

## How Olimpia is set to reach new heights

THE ROMANS didn't like Olimpia Maidalchini Pamphilj much. She moved in with her brother-in-law, Pope Innocent X, and barely left him out her sight. He put her in charge of the Vatican's finances, a career change that coincided with a sudden surge in the already vastly rich Pamphilj (pronounced Pom-fee-lee) family's fortune. She gained so much power that she became known as "La Papessa"; it was whispered that she and the pope were lovers. Well, who knows.

Now a portrait of Olimpia painted in the mid-seventeenth century by Diego Velázquez, long thought lost or destroyed, has turned up. Sotheby's swear blind it's the real thing, and it will go under the hammer in London on 3 July. It is expected to fetch £2-3 million.

Today the family lives in the sumptuous treasure-filled Palazzo Doria Pamphilj on the Via del Corso, whose many tenants include the Anglican Centre. One of Olimpia's descendants, Orietta Doria Pamphilj, met a British naval officer, Frank Pogson, at the end of the war; they married in 1958. Pogson added Orietta's surname to his own, so it would not



die out. He was a director of *The Tablet*, and helped us out of some serious financial holes.

Orietta and Frank, both now dead, adopted a son, Jonathan, and a daughter, Gesine, from a London orphanage in the 1960s. In a very twenty-first-century family wrangle, when Jonathan and his Brazilian male partner, Braga, adopted two children, Gesine contested their legal status as heirs to the estate. A long period of family turbulence ended in the transfer of the palace and its contents to a trust.

WITH A beleaguered Church facing bigger battles than which Missal to use, might the

publication of a beginner's guide to the Tridentine Rite be a sign it's time for us to all get along?

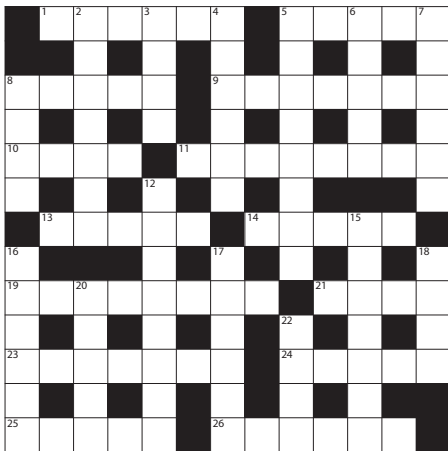
Speaking at the launch last week of *The Case for Liturgical Restoration: Una Voce Position Papers on the Extraordinary Form* (Angelico Press), the Mexican president of Una Voce, Felipe Alanís Suárez, lamented the liturgical devastation unleashed by the Novus Ordo and warned that only the restoration of the traditional Latin Mass can save the Church.

But the book's editor, Joseph Shaw, research fellow at St Benet's Hall, Oxford, chairman of the Latin Mass Society, and intimidatingly acerbic blogger, struck a more emollient note. Under the electric chandeliers of the Wilfrid Hall in the London Oratory, Shaw cheerfully confessed: "I don't expect everyone to like the TLM at first."

From mantillas to Marcel Lefebvre, from male-only service of the sanctuary, the veiling of women, to the priest's orientation *ad orientem* – which works, Shaw explained, a bit like a human rood screen – he sets out to demystify the most controversial aspects of the Tridentine Rite. "My hope", he told us, "is that this book will lead to mutual comprehension, which will lead to mutual charity."

## PUZZLES

### PRIZE CROSSWORD No. 664 | Enigma



Please send your answers to: Crossword Competition 29 June, *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 Paul, Theology and Christian Ethics – from the OUP's Very Short Introduction series will go to the sender of the first correct entry drawn at random on Friday 12 July. The answers to this week's puzzles and the crossword winner's name will appear in the 20 July issue.

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### Across

- The Kazach capital (6)
- An East Germanic people who invaded the Roman Empire between third and fifth centuries (5)
- Religion teaching that all religions are essentially one (5)
- Spoken by more people than any other language (7)
- Feathers and meat on a string used by falconers to recall a hawk (4)
- Surname of Irish winner of Whitbread Award 1979 (8)
- Athenian statesman, lawmaker, poet 640-560 BC (5)
- Musical instrument, also called tumbadora (5)

- Early in *Les Misérables*, Jean Valjean was one such in the bishop's house (8)
- Christian name of woman who married, in 1582, a now famous man eight years her junior (4)
- Pointing outwards (of an angle) (7)
- Ninth largest German city (5)
- A type of heron (5)
- "Bring blossoms the -----" (From a May hymn to Our Lady) (6)

### Down

- Light, lively movement in symphony (7)
- Upper angle where a leaf joins a stem (4)
- A higher magistrate in ancient Athens (6)
- St Louis Marie ----- de Montfort (8)
- An important church council was held here

- between 1545 and 1563 (5)
- An earth pigment containing iron oxide and manganese oxide (6)
- Heinrich -----; in 1972, first German since Thomas Mann to win Nobel Prize for literature (4)
- Valley; a red-sand desert region on Arizona-Utah border (8)
- Another name for the First Book of Moses (7)
- Christian name of Bobby Charlton's mother (6)
- Son of Priam and Hecuba (6)
- Surname of director of *Lawrence of Arabia* (4)
- Tenth president of USA (5)
- A prophet to whom revelations come in dreams and visions is this (4)

### SUDOKU | Challenging

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Solution to the 8 June puzzle

### Solution to the 8 June crossword No. 661

- Across:** 7 Coccoa; 8 Granard; 10 Barcode; 11 Oriet; 12 Consistory; 16 Salmonella; 20 Fungi; 21 Liminal; 23 Resents; 24 Realm.  
**Down:** 1 Scuba; 2 Ochre; 3 Sago; 4 Egress; 5 Carousel; 6 Caribou; 9 Delays; 13 Oxonians; 14 Ask for; 15 Illness; 17 Enlist; 18 Knead; 19 Flame; 22 Miro. **Winner:** Bill White, London SE9.