

Simmarian

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Welcome

Welcome to this issue of The Simmarian. Our anniversary year officially drew to a close with the Feast Day Mass last December and we are now looking towards the future with exciting developments in the way Alumni Reunions are run.

Last year, it was decided that we would host a reunion weekend to which all Simmarians would be invited. Full details of this event are on page 3. It promises to be a weekend to remember so do come along. I enclose a booking form, which I urge you to return as soon as possible if you wish to attend.

As part of this weekend, the Simmarian Association will hold their AGM and Executive Committee Meeting. Every former student of St Mary's is a member of the Association. As the Vice-President of the Association this year, I hope that you will be encouraged to attend the AGM so that you may help to influence decisions made about the Association's services and activities.

As usual, I enclose an Alumni Reply Card. Please use this to inform us of any changes in your personal details, or if you wish to appear in 'Where are they Now'. Alternatively, you may wish to keep us updated by using the online reply form at our web site www.smuc.ac.uk.

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Karen Smith
Alumni Officer



Honorary Degrees for Members of Staff

Degrees of Bachelor of the University of Surrey, Honoris Causa, were conferred upon two long serving staff members at the degree conferment ceremony in December 2000.



Professor Patrick Dowling, Jean McGinley, Eileen Walker and Dr Arthur Naylor

Jean McGinley (nee Jones) joined the Chemistry Department at St Mary's in 1965, moving to the Registry in 1971. In 1975, Jean began nearly twenty years service as Secretary to the Executive Vice-Principal. In 1993, Jean was appointed Co-ordinator of Student Services, retiring in 2000.

Eileen Walker joined the Mathematics Department in 1975. Three years later, she became Secretary to Father Kevin Rafferty, Head of Theology. She then worked for Father Brian Doyle and Father Donal O'Leary before moving to the Department of Language and Literature. Eileen was then appointed Secretary to the Vice-Principal. Although officially retired, Eileen still works at college as Administrator for the Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies.

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LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL



I am very pleased to introduce this spring issue of 'The Simmarian'. It has been an exciting time for the College with the completion of the purchase of 16 acres of playing fields which had

been part of Shell's Lensbury Club in Teddington and have been renamed as 'St Mary's – Teddington Lock'. The purchase of the playing fields is tremendously important in the development of our student sport. College cricket has been re-established very successfully at Teddington where there is also an all-weather surface for hockey.

In the course of this summer we hope also to start work on a new building to house a Centre for Excellence in Initial Teacher Training. The project at £3 million will be the largest in cash terms in the history of the College and is supported by a grant from the Higher Education Funding Council.

Simmarians returning to the College will find the landscape again changing. Yet at the same time the fine spirit and traditions of student life continue.

Over the course of the year I have the opportunity to meet many former students at reunions. It was a particular pleasure in November to travel to Liverpool to join the Liverpool and Manchester Simmarians for Mass in the Cathedral followed by lunch. I hope that there will be many more opportunities to meet Simmarians at Strawberry Hill and in other parts of the country in the months ahead.

With best wishes

Dr Arthur Naylor
Principal

Room to Roam Launch

Francis Barratt, the Irish Olympic Boxer and Traveller, was the special guest at the Embassy of Ireland in November to launch the new major research project on the lives of Irish Travellers in Britain. The 'Room to Roam' project is a three year study of Irish Travellers and the research is being carried out by the Centre for Irish Studies at St Mary's. The project is funded by the National Lottery Charities Board.

High Quality ITT at St Mary's

The Ofsted inspections in 1999 and 2000 confirmed that the college's Initial Teacher Training programmes are of high quality. The areas inspected were the English and History parts of the Primary Programme and the Secondary provision in Modern Foreign Languages, Religious Education and Science. All assessment cells across the whole range of inspections were graded as Very Good or Good.

■ Contact Service

If you have lost touch with a fellow Simmarian, the Alumni Office may be able to help.

All information is held under the Data Protection Act. We do not give out individual's details without their prior consent. The Alumni Office will forward stamped mail or contact an individual on your behalf.

Please inform us of any change of address and if you have details of a Simmarian who may not be on our records, please let us know.

■ Careers Information Exchange

The Careers Information Exchange allows Simmarians to provide current students with information about professions in which they are interested. If you would like to be a representative for your profession please complete the Alumni Reply Card.

■ Careers Services for Alumni

The St Mary's Career Service is available to alumni for up to three years after graduation. Services include an individual analysis of career options, guidance on CV preparation, applications and interviews, use of careers software and use of the extensive careers library. Contact the Careers Adviser on 020 8240 4281 for further information.

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The Simmarian Reunion Weekend 7th, 8th, 9th September 2001 - Strawberry Hill

Don't miss out! Come to the reunion weekend and meet old friends, rediscover old haunts and remember the good times.

A programme and booking form is enclosed with this issue. We've planned a number of social events which should transport you back to your student days. You'll remember the music and you'll remember the faces. Best of all, bar prices will be at current student rates. So give the Waldie a miss and spend your evening in the SU.

You can also re-live your time in halls by staying on campus – but be quick! Accommodation is available on a 'first come first served' basis so reply soon to avoid disappointment.

Please return the enclosed booking form as soon as possible, even if you do not wish to book accommodation, to give us some idea of numbers.

If you wish to participate in the sports events on Sunday 9th please write to Toby Booth, Director of Sport, at the usual address. Please feel free to bring a friend or partner with you.

See you in September!

Fifty Years Ago

'Last week, I accepted two women candidates for the 1951-52 session; the first women students to be admitted to a training course in our college'.

Fr. Cronin The Simmarian Newsletter.
March 1951

Election Success for Dr Wade

Dr Pat Wade, Head of the Department of Education, was elected President of the Sports Acrobatics Committee of the International Gymnastics Federation. Dr Wade received 100% of votes cast in the election.

Carol Singing Fund Raiser

Over 150 students and members of staff travelled to the West End of London for four nights in December to sing Christmas Carols and to collect money for children's charities. The sum of £8,500 was raised for the following charities; HCPT, Group 181, Simms Lourdes, Strawberry Hill Overseas Concern, Save the Children, NSPCC, St. Vincent's Family Centre, London Taxi Drivers' Fund, De Paul Trust, The Roy Kinnear Trust, Cystic Fibrosis, Child Victims of Crime and the Shooting Star Trust.

Seventy Five Years Ago

'The new college, both in its situation and in the up to date features which it embodies stands second to none of its type in England. It is certainly an institution of which the entire Catholic body may well be proud as well as profoundly thankful.'

Editor, The Simmarian'.
Whitsuntide 1926



From the Archives

Scenes from the Strawberry Fair Rag Parade in 1962. With thanks to Michael Chapman (1961-64) for donating these, and many other photos, to our archives.



Where are they now?

1930's

Patrick Hill (1934-1936) retired as Principal of a boys' school in Belfast and taught for a total of 42 years. Patrick was in the 1935 Tennis Squad and would like to resume contact with any of his fellow players via the Alumni Contact Service.

Anthony Warrington (1936-1938) played in goal in the college team of 1937. Anthony was a head teacher for 24 years and lives in Morecambe.

1940's

Joseph (Cliff) Astin (1949-1951) lives in Accrington. He regularly lectures on local history and has given over fifty talks, mainly in the North of England.

Rev Fr Joseph Cunningham (1948-1950) taught in Surrey and Liverpool and was ordained in Rome in 1968. He was a missionary in South America for over 8 years, returning to England to work in a number of parishes. Fr. Cunningham lives in retirement with his brother J E Cunningham (1934-36).

Patrick Nash (1944-46) taught for over 50 years before undertaking social work. After retirement, he was a hospital Chaplain for 7 years. Patrick lives in Gwent.

Wilf Sudlow (1940-42) spent much of his retirement walking and cycling for charity. He now buses for Catholic charity Rainbow and lives in Manchester.

1950's

Michael Courtney (1955-57) taught for 14 years in Kent before moving to California. Michael became Dean of Students in a Los Angeles High School. He has now retired to Devon.

Laurie McCahill (1958-60) left teaching in 1979 to become a publican. He now works as a consultant for his diocese advising on social clubs. Laurie lives in Northamptonshire.

Peter McHugh (1953-55) lives in Newmarket. He taught after leaving college and spent three years in Canada. He then re-trained as a Dental Surgeon. Peter retired two years ago.

Where are they now?

Pat Morgan (1950-53) spent 37 years in education and industry in southern Africa. He is a retired lay theologian and lives in County Wexford. Pat would like friends to contact him via the Alumni Contact Service.

Gerald O'Flaherty (1954-56) taught in a variety of schools, spending ten years with RAF schools in Singapore. He is now a SEN supply teacher. Gerald lives in Surrey.

Joseph Riley (1958-60) is a retired head teacher living in Stockport. He would like to hear from friends from his year via the Alumni Contact Service.

Joe Russell (1959-61) lives in Preston where he taught for his entire career, retiring as a head teacher. Two of his five children are teachers and he has twelve grandchildren.

1960's

Chris Boyle (1961-64) spent 30 years as the principal of a school in British Columbia where he lives. Chris is currently working in the cruise industry and would like to hear from old friends via the Alumni Contact Service.

Bill Burnett (1965-68) is a retired further education senior lecturer. He was an active member of the Chess, Table Tennis and Cricket clubs whilst at college. Bill is now a keen amateur genealogist and lives near Penzance.

Tony Charnock (1965-69) has been the head teacher of a high school in Chorley for 18 years. He would like to hear from people from his year, particularly those on the degree course. Tony lives in Wigan.

Patricia Connolly (nee Warner) (1966-70) married fellow student Seamus in the first student wedding ceremony in the college chapel. Patricia and Seamus taught in Australia for 20 years. Seamus passed away in 1990 and Patricia returned to England. She now lives in West Sussex and would love to hear from others in her year via the Alumni Contact Service.

Charles Cuckson (1960-63) is the head teacher of a large junior school in Liverpool. He would like to send his regards to his many friends from college and would like to hear from people via the Contact Service.

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Simmarian Wedding

Kirsty Hallam (nee Mardell) (1993-96) and Mark Hallam (1993-97) married in August 2000 in Chesham. Phillippa Hardy (1993-96) was chief bridesmaid and Jemima Lee (1993-96) read from St Paul's letter to the Corinthians at the service. The honeymoon was spent touring around Italy and Sicily.

Kirsty and Mark live in Aylesbury. Mark is a senior media analyst and Kirsty is a litigation executive training as a solicitor. They would like to send their regards to all of their Simmarian friends.

We love to hear about Simmarian weddings! If you would like your wedding to be reported in the Simmarian, please send the details, along with a good quality photograph, to the Alumni Office.



The Best of Enemies

During the Easter Holidays, Roger Goode (1962-65) and John Snell (1963-66) who played together in the St Mary's 1st XV (1963-65) will meet in an annual fixture, the England Schools v Welsh Schools (U16 Group) matches. Roger, from Cardiff, is the lead coach for the Welsh Schools Rugby Union (under 16's) and John, from Exeter, is Chairman of Selectors for the England Rugby Football Schools Union (16 group). John comments 'our personal battle in this fixture has been going on for over ten years. Once the fierce rivalry of the match is over, the camaraderie and long-term friendship comes to the fore, whatever the outcome.'

The College Motto

Most of our readers should be familiar with our college motto, Monstra te esse Matrem, which, translated from the Latin, is 'Show thyself to be a Mother'. The quotation is taken from the college hymn Ave Maris Stella.

The motto was originally that of the Catholic Poor Schools Committee who had assumed it in 1847. St Mary's adopted it on opening in 1850 and it was used until 1908. At this point, a new motto was assumed, Spectumur Agendo, – 'Let us be judged by our actions'. This was the motto of the Borough of Hammersmith, where the original Brook Green site was located.

In 1925, the original motto, Monstra te esse Matrem, again became the St Mary's motto and it is used to this day. The motto is a prominent feature of our new coat of arms commissioned for our 150th Anniversary.

All historical information is taken from Fr. Cronin's 'Letter from the Principal', The Simmarian Newsletter, November 1952.



Twenty Five Years Ago

'The construction of the piazza in front of the college Chapel is nearing completion and should be fully in use by Christmas. An additional storey is also being added to the buildings between the Music Centre and the Library to create more tutorial space.'

Fr. Beirne, 'The Simmarian Newsletter'. November 1976

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Francesca Byrne

Francesca Byrne (1986-1989) grew up in Plymouth and attended the Notre Dame School for Girls. She was interested in Drama and Dance from an early age and gained a number of Drama and Speech awards. At the age of seventeen she won a youth Theatre competition and saw her play, 'Stories of the Sea' performed professionally at the Plymouth Theatre Royal. Francesca is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Drama at St Mary's

■ What made you choose St Mary's?

Many people from my school traditionally came to St Mary's although I was the only person to do so that year. I was quite nervous in my first year but I found the friendly atmosphere here very supportive.

■ Did you make many friends at college?

The people I met here are still my best friends. There are almost too many to list but Karen Hunter, one of my best friends, is marrying at college in August. Liam Nolan and Chris Randall are also close friends. We all came from different backgrounds but bonded closely here.

■ Do you remember any members of staff in particular?

Most of the current members of staff taught me. It was very strange when I first started teaching here as, although I knew college very well, it was from the perspective of a student. I submitted my first lecture script for approval and it felt as if I was handing in an essay! Everyone was so supportive and I learnt so much from my colleagues and am still learning every day.

■ What course of study did you take?

I studied Drama and English, majoring in Drama in my third year. I was particularly interested in acting and directing. At that time there was only 32 drama students in my year - we now have 160. Our lectures in 'Popular Theatre' were in the Green Room and were attended by 8 people. I now teach the same module and I have 51 students.

■ What do you recall most about your student days?

The productions and the Going Down Ball with all of the Laura Ashley ballgowns! We had a sherry reception and a string quartet with a dance in the Waldegrave Drawing room. I also remember my graduation as it was lovely to be able to introduce my parents to my tutors and friends. There was a real sense of achievement. I was devastated when I left.

■ What did you do after leaving?

I had intended to go to Drama school after leaving but moved into Costume and Stage Management. My first job was at the Plymouth Theatre and then I toured with the RSC and the Royal Ballet. I also acted as PA for Des O'Connor, Tommy Steele and Les Dawson. I then went to Royal Holloway to do my MA in Nineteenth Century Theatre and took a number of Voice courses. I was initially offered a 12 week contract at St Mary's teaching Voice and Speech and I've been teaching here for seven years! I was away from college for five years before returning. It didn't take long before I felt at home here again.

■ What makes St Mary's so special for you?

I'm responsible for Admissions in the Department and I always tell potential students how happy they will be here because everyone is so supportive. I suppose that's why I'm still in contact with so many of my fellow students – both the Department and the whole college is like a family. There's a real sense of community here. Everyone genuinely cares about other people and everyone is valued as an individual.



Where are they now?

Paul Fuller (1962-65) is a retired head teacher living in Bradford on Avon. He would like to hear from friends from St Mary's via the Alumni Contact Service.

David Maxwell (1965-68) is the Assistant Principal at a Catholic high school in Reddich where he works with three other Simmarians. David would like to hear from anyone who remembers him via the Contact Service.

Jim Wilson (1961-64) lives in Quebec. He is the author of an economic textbook and was the recipient of a Hilroy Fellowship for Innovative Teaching in 1991. His hobbies include skiing and scuba diving.

1970's

Freda Angus (1976-79) is the General Manager of Cabin Services for a large passenger airline. Her father, Charles, and brother, Peter, are Simmarians. Freda lives in Horley.

Marian Cassidy (1975-78) lives near Redhill where she is the head teacher of a primary school. She is interested in developing further links in Tanzania and Kenya.

Fr. Michael Evans (1973-76) taught in Cardiff for two years after leaving college. Fr. Michael studied for the priesthood in Rome and as a parish priest in Mid Glamorgan.

David Finn (1974-77) commenced a career in sales in 1979. David is a self-employed agent selling office equipment and lives in Sidcup. He married in 1981 and has two daughters.

Jerome Johnston (1971-75) married Maureen (nee Battle) (1972-75). They are both teachers in Birkenhead and have five children.

Melanie Mellor (nee Owen) (1978-81) teaches children with special needs in Ross on Wye. She is married to a GP and has six children. Melanie would love to hear from anyone who remembers her via the Alumni Contact Service.

Richard Nitsche (1975-79) taught in London, Canada and Colchester and now is Head of Year at a middle school in Suffolk. Richard can be contacted via the Contact Service.

Where are they now?

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Stephen Noonan (1977-80) trained as a nurse in Wales and qualified in 1988. He is now active in research and has presented his work at a number of European seminars. Stephen lives in Cardiff and would love to hear from anyone who remembers him.

Chris O'Shea (1975-80) had a college shaped cake at his wedding reception at Walpole House in 1991. He now owns a business for which he formerly worked and lives near Guildford.

Rosemary Rehill (nee Webb) (1970-73) lives in Ft. Washington, USA, and is married with two teenage sons. She would love to hear from old friends from St Mary's.

1980's

Sharon Andrews-Tait (1987-88) has recently married. She now teaches in Merton, having previously worked in Amsterdam. Sharon lives in London.

Catherine Cassidy (nee Cahill) (1985-88) taught PE in various Hertfordshire schools before changing to Primary teaching. Catherine lives in Luton and would like to hear from anyone who remembers her via the Alumni Contact Service.

Alanna Davies (1984-87) taught for eleven years. She has taken a career break in order to travel and is currently working in Italy. Alanna would love to hear from anyone who remembers her via the Contact Service.

Laura Echevarria (nee Croxton) (1985-88) married Jesus Echevarria after meeting at college. The wedding ceremony and reception took place at St Mary's in 1989. Jesus and Laura both teach and have two sons. They live near Leicester.

Darren Fa (1986-90) is the Education, Research and Survey Officer at the Gibraltar Heritage and Planning Division. After leaving college, Darren did his PhD in Marine Biology. He is married with two young daughters and would like to hear from friends from college via the Alumni Contact Service.

The Year 2000 was an exceptionally busy year for the Chaplaincy as we put together a programme of events which would enable the community to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the foundation of St. Mary's College.

St. Mary's was founded in 1850 one of the most significant years in the history of the Catholic Church, as it saw the restoration of the Hierarchy and with it, a public recognition of the Church and its growing importance in English society. The story of the College is inseparable from the story of the Catholic population it was established to set up. The benefits conferred on the Catholic community by generations of teachers trained at St. Mary's are immeasurable.

Within its 150 year history there are in fact two Anniversaries. For seventy five years the College was situated at Brook Green in Hammer-smith until it out-grew the buildings and made the move to Strawberry Hill in 1925. Between 1854 and 1899 the total number of students trained at St. Mary's was 901, today we have student population of over 2,500 and the num-



bers are steadily increasing each year.

As we celebrated our Anniversary it was important to reflect on past achievements and to look forward to realise the contribution we can make as a Catholic College. During the year we had a series of lectures aimed at challenging staff and students to think more clearly of their own role in society.

In January, the Right Reverend David Stancliffe, Bishop of Salisbury spoke to us during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity reflecting on the ecumenical dimension of St. Mary's college.

In February, Archbishop Vincent Nichols, Chairman of the Department of Catholic Education and Formation of the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales, spoke to us on Catholic Education Sunday, the week he was appointed as Archbishop of Birmingham. Archbishop Nichols praised the staff and students of St. Mary's and encouraged them to build on the great achievements of the past. He was fulsome in his praise for the role of St. Mary's in Education and in other areas within society today.

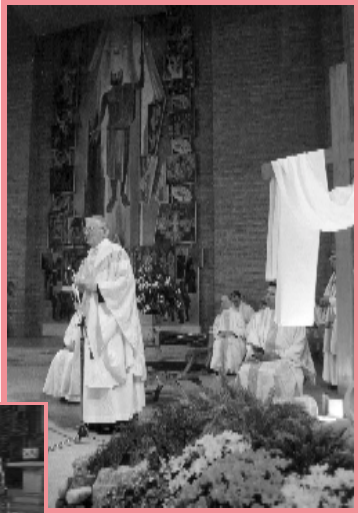
In March, the Reverend John Bell from the Iona Community spoke to us of the need to speak out clearly today in society as Christians, he articulated clearly, how we should stand up for what we believe and be at odds with the culture of contentment, so prevalent today. This was followed a week later by his Excellency Mr. Edward Barrington, the Irish Ambassador, looking at the new relationship between Ireland and England and commenting favourably on the influence of St. Mary's in Ireland over many years.

In the month of April, Dr. Sheila Cassidy an Honorary Fellow of St. Mary's, spoke to us on the theme of courage in adversity, in which she discussed her work with young women suffering from breast cancer. She encouraged others to be more generous in the giving of their time and in listening to others who are less fortunate than we are.

In the month of May, a time when the Catholic Church traditionally honours Mary the Mother of God and Patron of our College, we had a lecture delivered by Dr. Sarah Boss in which we looked at the role of Mary today, and how we as a community could learn from her example.

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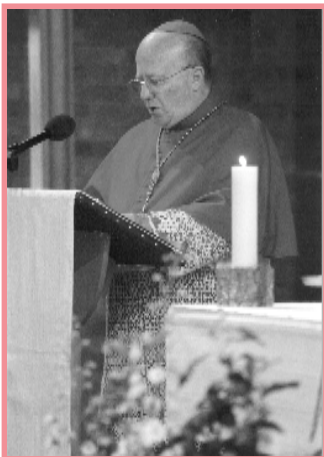
The Highlight of our Anniversary Year was the Mass of Thanksgiving which was celebrated in the College Chapel on Sunday 28th May. The Mass was attended by past and present students and staff, we welcomed Archbishop Cormac Murphy-O'Connor, Archbishop of Westminster, to St. Mary's for the first time. We were also delighted that Bishop Patrick



O'Donoghue our Chairman of Governors,

Bishop John Jukes, retired Chairman of Governors, Bishop Howard Tripp, Bishop John Rawsthorne, Bishop Crispian Hollis and Bishop Thomas MacMahon were able to join with us on the day. The Bishops who attended the Anniversary Mass did so, because they wanted to say thank you to St. Mary's college for providing good quality teachers to so many parts of the Country over many years.

The homily was given by the Apostolic Nuncio, His Excellency Archbishop Pablo Puente. As the



Representative of the Holy Father in Great Britain the Archbishop spoke to us about the role of St. Mary's from its foundation until the present day. The Archbishop reminded the congregation that we are the oldest Catholic

College in the Country with a wonderful lasting involvement in education. He encouraged staff and students to build on the work of our predecessors as *'letters from Christ'*. He elaborated this by saying that *'a letter not written with ink but with the Holy Spirit, not written on paper but on your hearts. You must show this letter to the world. You must help people to read it by your words and by your life. Those who in fifty or one hundred years time, will celebrate Anniversaries of St. Mary's College and should feel proud of you, as you are proud of your predecessors, because you have truly been a letter from Christ to your society.'* This theme was taken further by Archbishop Cormac when he said that *'St. Mary's not only has a future but a necessary future in the world and society in which we live and work.'* These words were inspirational and said a great deal about the tradition and history of St. Mary's and the fact that students and staff would have a necessary role in the future with the full backing of the Bishops of England and Wales.

Our 150th Anniversary Celebrations ended with the College Feast Day Mass on Friday 8th December. The Anniversary Year has given St. Mary's College the opportunity for looking back and giving thanks; it has been an opportunity to celebrate the present, the community that we are now, working collaboratively together and witnessing to the Gospel in the society in which we live and work. It is also a moment to look to the future with renewed energy and hope. We remembered former staff and students who have been associated with St. Mary's, and as a community, we now look forward to the opportunities which lie ahead. We commit ourselves to go forth and *'to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with our God'*. (Micah 6:8) imbued with the sure hope that all Simmarians can make a difference, if not today, tomorrow.

Fr. Gerard Devlin

Senior College Chaplain

Where are they now?

Jacque Marks (nee Earley) (1986-1990) has lived and taught in Folkestone for eight years. Jacque would love to hear from old friends via the Contact Service.

Karl McCloskey (1981-85) married Mary (nee O'Donnell) from the same year group. Mary and Karl have four children and both teach. Mark is the head teacher of a convent senior school near Ascot and Mary is a SEN teacher at a school in Greenford.

Simon Musselle (1984-87) married Tonia Sexton (1983-86). Simon is a Senior Marketing Manager with a large UK bank and Tonia is a Senior Pensions Officer. Tonia and Simon would love to hear from old friends at the e-mail address simon.musselle@btinternet.com.

Steve Partridge (1986-1989) lives in London and works as a personal fitness trainer and sports masseur at a health club in Knightsbridge. He married last year and has a baby daughter, Jade.

Adrian Pinn (1989-93) teaches Maths at a secondary school near Margate. His main hobby is the re-enactment of medieval battles in armour at castles and stately homes. Adrian would love to hear from those who remember him via the Contact Service.

Anne Riley (1983-84) lives in London with her husband Barry, whose late father, Peter, was at college in the 1930's. Anne teaches at a high school in Hanwell.

1990's

Tracey Barton (1993-96) is the Head of PE at a sports college. Tracey lives in London and would like to say hello to the Sports Science group (93-96).

Rosanna D'Arcy (1991-94) is the head of Human Resources and IT at a London public relations company. She lives in Hampstead and would like to hear from anyone who wishes to contact her through the Alumni Contact Service.

honours and awards

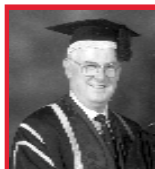
Dr Brian Stratford (1953-55) - was awarded the OBE for services to education in China in the New Years Honours List 2001. Dr Stratford lectured in the Education



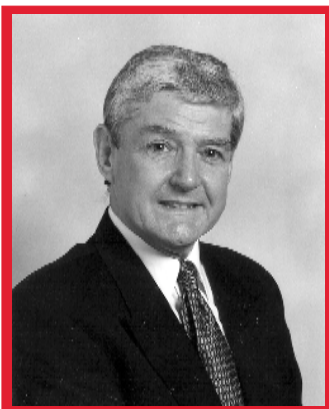
Dr and Mrs Stratford pictured with Sunzhai, a Chinese boy with Down Syndrome]

Department from 1962-1967. After working in various senior posts in Higher Education in the UK, Brian worked in Hong Kong and then took early retirement in order to work full time in China. He is Head of Research at the largest maternity and children's hospital in South China and also teaches in two medical schools. Brian has also been awarded the KSG and is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine and a Fellow of the British Psychological Society.

Professor Patrick Dowling - Vice Chancellor of the University of Surrey, was awarded the CBE for services to business/academic links in the New Years Honours List.



David Stacey (1963-1966) - was awarded the 'Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice' last November. David has been the head teacher of a Catholic Primary school in Bishop's Stortford for 25 years. The award was presented by The Rt Rev James O'Brien, Bishop in Hertfordshire, at a Special Mass. David recalls his years at St Mary's as among the happiest of his life and says that the award was a source of great joy and celebration for his family, school and parish.



Jill Wharrier - reports from The Teaching Awards 2000. Jill is the regional winner of the award for Excellence in Special Needs Teaching in a Secondary School. She has worked with dyslexic students for the past 21 years.



Jill with her former head Janet Pickering

What a weekend! Dinner & dance at the dome; speeches by Lord Putnam, Pierre-Yves Gerbeau and other luminaries; a sparkling awards ceremony hosted by Davina McCall; what more could you ask to be made to feel special?

The £3000 regional award I have received for my Learning Support Unit is helping to fund the most up to date SEN diagnostic software and other IT requirements.

Most importantly at the ceremony, there was a feel good factor about teachers and teaching that has been missing for so long. Lord Putnam (and most of the winners) made the point that, though there is no team award, there is much team effort behind these awards.

There were only winners, no losers - but then, isn't that the whole aim of SEN teaching?

Joe Torri (1951-53) - was the head teacher of a Middle School in Nuneaton for 21 years. He is currently the National President for the Newman Association and is a former President of the Simmarian Association. Joe was awarded the Bene Merenti medal for services to education last year. He is looking forward to seeing his contemporaries at the reunion weekend in September in celebration of their 50th anniversary.



Joe Torri pictured with the President of the Simmarian Association Tom O'Connor

honours and awards

Honorary Fellowships 2001 - Fr Michael Garnett, Miss Joan Henderson, Mr Ben Runderkamp and Professor Robert Estall were the recipients of Honorary Fellowships from St Mary's at a ceremony in Walpole House on Friday January 26. Honorary Fellowships are conferred on people eminent in their chosen field who have made an outstanding contribution to society.



Fr Michael Garnett is a Missionary Priest of the Westminster Diocese who has spent thirty three years working with the impoverished in Peru. Joan Henderson is a distinguished historian who has been a strong supported of the development of teaching and research in History at St Mary's. Ben Runderkamp is a retired Senior Director of Shell International and former Chairman of the Lensbury Club. Professor Estall is a former student of St Mary's who recently retired as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Governors.

Front Row: Mr Ben Runderkamp, Miss Joan Henderson, Rt. Rev. Patrick O'Donoghue, Fr. Michael Garnett, Professor Robert Estall
Back Row: Dr Dick Fisher, Dr Chris Durston, Dr Arthur Naylor, Fr. John Medcalf, Dr Kevin Cook

The new Honorary Fellows were presented to the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Rt. Rev Patrick O'Donoghue, Bishop in West London.

Rest In Peace

News of the death of the following Simmarians has been received.
Please remember in your prayers these Simmarians, their families and their friends.

John Ardley 1997-00 Addlestone	Ursula Dawe 1995-98 Worthing	John King 1946-48 Farnham	David Mungovin 1946-48
Br. Thomas Beausang 1947-49 Newry	Alfred Lavender 1947-49 Gainford	Rob Lowe 1997-00 Bridgend	Hugh Nolen 1939-41 Grantham
Peter Callaghan 1965-68 Liverpool	Ken McKiernan 1944-46 Middlesborough	Richard Magennis 1924-26 Belfast	Richard Roberts 1978-81 Coventry
Sinead Carey 1998-00 London	Mary Kennedy 1975-1979 Harrow	Daniel Morgan 1932-34 Liverpool	Frank Ward 1952-54 Southport

Joan Evans Memorial Ceremony

It was with great regret that the college learnt of the death in January 2000 of Joan Evans. Joan was a much-valued member of the technical support team in Biosciences. To mark her contribution to St Mary's, colleagues collected towards a bench which was placed in the grounds in her memory last year. The bench was dedicated by the Principal and the Chaplain at a ceremony with colleagues and members of Joan's family.

Ronan McCloskey House Opened

The Irish Housing Association 'Cara' has named their newly refurbished north London housing project in honour of Ronan McCloskey (1980-84). Ronan joined the Metropolitan Police Force after graduating from St Mary's and was killed on duty on London on May 9 1987. 'Ronan McCloskey House' was officially opened by Michael Martin MP, Speaker of the House of Commons, at a ceremony in March.

Where are they now?

Richard Elliot (1992-94) is a recruitment manager and lives in Farnborough. He would be happy to hear from anyone who knows him via the Contact Service.

Gill Emery (1992-96) lives near Woking. She is a Year 4 teacher at a school in Horsell and can be contacted via the Contact Service.

Janine Fairhurst (nee Baines) (1991-94) is a microbiology laboratory technician. Janine lives near Hereford with her husband and son. She would like to hear from people with whom she studied via the Alumni Contact Service.

Lisa Flack (nee Pollard) (1992-96) lives in Strood and teaches at a primary school in Northfleet, Kent. She would like to hear from anyone who participated in the Florida Internship Programme.

Nick Fordor (1991-94) is the UK and Eire Sales Executive for an American company. Nick is married with a baby son and lives in Chessington. He would love to hear from old friends via the Alumni Contact Service.

Rosanna Geisler (nee Rendall) (1994-98) married just after Christmas last year. She has moved to California where she continues to teach. She would love to hear from fellow students via the Alumni Contact Service.

Nancy Hendry (1993-96) is the Head of RE at a girl's school in Upminster. Nancy lives in Brentwood and many be contacted via the Contact Service.

Rebecca Hoskins (nee Hart) (1991-95) married in 1994 and has two daughters. Rebecca teaches at a primary school near Worcester and would love to hear from BA QTS 91-95 students at her e-mail address rebecca@hoskins72.freemove.co.uk

Jennifer Lee (1997-00) is a recruitment officer for a large government agency. Jennifer lives in Bracknell and would love to hear from anyone in her classes at kudozs@aol.com.

simmarian association

The Simmarian Association

The Executive Committee met after the Mass for Deceased Simmarians on Sunday November 12. Members of the Executive Committee attended the Liverpool Simmarians Annual Mass on November 25, 2000. The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on September 8 and the AGM will start at 2.30pm in C1. All Simmarians are invited to attend the AGM.

Gibraltar Simmarian Society

John Chincotta writes

On December 7, 2000, 51 Gibraltar Simmarians and friends gathered at a well-known local restaurant to celebrate our 6th annual dinner. Following grace by senior Simmarian Joe Romero and a sumptuous meal, personal anecdotes and reminiscences were accompanied by Rioja wine. It was wonderful to see such a mixture of young, recently qualified and now not so young Simmarians all engaged in merrymaking.

In his address, President Clive Beltran explained that after some sixty years after the first Gibraltar went to St Mary's, the college continues to play an important part in the education of the people of Gibraltar. He recalled the words of Dr Shannon at the Centenary High Mass in 1950, 'A college is not merely a solid material construction distinct from its members. Bricks and mortar know no birthdays. A college is built up with living stones. St Mary's is not confined to local habitations. She is not limited to Hammersmith or Strawberry Hill.' St Mary's is present in the hearts and minds of Gibraltar teachers every day in their classrooms.

Manchester and District Simmarian Association

Kevin Madden (1943-45) writes

For the first time in many years we were able to celebrate our Annual Mass on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception – the College Feast Day. It seemed especially fitting to do so since the year 2000 marked the 150th Anniversary of the college's foundation. Around forty of our group attended and Canon Tony Dorran (1946-47) and Father Frank Austin (1946-48) concelebrated. How impressive has been the loyalty of these priests.

The Mass proved a fitting celebration and the singing was both in Latin and English. Thanks to John Tasker, who was responsible for the arrangements and the music, Ambrose Street, who once again elegantly served at Mass, Ged Hanbury for his bidding prayers, Wilf Sudlow for overcoming almost insurmountable obstacles to read, Laurie Cassidy who took the collection and to Jim Feeny for his statistical information.

The tradition of the Annual Mass has been in place since 1907 and we wish to keep it alive for as long as possible. If any men and women who were in college from the 1980's and 1990's would like to join us, please contact us via the Alumni Office.

Irish Simmarian Association 2000

This, our 49th Reunion was held on the evening of October 12th in the Derryvale Hotel, Drogheda. It was decided that we would return to the original formula of Requiem Mass, followed by the AGM. This was proposed and passed unanimously. On the way forward for the Irish Association, a lot of ideas were offered from the twenty or so, who travelled long distances to be together. Dublin was the venue most popular for our next Reunion. President, Michael Coyle felt a very good time could be had by all. Ron McCartan, on behalf of Fr. Simon Clyne, offered Castleknock College for our Mass and AGM.

The annual collection for SHOC will be forwarded to Kevin Cook. The election of officers for the coming year resulted in Ken Dursley becoming President from 2001-2002. Our absent friends were remembered, especially, Francis O'Brien, Paddy Hill, Liam O'Connor, Jack Nihill and Michael McLoughlin, men who keep the Irish Association going for so many years. Thank God, still with us and in good health. Terry Gallagher, who lost his lovely wife recently, was absent but present in our thoughts and prayers. Business over we made our way to the restaurant where we had a lovely meal and plenty of craic, followed by a great sing-song in the bar, the torching fire and hot whiskies were much appreciated.

Next year our reunion will be in Castleknock College, Dublin. Requiem Mass at 11.00. Followed by AGM and lunch in a local restaurant. The date will be the second Saturday in October (13th). Hope to see you there. Contact: Frances Jordan (Secretary) Tel: 02887767713. From ROI: 00442887767713

■ The Dog Brothers

The Dog Brothers is a society for former members of the St Mary's rugby club. The group plays in various rugby tournaments all over the country and holds a number of social reunions. If you are interested in joining the society, contact Mark Murphy (1991-95) via the Alumni Office

■ Alumni Sports Teams

Join us at the Reunion Weekend.

If you run an alumni sports team and wish to participate in the sports events on Sunday 9th please write to Toby Booth, Director of Sport at St Mary's.

staff publications

Educational Liaison: Special Report

By Bernard Johnson, Head of Educational Liaison

The Educational Liaison Unit at St Mary's has recently expanded with the appointment of St Mary's graduates Lorraine Dyer and Samantha Szepel-Lukowska. Lorraine and Samantha join Bernard Johnson who has been responsible for Educational Liaison since 1996. The aim of the Educational Liaison



Bernard Johnson, Samantha Szepel-Lukowska, Lorraine Dyer

Unit is to give potential students a taste of our unique, caring community in a variety of ways.

The Unit is responsible for four main areas in general recruitment; Schools' Liaison, Higher Education Fairs, Open Days at college and the co-ordination of Widening Participation

St Mary's has always worked closely with schools and colleges and we continue to develop that work, primarily in London and the South East and in our other major recruiting areas, the South West, East Anglia and the Midlands.

If you teach in a school or college in any of these areas, we would be pleased to discuss ways in which we could contribute to HE preparation for your Year 12 and 13 students. The team can offer talks on, for example, the UCAS process, application forms, the personal statement, life as a student and life at St Mary's College. We can offer mock interviews, individual or group advice tutorials, talks on Teacher Training and we also talk to groups of parents at HE evenings. In addition we also staff stands at schools' and colleges' HE and/or Careers evenings.

Our second main area of work is attendance at 50 of the UCAS/HELOA and other HE Fairs held nation-wide. For a list of Fairs at which we will be represented please contact us at the college. We would, of course, be delighted if you or your colleagues (and your students!) came to meet us at the stand.

The Unit's third area of work is the organisation and running

of the St Mary's College pre-application Open Days and details of this year's events are provided below.

Finally, the Unit co-ordinates the College's Widening Participation work. The main focus is a schools link project in which we work with selected local schools to raise awareness and aspirations among pupils whose families have no background in Higher Education. We are also developing subject Taster Days, mature student Open Days and working on ways of encouraging more students from ethnic minority backgrounds into HE. If you would like further information on these projects, please contact the Unit at St Mary's.

We are always delighted to discuss possible ways of helping with the important decisions that have to be made by your students in preparation for applying for, and going to, University. Please feel free to contact Lorraine and Sam on 020 8240 2314 or Bernard Johnson on 020 8240 4156 or write to us at St Mary's.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Open Days 2001

Saturday May 19th, Tuesday

June 26th and Saturday

September 22nd

An introductory talk is followed by a guided tour of the campus to see student accommodation, the Chapel, the Theatre, lecture rooms and the Learning Resources Centre

Departments are open after lunch to give advice about subjects and specialist advice from tutors.

Parents and teachers are especially welcome at these events.

Please book in advance, if possible, by contacting the Educational Liaison Unit on
020-8240 2314

Where are they now?

Rupert Potter (1993-97) lives in Henley and is a medical representative. Rupert would like to contact anyone from his 1st Year group (1993) via the Alumni Contact Service.

Dave Setchfield (1990-93) lives in Uxbridge. He works as a musician and may be contacted at davesetchfield@hotmail.com.

Josephine Stowe (nee Frank) (1991-94) works at a chartered accountants' firm in Dublin. She married in 1997 and moved to Ireland in 1999. Josephine would like to pass her best wishes to anyone who knew her at college.

Andrea Waugh Lucas (1995-96) lives in Surbiton and is the Head of RE at a school in New Malden. As part of her PhD, Andrea is researching the future of Catholic Education and would like to hear from any Simmarians in Catholic Secondary schools in the London area who would like to participate in her research. She may be contacted at waughlucas@hotmail.com.

Ann Marie Wilson (1991-95) married Chris Wilson (1991-94) in 1999. Chris and Ann Marie would love to hear from anyone who remembers them via the Alumni Contact Service.

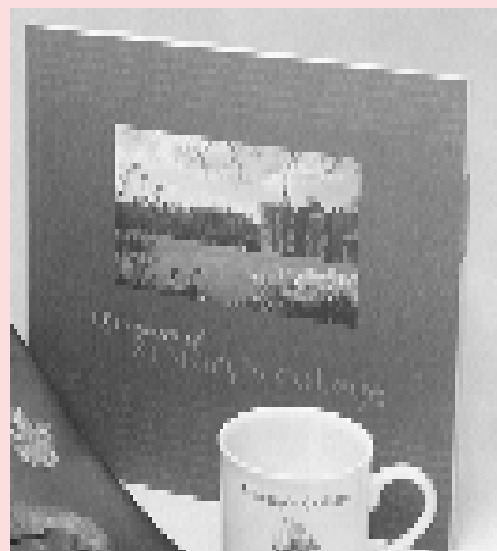
Joanne Young (nee Hall) (1992-95) has recently moved to America. She would like to hear from friends from St Mary's via the Alumni Contact Service.

Don't forget to return your Alumni Reply Card if you would like to feature in 'Where Are They Now'. If you wish to be considered for an extended profile, please send a photograph.

Anniversary Book Offer

150 Years of St Mary's College

If you received a copy of our Anniversary Book as part of our November 2000 promotion and have not yet responded to the offer, we would be grateful for your reply as soon as possible.



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Benefit the college at no extra cost to you.

Freephone 0800 776262 for further information and an application form.

St Mary's College Alumni Merchandise

We are delighted to introduce our new range of alumni merchandise, specially commissioned for our 150th Anniversary.

The Anniversary book, '150 Years of St Mary's College', gives a full account of our fascinating history. This beautifully presented volume includes many unpublished photographs.

The college badge, featuring our coat of arms in full colour, is an inexpensive way of showing the world that you are a Simmarian. Our bear sports a white ribbon embroidered with the coat of arms in blue and is produced by one of the world's best-known toy manufacturers. The tie is in blue fabric and features the coat of arms in full colour. Finally, the limited edition blue and white porcelain anniversary mug will brighten any coffee break.

Please complete the order form and post to the Alumni Office, St Mary's College, Waldegrave Road, Twickenham, TW1 4SX. Your order should be dispatched within fourteen days of receipt. There may be a surcharge for overseas deliveries, please contact the Alumni Office before placing your order.

A small number of items from our previous range ('window' ties, letter openers, bags and pen sets) are still available at discounted prices. Please contact the Alumni Office for further details.



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