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**SAINT CONLETH'S COLLEGE
CLASS OF 2018
GRADUATION CEREMONY**

THE CLASS OF 2018

Jack Andrews	James McDonnell
Tony James Barry	Luke McKay
Ciara Cole	Alex Murphy
Lucy Colman-Black	Gavin Nugent
Ronan Connor	Enya O'Brien
Rebecca Doggett	Jonathan O'Connell
Oisín Dowling	Cian O'Mahony
Hugh Etchingam Coll	Simon Pettitt
Oisín Gilligan	Conor Power
Emer Healy O'Reilly	Corey Power DeJong
Garrett Ivers	Paul Ralph
Tim Leary	Orla Reynolds
Michael Li	Ana Ryan
David Loftus	Rory Sweeney
Pedro Lopes	Pádraig John Terry
Eoin MacNally	Luke Treacy
Harry Mansfield	Sterre-Lea van Egmond
Marlon Marishta	Alexander Zaimov
Alex McCarthy	

ST. CONLETH'S COLLEGE GRADUATION CEREMONY

18TH MAY 2018

OPENING CEREMONY

Graduation Class of 2018

Mr. John Carvill

Presentation of Graduation Rings

Ms. Ann Sheppard

MUSIC

“Soft Mild Morning”

Performed by Emer Healy O'Reilly on the Harp

MR. JOHN CARVILL

I now call upon James McDonnell, Garrett Ivers, Conor Power, Luke McKay and Hugh Etchingham Coll to officially open the graduation ceremony. James is carrying in the St. Conleth's Pascal Candle – a symbol of our shared faith in Christ's Resurrection, which a parent, Mr. Mansfield will light. Luke has a St. Conleth's rugby jersey – a token of our shared life and fellowship over these years.

GARRETT IVERS

On behalf of the Sixth Year students in St. Conleth's, I warmly welcome all of you who have come here this evening to share this special occasion with us. Each and every one of you has made a special contribution to this stage of our life's journey.

CONOR POWER

We are gathered here to pray and to thank God for our time together, to remember the friends we have made and all we have learned about life from our teachers and from each other. We also ask God for the gifts and graces we will need as we begin the next stage of our life's journey.

HUGH ETCHINGHAM COLL

We are also gathered here this evening to remember, and to think about the future – our future. This is a time of sadness and joy – sadness at leaving, but joy at moving on into an exciting future. Let us pray for each other and every one's happiness in the future. Let us also pray for ourselves and in particular for success in the coming exams.

MR. MICHAEL MANSFIELD

On behalf of the parents who are here this evening, I offer you the light of faith and love. Carry this light out into the world. Remember those who helped you arrive at this point - parents, siblings, teachers, friends . Remember now, to help others on their journeys with your light and your love.

MS. GOBNAIT NÍ AONGHUSA

On behalf of the staff of St. Conleth's, I offer you the light of wisdom that we have shared together during our time here. May you carry it in your hearts in the years ahead. When faced with difficult decisions, may you be inspired by wisdom to make the right choices. From all of the teachers and staff, we offer you the light of memory. Carry that light out into the world.

LITURGY

Mr. Seamus Gallagher
Introduction and Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading (Eccl 3:1-8)

Read by Enya O'Brien and Cian O'Mahony

A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
a time to tear, and a time to sow;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

MUSIC

'Nuvole Bianche' by Ludovico Einaudi

Performed by Lucy Coleman Black on Piano

GOSPEL READING (MT. 5:13-16)

Read by Simon Pettitt

A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to Matthew

Response: Glory to you, Lord.

“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.”

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Response: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

1. Orla Reynolds, 2. Rebecca Doggett, 3. Ana Ryan, 4. Luke Treacy,
5. Alex Murphy, 6. Marlon Marishta, 7. Michael Li, 8. Alexander Ziamov,
9. David Loftus, 10. Pedro Lopes

1. Dear Lord, We pray for all of our classmates, that you may protect them throughout the rest of their lives, and help them to find happiness and fulfilment. We thank you for the last few years we have had together, for the experiences we have shared, and for the friends we have made along the way.

Lord hear us,

Response: Lord Graciously Hear Us

2. Dear Lord, Over the next few weeks we ask you for the light of your wisdom. Guide us through our exams, and help us to achieve the potential you have given us.

Lord hear us,

Response: Lord Graciously Hear Us

3. Dear Lord, We pray for our teachers, who have guided us during our time at St. Conleth's, that they would continue to inspire generations of students after us.

Lord hear us,

Response: Lord Graciously Hear Us

4. Dear Lord, We pray for all of the other members and relations of the St. Conleth's community who have died. We remember in particular, Bernard Sheppard, Kevin Kelleher, Patricia Kelleher and our former French teacher, Francoise Brotelande. May they rest in peace.

Lord hear us,

Response: Lord Graciously Hear Us

5. A Thiarna, Guímis ar son na hÍobartaigh go léir sa Mheánoirthear atá ag fulaingt de bharr an cogadh tragóideach. Le cúnamh Dé tiocfaidh siad slán sábháilte.

A Thiarna éist linn,

Response: Thiarna bí ceannsa agus éist linn

6. Dear Lord, We pray for Pope Francis, that his visit to Ireland will be a joyful occasion and that he will continue to lead the Catholic Church with charity and wisdom.

Lord hear us,

Response: Lord Graciously Hear Us.

7. Dear Lord, We pray for Ishan Prasai, who graduated from St. Conleth's just last year. May his soul rest in peace.

Lord hear us,

Response: Lord Graciously Hear Us.

8. Dear Lord, We pray for our political leaders, that they may lead us with wisdom, compassion and justice.

Lord hear us,

Response: Lord Graciously Hear Us.

9. Seigneur , Nous prions pour la paix dans le monde. Tout particulièrement pour les habitants de Syrie et du monde entier qui ont tellement souffert.

Seigneur écoute nous.

10. Dear Lord, We pray for our parents. May they know your fatherly love, just as we have known their love throughout our lives.

Lord hear us,

Response: Lord Graciously Hear Us.

MUSIC

'Morning' from Peer Gynt Suite by Edvard Grieg's
Performed by Ciara Cole and Emer Healy O'Reilly

POEM

"Stufen" by Hermann Hesse
Read by Sterne-Lea van Egmond

STUFEN

Wie jede Blüte welkt und jede Jugend
dem Alter weicht, blüht jede Lebensstufe,
blüht jede Weisheit auch und jede
Tugend zu ihrer Zeit und darf nicht
ewig dauern.

Es muß das Herz bei jedem Lebensrufe
bereit zum Abschied sein und
Neubeginne, um sich in Tapferkeit
und ohne Trauern in andre, neue
Bindungen zu geben.

Und jedem Anfang wohnt ein Zauber
inne, der uns beschützt und der uns
hilft, zu leben.

Wir sollen heiter Raum um Raum
durchschreit-en, an keinem wie an einer
Heimat hängen, der Weltgeist will nicht
fesseln uns und engen, es will uns Stuf
um Stufe heben, weiten.

Kaum sind wir heimisch einem
Lebenskreise und traulich eingewohnt,
so droht Erschlaffen;
nur wer bereit zu Aufbruch ist und
Reise, mag lähmender Gewöhnung sich
entrafen. Des Lebens Ruf an uns wird
niemals enden...

wohlan denn, Herz, nimm Abschied
und ge-sunde.

STEPS

As every blossom wilts and youth
Gives way to age, so blooms every stage
of life, And every wisdom blooms and
every virtue, too In its time and may
not last forever.

With every call of life, the heart
Must ready be to part and start anew,
So that it may, with courage and no grief,
Give itself to new engagements.

In every beginning there lives a magic,
Protecting us and helping us to live.
Joyously we shall stride from room to room,
Clinging to none as though it was home,
The spirit of the world does not seek to
fetter or confine us,

But raise us higher, step by step.
We barely arrive in a phase of life,
And we become complacent and grow lax.

Only he who is ready to part and
journey forth,
May rid himself of paralyzing habits.
Life's call to us will never end...

Well then, my heart, take leave and
fare well.

REFLECTION

Memories of Mr. Kevin D. Kelleher

By Eoin MacNally

MUSIC

'I wouldn't be' by Kodaline

Performed by Luke McKay and Emer Healy O'Reilly

FINAL PRAYER

The St. Conleth's School Prayer - Francis of Assisi

Oisín Gilligan and Paul Ralph

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,

Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console;

To be understood, as to understand;

To be loved, as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

And it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.

Amen.

END OF LITURGY

MEMORIES, SPEECHES, AWARDS

MUSIC

'I won't complain' by Benjamin Clementine

Performed by Jonathan O'Connell and Ronan Connor

SLIDESHOW AND VIDEO

Produced by Rory Sweeney and Corey Power DeJong

and DJ set composed by Rory Sweeney

MUSIC

'Hotel California' - by The Eagles

Performed by Oisín Dowling, Tim Leary and Alex McCarthy

GRADUATION SPEECHES

Vice Captain - Gavin Nugent

Vice Captain - Emer Healy O'Reilly

School Captain - Harry Mansfield

RESPONSE

Principal - Mr. Dónal Ó Dúlaing

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Julien Porzadny

Ms. Angelina Hopkins

Ms. Ann Sheppard

Bank of Ireland Student of the Year

Mr. John Carvill

Ms. Ann Sheppard

MUSIC

‘Little Lion Man’ by Mumford and Sons

Performed by Tim Leary.

WELCOME TO PAST PUPILS’ UNION

Past Pupils’ Union President

MUSIC

‘Three Cool Cats’ by Ry Cooder

Performed by Tony Barry, Jack Andrews and P.J. Terry

CLOSING REMARKS

Ms. Ann Sheppard

CLASS SONG

‘Dancing in the moonlight’ by Thin Lizzy

Performed by The Class of 2018

ST. CONLETH'S COLLEGE SENIOR AWARDS



BERNARD SHEPPARD MEDAL

This award is given for academic excellence in 6th year. A trust fund was set up by the past pupils to commemorate the founder of St. Conleth's College. The medal was first awarded in 1959. It is presented to the student who attains the highest points in the Leaving Certificate in St. Conleth's each year.



HAMILTON HISTORY TROHPY

Presented by the parents of Nicholas, Alex and Ollie Hamilton in 2010 and awarded to the person who presents the best Leaving Certificate Research Study Report each year.



ART AWARD

This is awarded each year to a student in Sixth Year who in the view of the adjudicators, chaired by the Art teacher, presents the best portfolio of art work. The award is an inscribed Art Book.



GEOGRAPHY AWARD

First awarded in 2007. This is an inscribed glass globe which is awarded for excellence in Geography to a Sixth Year student.



GALILEO'S THERMOMETER

Presented to the school in 2000 by Dr. Brian Beveridge (1949), one of the first pupils at St. Conleth's. He later studied Medicine and went on to become a noted consultant in London. The award is given to a Sixth Year student for overall excellence in Science, including Maths, Applied Maths, Physics, Chemistry and Biology or a combination of these subjects.



MUSIC AWARD

Inaugurated by the class of 2006 and awarded to the pupil who has contributed the most in Music to the school. In 2013 the Parents' Association commissioned a porcelain music symbol by Michelle Hannon as a perpetual award.



LINGUIST AWARD

Even though the Linguist Award has been awarded since 2008 to a student for excellence in spoken modern languages an actual trophy was commissioned by St. Conleth's by past pupil Odhran Woods in 2013. The piece is two vessels hollow turned from two separate trees. One texture maple, the other ebonized oak. Both vessels face slightly towards each other as in conversation.



AIB MATHS AWARD

Presented by AIB for excellence in Maths.



SPORTS AWARD

This perpetual trophy was presented to the school by the 1995 Leaving Certificate Class. It is awarded each year for outstanding achievement in sport.



JOHN KELLY AWARD FOR CLASSICS AND MODERN LANGUAGES.

The John Kelly Award is in memory of Professor John Kelly who attended St. Conleth's between 1939-1945. He later became a Fine Gael TD, Minister and Attorney General. It was presented to the school in 1992. The perpetual trophy is a bronze head of a Grecian youth cast by the sculptor Linda Bruncker. The award is given to a first or sixth year student for excellence in Classics to include Latin, Greek, Classical Studies and Modern Languages, based on a portfolio of written work in any of the above areas.



WOODS BOWL

Presented to St. Conleth's by Philip Woods in 2000. It was designed with Celtic motifs and extracts from the Book of Kells and hand turned by a member of the Woods family. This award is presented for a project done in the broad context of Celtic Studies to include the Irish Language, Anglo Irish Literature and Art.



BANK OF IRELAND AWARD

This award is presented annually by the Bank of Ireland to the pupil in Sixth Year who best exemplifies the overall spirit of St. Conleth's. The winner is chosen by a vote of the Sixth Year students and staff. The criteria used are participation, personal development, maturity, potential leadership, integration and commitment. It was first awarded in 1995.



KINLEN CUP

First awarded in 1949, this trophy was presented by Mr. Justice Dermot Kinlen who was a student at St. Conleth's in the 1940s and later a judge of the High Court. It is awarded every year to the individual best speaker at the British parliamentary style debate of the same name. It is open to all senior cycle students.



MICHAEL GARDNER CUP

The Gardner Cup was presented by Peter Carvill to commemorate Mr. Michael Gardner, who taught English and coached debating at St. Conleth's in the 1960s and 1970s. It is awarded to the best team in the Kinlen Cup Debate.



BOUCHIER HAYES PLATE

This award was presented by the Bouchier-Hayes family to commemorate Dermot Bouchier-Hayes who was Auditor of Debates at St. Conleth's in 1955. He was also a winner of the Irish Times Debating Competition and Auditor of the Literary and Historical Society at UCD. It is presented to the best team at the debate of the same name, which is a mace competition open to all senior cycle students.





ST. CONLETH'S COLLEGE

Icon of St Conleth, a 6th century Irish saint and moulder of precious metals, donated to the school by the Charleton family.