

WORD FROM THE CLOISTERS

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The smell of the sheep

PÁDRAIG – as he was known locally – O'Donoghue, late of Garrynagearagh, Mourneabbey, Co. Cork and Bishop Emeritus of Lancaster, died on 24 January at Nazareth House, Mallow, and his funeral Mass was two days later in the church of St Michael the Archangel in Analeenta, Mourneabbey parish, where he had been baptised, confirmed and ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Westminster.

Born in 1934, Pádraig was one of five children of Daniel and Sheila O'Donoghue. It was a difficult time for farming families in Ireland and Pádraig joined the Post Office from school; while working in Cobh, he began to think of the priesthood. He approached the Bishop of Cloyne; he was, he was told firmly, "too old". He was 23.

Always energetic and amiable, but difficult to stop once he had the bit between his teeth, he came to Campion House at Osterley, where the Jesuits taught "late vocations" enough Latin and Mathematics to get them into a seminary. Pádraig – now Patrick – was ordained in 1967. Cardinal Basil Hume soon spotted his gifts, and was to become a much-loved mentor and friend; Pod – the affectionate



moniker Hume gave him – served as rector of Allen Hall and administrator of Westminster Cathedral before being appointed auxiliary bishop in the archdiocese in 1993.

Hume had carved up the archdiocese into four areas, each with its own little curia, and O'Donoghue was allocated to west London. Not long after Cormac Murphy-O'Connor succeeded Hume, he decided to unify the diocese again. In 2001, at the age of 69, O'Donoghue was appointed Bishop of Lancaster. After over forty years in London, the move north was a huge emotional wrench.

He loved coming home to Mourneabbey, staying with his family, enjoying GAA matches, and losing some of the west Kensington that had seeped into his Cork accent.

Garrynagearagh is the English rendering of Gairdin na gCaorach, the Irish for "garden of the sheep". Its famous son never lost what Pope Francis has described as the test of a good bishop: "the smell of the sheep".

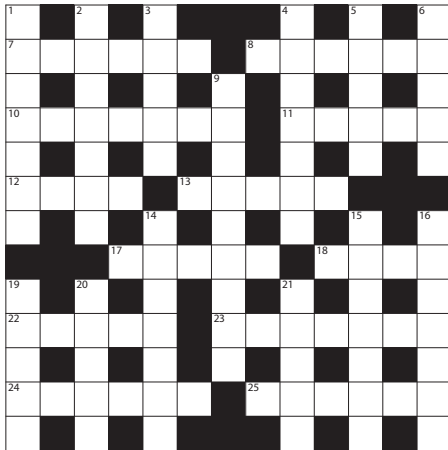
"THE FEAST of St Brigid feels like a good day to launch a new project," journalist and historian Greg Daly tweeted on 1 February, introducing Leaven, a bimonthly digital magazine that Daly hopes will help young Catholics in Ireland find their voices.

"We talk a fair bit about how Catholics need to be a creative minority," Daly told us, "but we've a tendency to focus on the losses that come with being a minority, and not the need for a mission-orientated Church to be creative. Even when we are creative, we sometimes just take models off the shelf from elsewhere, skipping how different countries and societies can have different needs. We're hoping that Leaven can help Irish Catholics show their peers that the Church can – and should – be kind, smart and faithful."

Leaven (@leavenmag on Twitter) will be launched on 1 April.

PUZZLES

PRIZE CROSSWORD No. 742 Enigma



Across

- 7 Surname of Edgar Wallace's most popular character (6)
- 8 Language from mixture of European and African languages (6)
- 10 I sprang to this to bring good news to Aix (7)
- 11 Ultima -----, Latin name for Greenland (5)
- 12 Frederic Farrar's fictional schoolboy whose moral decline was gradual (4)
- 13 One must travel through this to reach Mare Imbrium (5)
- 17 Trojan father of Hector and Paris (5)
- 18 Maori ceremonial challenge (4)
- 22 St ----- of Lindisfarne, a seventh-century monk (5)

- 23 The ----- Sea lies between the Cyclades and Asia Minor (6)
- 24 The -----, 2015 American Western (6)
- 25 Popular song from the musical *Cats*

Down

- 1 Meissen porcelain was originally made here (7)
- 2 Relating to shallow seas near a coast (7)
- 3 They may be deceived with glasses (*Julius Caesar*, Act II, Scene I) (5)
- 4 Leonard Bernstein said he had never seen a statue of one of these (7)
- 5 A large bowl or jug for serving drinks (5)
- 6 The ----- sandpiper is the only member of the genus *Xenus* (5)

- 9 This theology speaks of God only in terms of what he is not (9)
- 14 ----- Tomelty, plays Carol in Channel 4's *Catastrophe* (7)
- 15 In North America, the reindeer is also called this (7)
- 16 The firm that makes them was founded by Guy R. Fountain in 1926 (7)
- 19 Its "Azure Window" collapsed in 2017 (5)
- 20 City in central Ethiopia, also called Nazret or Nazareth (5)
- 21 Atropos is the oldest of these three (5)

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Each 3x3 box, each row and each column must contain all the numbers 1 to 9.

Solution to the 16 January puzzle

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Solution to the 16 January crossword No. 739

Across: 7 Alibi; 8 Giblets; 10 Rubicon; 11 Orate; 12 Bangla Desh; 16 Pirouettes; 20 Nomad; 21 Apprise; 23 Lyrical; 24 Rehab.
Down: 1 Tarry; 2 Nimby; 3 Zinc; 4 Eggnog; 5 Abrogate; 6 Belated; 9 See the; 13 Aquaduct; 14 Spinal; 15 Primary; 17 Trawls; 18 Eight; 19 Derby; 22 Port.

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