



## *Coláiste Iognáid S.J. Summer Newsletter 2018*



The summer is upon us and another school year draws to a close. Sorrow and joy mark our year. Sorrow for the school community with the tragic deaths of Sophie Coll (Class of 2016) and Catherine Godfrey (Class of 2018). Joy in another year of sporting and extra-curricular success. Congratulations to the rowers who won the Anderson cup at the Galway Regatta on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June. The Sixth Years formally took their leave of us on the 18<sup>th</sup> May and are now our past pupils. We wish them every success in the exams, over the summer, and in their futures. As I told them at their Graduation Mass, we look to them to dream new possibilities for our world. A wonderful evening was had in the College and the Ardilaun Hotel on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June when the class of 1968 came back to celebrate their Golden Jubilee.

Wishing all our readers a very happy and restorative summer wherever you will be celebrating it.

- Fr. Shane Daly, S.J., Principal

### *Science at the Jes continues to Inspire*

Jes science students competing against other Connaught schools in UNESCO Youth Environmental awards. Kate Owens, Aoibhe Briscoe, Ellie Concannon and their science teacher, Ms. Clodagh Mitchell shown in picture. The girls had to present their research and work on youth environmental awareness before a panel of judges and have gained a place in the National final which will be held in May in Dublin. Following on from the girls' big win at BT Young Scientist Competition last January, the girls extended their project by actively presenting and promoting their plastic reduction campaign to Galway businesses and International organisations like Avia. Companies have as a result, actively made positive environmental changes and now only allow recyclable plastic to be used on their premises. Good luck to our Jes science students in National final in summer.



- Ms. Clodagh Mitchell

## *A Musical Evening to Inspire – Ms. Carney’s Annual Student Concert*



Fr. Daly thanks all performers on behalf of all those who enjoyed a wonderful evening of music. From L to R; Lily Forrest, Peggy Forde, Sorcha Ryan, Aoibhinn McPhilips, Anna Donnelly, Amy O Gorman, Aine Parslow, Niamh Murphy, Aoife Ni Chionna, Keeva Killeen, Sarah Trench, Jude Langan, Robbie Monaghan, Hugh Gavin, Thomas O Donoghue, Daniel Ryan, Setanta Caffrey, Ruby Lynch, Caoilte Murray, James Keaney, Caoimhe Thornton, Mary Flannery and Danielle Belton. Absent from photo; Cillian Walsh and Rachel

Trench.

A huge THANK YOU and congratulations to all the students who performed in the annual summer concert which took place on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> of May in aid of the Ugandan Jesuit Refugee Service. It was wonderful to see so many talented students perform so well in front of their friends, families and teachers. They did themselves and the school proud and raised €690 (.and still counting). Roll on next year!!!!

- Ms. Rian Carney

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## *Two very honoured visitors*



*Left to Right: Bernie Kelly Senior Rugby coach with past pupil Mervyn Murphy, and Steve Parkinson, rugby coach holding the Triple Crown and Six Nations Trophy.*

Mervyn is the Irish Rugby teams Video Analyst and has held that post through the last four Coaches Warren Gatland, Eddie O Sullivan, Declan Kidney and now Joe Schmidt. He has

played a large part in their success of recent years. He is a former Connacht and Ireland A player. Mervyn posed for photos with students and staff and then presented the Player of the Year awards. Winner of the u14 award was Ronan Lydon, the junior award went to George Hill while the senior award went to Hugh Keaveney. Congratulations to all

- Mr. Steve Parkinson

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### *Rowing Success at the Galway Regatta*



**Coláiste Iognáid Rowing Club Men's Junior 18 Eight Anderson Winning Crew at Galway Regatta Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June with coaches. Left to Right: Conor Coughlan, Luke Coughlan coaches, Eamon O Tuathail (3), Aaron de Burca (2), Mark Ward (Stk), Mark Ryder (5), Sam Reidy (6), Caoimhin Conway (4), Thomas Hume Bow, Paul Tannian Cox, Oliver Kelly (7), John Lawless Head Coach and Mattie Kelly Coach**



Pictured are the Jes Girls U18 Coxless fours, from left: Roisin Mc Grath, Roisin Gavin, Ciara Walshe, and Hazel McNamara

Jes Rowing Club had a very successful day at Galway Regatta winning three eights events including the famous Anderson Trophy for Junior 18 Mens' eights and the Jes Girls crews won the Junior 18 Eight Aoibheann Mc Phillips Cox Isabella

Gannon Stk, Elise Carney Frazier, Caoileann Nic Donncha, Ciara Walsh, Roisin Gavin,

Roisin Mc Grath, Ellen Forde, and Hazel McNamara Bow, and Junior 16 Eight Cox Aoibhinn Mc Phillips, stk, Isobella Gannon, Elise Carney Frazier, Ellen Ford, Amy O Gorman, Kate Hume, Lanah Acton, Emma Ryder and Rachel Dempsey Bow. Jes Scullers won the Women's Junior 18 Caoileann Nic Donncha, Junior 16 Elise Carney Frazier and Junior 15 Kate Hume. In addition the Jes Boys won the Junior 18 Men's coxed four, Cox, Paul Tannian, Stk, Sam Reidy, Mark Ryder, Caoimhin Conway, Thomas Hume Bow, the Junior 14 Double Scull Tom Maye and Felix O Neill.

Right: Elise Carney Frazier wining in the Junior 16 Girls Single Sculls



And a great day for the Jes was topped off with further wins in the girls' Junior 16, 15 and 14 Coxed Quads crews as follows Under 16 cox Kate Ryan Stk, Isabella Gannon, Ellen Ford, Kate Hume and Amy O Gorman; Under 15 crew Charlotte Conneely, Tara O Neill, Rachel Dempsey, Sadbh Mannion and Sarah Trench; Under 14 crew Cox Aoibhinn Mc Phillips Stk, Molly Molloy, Ella O Flynn, Caoimhe Thornton, Emma Madden. And also wins in the girls' Junior 16 and junior 15 Double Sculls ; Under 16 crew Lanah Acton and Amy O Gorman; under 15 crew Sarah Trench and Charlotte Conneely. This was great result for the Jes Rowing and is a tribute to all rowers, coaches and supporters with thirteen outright events won.

- Mr. Evan Molloy, Chair of C.I.R.C.

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***Transition Year's Erasmus+ Exchange to Galicia***



Left: TY students on the roof of the Cathedral of Saint James in Compostela.

Fifteen Transition Year Jes students recently completed a highly successful first leg of an intriguing inter-cultural student-exchange, featuring 27 Irish-Spanish students, from Galway and Galicia. Just after Easter, a group of 18 Jes Students and Teachers, led by TY coordinator, Cathal O'Conchuir, who organised the exchange, enjoyed an exhilarating one-week cultural exchange in Meis, Galicia. Meis, a small agricultural town in Pontevedra, North West Spain, 60 km south of the Galician capital Santiago, where the much-loved Camino de Santiago ends. This intense educational immersion in all things Gallego was immediately followed by another one-week Craic-and-Culture exchange in Galway. Under the inspired guidance of Mr.

Luis Camilo Fernandez, the "Director" of Meis CPI school, who brought 15 of his Gallego students to the Jes, Sea Road, all students happily shared several facets of our common Gaelic-Gallego culture, via an excursion-based

programme; focusing on language, music, gastronomy and sport. The project hopes to promote both the knowledge and awareness of minority languages and cultures among young people, in particular through the medium of our similar traditional music, which is long familiar to Galway audiences through “Trad” musicians from De Danann to Carlos Nunez. “Is feidir linn”, Mr. Fernandez claims, in a perfect South-Connemara blas. Both schools will record their common cultural experiences, in a video-documentary, in Gaeilge and Gallego, which they hope to screen as part of Galway’s 2020 European Capital of Culture year. “They are both the inheritors and the custodians, of our mutual Gaelic traditions and cultures”, according to Mr. Luis Camilo Fernandez, the Co-ordinator of the project, a sincere cultural sentiment enthusiastically echoed by the Jes participants.



- Cathal O’Conchuir, TY Coordinator.

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### *In Memoriam*

During the academic year the death occurred of two Jesuits with long associations with the College, Fr. Kennedy O’Brien S.J. (1956-2018) and Fr. Joseph Mallin S.J. (1913-2018)



Kennedy’s associations with the Jes began as a schoolboy from 1964x-1975. Kennedy joined the Jesuits in 1975 and was sent back to the Jes to teach firstly as a scholastic from 1982-1984 and after ordination from 1988-1993. During that time Kennedy was heavily involved with the Rowing Club. As a schoolboy Kennedy had been a rower and much of his energy on returning to Galway was given to the rowing club, which he served in various capacities. After Galway, Kennedy was sent firstly to Belvedere College and from there to Gonzaga College where he taught English for the last 17 years. Kennedy’s sudden and unexpected death on 08<sup>th</sup> January is a huge lose to his family, brothers, Frank, Pat, Redmond, and his sister, Mary, his friends, Jesuit confreres, and the Gonzaga Community. The presence of so many former Jes rowers at his funeral was a fitting

tribute to his memory. The very obvious respect and great affection in which Kennedy was held by the pupils, parents and staff of Gonzaga and the wider Jesuit family was a moving testament to his generosity. Kennedy is pictured blessing the new eight recently at the club when he performed the blessing on our new eight in 2016. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.



Fr. Joe Mallin w S.J., who was the last surviving child of an executed 1916 leader, spend most of his life as a Jesuit missionary in Hong Kong, where from 1948 he was a teacher, chaplain, construction projects manager, and headmaster. As part of his formation he spent two years teaching in Coláiste Iognáid from 1941-1943. Fr. Charlie Davy of the Jesuit

community wrote to Fr. Joe in advance of the College's 1916 centenary celebrations and asked him to send a message to the College community. In a letter to Fr. Charlie, he began by asking which language he should use, 'I know I have been here for many years but have never dropped using Irish; it has been useful to ensure privacy in the tasks I have had.' He wrote of how his mother did not speak much about his father part in the Rising: 'that was wise of her. It was too harrowing a matter for her.' He ended by quoting Pope Francis: 'the resources of the world are for ALL not just to enrich those with wealth. That was in the mind of many in 1916. That is not what we see now. He ended quoting an old sean fhocal, "Ni théigheann an fial go hIfreann" (it is the generous who will see God). Fr. Mallin died on Easter Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018. Fr. Joe's brother Fr. Sean (1906-1977) spend over thirty years at Coláiste Iognáid (1941-1973) teaching German. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

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Darragh Coen of the Class of 2018 poses with the Sixth Year Graduation Cake.  
Looking on is Hazel McNamara (5<sup>th</sup> Year).

**HAPPY SUMMER TO ALL  
OUR READERS**