

The heartbeat of Trócaire

“BRILLIANT, boisterous, passionate, wise, mischievous, irreverent, fearless and enormous fun.” Clare Dixon of Cafod, who knew her for 40 years, was one of the many friends and colleagues to pay tribute to aid worker Sally O’Neill, whose death in a car accident last Sunday night sparked an outpouring of grief and love.

Originally from Dungannon in Co. Tyrone, Sally joined the Irish Church’s overseas aid agency, Trócaire, in 1978. She worked primarily on projects in Latin America but was also involved in providing famine relief in Ethiopia in the mid 1980s. Following her retirement in April 2015 after 37 years of service, Sally worked as a volunteer with prisoners and migrants in Honduras, where she lived.

“Sally was the heartbeat of Trócaire for almost 40 years,” the agency’s director, Caoimhe de Barra, said. “Although we still cannot believe she is gone, we know that she left an incredible footprint on the world.”

A FORMER ambassador to Mongolia, Catherine Arnold, has been announced as



the next master of St Edmund’s College, Cambridge.

St Edmund’s, which was founded in 1896 to house a small community of Catholic students, is the only Cambridge college to boast a Catholic priest as its dean. Catherine will join the college as master elect in September 2019, and take up the office of master on 1 October. She will live in college with her Mongolian cat, Merlin.

IN HIS CRISP introduction to the thought of the Catholic philosopher, Elizabeth

Anscombe, in the 23 March issue, John Haldane writes that when Wittgenstein knew he was dying, he asked Anscombe to put him in touch with a “non-philosophical priest”.

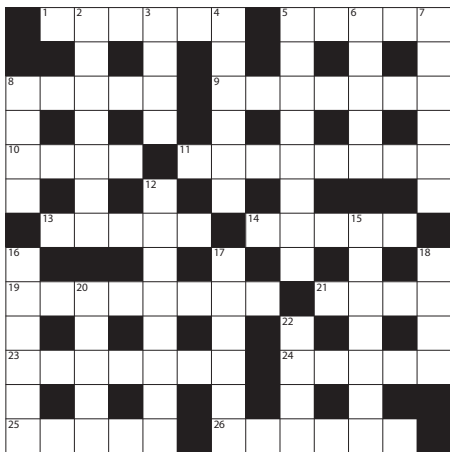
The priest she recommended was Conrad Pepler OP, son of the printer Hilary Pepler, for many years a close friend of Eric Gill. Fr Louis Roy OP, professor of theology at Dominican University College in Ottawa, who lived briefly with Fr Pepler in Blackfriars, Cambridge, has written to tell me that Fr Pepler had once explained that he and Wittgenstein had met twice, each time in Oxford.

When the philosopher lay unconscious on his deathbed, at the invitation of his friends Fr Pepler said the office of the dying and gave conditional absolution. “He was a very holy and prayerful friar, with profound insights into the Christian life,” Fr Roy tells me. “Wittgenstein could not have found a better spiritual accompaniment as he prepared for his encounter with the God of love.”

Fr Roy’s own exchanges with Anscombe during his stay in Cambridge were not wholly satisfactory. “Her esteem of me was perhaps rather low,” Fr Louis explains, “since she had heard me, in a Sunday homily at Blackfriars, wanting to say ‘successively’ about the Samaritan woman, wrongly say that ‘she *successfully* had five husbands.’”

PUZZLES

PRIZE CROSSWORD No. 653 | Alanus



Please send your answers to: Crossword Competition 13 April, 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 – 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 26 April. The answers to this week’s puzzles and the crossword winner’s name will appear in the 4 May issue.

Across

- 1 Former Maoist turns to Chinese religion (6)
- 5 Made round and round recurring vision of Gerontius (5)
- 8 Desert all the Commandments in proportion (5)
- 9 Enables access with creative work support in the castle (7)
- 10 Cure acne with French stone used for Westminster Abbey and Tower of London (4)
- 11 Orders founder and Saint of True Devotion upfront in car authorisation (8)
- 13 Revolutionary iPad to reveal centrally first holy insect (5)
- 14 African river where nothing changes for a last dance (5)

- 19 Saint sails with you all over as patron of youth (8)
- 21 Land of wretched lies (4)
- 23 With degrees upfront I’m at new type of 8 Down (7)
- 24 Flower for Nativity witness and cheek (5)
- 25 Ascot reshoving for operatic heroine (5)
- 26 Reference to lady with car authorisation upfront is relative (6)

Down

- 2 Silly person, just one, in major European port (7)
- 3 Intrinsic ongoing image in religion (4)
- 4 Wine for aristocrat losing a binding car authorisation (6)
- 5 Following car authorisation ten in bad end and career setback (8)

- 6 Time to love poetry’s Muse (5)
- 7 Fresh set of musical pieces after car authorisation (6)
- 8 Favourite food of founder of Christian Brothers? (4)
- 12 Relatives have laugh in capital within south along 14 Across (8)
- 15 Soldiers giving lead to French girl for the ballet (7)
- 16 Kiddie holding vestment for Pugin sponsor (6)
- 17 Art movement with six sides to it? (6)
- 18 Do not surrender in the castle (4)
- 20 Augustinian Order about being refreshing in desert (5)
- 22 It’s debatable being First Officer in car authorisation (4)

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

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Solution to the 23 March puzzle

Solution to the 23 March crossword No. 650

Across: 7 Loire; 8 Orisons; 10 Clement; 11 Sybil; 12 Asceticism; 16 Apophthegm; 20 Salem; 21 Gabriel; 23 Corunna; 24 Roper.
Down: 1 Gluck; 2 Dives; 3 Bede; 4 Eostre; 5 Riesling; 6 Holbein; 9 Salome; 13 Schumann; 14 Parsec; 15 Lollard; 17 Haggai; 18 Vimpa; 19 Clara; 22 Byrd.
Winner: Angela Greenwood, of Crowthorne, Berkshire.

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