not too pleased at losing so many excellent pupils. He became so frustrated that he said to Munchin on one occasion, "I suppose you'll be taking the keys next." St Joseph's had excellent academic results. Successes at Gaelic games were equally impressive. Two of Munchin's past pupils distinguished themselves in politics: Charlie Haughey became Taoiseach (Prime Minister) and George Colley became Tánaiste (Deputy Prime Minister) and they were both in the Leaving Certificate Class of 1942. Br. Ó Cathain taught them Maths, Gaeilge and Latin, all at Honours Level.

UCC awarded him an honours MA in 1945, for his thesis, *Na Bráithre Críostúla agus an Ghaeilge* (The Christian Brothers and Irish). We will not dwell here too long on Br. Ó Catháin's career elsewhere in the Christian Brothers' network of schools save to say that everywhere he went, Mount Sion (Waterford), Duneraile, Limerick, Dungarvan and Templemore, he served with equal distinction, commitment and vision. Past pupils in all schools attested to his superior intellect and wonderful teaching skills and in stressing that he taught all the senior honours classes in Irish, Latin, Maths, Physics and Applied Maths and was equally adept in each.

Pat Fanning, father of Pádraig Ó Fainín (recently retired principal of our Primary School) described Br T. M. Ó Catháin thus: "Munchin Keane was a remarkable man, in many ways a man before his time. In an era of stern discipline he was never known to raise a finger to any boy. But, he could, and did, raise an eyebrow and assume a pose of injured innocence. Those on the receiving end of that raised eyebrow believed they had done some fearful insult to their long-suffering teacher and mentor. That eyebrow worked miracles. In his day his teaching methods anticipated by decades the current emphasis on pupil-centred education.



Br. Ó'Catháin with class of 1940.
Charles Haughey is present.

He was a mathematician of national repute. At the introduction of the new mathematics course in the 'sixties, he wrote in Irish the first mathematics text book of the new syllabus, *Matamaitic na hÁrd Teistiméireachta*. I recall his insistence that this important work should be published first and only in Irish. For he was, too, a great teacher of Gaeilge, and a great lover of the language and was happiest and most fulfilled when working in places like Mount Zion, Dungarvan, and St Joseph's, Marino, schools in which all subjects were taught through Irish."

Those of us who were schooled at the Christian Brothers knew well an Bráthair Ó Catháin's *Matamaitic na hÁrd Teistiméireachta* as we had to methodically work through the problems set by the learned brother. However, it would be remiss of the author not to remark on Munchin's extra-curricular activities. In Joey's and in all schools in which he taught he was an exemplary and skilful hurling coach. Like all Christian Brothers of his era he had an unwavering commitment to the Irish language, the Irish culture, drámaíocht, the G.A.A and, of course, his Catholic faith. If that were not enough, it was he who set up the Past Pupils Union in the school and he insisted that all their meetings be conducted through Irish. Being a man steeped in the vision of Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice, he saw his teaching as preparing his educational charges for jobs at a time when money and employment were scarce in Ireland as well as for further study. It is surely a great honour for us to know that we follow in such a great and inspiring tradition as that to which Br. Ó Catháin dedicated his long and fruitful life.

T. Ó Caoinleáin (This tribute was written with help from Br Frank Keane's comprehensive article on T.M. Ó Catháin's life for *The Christian Brothers Necrology*)

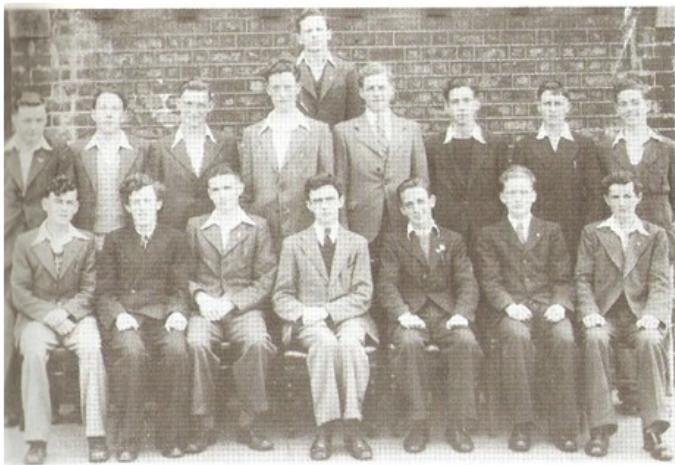
1940's

Captions:

- 1) Leinster Junior Hurling Championship, 1942.
- 2) Roll Books, 1942
- 3) Leaving Cert. Class of 1942.
- 4) An Ógra Éireann Group, 1947.



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Interview with Teachers Mr. Quinlan, Mr. Brockie, Mr. Fanning & Mr. McGuinness & Principal Mr. Cullen.

Q. What year did you start teaching?

T.Q: 1988 in Joey's. I started in O'Connell's in 1980.

G.B: 1978.

P.F: 1st July 1977.

D.M.G: 2010.

G.C: 1987 in Midleton CBS, Co.Cork & 2010 in this school.

Q. Do you remember your first day/week/month? If so, what was it like?

T.Q: It was challenging but enjoyable.

G.B: It was interesting.

P.F: I remember everything. I had turned 20 the day before. I had long, blonde, curly hair! I wore a three-piece suit with a briefcase. I was very nervous. One teacher taught me. I felt very welcome then.

D.M.G: I was well used to working in a class but couldn't wait to give my spin on lessons.

G.C: I found teaching full-time hard on the vocal chords, but I really enjoyed it. A lot of the students had strong Cork accents & probably found my Dublin accent difficult.

Q. Do you remember the funniest moment of your career?

T.Q: I remember having to wear a borrowed trousers once when wet through by Hurricane Charlie.

P.F: Flowers robbed from gardener in Fairview Park. (See memoirs later in this book.

D.M.G: Probably something from my first teaching practice but there are too many stories to remember.

G.C: Students often have witty responses; you have no choice but to laugh. Probably where I answered a question in relation to Eva Braun's presence or not in Hitler's bunker. The answer was misinterpreted and it all went downhill from there.

Q. What has been the biggest change in teaching since you started?

T.Q: Removal of Corporal Punishment in 1981.

G.B: In general students have become more dependent on teachers – they do not really read anymore.

P.F: When I first started, the majority of the kids were scared coming to school. I hated every second of school. Now, the school has a much happier & jollier atmosphere.

D.M.G: Moving from special education to mainstream. Both were very interesting but very different.

G.C: The demands on schools have become greater. Society expects more, yet there is less & less funding.

Q. What was your proudest moment?

T.Q: Seeing students doing well academically & in their personal live.

P.F: Winning the finals in Croke Park, History Day two years ago where we had a 1916 re-enactment & Opening the Special Needs Department. Many schools said no but we said yes. Months later, in October 2000, we had our first class.

D.M.G: Teaching a junior class a complete harmony of Bohemian Rhapsody by Queen.

G.C: In my first few years, when classes were streamed (A,B,C, etc.), I had the D & E classes, so seeing them enjoy History and pass the subject at Junior Cert.

Q. What was the size of school (Student number, per class) when you started?

T.Q: There were 503 pupils in the school when I arrived in Joey's. 30 per class was the average size, though I remember teaching 39 Leaving Certs for Irish in 1989.

G.B: There were 450 Students in the school. The average class size was 30. I had classes of 37.

P.F: We had eight classrooms, the two nearest in the secondary school & one in the yard. Eleven altogether. There were 350 – 400 when I started. It dropped to 130 & is now around 180.

D.M.G: About the same as now.

G.C: There were 450 students in the school in Midleton. Hurling was like a Religion there. I was involved with Gaelic football, which was tolerated. Soccer didn't feature.

Q. Why did you become a teacher?

T.Q: Because I admired the teaching skills of teachers who taught me & I felt I would like to do the same.

G.B: I was interested in English & History.

P.F: In 2nd & 4th Class, I had a cruel teacher. We were scared of him. We were delighted on the last day of 2nd Class. My hatred of him prompted me to make sure kids like being in school now.

D.M.G: It was always an ambition of mine, I was lucky enough to have good teachers during my time in school & I could see the difference a good teacher makes.

G.C: Primarily because I enjoyed my own school days so much. I loved the dynamic of a school, and still do. It's a lively place to work and the day is never dull. I love seeing students develop as people to reach their potential.

Q. Why did you choose the subjects you teach?

T.Q: Irish out of pure interest, religion because of my faith & Maths because of the intellectual challenge.

G.B: I had a longstanding interest in both.

P.F: I wanted to be a secondary school teacher. My family was not well off. My brother told me to become a primary school because the fees in St. Pat's were cheaper than in U.C.D. I ended up being a primary school teacher.

G.C: I chose History & Religion because I was very interested in both subjects. I had a tough choice because English was my other favourite subject.

Q. Is this school different from any other you've taught in?

T.Q: Yes- it's friendlier.

G.B: Only one.

P.F: I only practiced as a substitute in 1976. It is like most other Christian Brothers schools.

G.C: It is the smallest school I've worked in, but I like that. Everybody knows each other & there is a homely atmosphere. All schools are similar; the only differences are size, uniform and accent.

Q. What advice would you give to a beginner teacher?

T.Q: Know your subject well & take nothing personally.

G.B: Do not smile in class before Christmas.

P.F: Don't! Think long & hard. You need 480 points. You can have a lot more options elsewhere, with more jobs & better pay. The Government & society undervalue teachers. They're underpaid & not treated properly.

D.M.G: Be confident & try new things with the class; don't just follow a book.

G.C: Be strict, firm but fair; always prepare your classes; don't take things personally; take the advice of more established teachers, take your time with difficulties you encounter and seek advice & enjoy your time off, whatever way you spend it.

Q. Finally, what was your own experience of school?

T.Q: Primary school was a very positive experience while secondary was very competitive. In primary school I had a brilliant teacher in Third & Fourth class whom I idolised, & it was because of his good teaching that I decided I'd become a teacher.

In secondary school I was also fortunate to have at least three good teachers who inspired me.

G.B: I found primary school somewhat oppressive but I really enjoyed secondary school.

P.F: It was very poor. I had a wonderful teacher in 5th & 6th Class who enlightened me. He used different teaching methods at the time. We went on trips to the docks of Waterford for Geography, used the seating plan of an opera for Maths, researched countries from Ship names; it was innovative. He retired aged 65 & died aged 66. Secondary school was interesting but I was not fond of it. We learned Latin through Irish.

D.M.G: Overall, very good considering I still walk to Joey's every day, although I'm getting paid now.

G.C: I was lucky in primary to have a young teacher from 1st to 6th who didn't use corporal punishment and brought us out of school a lot – cinema trips, the Spring Show, etc. We also looked forward to the students from Pat's College coming in, with their guitars.. In secondary after finding the first two weeks unsettling I grew to love it - particularly the sports & extra-curricular activities. It was a new school with lots of young teachers that we got to know very well. Unlike a lot of schools around us we were allowed play soccer. We not only had a school soccer team but a club which played in the DDSL at the weekends. We also had teachers who kept us interested in their subjects and got us through our exams. Overall it was a very positive experience.

1950's

This Decade saw social & economic reform clash with Catholic dogma.



Chronology

1951

-Br. T.P.
Condon became Principal.

1954

-Pupils attend a special mass to celebrate the Marian Year.

1956

-Br. M.N.
Geraghty became Principal.

1957

-The school ceases to be an "A" school where all subjects are taught in Irish to a "B" school where some are.

Interview with *Frank Penny & Diarmuid G. Hiney (past-pupils)*

Q: What year did you start in this school?

F.P: I started in the '50's.

D.H: I started in the Primary in 1946.

Q: Who was the principal at the time?

F.P: Br. Geraghty.

D.H: Br. Slattery was the primary school principal & Br. Geraghty was the Secondary Principal.



A depiction of post-war fears.

Q: Did you wear a school uniform then?

F.P: There was no uniform, but there were S.M.S (Scoil Muiríne Sheosaimh) caps & scarves available in Coyle's of Aungiers Street. In those days the school was known as Marino, now days it is Fairview and the name is Iosaf.

Q: What languages did you do?

F.P: Latin up to the Inter-Cert. They didn't teach any language for the Leaving-Cert though each subject was taught through Irish. One of the brothers taught Latin on a Saturday morning in the Christian Brothers house for anyone who wanted to learn it for the Leaving Cert.

D.H: French which was done through Irish. My class didn't do Latin, but I know that my brothers did Greek in Joey's.

Q: What was the size of the school?

F.P: There were thirty students per class & two classes for each year & five years to the leaving cert, so around three hundred pupils.

Q: What was your favourite subject?

F.P: English. (Because it wasn't in Irish like the others!)

D.H: History & English.

Q: How long did you have for lunch?

F.P: One hour, with a five/ten minute break.

D.H: An hour & a half, from 12:30 until 2:00. School ended at 4:00 p.m.

Q: Was there a shop in the school then?

F.P: There was a makeshift sweet shop in the Primary School.

D.H: No.

Q: Can you remember any of the teacher's names?

F.P: I remember a Mr. Ward who had a Morris Minor, Br. Ó'Murchú, with whom we achieved fantastic results. There were two Mulcahys, one was called Fred. Fred & Ó'Murchú were the only two teachers who taught us all subjects up to Inter-Cert. The head of physics was Caffrey. There were no women teachers in the school, but mostly lay teachers rather than Brothers.

In the Primary, I remember a teacher named Kaloo, who was afterwards elected King of Dalkey Island. He was a gentle man & encouraged us to read books like Reics Carlo (the Irish Detective) & Cudar (animals book) rather than make us believe we were stupid. He entered our class in the féiseanna. He brought us to a feis in Portmarnock; going on a school-trip (bar football matches) was a big deal back then. One of the teachers Jeremiah Kelly was with the Labour Party (and was elected with Jim Larkin's son who lived nearby. He used to get us to pack literature for the elections). He was a pleasant teacher.

He skated on the ice in the yard one Winter with the boys, it was very funny. Another time one of the boys had a paper cone of popcorn and Mr Kelly asked him could he taste some. The boy was scared he would be in trouble but instead Mr Kelly sent him to the shop to buy him some, no-one had ever tasted popcorn before. His son was a baby in a concert in the school. I met him years later in his sixties & he could sing all the songs.

D.H: Some I remember were: Br. Davies, George Lyons, who was a fabulous teacher; we would excitedly wait for his lessons, Mr. Ward in the Primary School, Frank Mulcahy who lived above Fairview Cinema in a suite. He was an expert on Cardinal Newman & was well-read. We studied Albert Folens' French course; he apparently taught in the school. Br. Dwyer had the most impact on me. It was he who won the Leinster Colleges Championship for us. At that time, people like Des & Lar Foley, Buster Leeney & David Cashell were on the team.



Reics Carlo

Q: What was your favourite memory of school?

F.P: Going home!

I was a member of the Legion of Mary, a club called Realt where we met in a hut in the circle which is long gone. We had good fun.

In Primary School, the Choir was allowed to perform in the Church for the first time. We entered competitions & performed in the Metropolitan Hall, Abbey Street & in Crumlin.

D.H: The camaraderie with my friends in school.

Q: Can you remember any of your school trips?

F.P: We didn't go on any trips, except for football excursions, which I didn't play.

D.H: We followed the sports teams to Carlow, Navan & Longford. I remember cycling to Navan.

Q: Do you have any anecdotes?

F.P: When I left school, I was the eldest; my brother was attending the school when my father died. Without anyone asking, the Brothers returned the school fees to my mother; in those days you paid for secondary school.

I remember after I was sick awhile, the Attendance Inspector came in. She asked was any boy "mitching" but I thought, due to her country accent, that she was saying "missing". I put my hand up! the teacher, Mr. O'Driscoll, explained it to her.

We called Christian Brothers-in-training "stúdai". They were welcome as they weren't allowed to use corporal punishment!

When my cousin was 'on the hop', the Brothers sent me to cycle to his house to his mother with a note from them!

Lyons was a sarcastic teacher. When I couldn't answer a question, he said "There's no hope." I replied cheekily, "When there's life, there's hope." Then he said: "There mustn't be much life here!"

D.H: "Sean" Noonan was so-called because there was no end to him. He was in a dream world; always doodling & sketching. He wasn't academic. One day, Aidan Lawlor (the teacher) told him to go count goats in Clontarf or to "grab the ball & run!" Sean took him seriously. The same teacher told a politician's son: "If he puts the price up in the budget, you'll be in for it!" I remember on the way to Croke Park in 1950, Br. Slattery brought us into Fairview Church to pray! We won that day & really believed that it worked.

We used to use the clock above *Kennedy's Foodstore* on the way to school as we had no watches.

Frank Penny is a retired teacher.

Diarmuid G. Hiney is a folklorist & historian.

Minnie's Happy Faith By Diarmuid G. Hiney. (*Dedicated to Willie Bermingham of Alone*)

From the shop she drifts away, laden and alone
With small sliced, half of marge, milk, a chop
skinned to the bone
Fading down the side streets, melting into
walls,
This pint star of dignity, is smiling at pitfalls.

It's eight decades now since Minnie's fate was
hatched
As daintily she soft shoes to her own "detached"

A low ceilinged box, magenta papered, wall to
wall
Area, one hundred square feet, to Minnie toad
hall.

Ensconced inside her tiny, tinsel toy like world
A metaphor for lunch, a happy memory re-
played
Seated on a tea chest, her throne, function
robes unfurled
In dancing candlelight, the sandman for now
delayed.

Sometimes Minnie's moods grow lyrical, and
sweep her far away
Sixty years of savoured bliss, that time cannot
take away
The clock ticks friendly, she muses, such a
grand couple,
As the wedding photo speaks to her in language
soft and subtle.

A cockade, a jade, or perhaps an Amber Solaire
Or what if I wear a coiffure in my hair
Oh yes, that is the picture, that really is me
Really though, am I not the pretty Minnie?

With impish, roguish, pencilled smile
She views the lino and feels the pile
The heating is next, yes, the fire to light
Perhaps we'll restrict ourselves to one to-
night

That speck of dust should not be there
Then of course that colour grey, that mani-
fests my hair
Those wrinkles, tired eyes,
synthetic teeth, hearing almost gone
Fiddlesticks and tweedledum, with my rare
beauty it's all the one.

I think I'll have a grill, a coddle, or some
chops

Well perhaps something light, and waistline
save from flops
Now let me see what's on the menu, a boiled
egg or some essence
A slice of toast, transformed to roast, total
cost fifty pence.

Hard to tell the decade now, the beads grow
less tactile
One more Hail Mary, a Glory be, towards
the crucifix a smile
And then Amen, weightlessness, she drifts
bird like to her nest
Another day won for Him, now to His arms
and rest.



1950's

Captions:

1) The First Annual Past Pupils Union Dinner, 1956.

Br. A.P.
Caomhánach
is visible in
the centre.

2) Hurling Team, circa 1956.

3) All Ireland Senior Football Champions, 1959.

4) Team, 1959



Games Through The Years Part 1 by Pat O'Brien

Since its inception in 1888 the name of St Joseph's has been synonymous with achievement in the arena of Gaelic Games. The founding of the Christian Brothers leagues in 1925 provided the opportunity for Joey's to involve itself in inter-school competition. The first success was achieved as early as 1932 with victories in both codes at junior and intermediate levels.



1942 marked an important milestone in Joey's success story when under the tutelage of Br Ó Catháin they won the Leinster Junior Hurling title. This championship was retained the following year with victory over St Kieran's, Kilkenny. Senior success came in 1945 with a Leinster final victory over Kieran's, but the All-Ireland title eluded Joey's when they were defeated in the final by St Flannan's, Ennis. The successful teams of this era included many players who were afterwards to make their mark with Dublin. These included Kevin Heffernan, Joe Drumgoole, Ray Healy, Bernie Atkins and the Donnelly brothers, Liam, Paddy and Seán. An interesting full forward on the 1945 hurling team was Pat "Danno" Lawlor who was later to win international rugby caps for Ireland.

The first Leinster football success was achieved in 1946 when Joey's defeated near neighbours, O'Connell's in the final. Prior to this St Finian's Mullingar had been overcome in the semi-final. All that remained was to capture a Leinster Senior Football title and a first All-Ireland victory.

A Leinster Junior Football success in 1955 was to provide the platform for the following year and Joey's duly achieved their ambition of a senior title by defeating St Mel's, Longford in the final. Match reports indicated that the victory by Joey's by 1-8 to 2-3 was attributable to the inaccuracy of Mel's and the sideline craft of Joeys' trainer Br. Geraghty who made two vital switches involving Noel Fox and Christy Leaney late in the game. This victory meant that Joey's had achieved a Leinster Senior Football title for the first time. Unfortunately, the suspension of the All-Ireland series meant that no opportunity existed to win a first national football title.

Again, it was a junior success in 1958 which provided the basis for the senior football team of 1959; a team which had some survivors from the victorious side of three years previous. The 1959 senior football campaign was, and still remains, the greatest achievement of the sporting century. Backboned by players of the calibre of Des Foley, Seán Cohen and Simon Behan, Joey's took their second Leinster crown with a facile victory over the reigning champions Franciscan College Gormanston. The final score of 9-9 to 1-7 represented a record winning margin and helped to install St Joseph's as Hogan Cup favourites. The revival of the Hogan Cup in 1957 now meant that Joey's were but two matches from All Ireland victory. The semi-final was played in Roscrea and the opposition was provided by the Munster champions, St. Flannan's. Despite their superior hurling tradition the Claremen provided stiff footballing opposition and in the end only three points separated the teams. A 1-7 to 0-7 shoreline tells little of the difficulty with which the semi-final hurdle was overcome and team members still regard it as the hardest game of that year.

On April 19th 1959, St Joseph's faced St Nathy's Ballaghaderreen in the Hogan cup final at Croke Park. St Nathy's, champions in 1957, had the edge in experience but Joey's, powered by Dublin and Leinster midfielder Des Foley, were on their own territory. The turning point of the match came 18 minutes into the second half when St Nathy's full forward blasted a penalty straight at Joey's keeper Pat Talbot. That save inspired Joey's and in the end the Hogan Cup, the pinnacle of colleges' football success, was in the hands of Joey's captain Des Foley.

The Hogan Cup victory was an important break-through for St. Joseph's as they became the first day school to win the trophy, the first Dublin school to win it and the first Christian Brothers' school to be All Ireland football champions. It placed Joey's on a pedestal with St Pat's Armagh (1946), St. Jarlath's Tuam ('47, '58), St Mel's, ('48) and St Nathy's ('57) as the only schools to have won the competition.

Interview with Frank Byrne by Aidan McMahon (Aidan currently plays for St Vincent's Club like Frank did.)

Q. What year did you leave the school?

A: 1959



Q. What age were you when you started playing GAA?

A: 8 years of age

Q. Did you play for a club when you first joined the school? If so which club?

A: St. Vincent's

Q. Were there many boys in the school playing for local GAA teams at that time? A: A good few, thirty or maybe forty.

Aidan McMahon with Frank Byrne

Q. What position did you play?

A: Left half-back

Q. Which teacher had the biggest influence on your playing career with the school?

A: Brother Geraghty

Q. What school did Joey's beat to win the cup in 1959?

A: St Nathy's, Ballaghaderrean.

Q. Did you go on to play senior level with your club or your county?

A: No, I was injured within two years. In fact after school, I took up snooker and was on the Irish Team.

Q. Has the school changed much since you left it?

A: It's unrecognisable.

Q. What do you think of the current Dublin Hurling and Football teams?

A: Very good, you could not ask for better role models.

Q. What advice would you give to a modern day footballer?

A: Try and get a good mentor and role model, and then try to follow him. One of the greatest would be the present day goal-keeper: Stephen Cluxton. I'd like to especially mention the late Des Foley who was the backbone of our 1959 team. He influenced us all greatly and really was our role model during those years. Des could take an unbelievable amount of abuse and he would never ever lose the head.



The 1959 Team.

Funny Memories 1 by Colm Egan (Leaving Cert, 2000)

I came to Joeys in 1998 half way through fourth year. I was nervous on my first day as I didn't know anyone in the year and I had heard it was rougher than my last school (St. Paul's). My first class was with Brendan Leahy for History (Brendan later became a real inspiration to me both on and off the pitch). I sat down quietly in my new blue jumper, keeping myself to myself. Everyone was seated and Mr. Leahy began to teach. He then noticed my strange face and paused.....'Hey new kid, stand up on your desk.' Naturally I was surprised and disgusted. 'Did you not hear me, new Kid? Stand up on your desk!' I asked for his mercy as it was my first day, but I didn't get it. I took a stance on my desk, legs wobbling, followed by words I will never forget: "everyone, point at the yuppie and laugh at him." (*Oops, could the learned Mr Leahy have ever said that? Or could I be wrong? Ed.*) The whole class proceeded to do so! I think Bren was just trying to toughen me up!



My second class that day was Urban Studies with Mr. Gerry Brockie. I opened a window as it was rather warm. Mr. Brockie proceeded to accuse me of waving at someone and threw me out of the class. I explained to him that I didn't know anyone in the school, but he was having none of it and I had to stand outside for the rest of the class.

My third class on my first day was maths with Mr. O'Dwyer (Jungler). I'm very good pals with his son Conor so he knew who I was and also that it was my first day in the school. I arrived into his class and he told me I was not in his maths class at all. I was, apparently, in the other one in room 25. I walked around looking for room 25 for ten minutes. I walked back through the yard only to be met by a chorus of laughter through Mr. O'Dwyer's window by my new classmates. There was no room 25.

Next was the 15 minute break. I was in such shock and disbelief as to how my first day was going that lit a cigarette from my ten pack of John Player Blue. I had a few drags, standing in the corner just beside the statue before being tapped on the shoulder by the then Principal Mr. Michael Foster 'I didn't take you into this school for smoking. Detention is what you're getting, young man.' Nightmare.

The rest of the day was fine and I had an amazing couple of years there after that. This story of my first three classes is quite legendary to the year of 2000. I have recited it upon request on many occasions.

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Funny Memories 2 by David Kenny (Leaving Cert, 1989)

I am a past pupil from 1989. I remember well Mr James Teeling. Once he did a field trip with us to pick apples at an orchard. I told my parents I was going. Being a somewhat adventurous young lad I went instead with a class mate called David Ansley to Lansdowne Road to watch an international soccer game between Ireland and Scotland.



However, that night I was spotted on TV in the crowd with David Ansley by my side at the game by my dad as he watched the highlights of the game. The next day my dad called Mr Teeling to see if I was on the field trip and he told my dad I was not. Mr Teeling came in the next morning and pulled me out of class and "gave me loads." I had one unhappy teacher and one irate parent. I guess I shouldn't have taken a massive tri-colour to the game where the cameras focused on us and gave us away. Thanks RTE. Another memory was coming back late to Mr. Savage's English class after lunch because many of us watched the Australian soap *Neighbours* at that time. Mr. Savage would not be very happy so we would pretend to break down crying in front of him because of some death or tragic event that would have happened in the *Neighbours* episode during lunch on TV that day. That would get us out of trouble big time for being late with the sensitive Mr. Savage.

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Memories of Micheál T. Ó Caoinleáin

Micheál Ó Catháin served with distinction in St Joseph's from 1958 until his retirement in 1997, and is still hale and hearty at the grand old age of 81. During that time he taught thousands of past pupils and he left an indelible impression on one and all. Every one of them has a "Redser" story, be it positive or negative – stories that are better told over an alcoholic beverage in some local hostelry. That Micheál was and is "larger than life" and a "character" hardly needs to be stated. I first encountered him in 1988 when I presented myself for interview at Scoil Iósáif. Upon walking into the school I was asked to take a seat in what I thought was a broom cupboard (it turned out to be the school office) by a personage who, I assumed, was the caretaker. Several minutes later I was interviewed in beautiful Munster Irish by that same man who was in actual fact the Deputy Principal, an tUas. Mícheál Ó Catháin.

The present writer remembers with fondness his wonderful natural Irish that he spoke with the ease and fluency of a native speaker. It was simply a delight to engage in a "comhrá as Gaeilge" with Micheál as one invariably came away with a new "seanfhocal" or a new "corr cainte."

He was always, and still is, a master of quick-witted repartee. Not one of his fellow colleagues will ever forget his witty and often biting turn of phrase, his readiness for arguing any point of contention and his indomitable combative spirit. We wish Micheál many more long years of healthy retirement. Gura fada buan thú, a Mhíchíl, is go mairfidh tú an céad.

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Funny Memories 3 by Des Enright (Leaving Cert, 1985)

I have many memories of Joey's. In our last weeks we all clubbed in and got a *Kissogram* for "Redser," our then Vice-Principal Mr O Catháin. Can you guess who the *Kissogram* is?



1960's

This Decade saw the launch of Ireland's first T.V station & many more advancements.



Chronology

1960

-Br. D.B Manning became Principal.

1961

-Joe Blaney became caretaker.

1962

-Past Pupil Br. P.L Brady became Principal.

1963

-A swimming club is founded.

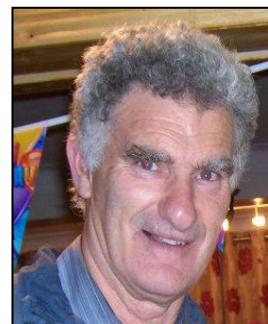
1965

-The new Primary School building is officially opened.

Personal Memories and definitely not an essay on Education in the second half of the 20th Century!

By Brian O'Dwyer (Leaving Cert, 1971 and former teacher, Deputy Principal and Principal)

My earliest memory of St. Joseph's goes back to Easter 1966. As a sixth class student in Scoil Mhuire, Marino I can recall being marched down to Joey's to join in the 50th year celebration of the 1916 Rising. The yard was packed; every child from Fairview and Marino schools seemed to be there and the school yard was awash with the national colours. That gives you some idea of the Christian Brothers' views of nationalism at the time. I suspect the 2016 celebrations will be tame and almost apologetic by comparison.



My own school days were filled with football and hurling matches, which I loved. The St. Vincent's Under 14 club team became the St. Joseph's Under 14 school team and our domination in Dublin continued. Success in Leinster proved more elusive and I can recall many fruitless trips to Carlow, Athy, Newbridge and Navan. It invariably rained on the journey down and we felt this favoured the Culchies who were more used to muck and dirt. It seemed a reasonable theory at the time but still hardly a sufficient explanation for a 5-14 to 1-6 hiding by St. Kieran's, Kilkenny or their ilk.

Subject selection depended on ability, hardly a selection in reality. The smarter lads were given Latin and Physics and the so-called slower ones studied Accountancy and Business. At the last count, the class of 1971 contained six millionaires but they were not the Latin and Physics scholars. Go figure. We had some incredibly talented teachers and I have to say that men like Vincent Banville, Ciaran Finneran and Jimmy Reilly were an inspiration to me.

Like most students I couldn't wait to leave but I came back three years later and stayed for 35 years. Before my return in September 1974, I can still vividly recall searching for a sports jacket (remember those?) in Roches Stores (remember that?) on Henry Street to wear in school. The then Vice-Principal George Lyons came up behind me and suggested that I should get a haircut while I was at it. Joey's in those days was taking in over 100 students every year and I still wonder how 35 pupils fitted into each room. It vied with O'Connell's for the title of most popular school on the Northside and students came from Malahide, Ashbourne and beyond.

In those days, Malahide was considered to be out in the sticks. Without the rain, though. I worked with wonderful teachers in my time and to name some would risk leaving twice as many out. A high proportion of students proceeded to UCD or Trinity; no mention of DCU, DITs or NCI in those days. It occurs to me as I write just how much the world has changed in 40 years and yet my time there seemed to pass in the blink of an eye. So many memories, so many characters and such fun. It is often assumed that working with teenagers is very challenging but that was never my experience. Of course, there were awkward days but they were few and far between. As a teacher of 25 years I always felt energised by students and they always kept you on your toes and young at heart.

Becoming principal in Joey's in 2001 was an honour, 35 years after my first visit to the school. I was well served by my Deputy Principals, Aidan Giblin until 2004 and later Christy Oonan. It also provided me with the opportunity to witness at first hand the incredible work the staff was doing in a changing environment. An Asperger's Syndrome unit was opened in 2004, thanks in no small measure to the promptings of Pat Fanning, Príomh-Oide in St. Joseph's Primary who had courageously opened his doors to students with A.S. a few years earlier. The wonderful work within the school was complemented by the Herculean efforts after hours, with teachers giving generously of their time on the sports field and elsewhere.

School tours have always been part of the curriculum in Joey's and countless numbers of students have visited Paris, Rome, Prague and even America. On these trips, you witnessed at first hand the interaction that exists between students and teachers in Joey's. These tours were organised by Christy Oonan and his death earlier this year was a shocking blow to the school community. No-one in my time greater epitomised love of school and commitment to the cause than Christy.

I often pass Joey's heading into town or going to Croker and often think that while I may have left Joey's, it has never left me. I would like to take this opportunity to wish Joey's well on its 125th anniversary. It is a Dublin institution that gave me a life, a wife and countless happy memories.

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Interview with *Manuel McAleavy & Patrick Walsh (past-pupils)*

Q: What year did you start in this school?

P.W: 1963 in the Secondary.

M.M.A: 1964 in the Primary & 1969 in the Secondary.

Q: Who was the principal at the time?

P.W: Br. P.L. Brady (known as "Shorty").

M.M.A: Br. Feeney.

Q: Did you wear a school uniform then?

P.W: No.

M.M.A: At certain stages, a school blazer & cap.

Q: What languages did you do?

P.W & M.M.A: French & Latin.

Q: What was your favourite subject?

P.W: Irish.

M.M.A: Maths (as I had a great teacher: Mr. Banville).

Q: How long did you have for lunch?

P.W: 12:30-2:15.

M.M.A: An hour & a quarter.

Q: Was there a shop in the school then?

P.W & M.M.A: No.

Q: Can you remember any of the teacher's names?

P.W: Mr. Duffy & Seamus Reilly for Irish, Mr. Lyons & Fred Mulcahy for English, Br. McKinney & Br. Kavanagh for Latin, Br. Kiely for French, Bill Ryan & Mr. Ó'Catháin for History & Geography, Mr. Prenderville & Br. Kavanagh for Religion, Br. Kavanagh for Physics, & Br. Caffrey &

M.M.A: In the Primary: Mr. Ward, Mr. Kelly, Ms. Burke (elocution) & Mr. Bedford (Irish Dancing).

In the Secondary: Mr. Banville (Maths), Mr. Devitt (Latin), Mr. Prenderville (Civics, known as "Percy"), Mr. Kane (Irish, known as "Redser"), An Economics teacher, whose name I can't remember, known as "Fats", Br. Kiely (French, known as "Bump"), Br. MacDonnell (Religion, Biology & Sport, known as "Sally"), Br. Murphy, known as "Jeff", Br. Moore, known as "Mother", Br. Carroll (Chemistry, known as "Smokey"), Ms. Alexander (Science, one of the first women teachers in Joey's), Mr. Ruane (Geography & Sport) & Mr. Barry (who retired in 2013 - Editors)

Q: What was your favourite memory of school?

P.W: The camaraderie.

M.M.A: 1) Lunchtime football on the basketball court in Fairview Park.

2) The Latin History classes on Roman Emperors including Caligula, etc.

3) Our first unofficial soccer match against St. Paul's in Raheny.

Q: Can you remember any of your school trips?

P.W: Just trips to support teams.

M.M.A: The furthest we went was Drogheda to see Oliver Plunkett's Head!

Otherwise, it was trips to see the Joey's Gaelic Football team play matches.

Q: Do you have any anecdotes?

P.W: Redser (Mr. Ó'Catháin) lining making everybody stand at the back and sides of class (so we could not see the books), then asking everyone a History question (such as how many died in a particular battle & what time the battle took place!) Most of us got biffed.

Br. McKinney made us do the Junior Cert. in 2nd Class & again in 3rd Class. The one & only class to do so.

Stories of Br. McKinney (R.I.P) who was principal & taught science, physics, applied maths & maths. When in Marino, he formed a tin whistle band & taught & encouraged Paddy Maloney of the Chieftains, John Sheehan of the Dubliners, the Rawsomes, & many others into Music.

M.M.A: I have memories of student protests over school policy on long hair (it made the TV & papers!)



SCOIL IÓSAIS FIONNRADHARC ARD-TEIST 1966



1960's

-Br. J.A McCaffery became Principal.

1966

-Bríd Newham became the first secretary.

-An Exhibition of the 1916 Rising was held.

Aug. 1967

-The School enters Free Education.

1969

-Br. Feeney became Principal.

Captions:

1) Former Pupil Charles Haughey with Br. Ó'Catháin.

2) Leaving Certs, 1966.

3) Golden Jubilee of the 1916 Rising.

4) School Staff, 1962.

An Ghaeilge i Scoil Iósaif le Tadhg Ó Caoinleáin

Ní staraí mé, ach ina ainneoin sin déanfaidh mé iarracht cuntas a thabhairt ar stair a múinte agus a labhartha anseo i Scoil Iósaif. Nuair a fostáodh mé sa scoil sa bhliain 1988 bhí an Ghaeilge go líofa ag a lán den fhoireann ag an am, fiú taobh amuigh de roinn na Gaeilge féin. Bhí cúigear againn sa roinn sin: Micheál Ó Catháin (an leas-phríomhoide ó 1980 go dtí 1997 nuair a chuaigh sé amach ar pinsean), Tomás Mac Ádhaimh (Ciarraíoch agus cainteoir ó dhúchas a d'éisigh as sa bhliain 2000), Bairbre Úi Dhéadaigh, Mánas Ó Luathaire (cainteoir dúchais eile) agus ansin mé féin Tadhg Ó Caoinleáin. Labhraimis an Ghaeilge le chéile de ghnáth mar bhí sean-traidisiún a labhartha coitianta i scoileanna na mBráithre Criostaí agus níorbh aon eisceacht í Scoil Iósaif.



Bhí an Ghaeilge ar bharr a dteanga ag daoine eile ar an bhfoireann taobh amuigh den roinn, mar a bhí: Róisín Nic Chába, cainteoir dúchais eile de bhunadh Chonamara di. Mhúin Róisín an Spáinnis amháin sa scoil, más buan mo chuimhne agus bhí deartháir leí, Éanna in a léachtóir le Gaeilge i gColáiste Phádraig, Droim Conrach leis na blianta. Bhí neart Gaeilge ag a leithéidí mar Róisín Nic Ghuidhir (Mata a mhúin Róisín don chuid is mó ach in am an gháitair lionfadh sí an bhearna go huchtúil) agus Antaine de Barra a sheas an fód ar son na cúise go dtí le déanaí nuair a chuaigh sé amach ar pinsean sa bhliain 2013. Bhí togha na Gaelainne fós ag Gearóid Brockie a rinne a scolaíocht ar fad tréna meán agus fiú ag Breandán Ó Lathaigh, a d'éag sa bhliain 2002 agus gan ach timpeall caoga bliain slánaithe aige, go ndéana Dia trúcaire ar a anam uasal. Ach faraor, tá formhór na ndaoine atá thuasluaite agam éirithe as gairm na múinteoirreachta agus braithimid uainn iad.

Sa bhliain 1893 bunaíodh Conradh na Gaeilge chun an teanga a chaomhnú agus a chur chun cinn. Nuair a tosnaíodh ar mhúineadh na Gaeilge ag an am sin in Éirinn tugadh Ceiltis mar ainm ar an ábhar. Scoláirí na mBráithre nach mór a roghnaigh an t-ábhar agus a bhformhór a bhain na marcanna ab'airde amach sna Scrúdaithe Meántestiméireachta. Mar shampla, sa bhliain 1895 bhain 528 dalta pas amach sa Cheiltis sa scrúdú sin agus tháinig 449 den uimhir sin ó scoileanna na mBráithre Criostaí.

Sna nóchaidí den naoú h-aois déag chaith na Bráithre a lán dá gcuid ama ag múineadh na Gaeilge agus bhí fear amháin ar an bhfoireann anseo i Scoil Iósaif, an Bráthair J.V. Ó Cathasaigh agus do scríobh seisean leabhar scoile dar teideal *Aids to Irish Composition*. Le linn na bhfichidí den bhfichiú haois chuaigh stáid na Gaeilge go mór chun cinn sa scoil agus de réir a chéile múineadh ní ba mhó ábhair tréna meán. Tosnaíodh ar í a labhairt fiú taobh amuigh den seomra ranga. De thoradh na dtréan-iarrachtaí a rinne na Bráithre bronnadh corn speisialta, Corn na Dála, ar Scoil Iósaif, Fionnradharc. Chuir Dáil Éireann an corn sin ar bun chun aitheantas a thabhairt d'aon scoil ina raibh an lón ba mhó scoláirí le Gaeilge ar a dtoil acu. Bhain Scoil Iósaif an corn sin dhá uair: sa bhliain 1926 agus arís sa bhliain 1928.

Le h-imeacht na mblianta chuaigh stáid na Gaeilge chomh mór sin chun tosaigh sa scoil gur tosnaíodh ar gach ábhar a mhúineadh tréna meán sna luath-thriochaidí. Sa bhliain 1937 bhain Scoil Iósaif céim iontach amach, sé sin, stádas ar a nglaoití “Scoil A.” Seárd a bhí i gceist leis an stádas “A” ná scoil inar múineadh gach abhar tré mheán na Gaeilge. Lean an stádas sin ar aghaidh ins an scoil seo ’gainne go dti an bhliain 1957 – tréimhse fiche bliain ar fad.

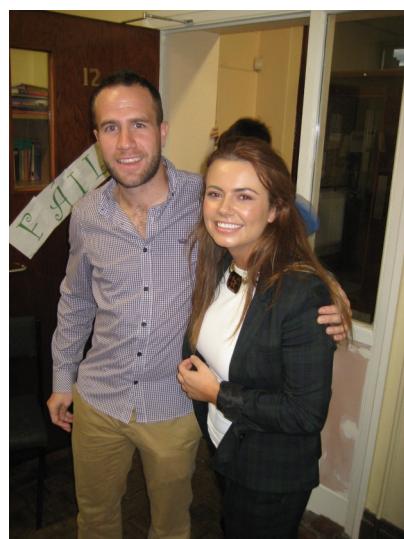
Bhunaigh An Bráthair T.M. Ó Catháin Cumann na nIar-Scoláirí (sé sin, an PPU) sna luath-daichidí. Matamaiticeoir agus Gaeilgeoir den scoth a bhí san fhear céanna, chomh maith le fisí thar an ngnáth. (Is maith is cuimhin liom féinig úsáid a bhaint as a chuid leabhar mata a bhí scríofa as Gaeilge nuair a bhíos i Scoil Uí Chonaill mar dhalta sna seachtoidí). Dob í an Ghaeilge meán cumarsáide Chumann na nIarscoláirí sna blianta tosaigh sin agus dob é Annraoi Ó Beoláin ceannródaí an Chumainn sin leis na blianta, fiú síos chun an am i láthair, agus gura fada buan an fear céanna.

Sa bhliain 1944 tháinig an Bráthair Ó Donnchú chun na scoile agus bhí an-dúil aige i gcúrsaí spóirt agus sa Ghaeilge araon agus bhunaigh sé craobh den eagraiocht Ógra Éireann a raibh mar aidhm aige ár dteanga dhúchais a chur chun cinn trén i a labhairt le linn gnáthimeachtaí agus caitheamh aimsire i gcoitinne.

Chaith an mórscoláire Gaeilge an Bráthair Liam P. Ó Caithnia seal sé bliana ar an bhfoireann múinte ó 1960 – 1966. Scríobh sé leabhar iontach agus tábhachtach, saothar mór scolárthachta agus taighde, dar teideal *Scéal na hIomána* a foilsíodh sa bhliain 1980. Scríobh sé dhá leabhar shuimiúla eile eile, ceann ar stair na peile gaelaí agus dirbheatheaisnéis duine de bhunaitheoirí an Chumann Lúthchleas Gael, viz, Micheál Ó Ciosóig. Dúirt an tOllamh le Gaeilge Alan Titley (léachtóir i gColáiste na Trionóide ag an am) go raibh *Scéal na hIomána* ar cheann dena leabhair ba thábhachtaí a scriobhadh i nGaeilge sa bhfichiú haois. D'éag an t-údar sa bhlian 2001 agus cúig bliana d'éag is trí scór slánaithe aige.

Bhí scoláire Gaeilge amháin eile ar an bhfoireann agus b'eisean an tUas Fiachra Ó Dufaigh a theagaisc sa scoil ó 1964-1970. Nuair a d'fhág Ó Dufaigh scoil Iósaif fostaiodh é mar léachtóir i Roinn an Oideachais i gColáiste na hOllscoile, Má Nuad mar ar mhúin sé Módheolaiocht na Gaeilge. Is cuimhin liom féinig úsáid a bhaint as leabhar fior-áisiúil a scriobh sé don Ardteistiméireacht *Onóireacha sa Ghaeilge*.

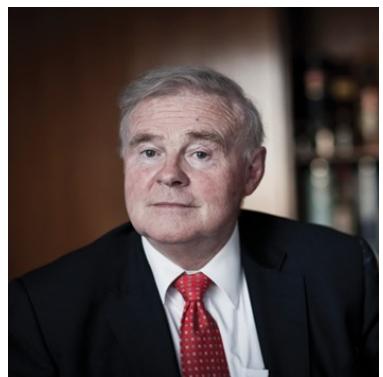
Is mithid dom stadanois mar tá an tobar beagnach tráite agam. Fágaim todhchaí na Gaeilge sa scoil seo ag a leithéidi mar Shinéad Ní Leannáin, Conchubhar Mac Ghloinn agus Séadhan De Poire, müinteoírí óga fuinniúla den scoth a bhfuil an teanga ar a dtuile agus suim thar na bearta sa chultúr Gaelach i gcoitinne acu. Má tá müinteoírí cosúil leo i scoileanna eile na tire beidh todhchaí geal ag an nGaeilge. Go n-eirí an t-ádh leo.



Roinn na Gaeilge

John Teeling

If one were making a list of outstanding past pupils of St Joseph's, one would count John Teeling as one of the main contenders for top place. An article that was published in the Irish Independent in November 2012 maintained that John was "one of the most unorthodox and successful businessmen operating in Ireland today." His academic prowess is also second to none, being on equal par with another famous intellectual alumnus of Scoil Iósaif, Charles J. Haughey.



John has fitted three careers into his life so far: that of an academic, an astute mineral explorer and that of a knowledgeable whiskey distiller. The last is somewhat ironic as this entrepreneur has never touched an alcoholic beverage in his life. In a recent interview for a local Clontarf media outlet he praises Irish whiskey as being "the best, the most mellow and the sweetest" whiskey in the world.

While the present writer was a student at UCD he, along with many other Arts students, used to flock to the Commerce lecture halls to hear John expound on his business theories to an enraptured audience. What was obvious was that this man had mastery of both the theory and the practice of Business and Economics. Teeling, who lectured in Business Administration at UCD for 20 years, holds degrees from UCD (B.Comm, M. Econ.Sc), Wharton Business School in Philadelphia (M.B.A.) and a doctorate from Harvard Business School. He is a much sought after speaker and guest for business conventions and, most especially as a commentator on media outlets for his clarity of explanation of all things financial both to the business community and the wider community at large.

He has the distinction of setting up more listed companies on a stock exchange than any other Irishman, although he prefers exchanges in London to Dublin, because it is cheaper to list a company there. The canny Teeling is so wary of property that the only land he owns is his house – although he was once the chairman of London property developer CountyGlen. He hit the headlines two years ago when he sold whiskey distiller Cooley for €73m to a US rival that makes Jim Beam rye, but he has also been involved in around a dozen exploration companies since he left his teaching post at UCD at the age of 41.

The mineral exploration companies linked with Mr Teeling include Kenmare Resources, which owns a massive titanium mine in Mozambique, and looks set to start making a fortune in years to come. His companies have made investments in such far-flung places as Sierra Leone, Guinea, Botswana and Jordan. According to John's brother Jim, who taught Business Studies in Joey's for many years, the astute businessman, to supplement his geological and scientific surveys, at one stage used information provided by Irish scholars in the field of *logainmníocht* (the lore of place names) to inform him as to where precious metals might be linked with certain towns or town-lands in Ireland. Mr Teeling is currently mining for zinc in County Limerick.

More recently, following the completion of negotiations with Diageo Ireland, John Teeling's new venture, the Irish Whiskey Company, is to invest €35 million in two new distilling plants on the old Harp Brewery site in Dundalk to supply own-label and bulk Irish whiskey. "The strategy is to supply a segment of the whiskey market that's going to grow and which is not currently being supplied," he told *Drinks Industry Ireland*, "Retail own-label is going to grow. Irish whiskey sales are around 6 million cases at present but are expected to be at around 10 million in 2016 and 20 million by 2021/2."

We are proud to list John Teeling as one of our foremost past pupils, successful business man, true scholar and gentleman who has sponsored many of our graduates by way of third level scholarships and our present pupils through his financial support for our after-school study. His commitment to the educational aims and ethos of Scoil Iósaif, both in word and deed is truly inspiring. Gura fada buan thú, a Sheáin.

Editor.

*Class Photograph, 1963
John is in the front row, fifth from the right.*



1970's

This Decade saw The Troubles in Northern Ireland, Social Change in life & a sporting streak in the school.



Chronology

1970

-The Parent's Advisory Council was founded.

1973

-Brother T.T. Devane becomes Principal.

1974

-Brother J.L. Hannigan became Principal.

Aug. 1978

-Brother J.M. Fahy became Principal.

1979

-A four-year Intermediate Certificate Programme begins.

Interview with John Gahan

Q: What year did you start in this school?

A: I started in 1977.



Q: Who was the principal at the time?

A: First, it was Brother Hannigan. When he left, then it was brother Fahy. Mr Lyons was the vice-principal.

Q: Did you wear a school uniform then?

A: Not when I started first, but it came in during the time I was in Secondary School. I think it was the same as it is today.

Q: What languages did you do?

A: Spanish & French. Before I started in the school, it would have been French & Latin.

Q: What was your favourite subject?

A: Science.

Q: How long did you have for lunch?

A: An hour & a half, from 12:30 until 2:00. However we didn't get a half day on a Wednesday like you do now.

Q: Was there a shop in the school then?

A: Yes, but I never used it. As far as I can remember, it sold sweets as well as stationery.

Q: Can you remember any of the teacher's names?

A: Some I remember were: *Mr Early, Mr Brockie, Mr O'Dwyer, Mr Kell, Mr Adams, Mr McGrath, Brother Kiely, Brother Kearns, Ms McCabe, Ms Docherty & Mr Savage*.

Q: What was your favourite memory of school?

A: When Dublin won the *All-Ireland Final*. The team would come in with the Sam Maguire (in those days it would have been Kevin Heffernan & Jimmy Keaveney.) & we would all get a half day. Although I remember once getting a half day when Galway won because a teacher in the school managed the Galway team.

Q: Can you remember any of your school trips?

A: I can remember one trip where we went to the Sugarloaf Mountain with Mr Early, Mr O'Dwyer & Ms Docherty.

John Gahan works in engineering in U.C.D.

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Memories of Joeys

When I was a kid my brother went to Joey's primary school. About once a month, the Brothers (probably Br. O'Shea & Br. Costello) organised to show a film after school on a Friday. Kids in the school could bring their sisters, brothers & friends. No-one ever knew what film would be shown, but gangs of us would go anytime it was on. You paid a small amount at the door to the school hall & in you'd go. The hall would be lined with row after row of hard wooden seats, after a few minutes it would be packed with young kids. It nearly always was a Cowboy & Indian or War film. I think we saw Jason & the Argonauts there too.

During the interval, the Brother would change the film reel & there would be a raffle. We all bought tickets & hoped we would win. The prize would be something like two shillings which seemed like a good prize at the time. Once, my younger brother won, but as he was too shy to go up to collect the prize, I had to for him. After the film we would all charge home exited from the film, running through the lanes of Marino. It was great fun. In those days no-one was dropped to school by car. Everyone walked or got the bus. Mammies didn't bring their kids to school or to collect them, the kids just tagged along with the bigger ones.

Then, before Christmas every year, was the annual Joeys sale-of-work. We all loved that. Many's the year I won a tin of biscuits for my mother; I'd be proud-as-punch bringing it home to her.

When I became a teenager, I went to the Joey's Disco. It was held once a month on a Friday in the primary school hall. That was great fun. You had to be in at least fourth year to get in. The fathers of the pupils manned the door & and asked to see your I.D. The D.J was great, the music would be *Santana Stones*, *Hendrix* etc. & would always end with "We are the champions" by *Queen*. Many romances began at the Joeys disco. Now & again though a teacher would walk around the hall checking things. We all danced under the watchful eye of the holy statue on the wall by the stage.

I have lots of happy memories even though as I'm a girl I went to a girls' school. The boys were great; we girls much preferred Joeys boys to the boys in the other schools. So Happy Birthday Joeys, Heres to the next 125 years!



1970's

Captions:

1) Confirmation, 1972.
Note School Jackets.

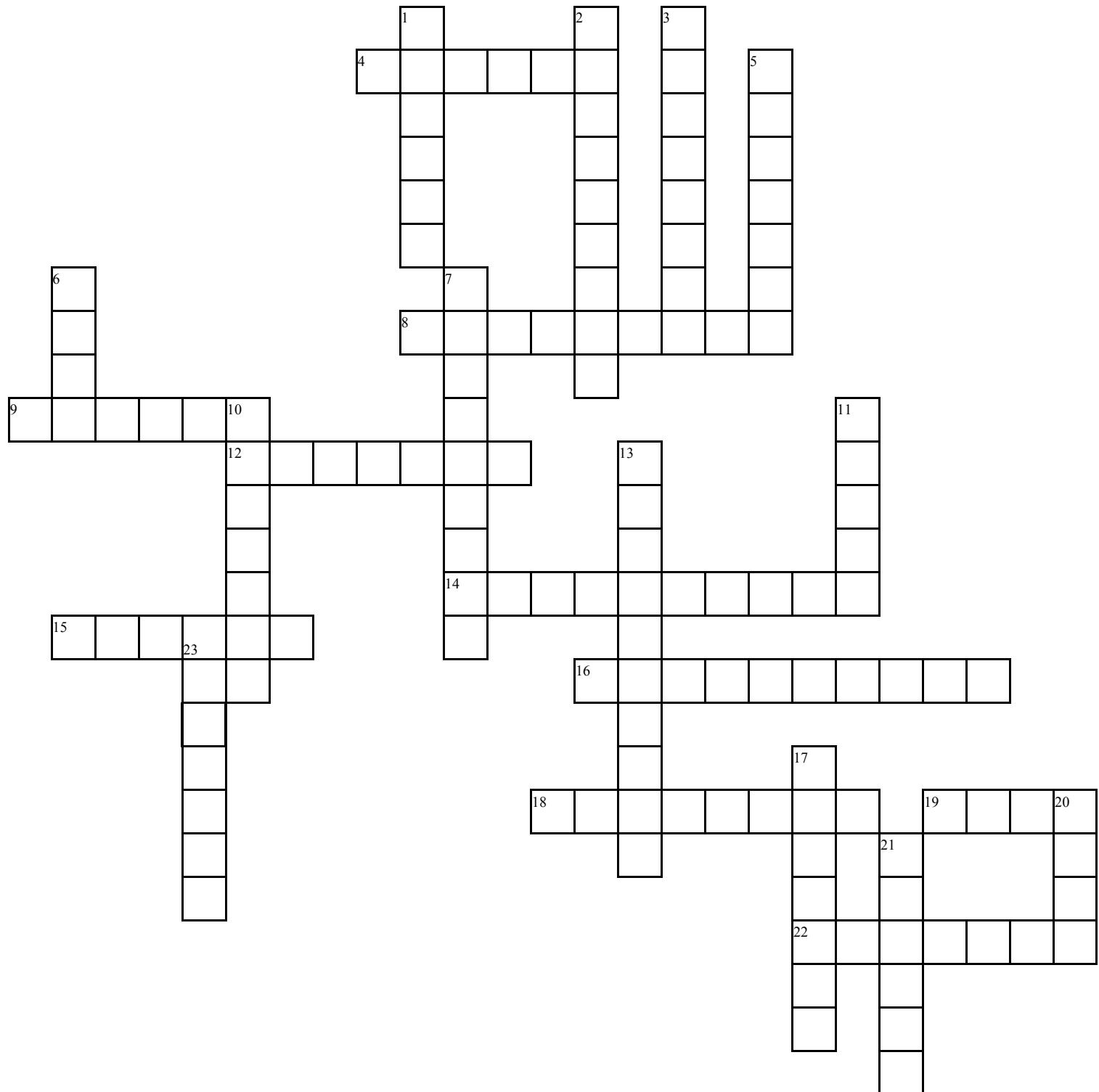
2) Junior Football Leinster Championship Winners, 1974.

3) Disco Membership Cards, 1976 – 1977.



History Crossword

We have made out a crossword based on the history of the school. Most of the answers can be found throughout the book.



Across

- 4.** What African country does the school visit & try to help? (6)
- 8.** What famous football player & manager attended the school in the forties? (9)
- 9.** The foundation stone was blessed by Fr. Scully, a _ (6)
- 12.** Which famous ex-Taoiseach attended in the 1940's? (7)
- 14.** The founder of the Christian Brothers (10)
- 15.** The first lay Principal was Mr._ (6)
- 16.** The Correct name of Fairview Church is the Church of the _ (10)
- 18.** In 1936, _ was discontinued in the school. (8)
- 19.** Both Ms. Giles & Ms. Newham shared this first name. (4)
- 22.** Peadar _ , a past pupil, composed the national anthem (7)

Down

- 1.** In 1753, Lord Charlemont returned from his Grand Tour of Europe & named his estate _ (6)
- 2.** Joe Blaney was _ of the school (9)
- 3.** The surname of two teachers: a Brother & Vice - Principal. (8)
- 5.** This Past Pupil is a famous film star. (7)
- 6.** One of the school's colours. (4)
- 7.** The second school building was opened in _ 1958 (9)
- 10.** Where was the Finals for the Business Quiz held? (7)
- 11.** The original building only contained _ rooms (5)
- 13.** In 1989-1990, the _ programme was launched. (10)
- 17.** In 1988, Mr. _ wrote a History of the school. (7)
- 20.** In 1994, the Art Teacher Mr. _ passed away. (4)
- 21.** Deo Duce: With God as my _ (6)
- 23.** John _ is a famous businessman & past-pupil. (7)

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Solutions:

Interview with Darren Sherlock

Here, we interview 5th-Year student Darren who is a musician & songwriter.

**Q. When & why did you first get interested in Music?**

A. I was around five or six. I was quiet & didn't mingle with other kids my own age. Instead, I sat down & wrote music.

Q. What instruments do you play?

A. I started with the Piano & then moved onto the Guitar as it was easier. I also play the Harmonica, Drums, Bodhrán & my voice.

Q. Where & when did you start performing in front of people? Were you accompanied?

A. Two years ago, I played in the Gaeity Theatre. It was by myself so I was quite nervous.

Q. What competitions have you entered?

A. I entered the Louis Walsh Boy band auditions last summer & did quite well.

Q. What gigs have you supported? Did you feel a sense of accomplishment?

A. I have supported gigs in the Malahide Festival & pubs in the locality. It felt good to have people compliment me.

Q. Do you hope to pursue a career in Music?

A. Definitely. I would hope to get an Arts Degree & teach the subject as well someday.

Q. Do you sing your own songs or covers? Which do you prefer?

A. I sing both. I prefer my own since I can sing them in my own way.

Q. What was the audience's reaction to your own music?

A. They complimented me & there was a big clap so they must have enjoyed it!

Q. Were you ever in a band? Do you prefer being solo?

A. I'm in a duo with another guy. I prefer solo as I can do my own thing.

Q. What kind of music do you listen to in your own time?

A. Indie, Rock, Pop & Rap.

Q. What advice would you give to a budding musician?

A. Keep your head down working & learn more; do great things.



Ms Patricia McGorman, the music teacher.

1980's

This Decade saw unemployment, recession & emigration in Ireland.



Chronology

1980

-Michael Uas Ó Catháin became Vice-Principal.

1985

-The Vocational Preparation & Training Programme (V.P.T) began.

-In December, The Brothers announce plans to introduce a Board of Management & a lay Principal.

May/June 1986

-Mr. Michael Foster Esq. was appointed Principal.

Memories of the first Lay Principal by Michael Foster

In August 1986, I became one of the first Lay Principals appointed to a Christian Brothers school. Having familiarised myself with the school and all its workings, the celebration of the Centenary of Scoil Iosaif became a major challenge. However, the support of a hugely dedicated Parents Council, Past Pupils Union and staff ensured a very successful centenary.

My experience of St Joseph's was of a school with a great tradition of a friendly and caring attitude towards the students; an excellent academic reputation, supported by a very hard working professional staff and very supportive parents.



During my tenure there were major educational initiatives: the introduction of the Transition Year Programme, the establishment of the Year Head posts, the introduction of a Repeat Leaving Certificate Course, the development of modern science and computer laboratories and the provision of after-school study.

Scoil Iosaif had a famed tradition in Gaelic games. The 1990s witnessed the school winning titles in hurling and football. The 1990s also saw the Schools All Ireland Soccer Trophy come to the school twice. My appreciation to those teachers who were involved in a voluntary capacity in golf, athletics, basketball and debating. Unfortunately, two of the main figures in the sporting tradition of the school, Brendan Leahy and Christy Oonan are no longer with us.

I worked with two Deputy Principals. Micheál Ó Catháin was with me for 11 years, and gave sterling service to the school and its students. Then there was Aidan Giblin, a very caring person, who always had the interests of the students at heart.

The Parents Council gave me wonderful support, while the Past Pupils Union, guided by the energetic Annraoi Ó Beoláin and Paddy Walsh were huge supporters of the school in terms of financial support and career guidance.

The first Board of Management was appointed in 1986 with Br Dan Moore as Chairman who, with the board members, continued the excellent ethos already established. The Board was always supportive of school activities and initiatives. It would be remiss of me not to mention the last remaining Christian Brother on the staff, Br. N.T. Kiely – much loved by students and staff alike. He was the personification of Christian humility.

I was fortunate as Principal to have with me a dedicated and loyal staff whose support made my stay in Joey's so rewarding. Many thanks to the school secretaries Bríd Newham and Bríd Giles for their contribution and to Roger Hogan our caretaker.

Guim gach rath don todcháí ar Gerard Cullen agus ar an bhfoireann uile, agus ta síúil agam go leanfaidh traidisiún Joey's ar aghaidh ar feadh 125 bliain eile.

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1980's

1987

-The Centenary Celebrations opened on 11 November, led by a Mass.

1988

-The Principal Celebrations occurred in March.

The GAA by John Jude Vaughan (Leaving Cert, 1990, proprietor of Vaughan's Public House, Hartford, Connecticut)

The GAA, the very word gives me the shivers. I feel anxiety, pain, adrenaline and excitement all rolled into one. Wish I could mix it into a tropical cocktail, Jaysus I'd be rich - nothing tropical about the Gaelic football though boy! I only love it and have so much admiration for those who play and help out with the duties every week. Ye see when I grew up I never "got" the GAA and its significance. It was lost on me at age 14 to 18. I was more interested in *Top of the Pops* and *Scott and Charlene* if the truth be known. I watched the semi-final recently with the Dubs and Kerry and immediately I got those shivers again. I only wish I knew then what I know now.

Ye see going to school at Joey's and playing for the *Deo Duce* was no great honour for me back then, I only wear that badge now 25 yrs later - dreadful state of affairs really. Walking the "dawgs" every night brings me back in time and tonight I was transported to Fairview Park in the late 80s: Benny Leahy a transplanted Kerryman trained us pups from the Northside. He lived, breathed and sweated GAA. His time and efforts were invaluable and yet like many in the GAA he never got a penny, his payment was in smiles on the faces of

jubilant parents of the kids who played for Joey's who for most part never got the chance to say thank you. Ah the yellow mitre gloves, the O'Neill leather footballs, backs versus forwards and a splash of wintergreen on pasty legs all come to mind. Joey's was a proud GAA stronghold in Dublin and to Benny Leahy, Christy Oonan, Jungler (Aka Brian O'Dwyer), Pat O'Brien, and Mick Kelly it was *the world*.

Benny taught us that if someone hit our man, we all hit back, surrounded him and let him know he wouldn't be doing it again. He preached discipline, desire, hunger, pride and most of all sportsmanship. The opposing bainsteoir or manager always went into the victors' dressing rooms and thanked them for a fine game, congratulated them and wished them well in the next round. The GAA taught respect on and off the field. The country teams made "sambos" after the game for the players, hot flasks of tea and you could feel the genuine warmth of hospitality. When we played Ard Scoil or David's it was the Northside classic: war and bragging rights as well as local pride and years of animosity meeting a run away, out of control express train; neither slowing down and ye could hear its heavy breathing down your neck like the two fat kids on the track in *Stand by Me*.

Joey's didn't win a Leinster title in my years as we fell in the final hurdle against St. Mel's. They did, however, go one step further two years later and win the All Ireland with another Vaughan, my brother Trevor leading the charges and some Lambers (The Lambe brothers), Smithers (twins) and other comrades fighting the winning war and delivering the Holy Grail to Dublin 3. I've a picture of Benny Leahy winning the two all Irelands that year in my house and it looks like his bonus play 6 ball has just got plucked. He got his final wish for Joey's and he deserved all the smiles in the world - Brendan Leahy from just outside of Tralee, Kerry passed away a young man in his early fifties eleven years ago.

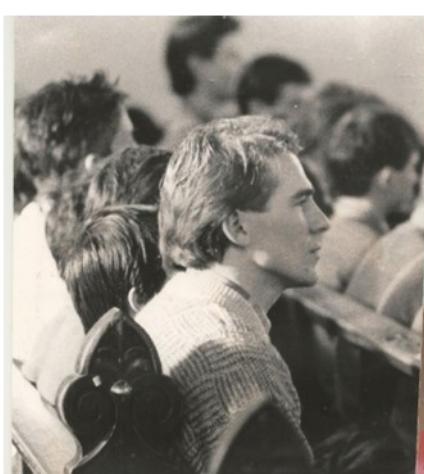
Poor Christy Oonan passed more recently. Few men have done more for the fine men that left St. Joseph's in Fairview and for that I salute these two fine men and mentors. They were two of my favourite teachers at Scoil Iosaif. They gave us life skills in pride, honesty and sportsmanship and built true character. Celtic versus Barca tomorrow, Joey's versus Ard Scoil, Fascism versus Socialism, Generalissimo Franco versus Frank Ryan. I'll be at my usual match-day haunt tomorrow for the Hoops game. Can we beat Barca, can lightning strike twice, can I finally hit double figures at the bar? What is for sure is Benny and Christy were both true sons of Joey's and I'll hoist the first Oktoberfest frothy for them both and for JOEY'S . Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha. C'MON THE HOOPS!!!

Trevor, Johnny & Kenny Vaughan, all past pupils.



1980's

Captions:



1) Mr. Pat Duane with students on the last day of school, 1985.

2) Mr. Ó Catháin at a Debs, 1985.

3) Mr. McGann with pupils at the school mass, 1985.

4) Mr. Savage in Room 22.

5) Mr. Foster with Br. Dan Moore & the Most Rev. Dr. Kavanagh.

6) Mr. Foster with Harry Boland, founder of the Past Pupil's Union

7) Charles Haughey with students. Br. Fahy is visible in Right Foreground.

8) Charles Haughey & Mr. Foster.

9) Mr. Oonan at the Centenary Mass.

Irish-Spanish link by Emilio Murcia Nadal

St. Joseph's is for me one of the best schools I have ever been in, I am not saying this only to make this article pro-St Joseph's, no I am saying this because I feel it. I came here, to Ireland to improve my English because it is going to be very good for my future, as you know perfectly that it is the language of the world.



Another of my objectives in coming here is to learn another culture. On my first day I was very confused because I did not know what to do but the staff helped me to find my place here. At first I haven't had lots of friends, but my parents offered me hope saying that Irish people and in general all people from the North are colder than people from the South but in a few weeks they are very friendly, all that my parents were saying to me was true. Within two weeks all the people started wanting to be my friend, some more and some less but all friendly. All the people are helping me improve my English mostly at the school, with classmates, correcting me when I am wrong.

Why Ireland? Because I love Ireland, I have been here for two years but only a month in summer and I have learnt to love Ireland despite all the rainy days. Another reason that I have chosen Ireland because it has a very interesting culture; with their music, their dances, their food... All about Ireland is interesting.

Another reason that I have chosen Ireland is because I have heard that it is the best place to learn English because it has a better accent than in England. In England they speak an English that is difficult to understand because it is very polite and with words that nobody uses so I prefer an English that everybody can understand.

I have chosen this school because it is a school without prejudices against the Spanish people. I know it sounds terrible: "*Prejudices against Spanish people*". I know, but it is true, some people have prejudices against Spanish people. Another reason I like this school is because it believes that everybody can learn a lot regardless their homeland, culture and religion.

Students here in St Joseph's are the friendliest Irish guys I have ever met. At first they were a little bit reserved with me but after two weeks they started talking to me more often and now I think they are lovely people; they correct my English when I say something wrong and they teach me how they speak.

Sometimes they ask me to teach them some Spanish and I do it delighted because they are showing me that they are good people that only want to learn more and to be my friends. The staff in this school have been very kind to me, explaining things that I did not understand and correcting my vocabulary too. They also helped me to find my next class or by simply asking me how am I integrating. Here in Ireland the weather is not as good as in Spain but is not bad at all. Most of days are cold so you learn to appreciate that hot cup of tea that your host family offers you.



Students & two language teachers:
Mr. Seadhán de Poire & Ms. Fiona Barry.

Games Through The Years Part 2 by Pat O'Brien

The success of the 50s was not repeated in the following decade, but in 1962, the Senior Hurling team reached the Leinster 'B' final losing to Enniscorthy C.B.S. after a replay. Among the members of that side were Tony Hanohoe, Jimmy Keaveney, Leslie Deegan and Gay O'Driscoll, all of whom won All-Ireland football medals with Dublin. The remainder of the 60s were lean years for Joey's, but the next decade was again to provide tremendous sporting success.

A Leinster Senior Hurling 'B' Championship in 1970 began the school's most fruitful decade. By this time the training of school teams was entrusted to lay teachers with Vincent Banville, Christy Ruane and Brendan Leahy managing many of the sides. 1971 saw two further victories, the Dublin Senior Football Championship and the Leinster Junior Hurling competition. A Dublin Senior Football title in 1976 was followed by an appearance in the Leinster Final. However, Joey's on that occasion had to give best to another emerging power, Carmelite College, Moate. 1977 saw the first of three successive Leinster Junior Football titles with victories over Knockbeg College ('77), Beneavin College ('78) and St Mel's in 1979. Many of those players were, like their predecessors, to achieve success with Dublin.

Without doubt, 1978 was the most successful sporting year of Joey's first century. Leinster titles were won in Senior and Juvenile hurling, titles were won in Senior and Juvenile football, and a second successive Junior Soccer triumph was recorded. Added to these were victories in Dublin Championships for the above teams plus the Senior Footballers. Among the stars of this period were Pat Canavan, Vincent Conroy, Tommy Conroy, Michael and Stephen Loftus, Colm Buffini, Declan Moylan, David Banks and Joe McLoughlin.

The 1980s, like the 60s, were insignificant compared to the previous decade, but a Dublin Senior Hurling title in 1980 and a Leinster Senior Soccer victory in 1986 proved that Joey's had not lost sight of their past. The Centenary school year (1987/88) proved that Joey's could still work their sporting magic with all three football teams, and the senior and juvenile hurlers reaching the knockout stages of the Dublin Championships.

The next decade began in Joey's with the Dublin Senior Football Title in 1990 & a 1st Leinster Senior Final since 1959, where the team was backboned by the St. Vincent's Players: Seán Brady, Robert Lambe & Dermot McGloin. They were gallant runners up to St. Mels, Longford.

1992 saw the beginning of a glorious era for soccer in Joey's. Three All-Ireland Senior titles were garnered. The 1st was achieved as a result of penalty shootout, where the losing goalkeeper was none other than Shay Given. The captain was Trevor Vaughan. He & Michael Dempsey later enjoyed long careers in League of Ireland Football.

In 1994, an Under-14 Dublin Football title was secured by many of the same players who achieved later soccer success.

In Gaelic Games, recent success was provided by the Dublin Juvenile Championship in 1996.

Joey's won the All-Ireland Titles both at the expense of Summerhill College, Sligo. The 1st came courtesy of Shane Hayden's extra-time winner. The 2nd was achieved following a penalty shootout. Many of those teams later played in the League of Ireland Football, including: Gerard McCarthy, Darragh Hayes, Robert Kelly, Alan Keeley & the '98 captain, Kevin Doherty, who signed for Liverpool after finishing the Leaving Cert.

Soccer success continued in the new millennium. Victory came in the Leinster Minor Cup in 2007, followed by a narrow loss in the All-Ireland Final. Many of the same group featured on the senior teams of 2012 & 2013. The 2012 team reached the Leinster Senior Cup, semi-finals. While the 2013 squad went agonizingly close to Leinster Senior success, losing 8-7 on penalties to Athlone Community College in the final.

Currently, sport is alive & well in Joey's as it has been for the past 125 years and it shows the dedication of teachers who give the students the opportunity to develop their skills, experience the discipline of team sports & strive for further success for Joey's.

BT Young Scientist Exhibition 2012 Ms. A. Duane (Science Teacher, St. Joseph's C.B.S. Fairview.)

With a record number of 1735 applications for just 550 places, competition for the 2012 BT Young Scientist was tough. However all the months of hard work paid off for our very own second year student Manolito Aviles when his project was accepted for the BT Young Scientist Exhibition 2012. This was a wonderful achievement for Manolito who was inspired to create his project following a road traffic accident involving a family member. His interest in robotics gave him the idea to build his "Crash Detector and Geographical Coordinates Sender".

Manolito built a sensory device that detects a crash and transmits this information to a microcontroller which acquires the geographical coordinates via a GPS receiver and autonomously sends these to the emergency services through a transmitter. The microcontroller was programmed by Manolito to distinguish between minor and serious collisions using a triaxial accelerometer, meaning the signal will only be transmitted if the crash is above 7Gs and not every time there is a minor bump.

The exhibition kicked off with an opening ceremony on Wednesday 11th January with entertainment from science rock band 'Amoeba to Zebra' and juggling act 'Little Big Top' followed by rousing speeches from An Taoiseach Enda Kenny and BT's CEO Colm O'Neill. Over the next few days the judging commenced with each project undergoing three rounds of interviews with expert judges.



A huge range of projects were on view within the Technological, Behavioural, Chemical, Mathematical and Biological Science categories. Other activities included Eco Theatre, Robotwars and a 3D "Celestial Adventure" presented by Dunsink Observatory. The Arena adjacent to the main hall hosted several shows every day and each evening various activities were organized for the students taking part including table quizzes, karaoke and the much anticipated disco.

With almost 1200 students competing and an estimated 40,000 visitors attending the exhibition this year's competition was bigger and better than ever. The energy and enthusiasm shown by the students competing was outstanding. This exhibition is not just about science and technology – participants had plenty of time and opportunities to meet like-minded peers, make new friends and exchange ideas.

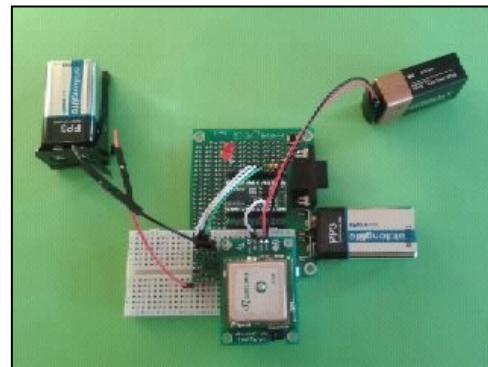
Having attended the exhibition to support Manolito, our own first and second year students are eager to develop ideas for new projects and are already thinking about their submissions for next year's exhibition. As for Manolito, he intends to further develop his project based on the feedback he received at the exhibition.

Congratulations to Manolito on his achievement. I have no doubt that it will be the first of many.



The Science Department

The device Manolito built:



1990's

This Decade saw the start of the Celtic Tiger years in Ireland & a prosperity unseen before. As wealth rose & fell, so did student numbers.



Chronology

1994

-The art teacher, Mr. John Daly, passed away aged forty-one.

-Bríd Newham retired as secretary & is replaced by Brid Giles.

1996

-The Repeat Leaving Cert. is introduced.

1998

-Girls were accepted into the Repeat Leaving after permission was granted by the Brothers.

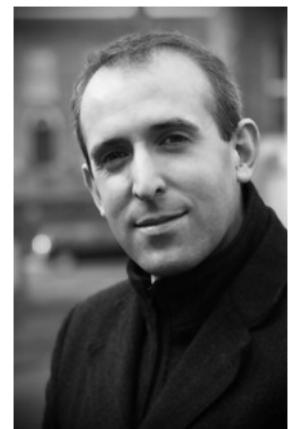
1999

-Mr. Aidan Giblin became Principal.

Memories of an Alma Mater

by Barry Kennerk (Leaving Cert, 1995)

My first real memory of 'Joey's' harks back to the mid 1980's. Once a week, Mr Fanning used to lift a hurl on his shoulder and lead a group of us wide-eyed primary children through the grounds of the secondary school *en route* to Fairview Park. Every time, we got the same mantra as we passed the fire escape: 'Lads; would you ever be quiet. The boys are trying to study'.



Little did I know that just a couple of years later I would become one of those boys (although the 'study' part is debatable). I remember the open day very well – the smell of Mrs Banville's Spanish omelettes mixed with formaldehyde vapour from the science lab; it leaves a vivid limbic memory.

Waiting for the bell on the first day, I took comfort in the fact that many of my primary school friends were in the same boat. Most of the teachers were lay but we did have Brother Kiely for religion and French, a kind, elderly man with glasses and snow-white hair who remembered the area before Marino was built. As a young teacher, he told us how he used to cut across the fields from Griffith Avenue.

For business studies, we had Jim Teeling who, considering the recession took an understandable interest in the *Buy Irish* campaign. He had a less explicable (albeit enjoyable) penchant for tall stories and until he got to know you, you were simply referred to as 'sport' or 'scout'. Another teacher who stands out in my mind is Mrs Deady. Every day, we lined up noisily outside her Irish class. When she approached, a wave of silence would descend, starting at the back and working its way towards the door. She rarely had to raise her voice. Mrs O'Brien, whose room was next door, commanded similar respect – you had to stand up before she came in but her teaching was second to none.

In general, the school was very sedate when we started – in fact, to me the sixth years seemed more like college students; very focused and diligent. We were a rowdier bunch to say the least. On one occasion, we had the idea of blackening the little globe held by the statue of the infant Jesus and writing 'TNT' on it; I am told the plan was later carried out.

The lads in our year came from all over the Northside. Some cycled to school and as September gave way to the rainy winter months, the classrooms would steam up with coats and jumpers drying out on radiators.

In those days, we still had a mono-cultural society and apart from one Middle Eastern boy, the student population was almost exclusively Irish. Among all the 'Ryans' and 'Duffy's, my German-sounding surname stood out – today, lost amid the 'Stolarczyks' and 'Podkulskas' I doubt it would even attract a moment's notice.

If you wanted to experience other cultures you had to leave Ireland which was exactly what we did. In third year, about 60 of us went on a bus trip to Germany and Holland led by Christy Oonan and John Daly, our art teacher. One of my younger brothers joined me on that outing but for some unknown reason, everyone knew him as 'Billy'. When his friends from school called, my father roared: 'Tell them there's no Billy living here. He was christened John!'

As soon as the bus left the school grounds, the messing started. One evening, as we made our way back to the *Hotel L'Europe* in Boppard, Mr Oonan announced over the speakers that there would be a special 'blessing of the Rhine'. Those lads who bought knives as souvenirs could only watch aghast as they were flung into the waters as a libation for the river Gods.

A lot of learning did take place at Joey's but no account of my time there would be complete without mentioning the 'scraps'. The venue of choice was usually Fairview Park near the bandstand but I remember watching a couple of legendary bouts in the bike sheds; the bars lending a kind of Mad Max feel to the proceedings. At the agreed time, the sheds would be circled by a gaggle of blue-jumpered boys, all craning their necks for a better look. Inside, the scrappers could be seen grabbing each others' collars and scuffling for advantage on the concrete; racer wheels buckling as their feet struggled for purchase. The Principal, Michael Foster had his work cut out as he waded in like John Wayne. Looking back, we were less than a decade on since the end of corporal punishment – I am sure that Joey's (like many other schools) was still finding its feet in terms of alternative discipline.

For our final three years, we were given a bit of freedom – pitch and putt started at St. Anne's for those who weren't interested in football and in an era before mobile phones, the girls from Maryfield and Holy Faith used to smuggle in letters. As far as technology went however, there was no internet, music tapes were still widespread and although we had a computer room, the machines provided little more than a very early version of Excel and a DOS-based Word programme.

As we approached the Leaving Cert, we had Manus Early for Irish – the whole gambit of *filíocht agus próis* but as the coursework intensified, the homework suffered. One day, at the end of his tether and about to 'blow a gasket', he got the group to stand out at the top of the class. He split the lads into those who had done their homework and those who hadn't. One of my mates was for the chop until he remembered a story he had picked up. Legend has it that when Michael Collins was taken to Richmond Barracks after the 1916 Rising, he escaped his fate by slipping away from the condemned group.

My friend tried the same tactic by moving over to the *savants* and it worked. The incident might not have showed much knowledge of Irish but it demonstrated a practical application of history!

As the summer of 1995 approached, one of the stock Irish phrases rattling around in my head was 'Tá trí chéad mile duine difhostaithe in Éirinn faoi láthair'. It is a sad state of affairs that after several years of prosperity, our level of unemployment has now surpassed that figure. Fortunately, economies seem to work in cycles and with a bit of luck, today's students will benefit from the next boom.

As far my future went, I really didn't really look beyond the Grove disco on Saturday nights but I knew I loved writing. With a group of mates, I had compiled a comic homage to Gene Roddenberry called *Star Crack; the Text Simulation* and I was already drafting little pieces of prose. I particularly recall a conversation I had with Mrs O'Brien one day between classes. It came as a revelation that you could take English at college and that's exactly what I did. After a year studying journalism, I enrolled as an undergraduate at Maynooth. When it comes to careers guidance, you have to follow your passion and although arts funding has received a hammer blow in recent years, the fact remains that Ireland still needs its humanities graduates.

Another piece of advice was given to me by the late Seamus Heaney – no matter what you do, you need to have a ‘circle’; a group of friends with whom you share a common interest. At Joey’s, those interests were nurtured in the school yard and carried into the class room. For me, that’s what will always make St. Joseph’s my true Alma Mater.

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A Bit of Class by Conor Wilson (Leaving Cert, 2001, Senior Researcher, RTÉ Current Affairs)



“Give me a child until he is seven and I’ll give you the man”. The Jesuit motto, attributed to Francis Xavier, has always left me a little cold. It suggests an indoctrination; a sculpting of pliable young minds to a pre-conceived ideal. What if the child doesn’t want to be that sort of man?

It seemed to me that while Joey’s strived for its students to reach levels of excellence to match any other school, there was an emphasis of moulding them into the best versions of *themselves* that they could be. If a pupil showed an aptitude for science, or French, or economics, it was identified and nurtured, that the aptitude may be worked upon, developed, and honed into a skill.

We were fortunate enough to have teachers for whom it was unacceptable to waste talent. This was not limited to academic subjects alone. A student who showed skill on the Gaelic football pitch, but had no interest in togging out for the school team, was “persuaded” that neglecting the sporting gifts he possessed would not be the wisest course of action. This was never a conflict for me, as I was never quite good enough to warrant an enquiry as to whether I’d be available for a match.

There was more expected of students who showed promise in certain subjects. Sailing through your time in Joey’s was simply not allowed. There were times when I felt that my work and exam results were of an acceptable standard (to myself at least), until the school report arrived home to inform my parents that I had a tendency to rest on my laurels and take it easy. I have Pat O’Brien to thank for pushing me at English; were it not for his encouragement, it’s unlikely I’d have wound up where I am today. I can say similar for Ger Brockie, whose enthusiastic stewardship of our debating team contributed greatly to me becoming the argumentative sod I am today. I’d love to think I have a fraction of his eloquence. As career guidance teacher, the late Brendan Leahy gave me the brutally honest advice that shaped the choices I would make nearing the end of my Joey’s education.

We were encouraged to speak our minds, to form our own opinions on matters and express them. I had some spectacular arguments with Christy Oonan (also sadly no longer with us now) on all manner of topics. No quarter was ever given or asked. The only thing he required from us was that we showed “a bit of class” in our arguments. In many ways, that sums up to me the ethos during my time. Producing identikit graduates was never the plan. Our differences were celebrated, our skills fostered and sharpened, and the Joey’s hallmark was that bit of class it expected of its students.

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What is Success? By Michael Arkins (Leaving Cert, 2001)



When asked about success I find it very difficult to define. It's something that has a different meaning for everyone. One thing I'm sure about is this - success only comes when you feel like you're trying. Winning or losing are largely irrelevant: success is when you perpetually push forward, refusing to give up. Life isn't something that just falls into place. My experience has shown me that walking away from your comfort zone and embracing growth will set you up on the right path!

Continuous development is everything. Every environment you find yourself in, every experience you're apart of and everyone you meet should serve you in a valuable way. It's important to be your own biggest fan.

I really don't believe it's the world's job to provide you with opportunity. It's your job to leverage the world and everything in it to create your own opportunities. I would encourage you to dream big and pursue a course of study you're really passionate about. Avoid traditional advice! Work to be an expert in your chosen field and tenaciously differentiate yourself from the crowd without compromising who you are at your core. Be innovative in everything you do. Challenge the norm and question everything. The world doesn't need carbon copies. Don't ever get comfortable! The world doesn't sit still so you shouldn't either. I wholeheartedly believe that complacency can breathe failure. Originality, creativity and thinking differently will fuel your way forward.

Dream big and be paranoid about protecting where it is that you want to go. Surround yourself with enablers - the good people who encourage you to be the best version of yourself. They're the rare and amazing people who remind you why the hard work is worth it. It's also essential to understand that success is a consequence and should never be a goal. Enjoy the journey and never be afraid to take risks. Falls will absolutely happen and failure will definitely occur but they'll help you step forward into growth. If you protect yourself from it you will step backward into safety. However big or small - work to leave an impression wherever it is you go.

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1990's

Captions:

- 1) Debs, 1990.
- 2) The Staff, 1994.
- 3) U 17 Soccer team, 1998.



Maths Puzzle:

Here's an old trick that Mr. O'Dwyer used to give to students:

- Step 1: Let $a = b$.
- Step 2: Then $a^2 = b^2$,
- Step 3: $a^2 + a^2 = a^2 + ab$,
- Step 4: $2a^2 = a^2 + ab$,
- Step 5: $2a^2 - 2ab = a^2 + ab - 2ab$,
- Step 6: and $2a^2 - 2ab = a^2 - ab$
- Step 7: This can be written as $2(a^2 - ab) = 1(a^2 - ab)$
- Step 8: and cancelling the $(a^2 - ab)$ from both sides gives $1=2$.

See if you can figure out in which step the fallacious reasoning lies.

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Left: Maths Week, 2013.

Right: Students & two Maths Teachers: Ms. Orla McDonnell & Ms. Niamh McGee.

Solution: Step 8. It can't be cancelled as it equals b , then $(a \times a)$ minus $(a \times b)$ equals 0 . Dividing by 0 is undefined, so 2 does not equal 1 in case you doubted!

A Brief History of the School – Part 1 – From Foundation to Free Education

(Edited from St Joseph's C.B.S., Fairview 1888-1988, by Gerard Brockie, privately published 1988, the year of the school's centenary. These brief excerpts here have been supplemented with notes furnished by the author.)

On 3 August 1888 the Christian Brothers opened a small three-roomed school at Marino, a sparsely-populated suburb of Dublin. A neighbouring foundation at North Richmond Street, The O'Connell Schools, had been inaugurated by the Liberator himself amid a glow of publicity in 1828. The new school in Marino, however, began its life on a much quieter note. The foundation stone had been blessed on 11 November 1887 by Father Scully, a member of the Jesuit order and chaplain to the Christian Brothers at Marino. Few can have imagined at the time that the school would eventually become one of the most renowned of all Christian Brothers' establishments. Although dedicated to St Joseph, in its early years it was known simply as Christian Schools, Marino. From the 1920s onwards the name St Joseph's Marino was used only to be replaced in the 1940s by St Joseph's Fairview in order to avoid confusion with the Brothers' Missionary College of St Joseph at Marino.



From the outset the ethos of the school was moulded by the spirit and traditions of the Christian Brothers. In order to understand this inspiration we must now consider the heritage of Edmund Ignatius Rice and his followers in the nineteenth century.

Not surprisingly St Joseph's shared in the cultivation of Irish which was a marked feature of Christian Brothers' schools. During the 1890s Irish was taught in the school by a Brother Mescall and by Brother J.V. Casey who assisted Brother J.J. Fitzpatrick in the writing of the book *Aids to Irish Composition*. During the 1890s the local branch of the Gaelic League (founded 1893) held its weekly meetings in the school. This was the Clontarf branch founded by Eamonn Ceannt who lived locally in Fairview Avenue. In 1900 meetings in the school ceased when Ceannt rented a premises on Philipsburgh Avenue for the purpose.

During the 1920s Eugene Timmons, who later became Lord Mayor of Dublin and a Teachta Dála, was a pupil in the school. Another student in those days was the future Brother P.L. Brady, principal of St Joseph's from 1962 to 1965. In 1935 two new partitions were installed in each of the large primary rooms upstairs at St. Joseph's. As a result for the first time there was a separate room for each primary class. In 1936 woodwork was discontinued in the secondary school due to lack of space. It was never to be resumed as a subject in the school afterwards.

By the late 1930s St Joseph's had settled down to a pattern of slow but steady achievement. It was now an "A" school and enjoyed reasonable success in the Intermediate Examinations. Nevertheless enrolments remained below the 200 mark and the school still lacked a senior cycle. This state of affairs was to alter soon, however. The arrival of a Brother T.M. Ó Catháin as principal in 1938 heralded the beginning of a new era in the life of St Joseph's half a century after its original foundation.

To Brother Ó Catháin belongs the credit of first introducing the Leaving Certificate programme into St. Joseph's. During the 1930s the numbers in the school had been increasing at a modest rate from 99 in 1930 to 145 in 1935 and up to 181 by 1938. This was in line with the modest but steady increase in the numbers of secondary students in the country as a whole. The continual gradual rise in student numbers from 1940 onwards was destined to take place in the context of a complete two cycle programme.

In setting out to develop a Leaving Certificate class, Brother O Catháin prepared the ground carefully. At the end of his first year as principal, 25 students passed the Intermediate Certificate in 1939. During the school year 1939-40 he prepared both second and third years for the Intermediate Certificate Examination. Of the 43 students who sat the examination in 1940, 42 achieved honours. The principal had now ample material for the Leaving Certificate course in St. Joseph's.

At the first Leaving Certificate Examination held in St Joseph's in 1942, twelve students passed, all with honours. Four students also passed the Matriculation Examination of the National University of Ireland. St. Joseph's never looked back from this new lease of life. In the following year 1943, 28 students passed the Leaving Certificate Examination including 14 who achieved honours. That year students of the school were also awarded ten Matriculation Certificates and five University Scholarships. A leading member of the "Class of 43" was later to achieve distinction in a wider sphere: Charles J. Haughey who won scholarships and other academic and sporting distinctions at school, in adult life became a government minister and eventually Taoiseach in 1979, the second past pupil of St. Joseph's to achieve such distinction.

The advent of free secondary education in 1967 led to a huge increase in the numbers of pupils remaining on at school after they had finished their primary education. During the early 1960s a yearly increase of about 6,000 took place in the overall numbers of second level students in the state. In 1967-68, the first year of the free education scheme, the numbers on the roll in St. Joseph's reached 608, exceeding the 600 mark for the first time ever. They remained over this mark for the next three years. The basic fee charged in the school during the last year of such charges (1966-67) had been twenty pounds a year. It had only been raised to that level in March 1967 from 15 pounds a year on the instruction of the Provincial of the Christian Brothers. This had been necessary in order to bring all schools to the same level in anticipation of the introduction of Donogh O'Malley's scheme in the following September. As it happened twenty pounds was the amount paid by the state in respect of each pupil as a replacement for school fees.

When the school re-opened in September 1967, out of 180 who had sat the entrance examination, 138 pupils were accepted into First Year. As well as the new free education scheme a new system of university scholarships was introduced at this time. Subject to a means test any student who acquired four honours in the Leaving Certificate Examination was entitled to a free place in a university or other third level college. In 1967 under the old system of limited county scholarships only one student from St Joseph's won a university scholarship. In 1968 under the new system no fewer than 21 students succeeded in gaining university scholarships, an eloquent testimony surely, to the greatly enhanced opportunities available to those who were willing to avail of them by attention to their studies.

2000's

This Decade saw a new millennium dawn, & culminated with a global economic downturn unseen for almost a century.



Chronology

2000

-Mr. John Keane became Principal.

2001

-Mr. Brian O'Dwyer became Principal.

Sep. 2004

-The Asperger's Unit is founded with at first one student.

2006

-Austin Nolan retired as caretaker & was replaced by Peter White.

My Sporting Memories by Colin Sullivan (*Leaving Cert, 2000*)



My Sporting experience in Joey's started with the Pitch n' Putt excursions to St. Anne's Park on the 29a and with the sweaty pre-lunch courts of Squash Ireland on the Howth Road. No, we were not blessed with sporting facilities, but what we lacked in infrastructure we made up in individual and collective pupil talent and in the teachers' drive to help us achieve what they knew we could!

My time as a bored average academic student ended, as a 15 year old in 1997, when I was asked to come and train with the senior soccer team by Career Guidance Teacher and Coach Brendan Leahy. That year went so quickly and I ended up being part of the Squad that went on to win the All-Ireland Senior Soccer title for the first time since 1992. I came on as a substitute in both the Leinster and All-Ireland finals and will never forget the experiences. Brendan Leahy and assistant Mick Kelly had a big influence on me that year.

Being part of the team in 1997 was rewarded in my being made Captain the following year. Relationships with peers and teachers bonded. I had a role in the school now, I had a purpose and I had to learn to speak in large groups, speak for groups and stand up for my fellow team mates when the staunchly academic-only teacher group would fight hard and persistently to keep us in class and off the football field! (I must add that we trained twice a week after school till 5.30pm because of this.)

Their argument had a purpose, we were there to learn and they were there to help us learn. But what is learning? Is it knowing about Pythagoras, glaciated valleys, Patrick Kavanagh or how to find a shoe shop while on holidays in Spain? Or is learning to know what it means to represent your school, fight for your team mates, win with dignity and lose with pride? These are life lessons that cannot be taught in the classroom but are found on the bus to Mullingar, standing in the terraces of Belfield, joking at the breakfast table in Mother Hubbard's, playing in the muddy marsh lands of Tallaght Community schools or attending the studios of RTE (We appeared on 'Echo Island' and the 'Soccer Show' circa 1998.)

I know of 3 players who played in the winning All-Ireland team of 1998 that would not have even been in school were it not for the sport. When the soccer was over, they stayed and completed their Leaving Certificates. That's a testament to how sport in school had and will forever have an effect on their lives.

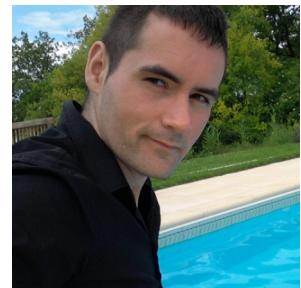
Sport taught me to respect teachers, and I hope it helped the teachers to see us as who we really were and to understand us more. The classroom is a small confined room where individual

expressions sometimes are not appreciated. Sport gave me a chance to show everyone what I could do outside the classroom. Brendan Leahy's desire and passion which he showed in our team, in us as young men and in his unquestionable belief that we, Joeys, could beat any other team in the country regardless of their school's stature or history inspired me to go beyond what I had believed was my ability. Lifting the All-Ireland Senior Soccer trophy in 1998 and giving a speech to the crowds that attended this match is still one of the most memorable experiences of my life.

I have no doubt about it that being part of sporting life in Joey's, working alongside brilliant men like Brendan Leahy and Mick Kelly influenced my life in so many positive ways. Sport was an integral part of my personal development and I'm forever grateful for having the memories of such a special time and to have been around so many special people during this time.

R.I.P Brendan Leahy: Thanks for the kick up the backside. Gone but never forgotten!

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After School by James McDermott (*Leaving Cert, 2003*)

I didn't know what I wanted to do when I finished school. I knew that I wanted to do something with computers, but I also knew that I wanted to work with people and psychology. On the day of the CAO application I still had no idea what I wanted to do. Ms Fitzsimons, the guidance councillor at the time came to me with a prospectus from Dún Laoghaire Institute of Art, Design, and Technology and pointed out a course in Psychology Applied to Information Technology. This was perfect for me, I put it down as my first option and luckily enough I got it. The course covered both areas I was interested in and also thought me how to apply what I had learned about human behaviour to I.T. in order to make systems a lot easier for people to use. A short while after finishing college, I went to work as a note taker for a student with disabilities in D.I.T after a few minutes chatting to the staff of the disability service they mentioned that I would be ideal for a job that was available in the college. The next day I had an interview and I started working full time in D.I.T the week after.

I am currently the Assistive Technology officer for all Northside campuses. I deal with technology (hardware or software) that can be used to help students with disabilities overcome some of their difficulties whilst in college; a job which is exactly what I wanted, even though I didn't know it so many years ago. I hope to move on to work in the area of eLearning or educational psychology.

Best of luck with whatever you end up doing in future and I hope you enjoyed Joey's as much as I did. I have a lot of good memories from my time there.

What Joey's Means to Me *by Sean Walsh (Leaving Cert, 2009, Member of the group The Original Rude Boys.)*

It's hard to put into words how much St. Joseph's CBS means to me, but I'll give it a go. I went to Joey's from 2nd class right up to 6th year and to say it shaped me as a person is an understatement. I met so many fantastic people in this school. From its roots it was pure, pure to the point that even the janitor knew everyone's name. We had a great relationship with the teachers and the staff and we knew where we stood. They treated us as adults from a very young age, and I think that is different from a lot of other schools.

The teachers also had a great understanding of the area we were from and the kind of troubles we faced, but they always encouraged us to be better than the norm and rise above our expectations.



(Seán Walsh is on the right)

I always enjoyed music as a subject in school and I then got into the industry by the way of social media. Back then I never thought that Ms. McGorman's music class would help me. However, I was completely wrong. I was streets ahead of people in song writing, reading music and structuring a song. I had learned it all in Room 8 (the Music Room) before I'd ever dreamt of being a musician. Joey's always pushed us to think outside the box and for that I'll be forever grateful. If you're a past pupil I'm sure you can relate to what I've written here. If you're just about to begin your journey at Joey's, get ready because the best is yet to come.

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The Best Little School in the World by Gary Ivie
(Leaving Cert, 2009)

When I was in Joey's I knew that I wanted to study something to do with Business and Spanish at university, and luckily DCU offered a course which combined the two as well as giving me the opportunity to learn German. The course I did at DCU involved me spending a year abroad. I chose to go to Germany as German was my weaker language.



I found out that German universities are a lot different to Irish universities. There were no societies in Germany universities like there are back home. At Irish universities there are societies ranging from sports like football, martial arts to stranger societies such as *The Tea Appreciation Society* or *The Paranormal Society*.

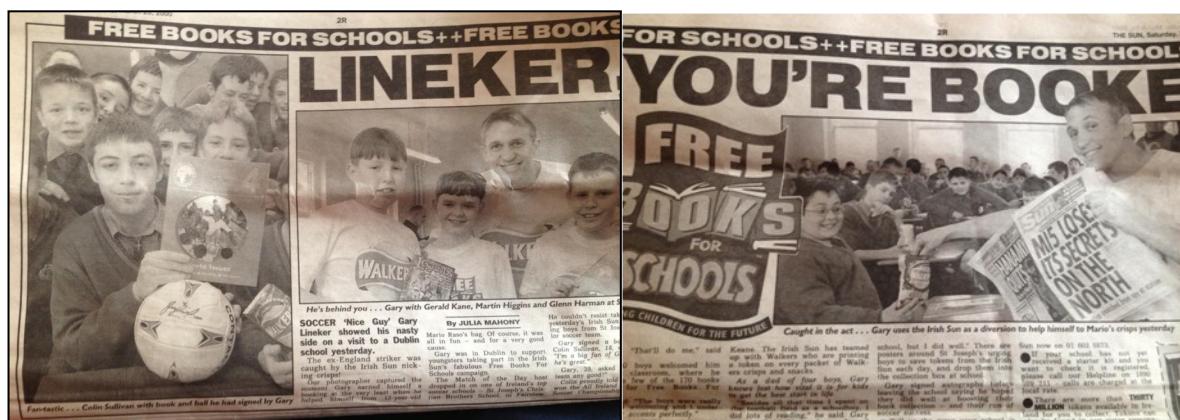
During my time in Germany I got a job working as a foreign language assistant at the University of Hanover. It was my job to ensure that the students in the class spoke as much English as possible. After finishing my degree this year (2013) at DCU I decided to do similar work to the work at the German University and am now working in two German secondary schools helping to teach English. I know that if it wasn't for the high standard of teaching at Joey's then I wouldn't have been able to go as far as I have gone. After finishing my degree in DCU and working in both a German university as well as a German secondary school I now appreciate the wonderful results of the small class sizes at Joey's and the importance of the teachers always having time for their pupils.

2000's

Captions:

1) Gary Lineker visits the school.

2) Soccer Team, 2000. Messrs Kelly & Leahy are visible.



A Brief History of the School – Part 2 – 1970 - 2013

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In 1978 Brother J.M. Fahy arrived to take up the position of principal, a post which he would hold for the next eight years. In an effort to broaden the range of subjects available to students, full time teachers of Art and Music were employed. In 1979 Alan Buffini joined the staff to establish the Music Department in the school. In the following year Miss Denise Pierce arrived and began the work of building up the Art Department.

In 1978, 1979, 1980 and 1981 school musicals were produced by Mr. Tony Barry with the assistance of Ms. R. Banville. The musicals staged included *Fiddler on the Roof* and *Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. In 1984 Mr. A. Buffini produced the musical *Oliver* in the primary school hall. In December 1985 the Provincial Council of the Christian Brothers announced that a board of management would be established for St Joseph's and that a lay principal would be appointed in August 1986. This was Mr. Michael Foster who would be principal for the next thirteen years. One of the many tasks facing the new principal was the organisation of centenary celebrations for the Academic year 1987-1988.

In the year 1988, with government-sponsored early retirement and re-deployment, there was a great turn-over of staff. Mr. S. Green resigned to become principal of Coláiste Choilm, Swords while Thomas Savage and Vincent Banville both retired. That year six new teachers came to Scoil Iosaif: Mrs. R. Weldon, Mr. M. Timmons, Mr. T. Quinlan, Ms. R. Maguire, Ms. O. McDonnell and Mr. M. Kelly. A year later Mr. A. Buffini resigned and Ms. P. McGorman replaced him as the music teacher. In 1990 Ms. B. Farrell joined the staff as English and Geography teacher. 1994 was a sad year as the Art teacher Mr. John Daly passed away at the young age of forty-one and the following year was replaced by Ms. S. Lonergan. Ms Martin joined the staff the same year to teach Religious Education and History and is at present Careers Guidance Teacher and School Counsellor.

The year 1997 was also a year of great movement on the staff as Mr. M. O Catháin retired as Deputy Principal and Mr. R. Heneghan as senior Business Studies teacher. The same year Mr. A. Giblin was appointed Deputy Principal and Ms B. Bowles replaced Mr. Heneghan. In the millennium year Mr Michael Foster, who had been principal since 1986 retired and Mr. John Keane replaced him in that post, but only remained a year. In 2001 Mr. B. O'Dwyer became principal. In 2004 Mr. Giblin went on leave of absence to the Department of Education Geography Support Service. In the meantime Mr. C. Oonan was appointed Acting Deputy-Principal. In 2004 Mr. C. O'Callaghan joined the staff as History and Geography teacher. In 2005 Ms McCormick arrived and would soon replace Mr. J. Teeling as Business Studies teacher. The same year Ms. F. Barry, a Spanish and French teacher joined the staff to replace Mr. G. Kell and Ms R. Banville who retired that year. In January 2010 Mr. Gerard Cullen was appointed principal of St Joseph's to replace Mr. O'Dwyer who had moved on to Ard Scoil Rís as headmaster. Mr. P. O'Brien was subsequently appointed Deputy-Principal upon the retirement of Mr. C. Oonan in June 2011.

It is interesting to note that up to 1979 there was a five year cycle in operation in St Joseph's. However, with the intake of 1979 there was now a six year cycle in operation as it was decided that there would henceforth be four years to the Intermediate Certificate.

In implementing this there was consequently no Intermediate Exam in 1982 and no Leaving Certificate in 1984. In the mid-eighties the Department of Education was strongly promoting the concept of a Transition Year Programme. The school year 1989-1990 heralded the inception of the TY programme in St Joseph's and the Intermediate Certificate reverted to a three year cycle. Then, nationally, the New Junior Certificate, which replaced the old Intermediate Certificate, was examined for the first time in 1992. There were also new syllabuses introduced on a phased basis in the various subjects for the Leaving Certificate over the next twenty years with the new English Leaving Certificate programme being examined for the first time in 2000 and the New Project Mathematics programme being currently introduced and examined at the time of writing.

The year 1984-85 was a significant high point insofar as the school now reached maximum numbers of over 500. Fortunately, these numbers stabilized at this figure for some ten years. In 1995, the principal Mr. M. Foster became concerned about the prospect of falling numbers. With the support of the staff, he believed that the institution of a Repeat Leaving Certificate Programme would help keep numbers up. September 1996, therefore, heralded the beginning of this programme. In the years 1996-1998 there were boys only in this repeat year, but from 1998 onwards girls were accepted once permission had been received from the Christian Brothers who were the managers of the school. However, over the next several years numbers began to drop rapidly to just under 300, while currently they are at the 300 mark.

The primary school, under the visionary leadership of an tUas. Pádraig Ó Fainín, had established an Asperger's Unit in order to keep the numbers up and to offer professional support for students who would not otherwise receive such expert help in an inclusive teaching and learning environment. In line with this action taken by the Primary School, it was seen as an obvious and essential step for the Secondary to open its own Asperger's Unit, which it did in September 2004, with the appointment of Ms. B.O'Connor as co-ordinator, who was subsequently replaced on her resignation in 2009 by Ms B. O'Driscoll. Mr.T. Quinlan was appointed a Resource Teacher in September 2008 and Ms Coffey the following year. This unit is well known in the greater Dublin area for its excellent work, and student teachers in SEN visit on a regular basis from the nearby Coláiste Phadraig. In September 2013 the Special Education team taught for the first time in a custom-built Asperger's Unit comprising three classrooms, an office, new toilet facilities and a top quality kitchen on the site of the old bicycle sheds.

Perhaps the biggest innovation has been the introduction of ICT to the school in the last twenty or more years. In this regard a great debt is owed to Mr. A. Giblin and Mr M. Timmons who both specialized in this particular area and dedicated much extra time to the installation of ICT equipment. At the moment every class is equipped with a computer which is networked with the office and student attendance and records are taken on a system called e-Portal. All classrooms are equipped with a short-throw digital projector and relevant information from the internet can be accessed through WIFI and shown to the class on the whiteboard. Some rooms are equipped with Interactive Whiteboards.

Finally, the main school building also underwent refurbishment over the summer of 2013 with the building of a new school office and reception area. It is hoped that in the near future a staff workroom will be provided in the old office space and that a corridor will be built to link the older and newer buildings. Our students and staff are entitled to nothing less.

2010's

We finish the Timeline section with a look at some activities the school has been involved with recently...



Chronology

2010

-Mr. Gerard Cullen became Principal.

-Ms Giles retired as secretary & was replaced by Ms. Suzanne Strong.

2012

-Peter White retired as caretaker & was replaced by Frank Cullen.

2013

-Mr. Christy Oonan & Ms. Bríd Newham passed away.

-The 125th Anniversary begins with the renovations of the schools.

Zambian Immersion Project

My name is Dane Daly and I'm on the Students Council. I was one of ten students who travelled with the school to Zambia in 2011. The secondary school first travelled to Zambia in 2006. That trip was organised by Mr Oonan. Since then Mr O'Callaghan has run trips every second year.



What do we do in Zambia? What's the purpose of the trip? We developed an interest in a drop-in centre in a town called Kabwe. The centre is called Sables and it's a drop-in centre for Street children. We fundraised to provide for meals and education there. Two years ago we built a piggery for them. We also cleared near-by overgrown land to make it suitable for ploughing and planting, and we sowed cabbages.

In Sables itself, we cleared a cluttered room, painted it and built shelves for books.

We fundraised all year to support the trip and bring out supplies with us. We bag-packed, talked in churches, held table quizzes, function nights and pestered our families and friends for funds.

What did we get out of it? We learned to appreciate how lucky we are. We appreciated that basic necessities such as running water, clothing or food are not available to everyone. Our group brought out school basics like jerseys, underwear, school equipment, school uniforms, footballs and a drill.

We visited a local hospice and met terminally-ill patients. We visited a local Christian Brothers school and played a game of football against them. Luckily we won. Many of us left our football boots and goalkeeper gloves there. Oh yes, and socks were something they really appreciated.

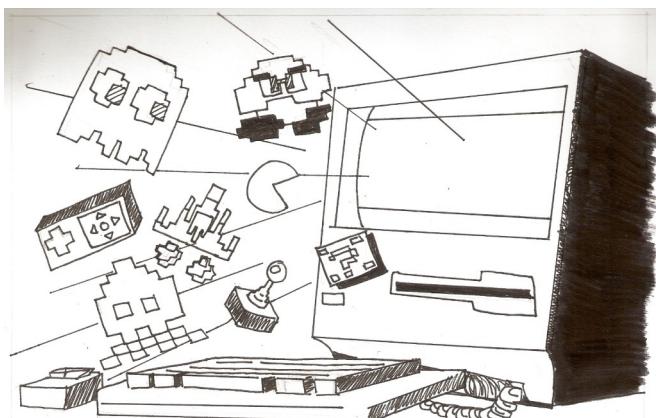
On our last night in Sables, we bought a load of meat and had a barbecue for the Street kids. If anyone here goes to Zambia I would highly recommend bringing Kearns sausages, because the sausages there are... let's say, less than desirable. Oh, and there is no need to worry about butter as Kerrygold is sold there.

All joking aside, it was a life-changing experience, one which will stay with me for the rest of my life. I'd like to recommend a trip like this to anyone.

(The Zambian immersion project is one which is actively promoted by the Christian Brothers and continues yearly under the auspices of ERST (The Edmund Rice Schools Trust). Mr Pádraig Ó Fairín, the former school principal of St Joseph's Primary was so overpowered by his Zambian experience that he set up his own charity called Zamda whose webpage can be accessed at the following link: <http://www.zamdaireland.com/> Mr. Ó Fairín spends much of his retirement either fund-raising for this charity or working on the ground in Zambia. Editor's note)

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Interview with Scott Graham

Q. How did you get into acting & how old were you?

A. I started by doing a small, amateur school play. A person in the audience there recommended stage school to me. My first professional role was *Roy*.



Q. What T.V Programmes/Films have you done?

A. I did some short films (for *Hallmark*). I did a T.V show called *Trivia*. I did some ads as well: *Energia*, *Airtricity*, *e-Mobile* etc.

Q. What was the most memorable of all of these?

A. Roy was definitely the most memorable. It took six months to film altogether. It was the first major thing I did. We felt like a family. It was weird returning to school life.

Q. What drama school did you attend?

A. I attended *Vision-acting*.

Q. What do you think when you see yourself on T.V?

A. The person on it doesn't look, sound like me. I can't watch myself!

Q. Moving onto the Oscars. How did it all happen?

A. A short film called *Pentecost* was nominated for the *Oscars*. It was directed by Peter McDonald. It was fifteen minutes in length but took a week to film.

Q. Where did you stay over there?

A. The *Grafton Hotel*, on *Sunset Boulevard*. I was there for a week in total.

Q. What famous people did you see over there?

A. *Fionnula Flanagan*, *Robert Sheehan*, *Jim Sheridan* & *Amy Huberman*.

Q. What did you do there?

A. I went on a visit to *Universal Studios*. I also went to an Irish Party hosted by *Fionnula*.

Q. What was the overall experience?

A. It was brilliant, surreal. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity.

Q. Do you plan to continue after school?

A. Most definitely!

Q. What skills did you learn in the course of your career?

A. What career? It taught a lot, it was my first work experience. I learned to talk to adults more than children, which I prefer. It's tough acting & pretending people are there when I can only see a ball in a stick or a green screen.

Q. Finally, what advice would you give to a budding actor or thespian?

A. Just do it. Don't take bad opinions. Do as you please.

In October 2013, we visited the three major Universities of Dublin: Trinity College, U.C.D & D.C.U, to see how our some of our *Past Pupils* are getting on.

Kevin Fennelly told us that he is currently studying Ancient/Medieval History & Culture. It covers the period 500 B.C – 1500 A.D. Sources & Documents are studied, while focusing on key events in History. He doesn't find it difficult but interesting. He chose Trinity as it is prestigious, close to home & had the course he wanted to do. He is a member of the Archery, Karate & Film society. His favourite memory of Joey's was standing at the back of Mr. Brockie's class in First Year.

Benas Kruikas is studying B.E.S.S – Business, Economics & Social Studies. He chose Trinity College due to the proximity to his home & as it is the “best college in Ireland.” He is a member of the Law, American Football & Trinity Investors societies. His subject involves reading, discussing, debating & familiarising himself. He doesn't find it difficult but it can be frustrating as it is new to him. His favourite subject in Joey's was Biology, but he didn't get enough points. His favourite memory was the All-Ireland Final for the Soccer Team in First Year.

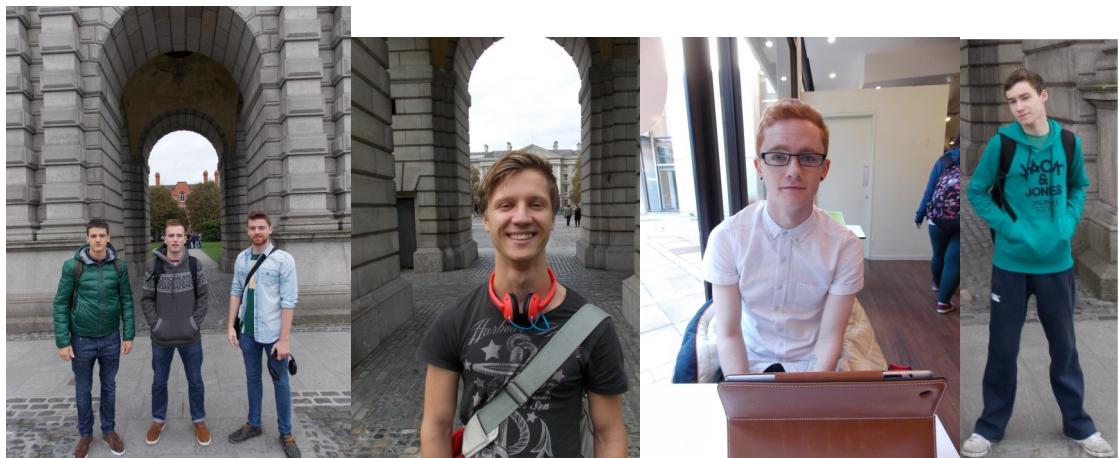
Seán Masterson is studying Physics, Chemistry & Maths. He always wanted to go to T.C.D since he was seven years old. He is a member of the Players, Jazz, Music, Maths & Physics societies. His Nanoscience course involves the manipulation of Atomic structures to design & calibrate new materials for technologies. He thinks it's difficult but rewarding & interesting. His favourite subject in Joey's was Music. He hasn't given up on it in College. His favourite memory is all six years in the school.

Tom Moriarty is studying Science, Biology, Geography & Maths. It involves lab classes, lectures & tutorials. He thinks Maths & Biology are difficult & Geography is boring. His favourite subject in Joey's was English, which had no influence on his college subjects. His favourite memory is James Colley's half-hearted rant at Mr. Early.

Justas Dyvlatis is studying Maths, Physics, Mechanics, Intro to Engineering, Tech Design & Chemistry. His subject involves finding solutions to problems in Engineering. Scientists find problems, not solutions. It is easier than he expected. One of his tasks is to construct a bridge that could hold a force of 4N that's made of Balsa Wood. He chose T.C.D for bragging rights! It is renowned as a college. He is a member of the Law, engineering, film, maths, juggling, pool & Russian societies. His favourite subject in Joey's was Maths & his favourite memory was the Germany trip. He wasn't expecting to do this but hoping. He didn't want to do anything else.

Eugene Leahy is studying History & Geography. He is a member of the L.N.H (Literary & Historical), arts, games & sci-fi societies. He chose U.C.D because he wanted those subjects. He finds History difficult as you have to learn to look beyond. His favourite subjects in Joey's were Geography & Spanish. His favourite memory of Joey's was the Zambia trip. He was student of the year in March. He isn't sure yet how far he wants to go in his studies.

*Benas Kruikas,
Kevin Fennelly,
Seán Masterson,
Justas Dyvlatis,
Eugene Leahy &
Tom Moriarty.*



Liam Stapleton is studying History & French. History requires an analytical view & the latter, to learn the culture & language. He is a member of the drama, law, History & English societies. He chose U.C.D as it is the Second Highest College in Ireland & he was never here before. He thinks that it is easy to pass, but it requires effort to do well. He wasn't expecting this as he didn't know what he'd do after school. His favourite subject in Joey's was History, which is why he chose to continue studying it in College. His favourite memory of Joey's was the lads & craic in class.

Alex Murphy is studying Irish & History in U.C.D. History involves a series of essays, document analysis & critical historian work. He finds there is a large amount of work involved in it. He plans to do a Masters degree, but not straight away. He is a member of the S.V.P & is a Public Relations Officer. His favourite subject in Joey's was History. Mr. Early influenced him to continue Irish at third level.

James Moriarty is studying History & Geography in U.C.D. He chose U.C.D as it was his first choice for the subjects he wanted. He was a member of the Irish society where he got free teachers of the subject! His favourite subject in Joey's was Geography, which is why he continued to study it at third level. He didn't think back then that he would go to college.

Andy Byrne is studying Irish, Music & Geography College. Music involves a detailed analysis of old musicians & Irish requires a background of literature & grammar. HE finds Music the most difficult of the three. He plans to do a Higher Diploma after his course ends. He is a member of the Cumann Gaelach, Arts & Student Union societies. His favourite subject in school was Irish. He expected to go to St. Pats, but is a lot better off in U.C.D.

Ciarán Doyne is studying Multimedia in D.C.U. It involves studying Photography, Social Media, History, & Video/Animation. There are no tests & everything is group-based. He chose D.C.U because it had what he wanted to study & it was close to him in Dublin; he wasn't keen on moving from home. He doesn't find it difficult as he enjoys doing it; that why it is different from school. His favourite subjects in school were Irish & Maths. His favourite memory of Joey's was winning the Leinster Cup in first year.

Wishing all our Past Pupils have a long & prosperous career.



*Liam Stapleton, Andy Byrne, Alex Murphy,
James Moriarty & Ciarán Doyne.*

Year group Photos



1st Year



2nd Year



3rd Year



4th Year



5th Year



Prefects



6th Year



The Staff 2013/2014:

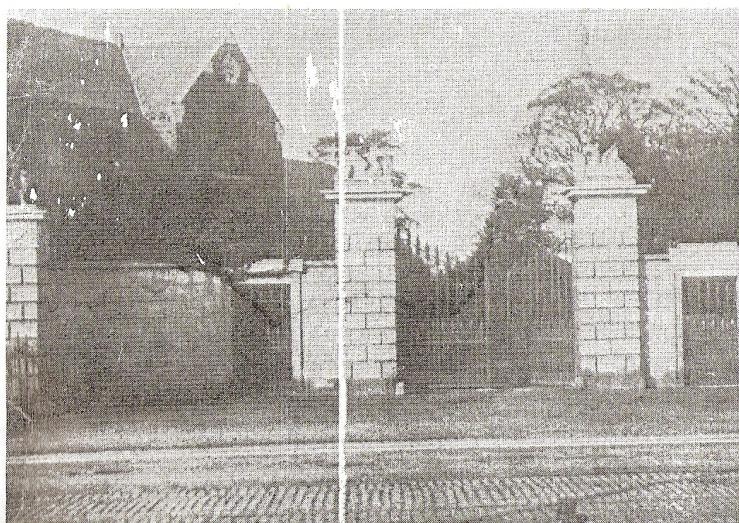
Back Row: F.Cullen, C.O'Callaghan, M.Timmons, C.Glynn, M.Kelly, S.Stack, D.O'Meara, D.Sheahan, T.Quinlan.

Middle Row: S.Strong, S.O'Driscoll, L.Devine, S.Keegan, S.Coffey, K.Fox, S.Minogue, B.Bowles, C.O'Donnell, R.Walsh, B.Farrell, F.Barry, D.O'Brien, S.Lonergan, J.Barror, S.Glennon, A.Rourke, S.O'Leary, M.O'Donovan, L.Byrne.

Front Row: A.Glennon, M.McNulty, A.McCormick, E.McGrath, P.O'Brien, G.Cullen, O.McDonnell, A.Keane, M.Martin, K.O'Regan, N.McGee.

School Gates:

The gates were later removed & reassembled at Griffith Avenue.



Recent Deaths and Bereavements

We opened our 125 Year Commemorative Book with the vision of Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice which was essentially expressed in his care and compassion for all whom he met, especially the poor. Our school community continues and indeed lives that ethos on a daily basis. Over the last year or so the deaths of former colleagues and of the relatives and friends of present colleagues have diminished us in many ways.

During the 2011/2012 school year a former principal, Br. John Fahy, passed away in New York. Late in September 2012 Ms Jenny Sheahan, the wife of Mr Don Sheahan, died after a long illness patiently and courageously borne. Go dtuga Dia sólás dá clann fágtha go dubhach brónach ina diaidh. Bríd Newham, who served as secretary in St Joseph's from 1965 to 1994 died on November 6th 2012 in Delta, BC, Canada where she had lived in her retirement with her son and family. She was 88 years of age. Apart from Bríd's excellent secretarial skills, she was fluent in the Irish language, having been a member of Conradh na Gaeilge in her younger years. Solas na bhFlaitheas dá h-anam uasal dilis.

On February 21st 2013 Aoife McCormick's grandfather Gerry died at the grand old age of 101. Then, on March 9th, Christy Oonan, who had served as a dedicated teacher in St Joseph's from 1984 until June 2011, passed away after a long illness borne with amazing courage and dignity. Anyone who knew Christy would attest to his tireless dedication to the school he loved so well, both as teacher and past pupil. He was rarely if ever absent, organised practically all the school trips abroad during his time with us, coached teams both in Soccer and Gaelic Games and generously helped many pupils who were experiencing problems in their lives. Early in 2004 Christy was appointed acting Deputy Principal, but unfortunately his time in that post was to be cut short by his untimely illness and early death a few weeks shy of his 52nd birthday. Go gcuíti Dia do shaothar dúthraachtach leat, a Chriostóir.

Current staff members were also bereaved as the mothers of Mr. Gerard Cullen, Mr. Michael Kelly, Ms. Karen Fox, Mr. Timothy Quinlan and, at the time of writing these sad notes, Ms. Sinead Glennon passed away during the past year. Ms. Lorna Devine lost her dear father Michael English a short time previously. Leaba i measc na Naomh go raibh ag a n-anamacha dílse uaisle.

In the spirit of Edmund Rice, who cared for all with deep compassion, we wish to express the heart-felt sympathy of the entire community of Joey's to all the relatives and friends of our departed loved ones. Go dtuga Dia sólás dúinn uile in am seo ár mbróin is ár ngátair.



Br. John Fahy, Bríd Newham & Christy Oonan.

The writer L.M. Montgomery said once that “nothing is ever really lost to us as long as we remember it.” How true that is. Here are some random memories sent to the editors by past pupils. We hope they jog a memory or two:

- Brother Kiely was amazing. Mr Brockie taught me so much. Loved Irish with Manus (Early) and Tim (Quinlan)! Music with Buffer (Alan Buffini) and Joe Lynch was an experience. So many memories, hard to focus. Christy (Oonan) was a great teacher. Very handy with a hurl! (*Damien Keogh, Class of 1993*)
- The late Christy (Oonan) throwing your homework out the Window... "Get organised!!!. (*Philip Smith, Class of 2000*)
- I was trying to leave school earlier than I should have due to family issues. Ms Farrell at the time was our year head and she wouldn't give up on me. Every time I thought I had broken free she would call me and convince me to go back. She was probably the best teacher for me because she taught my favourite subject (English) and always had time for everyone. (*Raymond Brown, Class of 2003*)
- The men all we past students respected the most and are dearly missed are auld Paddy Kennedy, primary caretaker, and Roger Hogan, the secondary caretaker. I miss the free sour soothers I used to get from auld Paddy. Primary was awesome. Fanno (Pat Fanning) was amazing. Seeing TQ's (Mr Quinlan's) face brings back memories, all good. You gave me advice back in the day trying to help me out. I did stay off the streets and I have travelled the world. I'd like to thank you sir for all your hard work. It is much appreciated and needed in the community. (*Mark Fitzsimons, Canada, Class of 1997*)
- Irish with Manus (Early) was best class I've ever had in Joey's. Good story or two but not sure if suitable for the book though. (*Definitely not, Eds*) (*Brian Moore, Class of 2006*)
- Paddy Culhane, a Priest who attended the school returned recently to search for his initials which he carved at the back of the school in 1949. They were still there:



And so ends this special anniversary book. Our primary aim was that everybody reading this would regain some memory they had of the school. We learned lots of fascinating details & hope you did, too. Happy 125th Birthday Joey's!

Fin



Scoil Iosaf, 1957

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