

WORD FROM THE CLOISTERS

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A good and peaceable man

THE FUNERAL Mass for Seamus Mallon, one of the architects of the Good Friday Agreement, was celebrated on Monday in Saint James of Jerusalem Church, Mullaghbrack, Co. Armagh. This was the church where the former Deputy First Minister was baptised, near the school where he had been the headmaster before being drawn into politics via the civil rights movement.

Anne McHardy, former Ireland correspondent of *The Guardian*, remembers visiting Mallon at his home in the mainly loyalist village of Markethill in the 1970s, where he had been born and raised and which he never considered leaving. There were constant threats of violence, and the security services had installed bullet-proof security glass over his living room windows. "See what I have done," he said, showing me round his garden, where the glass had been re-used as seed frames. "I can't do what I have to do if I live in fear," he said. "And that glass made me afraid."

Mallon's autobiography *A Shared Home Place* ends with the words: "As I prepare to take my leave of our shared home place, I find



comfort in an old Greek proverb: 'A society grows great when old men plant trees in whose shade they know they will never sit.'

IT'S ONE OF the great puzzles of modern politics. Why did austere, prim and godly evangelicals put a boorish playboy into the White House? In *Trump and the Puritans* historian Martyn Whittock and our own James Roberts deftly unpick the slender thread that runs from the Pilgrim Fathers to Trump's unexpected election victory in 2016.

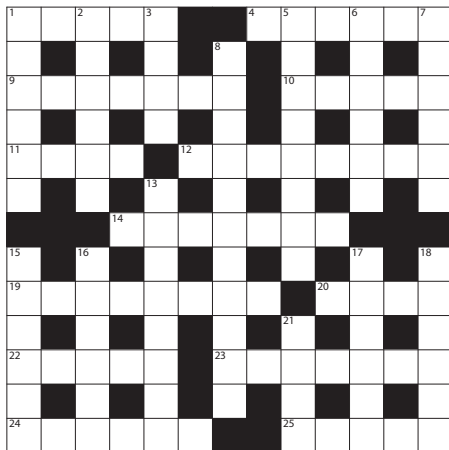
Among those queuing to have his copy

signed at the launch at Church House Bookshop was Ian Paisley Jnr MP, who enjoyed a private dinner with Trump last year and is hopeful that the President will one day visit his North Antrim constituency. In his speech James thanked his "disputatious yet congenial" colleagues for their help and support; James' views about the Trump administration are more opaque in his book than they are in the office. He dedicates *Trump and the Puritans* to "Claire, Antonia and Ann-Marie: Greatest gifts, greatest blessings, my daughters." *Trump and the Puritans* is published by Biteback at £20; *Tablet* bookshop price, £15.

THE ELECTION of Cardinal Giovanni Battista Re as Dean of the College of Cardinals reminds us that it was Re, then its prefect, who asked Cormac Murphy-O'Connor to join the Congregation for Bishops in 2009. "He suggested that I might bring more harmony and balance to the discussion of appointments in English-speaking countries," is how Cormac tactfully puts it in his memoir *An English Spring*. In fact, Re had come to feel corralled into a series of appointments of US bishops eager to pick a fight with Catholic Democrats they regarded as not Catholic enough, and wanted Cormac's help in moving the US bishops' conference to less belligerent ground.

PUZZLES

PRIZE CROSSWORD No. 692 Alanus



Across

- 1 City in southern France with cathedral dedicated to the Virgin Mary and a local saint (5)
- 4 Spanish city whose cathedral contains the sudarium from the tomb of Christ (6)
- 9 Popular garden flower and genus, typically light purple in bloom (7)
- 10 Town in northern France associated with tapestries and curtains (5)
- 11 & 16 Down: one of the Forty Martyrs killed aged 80 in 1679 in Hereford (4,6)
- 12 Nature of church altar on Holy Saturday morning (8)
- 14 Type of grave under an earthen mound, used since Stone Age (7)
- 19 High-ranking members of the angelic or celestial hierarchy (8)

- 20 Edouard ----, French nineteenth-century composer (4)
- 22 ----- Goodfellow, mischievous sprite in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (5)
- 23 Saint, founder of the Praemonstratensian Order in 1120 (7)
- 24 A culturally identifiable short sleep in the afternoon on the continent (6)
- 25 Gabriel -----, influential French composer (5)

Down

- 1 Native American people of the US (6)
- 2 Woman of Bethany witnessed the return to life of her brother, Lazarus (6)
- 3 "---- in *Alium*" mighty early motet for 40 voices by Thomas Tallis (4)
- 5 The Eucharist given to a person dying or in danger of death (8)

- 6 Moon of Jupiter and foreign continent of Earth (6)
- 7 Charity helping eight- to 19-year-olds in deprived areas through "Youth Zones" (6)
- 8 Members of order founded by St Bruno in 1084 (11)
- 13 Protestant of sixteenth- and seventeenth-century France, follower of Calvin (8)
- 15 Mythological figure who died through hubris flying too close to the sun (6)
- 16 See 11 Across
- 17 Jean-Philippe -----, eighteenth-century Jesuit-educated composer and music theorist (6)
- 18 Leading German poet and writer, author of *Faust* (6)
- 21 Carl ----, twentieth-century German composer of *Carmina Burana* (4)

Please send your answers to: Crossword Competition 1 February, The Tablet, 1 King Street Cloisters, Clifton Walk, London W6 0GY. Email: thetablet@thetablet.co.uk, with Crossword in the subject field. Please include your full name, telephone number and email address, and a mailing address. Three books – on Jesus, Christian Art and Catholicism – from the OUP's Very Short Introduction series will go to the sender of the first correct entry drawn at random on Friday 14 February. The answers to this week's puzzles and the crossword winner's name will appear in the 22 February issue.

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Solution to the 11 January puzzle

Solution to the 11 January crossword No. 689

Across: 1 Scrip; 4 Spasms; 9 Hobbema; 10 Simon; 11 Nunc; 12 Scapular; 14 Fissure; 19 Chariots; 20 Finn; 22 UMIIST; 23 Ocarina; 24 Taoist; 25 Ernst.
Down: 1 Sphinx; 2 Rubens; 3 Peel; 5 Passport; 6 Simple; 7 Senora; 8 Laiscaison; 13 Dimittis; 15 Occult; 16 Camino; 17 Vision; 18 Incant 21 Mace.
Winner: Thomas Davidson, of Lanark.

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