

## 50 years ago

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The Polish bishops' conference has denounced the "inauspicious activity against the Church of the Pax association and its president, Boleslaw Piasecki". ... The communiqué accuses Pax of having "organised – not only during the Stalinist period – conferences during which the consciences of priests were shattered by blackmail, pressure and even violence".

Cardinal Wojtyła, Poland's newest cardinal, has received

a passport to go to Rome but has not left yet ... according to Church officials in Cracow. "There are various other problems to settle in connection with the passport," a priest in the cardinal's office said. He said that the cardinal had received his passport so late that he had to change his travel plans. He would not say precisely when the cardinal planned to go to Rome, where he is due to participate in the work of the Laity Commission.

## 100 years ago

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Mr Hilaire Belloc, in the course of his lecture, [said] he had always maintained himself ... that the Catholic intelligence and Catholic tradition were the intellectual aristocracy of Europe. It was a difficult thesis to maintain because it nourished pride; but if the Catholic body ... appreciated the fact that Catholics were at the head of Europe and held its future in their hands, he thought that would help them

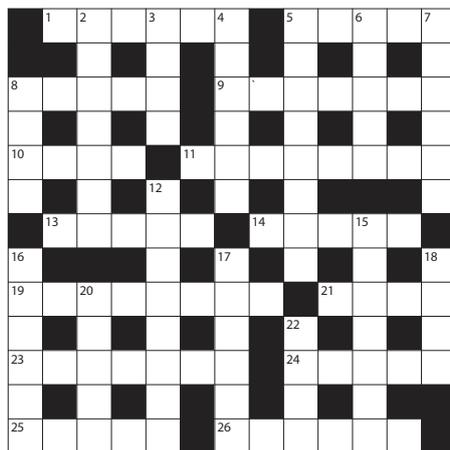
to understand something of the purposes of Almighty God ... The thing that changed the mind of Europe, with regard to miracles, was Lourdes. Lourdes it was that began to make the mind of sceptical Europe ponder whether after all there were not will behind the whole blind mass of nature. His own private opinion ... was that Lourdes was a special providential act to upset and disintegrate the materialism of the nineteenth century.

## PUZZLES

### PRIZE CROSSWORD No. 594 | Alanus

#### Across

- 1 Sabine -----, Gould, author and clergyman, wrote the words for "Onward, Christian Soldiers" (6)
- 5 *Primus inter* -----, "first among equals", originally the position of the PM (5)
- 8 *Missa* ----- *Marcelli*, most popular of all Palestrina's Masses (5)
- 9 Outer vestment worn by sub-deacon at Solemn Mass (7)
- 10 ---- *avis*, something or person seldom encountered (4)
- 11 Having conservative values politically (8)
- 13 & 14 Acr: Brownish-orange clay used for statues and vases (5-5)
- 14 See 13 Across
- 19 Personal kneeling desk for prayer (4-4)
- 21 Son of Isaac and brother of Jacob (4)
- 23 Eduardo -----, Spanish painter whose works include *The Testament of Isabel the Catholic* (1864) (7)
- 24 Roman place of combat and martyrdom of early Christians (5)
- 25 Laxative drug, leaves used for type of tea (5)



26 Prophet sent by God to advise King David (6)

#### Down

- 2 Sprinkle, as with holy water at the beginning of Solemn Mass (7)
- 3 Wild goat, the longest-horned variety found in the Holy Land (4)
- 4 Middle Ages style of church architecture revived by A.W. Pugin (6)
- 5 Ancient church in Rome also known as Santa Maria Rotonda, formally a pagan temple (8)

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- 6 St Catherine de' -----, Dominican nun, visionary and mystic, feast day 13 February (5)
- 7 Father Brown or Sherlock Holmes. eg, in fiction (6)
- 8 Country recently visited by the Pope (4)
- 12 Platform base, often decorated, on which a traditional altar stands (8)
- 15 Individual small piece in the structure of a mosaic (7)
- 16 "Yet man is born to trouble as surely as ----- fly upward" (Job 5:7) (6)
- 17 Mgr Robert Hugh -----, convert and prolific Catholic writer (6)
- 18 Range of European mountains or Hebridean island (4)
- 20 Henrik, playwright whose works include *A Doll's House* (5)
- 22 Arvo ----, Estonian composer whose works include *Magnificat* and *Spiegel im Spiegel* (4)

#### Please send your answers to:

#### Crossword Competition 10 February

The Tablet, 1 King Street Cloisters, Clifton Walk, London W6 0GY. Please include your full name, telephone number and email address, and a mailing address. A copy of *The Saints: A Short History*, by Simon Yarrow (OUP), will go to the sender of the first correct entry drawn at random on Friday 23 February.

● The answers to this week's puzzles and the crossword winner's name will appear in the 3 March issue.

#### Solution to the 20 January crossword No. 591

**Across:** 1 Baltic; 5 Polar; 8 Quays; 9 Laicise; 10 Ibid; 11 Aphorism; 13 Ahead; 14 Belch; 19 Compères; 21 Iago; 23 Antenna; 24 Arian; 25 Lehar; 26 Pommel.

**Down:** 2 Azariah; 3 Test; 4 Caliph; 5 Poisoned; 6 Luigi; 7 Rheims; 8 Quip; 12 Taverner; 15 Chalice; 16 Scrawl; 17 Revamp; 18 Fohn; 20 Match; 22 Calm.

**Winner:** Miss Carol Weld of Harpenden, Hertfordshire.

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Solution to the 20 January puzzle

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