

# WORD FROM THE CLOISTERS

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## High flyer

DIANA KLEIN, who died on 24 November, at the age of 75, spent over 20 years working with legal high-flyers before she changed direction to become a catechetical adviser. But as Catherine Pepinster writes in her obituary on *The Tablet's* website, for Diana, all the people she encountered through her role at the Diocese of Westminster, through editing *The Tablet's* Parish Practice page, and later as teacher and mentor, were potential high-flyers. But rather than achieve dizzy career heights or earn huge salaries, Diana wanted the people she came into contact with in the Church to fly ever higher by coming closer to God.

Her friend Fr Bernard Cotter, parish priest of Murragh and Templemartin in the Diocese of Cork and Ross, tells us that when Diana arrived in London from her native New York as a young mother, "she had little or no faith. Nudged by her son, Nick, she made contact with her local parish. This led to a conversion experience which changed her life. She retained the zeal of a convert to the end."

Fr Cotter and Diana worked on a book together, *How to Survive Working in a*



*Catholic Parish.* "It was a 24-hour experience," says Fr Cotter. "I worked on a chapter all day, then emailed it to Diana, who worked on it all night. Visiting her home reflected that: quiet in daylight hours, but noisy all night, with an eclectic set of meal times. It was a home where many friends gathered, for wide-ranging conversations with Diana, her son Nick and his wife Jang – and two much-loved Salukis."

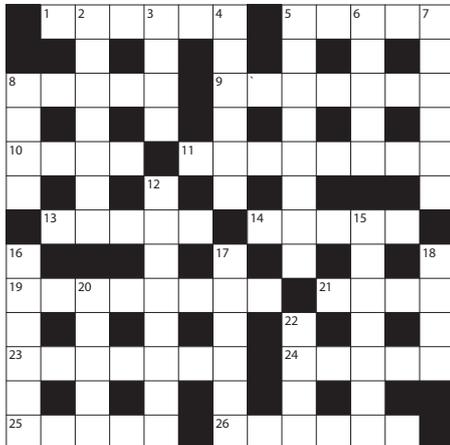
"Diana could be quite a handful: infuriating, disorganised, combative," Fr Cotter tells us. "But she was also wise and infinitely forgiving." She died on the day before

Thanksgiving Day, which she always marked despite having lived in the UK for over fifty years. Nick says: "She passed away peacefully surrounded by friends and family." In her last message posted on Facebook, Diana wrote: "This year I have so much to be thankful for – my life, my friends and all those I love and who love me. Happy Thanksgiving!"

STARTING on Sunday morning 5 December, *Heaven Made*, a three-part BBC1 series, visits three Benedictine communities that are helping to keep alive ancient craft traditions such as bookbinding, brewing and soap-making. In the first episode, we join the Benedictine sisters of beautiful Kylemore Abbey on the west coast of Ireland, where the not-so-ancient craft tradition of creating luxury chocolates is overseen by chief chocolatier, Sister Genevieve. In the final episode we visit Quarr Abbey on the Isle of Wight, where the monks and local artisans produce honey from their own hives. In between, on 12 December, we meet a busy Brother Simon, a postulant at St Augustine's Abbey in Chilworth, Surrey, producing rosary beads. His beads, together with other devotional items hand made by the monks as well as monks' made lip balm and skin creams, are available from The Tablet Shop – <https://shop.thetablet.co.uk/>

## PUZZLES

### PRIZE CROSSWORD No. 784 Enigma



#### Across

- 1 ----- Baillie; Scottish operatic soprano, 1895–1983 (6)
- 5 The Toscano ----- was first manufactured in Tuscany in the early nineteenth century (5)
- 8 ----- della Verità; a marble mask in the portico of Santa Maria in Cosmedin, Rome (5)
- 9 Biblical figure, also called Jedidiah (7)
- 10 Christian name of Hercule Poirot's lost love (4)
- 11 Dover is capital of this American state (8)
- 13 René Descartes had a simple proof that he did, in fact ----- (5)
- 14 He wrote "Aedh wishes for the cloths of heaven" (5)
- 19 Rite whose Latin name came from ninth verse of Psalm 50 (Vulgate) (8)
- 21 Hill of -----; seat of high kings of Ireland (4)
- 23 Word indicating music must be played briskly (7)
- 24 English rock band formed in 1991 (5)
- 25 Brother of Moses (5)
- 26 The Potemkin Stairs may be seen here (6)

#### Down

- 2 Mother of Caliban (*The Tempest*) (7)
- 3 A gravity hill in Ayshire is known as the Electric (4)
- 4 ----- Green, American actor known as "Beetlejuice" (6)
- 5 (and 22) *Streptopelia Decaecto* is better known as this (8, 4)
- 6 ----- rays impart the highest photon energy (5)
- 7 An English soldier in King Philip's War (1676) was a this (6)
- 8 A flock, or ----- of quail (4)
- 12 Vladimir's companion (*Waiting for Godot*) (8)
- 15 Volcanic plateau on Mars (7)
- 16 World Youth Day venue, 2019 (6)
- 17 "Il mio -----"; aria, Act II, Scene 2, *Don Giovanni* (Mozart) (6)
- 18 The volcanic Olympus Mons is here (4)
- 20 The Saami, Nenets and Aleut live in the northern ----- regions (5)
- 22 See 5 down (4)

Please send your answers to: Crossword Competition 4 December, 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 Saints, Monasticism and Philosophy of Religion – from the OUP's Very Short Introduction series will go to the sender of the first correct entry drawn at random. **■ We are processing entries but there may be a delay in notifying winners and sending out prizes. Please keep entering.**

### SUDOKU | Moderate

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

#### Solution to the 13 November puzzle

1	4	7	6	3	8	2	5	9
8	3	5	9	7	2	1	4	6
6	9	2	1	4	5	7	8	3
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3	1	6	4	5	7	8	9	2
4	6	9	3	8	1	5	2	7
2	5	3	7	6	4	9	1	8
7	8	1	5	2	9	6	3	4

#### Solution to the 13 November crossword No. 781

**Across:** 7 Amish; 8 Charred; 10 Overuse; 11 Input; 12 Serenading; 16 Outsmarted; 20 Inter; 21 Vamoose; 23 Gliders; 24 Optic.  
**Down:** 1 Taboo; 2 Diver; 3 Thou; 4 Scheme; 5 Marinade; 6 Cryptic; 9 Dotage; 13 Elm trees; 14 Coming; 15 Its tail; 17 Revise; 18 Boats; 19 Hence; 22 Moot.

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