

The guardians of The Tablet

RECENT REPORTS of changes in the ownership of our boisterous younger brother, the *Catholic Herald*, have prompted several people to ask us, "Who owns *The Tablet*?"

Since it was founded in 1840 by Frederick Lucas, described a little unkindly by a fellow Catholic journalist with whom he had fallen out as "incompetent, dishonest, treacherous, mendacious and blasphemous", *The Tablet* has passed through several different hands, including those of three cardinal archbishops of Westminster, till in 1936 Cardinal Hinsley disposed of it to a group of lay Catholics including Tom Burns and Christopher Hollis. Since 1976 it has been wholly owned by The Tablet Trust, a registered charity. Current trustees include Lord Camoys, Julie Etchingham, Paul Valley, Mike Craven and Edward Stourton.

The chairman of the Trust is Dame Helen Ghosh, who left the Civil Service in 2012 after 33 years to become Director General of the National Trust and was appointed Master of Balliol College, Oxford last year. Ghosh was educated by nuns – Religious of Christian Education – at Farnborough Hill in



Hampshire. She went on to Oxford, where she completed an MLitt in sixth-century Italian history, met her husband, the historian of ideas Peter Ghosh, and fell under the spell of the vibrant and jaunty liturgical experiences offered at Blackfriars. She took over as chairman from another former civil servant, Dame Colette Bowe, on 1 July.

"WILL JOHN Henry Newman be the City of London's first saint?" I gormlessly enquired here two weeks ago. "No – not by a long chalk," Dame Colette herself wrote to tell me; Thomas

Becket and Thomas More were born a stone's throw from the office where she serves as chair of the Banking Standards Authority. "Still," Eamon Duffy concluded mercifully, after he too ticked me off, "as Newman himself might have observed, nobody's infallible".

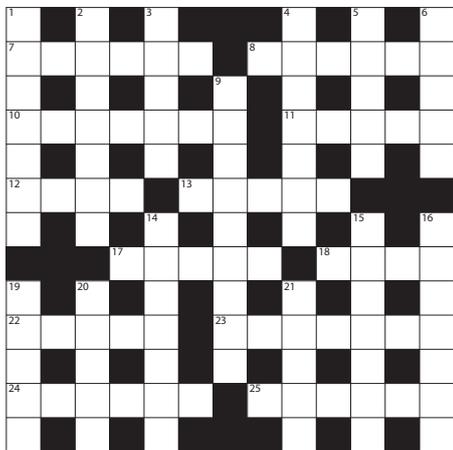
If you would like to see more egg being smeared on the editor's woollen tie, see the Letter to the Editor this week from John M. Wilkins. He adds Edmund Campion and Polydore Plasden to the list. Any more Saints in the City?

SEVERAL READERS wrote to ask for more details about the painting on the cover of our Summer Reading issue, and to demand that we credit the artist. Paul Walker, a retired lecturer in art and design with a current interest in twentieth-century church art, smartly identified the distinctive flicks of pastel and paint as the work of the Paris-based American artist Mary Cassatt, who with Marie Bracquemond and Berthe Morisot is often dubbed one of the "three grande dames of Impressionism".

The tender scene on our cover of a nurse reading to a red-haired little girl, painted in 1895, is typical of Cassatt's work: mothers and children snoozing, eating or playing together, somehow rendered absorbing and moving without being implausibly peaceable.

PUZZLES

PRIZE CROSSWORD No. 667 | Enigma



Across:

- 7 Leonardo da Vinci's father was one (6)
- 8 What "K" stands for in Jerome K. Jerome (6)
- 10 Geothermal centre of Maori culture, New Zealand (7)
- 11 A village in Leicestershire and one in Co. Down have the same girl's name (5)
- 12 1954 science fiction horror film starring James Whitmore (4)
- 13 One of those shivering in *The Lady of Shalott* (5)
- 17 Archaic Scottish/Middle English word meaning "about/concerning" (5)
- 18 Famous Farewell from the poet Catullus, "Ave atque ----" (4)
- 22 End of Ash Wednesday Introit, Tridentine

Mass: "Quoniam in te confidit ----"

- 23 Saint with feast on 19 June (7)
- 24 "I have seen ---- like that in France" (*A Ballad of Athlone*, Aubrey de Vere, 1814-1902) (2,4)
- 25 ---- couplet: two rhyming lines in iambic pentameter (6)

Down

- 1 Small flowers making up a composite flower head (7)
- 2 In 1967, Kathrine ---- became the first woman to run the Boston Marathon as a numbered entry (7)
- 3 Charon had one in the underworld (5)
- 4 One of those using flaring and swaging tools (7)

- 5 Measuring device beneath upturned bottle of spirits (5)
- 6 This Irish town is a palindrome (5)
- 9 Daughter of Priam and Hecuba (9)
- 14 Members of Eastern Churches in communion with Rome (7)
- 15 A Spanish state-run hotel (7)
- 16 *The ----*, 1982 film starring Paul Newman as Frank Galvin (7)
- 19 The only diocese, apart from Rome, to be called a "Holy See" (5)
- 20 If you belong to the Sanatana dharma, you are this (5)
- 21 Four sets of three days (Wednesday, Friday, Saturday) of prayer and fasting were called ---- days (5)

Please send your answers to: Crossword Competition 20 July, 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 – 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 2 August. The answers to this week's puzzles and the crossword winner's name will appear in the 10 August issue.

SUDOKU | Moderate

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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 29 June puzzle

Solution to the 29 June crossword No. 664

Across: 1 Astana; 5 Goths; 8 Bahai; 9 Chinese; 10 Lure; 11 Johnston; 13 Solon; 14 Conga; 19 Intruder; 21 Anne; 23 Salient; 24 Essen; 25 Egret; 26 Rarest. Down: 2 Scherzo; 3 Axil; 4 Archon; 5 Grignion; 6 Trent; 7 Sienna; 8 Boll; 12 Monument; 15 Genesis; 16 Cissie; 17 Hector; 18 Lean; 20 Tyler; 22 Seer. **Winner:** Martin Hopkinson, of Daybrook, Nottingham.

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