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Three and a half years have passed since my last journey to Donegal ... We left Dublin by car on a fine soft morning. Through Meath and Cavan, then over the border for fifty miles or so. My return to the United Kingdom was not challenged. The customs-shed was closed. We knocked at the gate and even cried aloud, but the only reply came from a flock of startled crows. And suddenly I understood. It was Sunday morning. The customs men would all be at church or

chapel ... In Enniskillen, where we stopped to attend to our own religious duties and to have lunch, we saw people streaming in crowds, in one street, from holy places of three denominations. We re-entered the Republic via Strabane, where, it now being late Sunday afternoon, there were customs men in abundance. They waved us on. And on we went until we could see Muckish Mountain and Errigal and the wild Atlantic coast.

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British Soldiers' Pilgrimage to Rome: After cheering the English College as they left, the men marched to the Piazza of St Peter's, and thence round the Basilica and into the Vatican through the Gate of the Luca, saluted by the Swiss Guards on duty. Dom Philip Langdon presented the pilgrims to His Holiness ... He graciously went round, giving each his ring to kiss and speaking a word to each, often asking about the distinctive mark on the uniform and its meaning. He blessed all

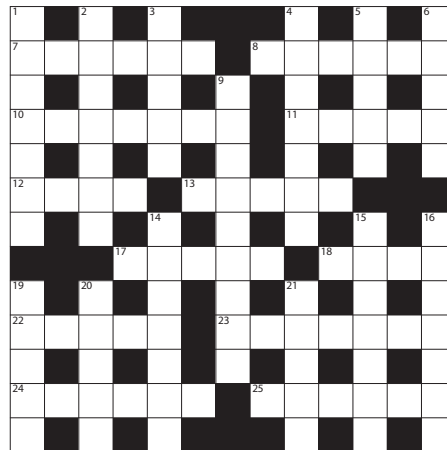
the devotional objects they carried, with a special blessing for a magnificent ivory crucifix bought that morning and being taken home to Jamaica as a present for the Bishop. If one may suggest one special impression of the morning, it was ... the simple, fatherly kindness of His Holiness himself, who must have heard the ringing cheers the pilgrim soldiers gave him after being photographed and before marching out of the Cortile of San Damaso.

PUZZLES

PRIZE CROSSWORD  
No. 643 | Enigma

Across

- 7 Jean-Baptiste ----- (1639-99); French dramatist specialising in classical tragedy (6)
- 8 ----- Albinoni; eighteenth-century Italian Baroque composer (6)
- 10 The oracle of Apollo; also called the ----- Oracle (7)
- 11 Fictional Simon Templar; nicknamed The ----- (5)
- 12 ----- Jacobsen; Danish architect, won Hansen Medal in 1955 (4)
- 13 -----, logos and pathos; Aristotle's "Three ingredients" in persuasion (5)
- 17 *The* ----- (1887); story by Guy de Maupassant (5)
- 18 Lee Trevino; well known in the world of ----- (4)
- 22 Surname, creator of fictional Roderick Alleyn (5)
- 23 Gold and silver are mined just west of ----- City, southern Honduras (7)
- 24 ----- Palace, former royal residence in south-east London (6)
- 25 Brother of Europa (6)



Down

- 1 Don ----- (1908-2001); Australian cricketer often judged best of twentieth century (7)
- 2 A ----- triangle has three unequal sides (7)
- 3 Town, southern Togo, Gulf of Guinea, once capital of German Togoland (5)
- 4 It was moving in the title of a novel by Edmund Crispin (7)
- 5 St ----- the Great; feast 2 January (5)

- 6 Largest artery in the body (5)
- 9 It is also known as ethyne (9)
- 14 Large, tambourine-like percussion instrument; Irish traditional music (7)
- 15 According to President Kennedy, I should not ask what my country can -- ----- (2,3,2)
- 16 "For fools admire, but men -- ----- approve" (Pope: *Essay on Criticism*; 1,390 (2,5)
- 19 ----- days; four sets of three days for fasting and prayer (5)
- 20 Birthplace of Zeus (5)
- 21 "I'll love you till the ----- is folded" (Auden: "As I Walked Out One Evening") (5)

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● The answers to this week's puzzles and the crossword winner's name will appear in the 23 February issue.

Solution to the 12 January crossword No. 640

Across: 7 Elope; 8 Roebuck; 10 Radiant; 11 Chins; 12 Persiflage; 16 Melancholy; 20 Uncut; 21 Mermaid; 23 Heeding; 24 Prime.

Down: 1 Zebra; 2 Hoods; 3 Mesa; 4 Gratis; 5 Merciful; 6 Musical; 9 Kosher; 13 Einstein; 14 Ambush; 15 Slacker; 17 Homage; 18 Cavil; 19 Idler; 22 Rope.

Winner: David Mallen, of Westcombe Park, south-east London.

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