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St. Columba Abbey Receives New Abbot

The event of the year was without question, St. Columba Abbey consecrating an abbot to lead and manage O'Hare's Gap's religious sector.



Father Rian was selected from a number of applicants to fill the sandals of Friar Chim whom was the original founding abbot of the abbey. In a wonderful service lead by Sister Catherine,

Father Rian was both humbled and delighted to accept this position of great prestige within our community.



After a short invocation by Miss Hunny, Willy Sandalwood spoke of the long process in finding someone perfect for this role. It was important to find an individual who was enthusiastic about populating the abbey into a full working church with nuns and monks.

Father Rian then shared his visions for the future of the abbey by the creation of Bible study groups and engaging more school involvement. He shared his plans with the congregation and the St. Columba Catholic Children's Choir performed a few songs.

Following the service, everyone gathered in the cloister for cupcakes and other refreshments. Which was of course, a big hit with the kids.



Two different services were given to accommodate our European friends as well as those in America (and all places in-between). 12:45pm and 5pm.



The abbey is indeed one of the remarkable cornerstones of O'Hare's Gap and will now hopefully flourish under the new leadership. If you see Father Rian about, do not hesitate to strike up a conversation and introduce yourself. May God bless these folks and events now and forever...Amen



O'Hare's Happenings

Events and happenings around OHG
Real Estate and financial reports



by Willy
Sandalwood

I have to say what a wonderful community we have here at O'Hare's Gap. We've been in SL for over 10 years now. We currently have over 400 members in the group of which almost 100% of those been actively online in the past year. That number has been much higher but I keep it pared down to only people that have been in SL within the past year. I do keep a couple of our departed friends on the list. Generally 10% of those in the group are active on any given day. An even smaller percentage is currently renters. The important thing is that these are people that care about the town and care about each other.

In the case of one missing member, there were posters put up all over town and everyone kept an eye out for him to return. We also pray for those of us that are sick or hurting. OHG is more than just pixels and role play, its real life. It continues to be a nice place to make new friends, catch up on things, all in a safe environment.

Do you feel you get \$2.00-5.00 U.S. enjoyment from O'Hare's Gap every month? Two U.S. dollars is only 250 Lindens, \$5.00 is only L\$1,000! If only 10% of our membership donated L\$250 we would not have a deficit each month. Since eliminating 2 of

our 4 sims, our average deficit runs between L\$10,000 and L\$20,000. 10% of our membership is just over 40 people. \$80 US equals roughly L\$20,000. BINGO! See what you can do.

Winter in OHG will be coming to a close in March-April – cant wait! We'll have a new Abbot at the Abbey and small improvements are taking place all the time. The Monastic Gardens are doing well. Things are looking good at OHG. Have fun! Donate your share for your enjoyment. See you around town!

Dear Abbess

Sister Catherine addresses your concerns



by Sister
Catherine

Dear Abbess:

Matthew 6 verse 6 says: But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

My question is why do we have prayer meetings and Sunday service if we are supposed to pray in private?

Thank you: Confused

Dear Confused:

This is a question that comes up often. There are many passages in the bible on Congregational prayer, here are a few.

Psalm 40:9-10

I have proclaimed glad tidings of righteousness in the great congregation; Behold, I will not restrain my lips, O LORD, You know. I have not hidden Your righteousness within my heart; I have spoken of Your faithfulness and Your salvation; I have not concealed Your loving kindness and Your truth from the great congregation.

Psalm 68:26

Bless God in the congregations, Even the LORD, you who are of the fountain of Israel.

Before the verse 6, verse 5 states:

5 "And when you pray, you shall not be like the [b]hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.

Note our Lord does not say "do not pray in the synagogue" but says not to "pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men.

As Jesus said:

"Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill" (Matthew 5:17).

With this Quote we see that he never said not to join together in worship as this has been one of the foundations of religion since the time of Moses.

As to why "we have prayer meetings and Sunday service ":

It is to join with other believers in praise of God and to enjoy the fellowship of those also on the journey toward Him.

Teresa of Avila stated in "The Book of My Life": "It is a great evil for a soul beset by so many dangers to be alone.---For this reason I would advise those who practice prayer, especially at first, to cultivate friendship and intercourse with others of similar interests. This is a most important thing, if only because we can help each other by our

prayers, and it is all the more so because it may bring us many other benefits."

She continues:

"Since people can find comfort in the conversation and human sympathy of ordinary friendships, even when these are not altogether good, I do not know why anyone who is beginning to love and serve God in earnest should not be allowed to discuss his joys and trials with others -- and people who practice prayer have plenty of both.

Yours in service: Sister Catherine



Saint Columba Class Report

A summary of school and educational events



by
Victoria
Temple

Dear Pupils, Staff, and Friends

Once again, I am writing from my desk to the gazette after Miss Sarah wrote countless memos to me to remember to write a few lines. I think Miss Sarah must be asleep now, getting her beauty sleep as she knows she wrote a huge list for me to toil at.

Can I complain? Saint Columba's is the best place to work. Where can I be with staff and pupils that make me smile and happy that I ever came to this place? I will not get emotional at my age, but the spirit and friendship at our school come second to none. It is a place where we can be proud of our faith and friendships and not be ashamed to admit that God is an important part of our life.

I often get asked what it is like working for Miss Sarah. Is she stubborn and does she listen or just give commands. Many visitors get shocked when they hear how Miss Sarah and I discuss things. They say we sound like an old married couple. The truth is that Miss Sarah is as stubborn as they get. However, she prides herself on protecting the foundation and traditions of our school. We should not change just to be "cool" or popular, I respect this attitude of our Excellency. We have a unique offer that is not for everyone. This means that only a minority of children will like what we offer. This is the way it should be. We cannot compromise on what the mission of our school is.

One example is our uniforms. It took me 3 years to convince Miss Sarah that we needed mesh uniforms. At last, she said to do it, but she wanted the quality to be the same as the uniforms we had. Supremity worked day and night for weeks and often had to redo what they presented to Miss Sarah. The new uniforms cost the school an

astonishing 16.000L. We are happy with the new uniforms, although the school is planning on fixing some cosmetic flaws with them.

This term has been somewhat of a creative term.

Madam Pickery teaches us about alternative history. "What would have happened if..."

Madam Temple shocks the pupils with art from all over the world.

Father Immer teaches us about Classic Music and the background of many pieces

Master Noah teaches us about dance.

Miss Sarah teaches us about Disney.

Our creativity is being tested and we are getting a lot of inspiration. It will be interesting in how we cope with the exams. Do we dare write anything negative about Disney?

December has been a time when the choir was on a Christmas tour around the grid. We met so many people that appreciated that we helped spread the true message and spirit of Christmas. I believe that the Choir is one of the best things our school does. It shows that we are a team. It provides children a chance to be good ambassadors of OHare's Gap.

In 2020, we have no new show planned. The Christmas show may be changed a small bit and we are planning "the Best of.." tour, which will include new songs.

Do not feel shy about booking the choir!

After a slow autumn, where attendance was low, I am proud to say that attendance is once again strong. We have some new pupils as well as old pupils coming back to us. These children are very welcome, and one wonders what we have done without them!

I also would like to welcome some new staff members

Master Noah
Miss Kyla
Father Immer.

We would also like to welcome Father Rian to the town. He is our new abbot.

The prayers at 12:45 were somewhat confusing for both the school and clergy. It was often considered that they were part of the school regime. The school administration has held meetings with Father E, in which we decided the prayer services should be independent of the school. The clergy would have total responsibility for these services. At the same time, we would continue to tell pupils that prayers at 12:45 is an offer they could avail of. Father E can also ask the school to help during his services or the choir to perform.

This means the school will strengthen our work with all clergy. They can meet with us at any time.

The new term starts on April 1.. This means that the pupils soon will be getting a list of classes, so they can vote for what classes we have in the next term.

That's all for now...

Victoria

ST. COLUMBA'S ADVENTURES IN "Make up" situation

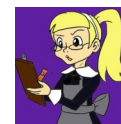
by Annie Auster

FT. Sarah Sandalwood, Leonie Dominica, Annie Auster and Heidi Danube.



Saint Columba Admin Report

Public listing of student disciplinary records.



by
Sarah
Sandalwood
Horten

Term 15 was not without its assortment of ticks for the students. Typically when every-one is doing as they are supposed to, the tickbook should be barely used. That was simply not the case. For your viewing pleasure, I present to you, last term's ticks:

Miss Linda:

Oct 17,2019 - wearing wrong tag in church
Oct 17,2019 - chewing gum at the line up
Oct 17,2019 - not removing the gum when confronted
Oct 17,2019 - being in the attic

Miss Lila:

Oct 17,2019 -being not in uniform in line up
Oct 17,2019 - wearing the wrong tag
Oct 17,2019 - disturbing the line up
Oct 17,2019 - calling Madam Naomi a liar
Oct 17,2019 - being in the attic
Nov 19,2019 - Out of uniform
Dec 19,2019 - Out of uniform
Dec 19,2019 - Laying on the living room couch
Dec 19,2019 - Spilling cereal all over the furniture

Miss Mara:

Oct 18,2019 - Entered church and sat without genuflecting
Dec 2,2019 - Outside the school out of uniform
Dec 2,2019 - Wrong tag

Miss Heidi:

Oct 22,2019 - Heavy makeup
Oct 31,2019 - Out of uniform
Nov 4,2019 - Wrong uniform
Nov 4,2019 - Wearing makeup
Nov 4,2019 - Swore after being picked
Nov 9,2019 - Did not address Noah as "Master"
Nov 18,2019 - Out of uniform
Nov 25,2019 - Out of uniform
Nov 28,2019 - Wrong tag
Dec 2,2019 - Wrong head cover in church
Dec 2,2019 - Questioning the teacher
Dec 2,2019 - Did not raise her hand in class
Dec 23,2019 - Out of uniform
Dec 23,2019 - Did not refer to me as Miss
Jan 6,2020 - Came to church in choir uniform
Jan 6,2020 - Annoyed the crap out of everyone with bag-pipes

Miss Meghan:

Oct 22,2019 - Disrespectful to fellow students

Master Allie:

Nov 5, 2019 - Wrong tag
Nov 8,2019 - Can't keep his mouth shut during inspection
Nov 25,2019 - Wrong tag
Nov 28,2019 - Wrong tag

Miss Leonie:

Nov 11,2019 - Not wearing winter tights

Miss Savi:

Nov 26,2019 - Out of winter uniform

Miss Jasmine:

Nov 26,2019 - Did not refer to me "Miss Sarah"

Miss Linda:

Nov 29, 2019 - Landed on my head
Nov 29, 2019 - Sat at my desk

Miss Svenja:

Dec 3,2019 - Wrong tag

Miss Joyce:

Dec 4,2019 - Wrong tights
Clean the boys dorm for a week

Miss Haily:

Dec 30,2019 - Out of uniform

Master Bambino:

Jan 6,2020 - Wearing sneakers with uniform.
Jan 6,2020 - SMOKING!

Student court decides punishments for ticks at the end of each term. Miss Heidi was told she needed to watch and review a film starring Shirley Temple. Here is her report:

"Heidi" [<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=plzbUYHRLco>] is a biographical film about the travels and experiences of a young Swiss girl. While there is some truth to the story (Heidi actually IS a young Swiss girl, for example) this film version of her early life has been highly fictionalized.

We first meet Heidi, personified by Miss Shirley Temple, entering a small village in the company of her aunt. In one of the very first scenes we see Heidi being required to wear a heavy coat which she had taken off in the heat of the day. She complies with her aunt's order to put the coat back on but does so with a pronounced pout. There's actually a great deal of pouting in this movie, so at least the writers did their best to be accurate. The aunt, we learn, has been Heidi's unwilling guardian since the death of Heidi's parents. The aunt has been offered a job in the city and cannot take Heidi with her, so she has brought her to the village in search of Heidi's paternal grandfather. The villagers all warn the aunt to stay away from the grandfather, who they describe as a mean old man who has turned his back on God, the church, and the village and lives all alone in a goatherd's house high on the mountain. The aunt, who wants only to be rid of Heidi and cares nothing for her well-being, introduces Heidi to her grandfather and quickly leaves. To no filmgoer's surprise, as the days go by Heidi's indefatigable cuteness and high spirits win the old man over and Grandfather is soon humming little tunes and glad-handing the local pastor.

Just when all is well in the Alps, villainy strikes in the form of the evil aunt. She returns to the village, sneaks into grandfather's house, and virtually kidnaps Heidi while the old man is out on the mountain getting firewood. The aunt has a chance at a job as a maid for a wealthy widower, and she needs Heidi to act as a companion for the widower's invalid daughter. The daughter's governess and tutor, Fraulein Rottweiler, finds Heidi entirely unsuitable and summarily dismisses the aunt, but the invalid daughter wants Heidi to stay. Heidi herself wants nothing more than to go home to her grandfather, but she satisfies herself with promises that she can go home soon. As Christmas approaches she misses the old man more and more, but she and Klara (the daughter) become very close and Klara does everything in her power to persuade Heidi to stay.

In the Alps, Grandfather sells some of his prized possessions to raise enough money for the train trip home and then sets out on foot to the big city, determined to find Heidi. Events come to a head on Christmas Day. Things start out well enough, and include a scene singing "Silent Night" at the piano in which Shirley Temple looks almost as cute as the real Heidi. There follows a series of mixups and adventures, including a high-speed sleigh chase scene that was undoubtedly the inspiration for Steve McQueen's famous "Bullitt".

I gave the movie three and a half stars, and those were mostly for Arthur Treacher's role as the butler. It's also a good look at the lost art of set decoration, since the producers did not waste any of their money on location filming.

As punishment, Master Allie also had to review the film Heidi because well, it's about Heidi. Here was his review:

Review of "Heidi"

As a punishment for my few ticks, I was punished by writing a review for Shirley Temple's film called Heidi. I knew that Madam Temple was a Shirley Temple fanatic, but the punishment was dishd out by Madam P

I figured its because Shirley was on the Disney board at one stage

I spoke with another pupil, who will remain nameless and she told me that Shirley Temple's films were always emotional and Shirley was just a poster child that always wore

skirts and dresses that were too short.

Maybe I could get some ideas for Supremitys summer line.

At any case, i seen the film on youtube.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4DLsumVnu0E>

This tale based on the popular book by Johanna Spyri is the emotional pinnacle of Temple's early career. As Adelheid - Heidi for short - she's an 8-year-old Swiss orphan who is given over to her gruffly bitter mountain hermit grandfather (Hersholt) by her aunt. She soon earns his love and he hers, but their happiness ends when her greedy aunt steals her back and sells Heidi as a cheerful companion for Klara (Jones), a sheltered and unhappy disabled girl from a wealthy family who uses a wheelchair. While missing her grandfather, a homesick Heidi makes the best out of her situation, lifting Klara's spirits and encouraging her to try to walk without assistance. Klara's grateful father agrees to allow Heidi to reunite with her grandpa, but his daughter's scheming governess tries to keep her and the grandfather separated as they desperately call out for each other on a snowy street. Drama overshadows musical numbers, although there is a fantasy sequence where Heidi pretends to be in Holland and does a clog dance to "In My Little Wooden Shoes."

Heidi was a box office hit and the film grossed 70m dollars. Shirley was paid 50,000, which is worth 1 million today.

Here are some facts about the film

Marcia Mae Jones received fan mail from disabled children all over the world after playing Klara in this movie.

For the scene in which Heidi is butted by a goat and falls over, Shirley Temple was butted for the first few takes. Although she later said that being butted was not painful, her mother Gertrude Temple became concerned for her safety and insisted that a stunt double be used.

Shirley Temple developed throat problems after she accidentally swallowed fake snow during a winter scene, and the crew had to shoot around her for two days.

Delmar Watson was not allowed to study his lines in advance. Because director Allan Dwan wanted Peter to seem slow, Watson was not given his lines until the day before they were filmed.

Marcia Mae Jones was four years older and eighteen inches taller than Shirley Temple when this movie was filmed. Jones later recalled of the scene in which Temple helps her crippled character to walk that if she had really leaned on Temple, she "would have crushed her."

The scene in which Heidi smuggles a litter of kittens into the house, and the following scene in which Sebastian hides the kittens from Heidi's cat-hating aunt, were in the original book; the scene with the capuchin monkey was written for the film.

The scene in which Heidi is suddenly squirted in the face while milking a goat was planned without Shirley Temple's knowledge. A tube of milk was attached to the goat udder where Temple couldn't see it, and when she was squirted, her surprised reaction was genuine.



Saint Columba Catholic Children's Choir

Choir Spotlights and Information

This past Christmas season saw the choir performing 14 shows all around the grid. It was the same show we have performed for 3 years now but it is such a crowd pleaser, we haven't changed it in any way.



by
Sarah
Sandalwood
Horten



Student Submissions

Kids sound off to whatever they like

The definition of a tick.

1. Tick:

Ticks are tiny little creatures, related to spiders mites and scorpions.

There are many different kinds of tick, each preferring to feed on the blood of different animals. They can bite humans as well. It is very common for dogs to get ticks on them, when they go for walks, especially in long grass. Ticks can carry diseases, and they should be properly removed as soon as possible both from humans and from animals.

2.Tick:

Tick is a noise, not a very loud one.

Perhaps the most common is the tick-tock of a clock, especially an older type clock like a grandfather clock. But you can hear ticks in many other places, a car engine will tick. Sometimes it is quite normal, but sometimes it can mean that there are mechanical problems to be sorted.

3.Tick:

Tick. People sometimes say, "I won't be a tick."

That means they're not going to be away for very long, they will come back soon. This is probably linked to the sound of a clock ticking, if you are away for just the tick of a clock, it means a very short time!

4.Tick:

Tick. Sometimes, you can be ticked off.

That means that you are in trouble and you are being given a lecture. Ticked off usually means that the trouble isn't too serious.

5.Tick:

Tick. a mark on a piece of paper, to show that something has been done. For example a shopping list. You tick each thing off when you have bought it. A list of things to do in the house, each thing is ticked off when it is done. A mark to show you vote for something or someone.

6.Tick:

Tick: A St Columba tick. If you are naughty in St Columba, you get a tick. It goes in Miss Sarah's special book. Teachers can give ticks but I think that Miss Sarah gives most of them.

You can get ticks for many many things, you can get ticks for talking at inspection, you can get ticks for being rude, for wearing the wrong clothes, for not behaving properly in chapel.

You can get ticks for having a messy bed, you can get ticks for saying things that are not allowed, for example, the word "CxxL"

The more ticks you get, the more serious it is of course, and every so often there is a sort of trial when you have to stand up and explain all your ticks, and after that, you get some sort of punishment if the ticks are serious enough.

It could be acting as a servant for a bit, cleaning all the floors, or even cleaning the boys dorm, when they aren't in it of course; that would be a messy job.

It is best to avoid ticks, or to be naughty when Miss Sarah or a teacher isn't looking!!

Joyce Alan

Hello I am Nikki, that is short for Nicole. I am 10 years old (I think). I am a novice for the school at St Columba, and I like to write about what my feelings are.

First of all, I was very impressed by the friendship I received almost immediately when I arrived. Being new here and at SL, I didn't really know what to expect. Someone told me to search for a nice school, so I did. I found St Columba as a catholic school, which appealed to me. So I went there and from the first day I came there I felt welcomed.

Of course there were some things I couldn't under-

stand right away: there was something what they called "INSPECTION". All students were standing in a line (it wasn't a "catholic line" according to the inspector, which was a kid herself) but I didn't see anything wrong about it.

Later the inspector explained that a "good catholic line" should be according to height, highest on the right, smallest on the left. Another thing I didn't understand right away was the "ticks" kids got from the kid up front. But that was - I heard later - a punishment for not obeying the school rules. I guess that makes sense.

The inspector had a word for all inspectees, one by one. Some got a better grade, some not so. I couldn't figure out why the differences but I'm sure the inspector knew what she did.

The INSPECTION took AGES!!! But finally it came to an end, probably because the kids all were frozen, standing quiet and straight for about half an hour. And when the words came: "Inspection is done" the kids ran in the classroom, where it was warm and cozy. I asked if I could attend the class, and I could. That was really nice, because I was frozen too.

The class was about Disney. That was a real nice class because Disney is my favourite cartoonist. Miss Sarah showed us clips of lots of Disney movies. It was really a great class!!

I liked it so much, I came to school on a regular base. And last week, I got a big surprise: I was accepted as a school novice :) I am really really happy about that and I hope I can go there a long long time.

Nikki



“Rumor Has It....”

by
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The Cold Icy Stare:

The day started out similar to any other. But it suddenly took a strange and bizarre turn when Madam Temple appeared to have lost focus and entered a dreamy, trancelike stare. No physical pokes or insults could snap her out of it. Miss Sarah tried repeatedly to command her attention to no avail. What happened that day to make Madam Temple so disconnected from reality? There are a few theories. Though we may never truly have the answers.

1.) Overworked: It has been said that Miss Sarah is ruthless when it comes to demanding performance. But Master Allie's clothing empire "Supremity", to which Madam Temple also works, has been said to bring insanity upon its workers. She could have very well been worried about how far production is behind and how much her pay will be docked. I guess those are the risks of moonlighting.

2.) Pickery Revenge: It is no secret that there is no love lost between Madam Temple and Madam Pickery. The two whip insults at each other faster than Master Billy consumes soup. While age is always the "meat and potatoes" of these insults, I cannot help but think Madam Temple is feeling her age. She knows all too well that Madam Pickery speaks the truth and sometimes the truth hurts. It seems obvious that Madam Temple is planning her next move in getting the last word in.

3.) Temple Overload: The monarchy of Temple is nothing short of astounding! You cannot walk a few steps without running into one, they are EVERYWHERE! Managing such a large family must be stressful. Heck, just trying to remember all their names must take centuries and with Madam being in her "twilight years", it's understandable how much cranial processing this requires.

4.) She Farted: Perhaps the most simplest of answers is the correct one. While Miss Sarah did detect an odd "pungency" in the air, perhaps Madam figured if she remained silent, she wouldn't be ousted. Sometimes older people fart and don't even know it.



Regardless of the reason, when she finally came back to the present time, she said "Everyone to class!" and turned and walked away like nothing happened. This isn't an uncommon trait of Madam so it still makes it hard to narrow down truly what happened that day. Perhaps NONE of these theories hold water. But I for one am relatively certain which one it was. Do you!?

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Miss Lila fights off bats in the attic



Master Cade savors every bite of a chocolate cupcake.



Master Billy makes a new friend he will soon regret



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Father Eissmann's USB stick is one of a kind!