

#### DECEMBER 2020



The Stonyhurst family spreads across the globe. This year so Covid 19, whose impacts have affected all of us. It has brought home how important it is for the family to look after those who are struggling.

Pope Francis articulates better than most the deeper questions this pandemic prompts us to address. In the prologue to his book Let us Dream, about which his co-author Austen Ivereigh will be speaking at the Association webinar on 10th December, he says, talking about the overflow of courage and compassion he has seen in the midst of great suffering, 'that fills me with hope that we might come out of this crisis better. But we have to see clearly, choose well, and act right. Let's talk about how...let us dare to dream'.

As we go into a Covid conscious Advent and Christmas, maybe we can have those conversations in our families and with friends; maybe we can dare to hope?

The Association would like to wish all of our members, and your families, a blessed Christmas and a better year ahead.

Tim Livesey OS<sub>77</sub>
President

Simon Andrews OS68 Chairman



# Forthcoming Association Events

Join Austen Ivereigh and friends of the Stonyhurst family for an evening webinar, hosted by the Association, at 6.00 - 7.00pm on Thursday 10th December. Austen will talk about the process of writing the book with Francis, and the Pope's deep reading of the current crisis, which in turn throws light on other crises that humanity has preferred to ignore. A piercing critique of the systems and ideologies that have failed us, Let Us Dream is also an uplifting vision of what could come out of the crisis if we embrace what Francis calls a "politics with a Capital P", in which "those people who are now on the edges become the protagonists of social change"

Please register your interest by clicking this link:

Register your interest for the Association webinar with Austen Ivereigh.

We are also pleased to confirm that a second webinar is planned for the 19th January 2021, when Sarah Teather, the Director of Jesuit Refugee Services, will be the speaker. Booking information will be sent out shortly.

## Stonyhurst Carol Service

The Carol Service is currently being rehearsed and recorded and will be available to watch online. There will be a link to it on the news page of the Association website on Friday 11th December.

## 100 Years of Rugby at Stonyhurst

The 2021 - 2022 season will celebrate the centenary of rugby at Stonyhurst. A grand event is being planned with OS teams playing on Smithfield, a gala dinner in the evening and accommodation at the College. The event will take place over the weekend of 3rd - 4th June 2022, do save the date in your diaries! Further information will be available next year.

#### **OS** News Stories

The Stonyhurst Marketing Department is looking for great OS stories to promote through their channels. They are looking for examples of how you are thriving within your roles, how Stonyhurst prepared you for adult life and how that may have encouraged you to help others along the way. Have you started a successful business, undertaken charity work or gone out of your way to help others on a daily basis? The Marketing Team are happy to collaborate and tag business accounts within the posts as a form of exposure and promotion. If you would like to take part, please send your stories and any supporting images/videos to: association@stonyhurst.ac.uk