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## FISH BABIES!

The fish tank had an exciting couple of weeks starting with the introduction of 10 new fish. Joining the resident goldfish where a pair of sea snails, Silver Dollars, Mollies and a pair of Angel fish.

Within a week the Angel fish had laid eggs, yes eggs!!! We couldn't believe it, never in all the years had Summersville fish laid anything. Both Angel fish parents (and staff) were very protective and worked day and night to ward off any unwelcome visitors i.e. the goldfish!

On day 4 the eggs hatched, and on day 5 they were free swimmers, minute free swimmers, but free swimmers all the same. Later that morning the goldfish took a great interest in the new additions or 'fry' as they are more commonly known. As hard as they tried, the two Angel fish parents were no match for the 3 large

goldfish that came to 'feed'.

Our Maintenance Attendant Darren did manage to break up the fight and save 18 fry and transferred them to a special floating hatchery where they would be safe.

Closely monitored by Residents and staff, the Angel fish parent could be seen guarding their fry. On closer inspection we could see that one of the parents had found a fry that didn't make it into the hatchery. It sucked it up and began spitting it at the hatchery trying to get it inside with its brothers and sisters. Despite failed attempts we believe this fellow is swimming somewhere solo!

Over the next day we could see that the fry inside the hatchery were disappearing. With a bit of research the only explanation we could come up with was that the goldfish were sucking the fry out through the tiny vent of the hatchery and consuming them. So sadly no Angel fish fry survived, but on a brighter note they supposedly lay eggs every two to three weeks so hopefully we will be more successful next time.



## REFLECTION

### Saints John XXIII and John Paul II.

Pope Francis declared Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II saints on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April, in St. Peter's Square Rome, before some 800,000 people, in an unprecedented ceremony made more historic by the presence of emeritus Pope Benedict XVI.

Never before have a reigning Pope and a retired Pope celebrated mass together, much less at an event honouring two of their most famous predecessors.

Pope Francis, in his homily, praised both new saints for their work associated with the Second Vatican Council, the ground breaking meetings that brought the Catholic Church into the modern times. John convened the Second Vatican Council in 1962, while John Paul helped to ensure its implementation and interpretation.

“John XXIII and John Paul II cooperated with the Holy Spirit in renewing and updating the church in keeping with her pristine features, those features which the saints have given her throughout the centuries,” Pope Francis said.

He praised John for having allowed himself be led by God to call the Council and he hailed John Paul's focus on the family – an issue Pope Francis has taken up himself. “They were priests, bishops and popes of the 20<sup>th</sup> century,” Francis said. “They lived through the tragic events of that century but they were not overwhelmed by them.”

It was Benedict who put Pope John Paul on the fast track for possible sainthood just weeks after he died in 2005. His canonization is now the fastest in modern times. Francis tweaked the canonization process by deciding that Pope John XXIII could be made a saint alongside him, without the necessary second miracle, usually required for canonization.

Francis took a deep breath and paused for a moment before reciting the saint-making formula in Latin at the beginning of the ceremony, as if he was moved by the history he was about to make in canonising two popes at once.

He said that after deliberating, consulting and praying for divine assistance, “we declare and define that Blessed John XXIII and John Paul II be saints and we enroll them among the saints, decreeing that they are to be venerated as such by the whole church.”

Fr. Leo Henry.

## PANCAKE TUESDAY

Why are Pancakes eaten on Shrove Tuesday? Lent is a time of abstinence, of giving things up. So Shrove Tuesday is the last chance to indulge yourself, and to use up the foods that are not allowed in Lent. Pancakes are eaten on this day because they contain fat, butter and eggs which were forbidden during Lent.

Other names for Shrove Tuesday

- United Kingdom, Ireland, and Australia - Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Day or Pancake Tuesday
- Brazil - Terça-feira gorda - Fat Tuesday - the final day of Brazilian Carnival.
- Greece - Apocreas, which means "from the meat" since they don't eat meat during Lent, either.
- USA In Catholic and French-speaking parts of the United States this day is called Mardi Gras.
- In France they call it Mardi Gras, which means Grease or Fat Tuesday.
- In Iceland the day is known as "Sprengidagur" (Bursting day).

Below some of our Residents and Activities Coordinator Nora flipping pancakes on Shrove Tuesday.



## MAN ON THE BRIDGE

Man on Bridge is a photo collection project that gathers the photos and tells the story of Arthur Fields, a street photographer who captured passersby on Dublin's O'Connell Bridge from the 1930s to the 1980s.

Arthur took hundreds of thousands of photos throughout his career but no negatives survive. The goal of the project is to gather these photos from personal collections and create an alternative photographic archive of Dublin city, one that reveals how we lived, how the city and its people changed over fifty years.

The Late Late Show featured Arthur's story back in March and showed some of Arthur's photographs. One of the photographs shown was of our very own Resident Mona Fitzsimons and her daughter Marie. Marie was in the audience and spoke about the photograph, the coat that she wore and the smell of her mother's channel No.5 perfume. (bottom right photo)

More photographs and information can be found on the Man on the Bridge website [www.manonbridge.ie](http://www.manonbridge.ie)



Mona and her Husband Michael



From Left: Mona, her Daughter Marie & Sister May

## LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE

An exasperated mother, whose son was always getting into mischief, finally asked him,  
"How do you expect to get into Heaven?"

The boy thought it over and said, "Well, I'll just run in and out and in and out and keep slamming the door until St.Peter says... 'For Heaven's sake, Jimmy, come in or stay out!'"

What does an agnostic dyslexic insomniac do?  
Stays up all night and wonders if there is a dog?

A pastor was saying farewell to his congregation at the Church doors for the last time.

He shook the hand of an elderly lady as she walked out.

She said "Your successor won't be as good as you."

"Nonsense", said the pastor, in a flattered tone.

"No, really", said the old lady,

"I've been here under five different ministers, and each new one has been worse than the last."

**Teacher:** Jennifer, go to the map and find North America.

**Jennifer:** Here it is.

**Teacher:** Correct. Now class, who discovered America?

**Class:** Jennifer

**Teacher:** Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

**Donald:** H I J K L M N O.

**Teacher:** What are you talking about?

**Donald:** Yesterday you said it's H to O.

**Teacher:** Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile?'

**Glenn:** K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L'

**Teacher:** No, that's wrong

**Glenn:** Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

According to a news report, a certain private school in Brisbane was recently faced with a unique problem. A number of 12-year-old girls were beginning to use lipstick and would put it on in the bathroom.

That was fine, but after they put on their lipstick they would press their lips to the mirror leaving dozens of little lip prints.

Every night the maintenance man would remove them and the next day the girls would put them back. Finally the principal decided that something had to be done.

She called all the girls to the bathroom and met them there with the maintenance man. She explained that all these lip prints were causing a major problem for the custodian who had to clean the mirrors every night (you can just imagine the yawns from the little princesses).

To demonstrate how difficult it had been to clean the mirrors, she asked the maintenance man to show the girls how much effort was required.

He took out a long-handled squeegee, dipped it in the toilet, and cleaned the mirror with it.

Since then, there have been no lip prints on the mirror. There are teachers.... and then there are educators.

## 10 QUESTIONS

1. How did Vincent Van Gogh sign his paintings?
2. What did Sir Christopher Cockerell invent?
3. In Bingo, what number is referred to as 'Doctor's Orders'?
4. What is the Mexican food Gazpacho?
5. How many toes does a dog have?
6. What canal is located behind Croke Park's Canal End?
7. Which Beatle's first girlfriend was Thelma Pickles?
8. What is the capitol city of Libya?
9. In the Bible, in which river was Jesus baptised?
10. Name the French blue cheese made from ewe's milk

*Answers at the bottom of the page*

## IRISH CANCER SOCIETY FUNDRAISING

We held a Coffee Morning in aid of the Irish Cancer Society's Daffodil Day on Friday March 28th. The total collected on the day was €200.

Thank you to everyone who participated, your contributions were greatly appreciated.

## HOMEMADE EASTER GIFTS

As part of our Easter activities the Residents made some Easter baskets. The baskets were filled with everything chocolate, bunnies, chicks, coins, eggs etc. and Residents were able to give them as gifts or keep them for themselves and enjoy the chocolatey taste.



## ANSWERS TO 10 QUESTIONS

1.) Vincent, 2.) Hovercraft, 3.) 9, 4.) Cold soup, 5.) 18, 6.) Royal Canal, 7.) John Lennon, 8.) Tripoli, 9.) Jordan 10.) Roquefort