

# WORD FROM THE CLOISTERS

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## The power of good from a needless death

Barry and Margaret Mizen have been campaigning for safer communities since their son, Jimmy, was killed by another youth in a bakery in Lee, south-east London, a day after he celebrated his sixteenth birthday. Jimmy bled to death in the arms of his brother Tommy.

Nearly eleven years on from Jimmy's death, the Mizens have turned their pain into an unstoppable force that drives a nationwide project to raise awareness about the causes of violent crime.

They were the main speakers at a gathering organised by the Jesuits of Farm Street to discuss "Violent Crime in our City: What Can be Done?" It came as latest police statistics showed that 41 per cent of those being caught for knife crimes in London are aged between 15 and 19. The number of fatal stabbings in England and Wales last year was the highest since records began in 1946.

"Violent crime can't be changed by more and more laws. Nor do you solve it simply by policing, or by ever harsher punish-



ments," Barry Mizen said. He believes that finding a way through the problem begins with trying to understand what it is that influences young people who feel drawn to carry out violent acts.

A lack of a stable and loving family upbringing, limited opportunities, peer pressure, and vulnerability to being used by organized gangs were all possible factors.

"We live in divided communities, in a society where we think someone else is going to do it all for us," he added. "We are losing

our sense of community. We have to rebuild it. And all of us have a responsibility." *More information at [www.forjimmy.org](http://www.forjimmy.org)*

The puff on the cover of the new book by Richard Rohr, *The Universal Christ*, published next week by SPCK, is supplied by the Dublin singer, venture capitalist and modern-day psalmist Bono: "I couldn't put it down."

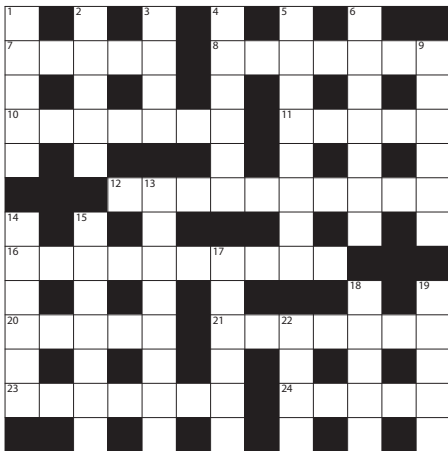
Fr Rohr, a Franciscan friar, is the founder of the Centre for Action and Contemplation, which describes itself as "a centre for experiential education, rooted in the Gospels, encouraging the transformation of human consciousness through contemplation, and equipping people to be instruments of peaceful change in the world". His hugely popular books draw on Scripture and spiritual practice, and come with lashings of Jungian gravy.

Bono, who will be 60 next year, has been to see Fr Rohr at his base in Albuquerque, New Mexico – the heart of *Breaking Bad* country – with his band.

"U2 and I have had about four to five retreat times together," Fr Rohr tells us, "and Bono has visited me here twice by himself. We have become close friends. An amazing man, as are they all."

## PUZZLES

### PRIZE CROSSWORD No. 647 | Alanus



Please send your answers to: Crossword Competition 2 March, The Tablet, 1 King Street Cloisters, Clifton Walk, London W6 0GY. Email: [thetablet@thetablet.co.uk](mailto: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 Jesus, Christian Art and Catholicism – from the OUP's Very Short Introduction series will go to the sender of the first correct entry drawn at random on Friday 15 March. The answers to this week's puzzles and the crossword winner's name will appear in the 23 March issue.

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### Across

- 7 Board having French and German approval for 12 Across item (5)
- 8 Uncovers items once belonging to former cardinal (7)
- 10 Fuel source of chrism upon the recovered (3,4)
- 11 Roofer losing his head advanced in time (5)
- 12 Lorraine capital embraces newcomer in dead contact chicanery (10)
- 16 Go down with worker following relative (10)
- 20 Novelist writing on the beach but with urban thoughts of Alice (5)
- 21 Composer Aaron's flower with love about to set sails (7)

- 23 Standard meeting-place shortened as social upstart appears (7)
  - 24 Late minor orders and sound agenda for composer (5)
- Down**
- 1 Early Pope opening century urging us repeatedly to go forward (5)
  - 2 Character instrumental to Shakespeare's *The Tempest*? (5)
  - 3 See 22 Down
  - 4 Unpleasant smell around old record returned to astronomer (6)
  - 5 To whom Paul sent Greek letter and fruit (8)
  - 6 In Satan's weird grip I reveal composer (7)
  - 9 Holy man who beams down on homeless creatures (6)

- 13 Scripture interpreters for example in river setback (8)
- 14 Calculates that it makes sense (4,2)
- 15 Vault holding bones, say, involving connections of ours (7)
- 17 Extraordinary girth of great king of ancient Persia! (6)
- 18 Saint clad in fur in northern European city (5)
- 19 Bread of Heaven revealed with a floral plant (5)
- 22 & 3 Down: Emerald with a design from an award-winning poet and writer (2,2,4)

### SUDOKU | Beginner

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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 9 February puzzle

**Solution to the 9 February crossword No. 644. Across:** 1 Talmud; 5 Hertz; 8 Horta; 9 Rabboni; 10 Cope; 11 Buckfast; 13 Ravel; 14 Burns; 19 Lemaitre; 21 Ovid; 23 Janacek; 24 Hilda; 25 Hinds; 26 Weyden. **Down:** 2 Agrippa; 3 Moab; 4 Darius; 5 Habakkuk; 6 Rhoda; 7 Zoists; 8 Hock; 12 Meniscus; 15 Neville; 16 Elijah; 17 Krakow; 18 Edda; 20 Menin; 22 Whey. **Winner:** John C.M. Penty, of Uxbridge, Middlesex.