

WORD FROM THE CLOISTERS

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The real secret of a successful marriage

IT WAS BILLED as a “private” event for family and invited friends, but Vatican cameras and photographers recorded it, and the guests – many of them Latin American diplomats – were ushered to their seats by papal “gentlemen”. Maybe it was because Pope Francis was celebrating the Mass in St Peter’s Basilica along with the “C6” cardinals, and Cardinal Marc Ouellet, prefect of the Congregation for Bishops, was giving the homily, that “private” didn’t quite capture it.

The occasion was the fiftieth wedding anniversary last Thursday of Uruguayan historian Professor Guzmán Carriquiry Lecour and his wife Lidice. They renewed their marriage vows before Pope Francis underneath Bernini’s throne of St Peter.

Until he stood down in April, aged 75, Carriquiry was the longest-serving layperson in a Vatican executive role by a mile. He began his service in the Holy See in 1971 under Paul VI, rose to be undersecretary of the Pontifical Council for Laity under John Paul II and was appointed secretary of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America, or CAL, by



Benedict XVI in 2011. Carriquiry has been an adviser and friend to the man who is now Pope Francis ever since he was the provincial head of the Argentine Jesuits, and few doubt that in retirement he will continue to write the odd speech for him.

After a poignant Mass the party moved to the Casina Pio IV, the marble Renaissance villa in the Vatican gardens, to tuck into champagne and cake. We learnt that Guzmán’s and Lidice’s thirtieth anniversary and renewal of vows had been celebrated by none other than Archbishop Jorge Mario Bergoglio, five years

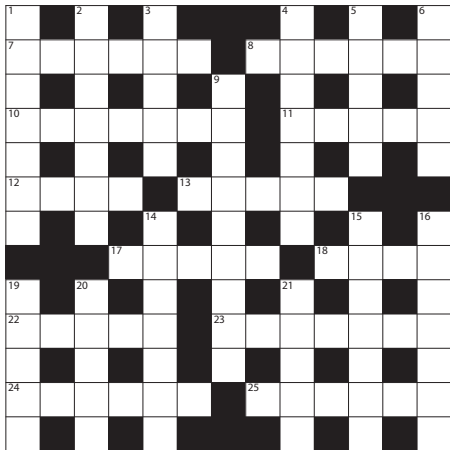
after Cardinal Eduardo Pironio had done the same. “You have to keep on and on renewing your vows,” Carriquiry told papal biographer and *Tablet* contributor Austen Ivereigh. “It’s the only way you’ll last.” Ivereigh’s wife Linda was just out of earshot.

WILL HE BE the City’s first saint? John Henry Newman was the son of a London banker, and was born in the Square Mile. There’s no trace of the family home left, of course, or of the school he was sent to in Ealing. But his father’s handsome country house in Ham still stands and Joanna Bogle’s *Newman’s London: A pilgrim handbook* (Gracewing), very nicely illustrated by Malgorzata Brykczynska, describes a lovely walk to it through riverside gardens from Richmond station. As a small boy, Newman lay in bed in this “house of dreams”, watching candles being put in the windows to mark Nelson’s victory at Trafalgar.

Newman’s father went bust when he was still at school and the summer house had to go. Newman paid a visit a few years later with his father and one of his brothers, and a gardener gave them three apricots. His father gave him first pick. “I took the largest,” Newman wrote in a letter 40 years later to his friend Henry Wilberforce, “a thing which still distresses me whenever I think of it.”

PUZZLES

PRIZE CROSSWORD No. 665 | Alanus



Across

- 7 Gemstone produced when oil spilt in Latin dismissal (6)
- 8 Plate presented as greeting to king (6)
- 10 Friend in passionate desire to see African capital (7)
- 11 Favourite vestment of Julius Caesar’s mother? (5)
- 12 Great river where Burns’ “wee, sleekit, cowrin, tim’rous beastie” lost head (4)
- 13 From old an Aesop tale about mother of Perseus (5)
- 17 Numbers revealing Mosaic spy in Birkenhead with fresh lace (5)
- 18 Return weight to area of Llandisfarne region (4)
- 22 Strong colour to be central part of holding

company | I believe (5)

- 23 Anatomical feature of woman in labour (7)
- 24 May be in the soup for fast time by fifty-one finishing (6)
- 25 Minister replaced death with birth to reveal light (6)

Down

- 1 Wealting works in cow shed with Dominican (4-3)
- 2 Master painter expressed in language of northern Europe (7)
- 3 Animal given nourishing grass by saint (5)
- 4 Triangular mathematician heard offering candle in Eastertide (7)
- 5 I have returned thanks for musical based on life of an Argentinian first lady (5)

- 6 In Capri amateur historian finds last Trojan king (5)
- 9 Navvies’ project to include Latin and Italian painter (9)
- 14 French Dominican at home with son of Isaac (7)
- 15 See 21 Down
- 16 In campanile in single example of Renaissance painters (7)
- 19 May be soundly unearthed by river transport technique (5)
- 20 Short answer before food (5)
- 21 & 15 Down: Re-edit “Lancet” and propose dropping first point of saint founder of Order of Mercedarians (5,7)

Please send your answers to: Crossword Competition 6 July, 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 Augustine, Christianity and Thomas Aquinas – from the OUP’s Very Short Introduction series will go to the sender of the first correct entry drawn at random on Friday 19 July. The answers to this week’s puzzles and the crossword winner’s name will appear in the 27 July issue.

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Solution to the 15 June puzzle

Solution to the 15 June crossword No. 662

- Across:** 7 Exodus; 8 Miriam; 10 Piscina; 11 Of The; 12 Ibez; 13 Spohr; 17 Caryll; 18 Jura; 22 Linus; 23 Iconium; 24 Kemble; 25 Alleyne.
Down: 1 Memphis; 2 Roussel; 3 Pugin; 4 Timothy; 5 Fifth; 6 Ember; 9 Pamphylia; 14 Hassall; 15 Jupiter; 16 Carmina; 19 Blake; 20 Gnome; 21 World. **Winner:** John Penty, Uxbridge.

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