

# WORD FROM THE CLOISTERS

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## The good judge

IN HIS pinstripe suit and club tie, James Hanratty looks every inch the austere and flinty defender of the law. But he has a glint in his eye, and his recently released memoir is not, he assures us, “yet another boring and self-important memoir from a pompous judge”.

*The Making of an Immigration Judge* (Quartet, £15; Tablet price, £13.50) draws on a lifetime spent in the justice business. One of Hanratty’s trickiest briefs was to sort out what he describes as a “mildly shambolic” Royal Courts of Justice, “I was one of Dominic Cummings’ ‘weirdos’, able to manage large organisations without the usual Civil Service qualification of a first in Greats from Oxford.”

Known for his affability and kindness – when an HIV-sufferer was freezing in court Hanratty gave him his jacket – he is passionately committed to justice for immigrants. He served on the Windrush Lessons Learned Review. “In 1948 the merchant ship *Empire Windrush* arrived from the West Indies with the first contingent of Commonwealth citizens invited here. Then from 2016 onwards as a consequence of the ‘hostile environment’ the Home Office targeted such people and their descendants. But they were not illegal. The



Immigration Act 1971 gave them and their descendants right of abode. Paulette Wilson, who died last week, came here as a child, paid taxes for 34 years, was detained, banned from working or receiving benefits, lost her flat and was almost deported. There were so many dignified and decent people like her who were so badly treated by the Home Office. Now there is a compensation scheme and I hope it works properly for them all.”

THE NEWS this month of the closure of St Mary’s Shaftesbury came as a shattering blow

to pupils and parents – but it wasn’t long before a campaign was launched to raise enough money to bridge the gap until a viable rescue plan can be found. One of those fervently hoping St Mary’s can be saved is the principal of another prestigious Catholic boarding school – New Hall in Chelmsford.

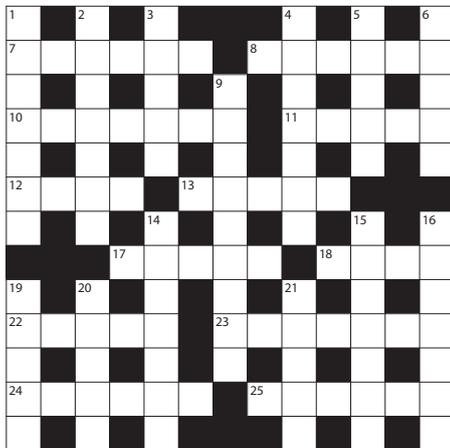
Katherine Jeffrey told us her first job in teaching was at St Mary’s. “I had the happiest of times in those beautiful Dorset hills, teaching the most delightful girls and experiencing a joyful, intellectual community, where everyone was known and valued. It was incredibly nurturing.” Ms Jeffrey was appointed by the “formidable and inspiring” Jane Livesey CJ, still in her twenties when she became the headmistress. Katherine next faced Sr Jane on an interview panel when she was being grilled for the job of head of New Hall. Once again, she got the nod.

St Mary’s was founded by the order of Religious that came to be known as the Congregation of Jesus. “I came to know and love the story of its founder, Mary Ward,” Katherine tells us. “Her words were transformative and provided a female perspective on leadership and social action.

“Long before I discovered the works of Simone de Beauvoir, I had heard the call to action from Mary Ward.”

## PUZZLES

### PRIZE CROSSWORD No. 718 Enigma



#### Across

- 7 *Introito ad* ----- *Dei*, opening of the Tridentine Mass (6)
- 8 Achilles killed him to avenge Patroclus (6)
- 10 Girl’s name in title of musical based on 1919 Broadway play *My Lady Friends* (7)
- 11 The Key, Persian, Kaffir and Desert are species of these (5)
- 12 Seaport city in north-east Egypt (4)
- 13 Rothera and Manson stations are by the Southern ----- (5)
- 17 Frank Sinatra sang of “----- with the Laughing Face” (5)
- 18 An isolated or protruding rock (4)
- 22 Horace said very cruel things about them in his odes (5)

- 23 Fred ----- (1931-2006), English fast bowler (7)
- 24 ----- of Gaza spread the word of Eli, The Prophet (6)
- 25 A watch or clock with hands pointing to numbers is ----- (6)

#### Down

- 1 Cardinal Alessandro ----- (1520-89) was a patron of the arts (7)
- 2 ----- Kubrick directed *2001: A Space Odyssey* (7)
- 3 Knossos, a Bronze Age settlement, is here (5)
- 4 The ----- harp is played by the wind (7)
- 5 The Inverted Jenny; the Treskilling Yellow; each is a ----- (5)
- 6 An alloy of copper and zinc (5)
- 9 Technical term for a white blood cell (9)
- 14 Best Picture Oscar (1989) went to this film starring Tom Cruise and Dustin Hoffman (4,3)
- 15 Sculptor of the bronze *Homeless Jesus* (7)
- 16 Old Croghan Man, found in an Irish bog, dates back to the ----- (4,3)
- 19 The Children of Lir were changed into these according to Irish legend (5)
- 20 In the *Ancient Mariner*’s “silly buckets” “silly” means “-----” (5)
- 21 “They don’t blame you as long as you’re -----” (*The Yeoman of the Guard*) (5)

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

### Solution to the 11 July puzzle

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### Solution to the 11 July crossword No. 715

Across: 7 Rosary; 8 Pooter; 10 Unaware; 11 Extra; 12 Falk; 13 Adits; 17 Grand; 18 Bede; 22 Omnes; 23 Nacelle; 24 Glider; 25 Linnet.  
Down: 1 Arnulfo; 2 Israeli; 3 Friar; 4 Honesty; 5 State; 6 Organ; 9 Ferdinand; 14 Dresser; 15 Bellini; 16 Celesta; 19 Hongi; 20 Annis; 21 Scrim.