

# WORD FROM THE CLOISTERS

diary@thetablet.co.uk

## Walking with Ignatius

THE CANNONBALL that struck Ignatius of Loyola 500 years ago not only changed an ambitious young soldier's life but changed the lives of countless others. One of them was Jorge Mario Bergoglio, who entered the Society of Jesus as a novice on 11 March 1958, when he was 21.

In a video message broadcast at a global prayer event last Sunday at the start of a year of celebrations to mark the anniversary of Ignatius' conversion, the first Jesuit Pope said: "Seemingly small things can be important. That cannonball meant that Ignatius failed in the dreams he had for his life. But God had a bigger dream for him."

After painful surgery, Ignatius experienced a total conversion of heart and soul. He embarked on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. He went to a Benedictine abbey in Montserrat, confessed his sins, swapped his fine clothes for sackcloth, and left his sword before an altar dedicated to the Virgin Mary. He drew to himself a small group of men which would eventually become the Society of Jesus.

The celebrations will continue through 12 March next year, the 400th anniversary of the canonization of Ignatius, and end on 31



July, his feast day. Part of the celebrations is the publication world-wide of *Walking with Ignatius*, written by the first Latin American Jesuit General, Fr Arturo Sosa SJ, in conversation with Spanish journalist, Dario Menor. The English translation by Bess Twiston Davies is published by Messenger Publications of Dublin.

The British Province of the Jesuits is chipping in with a series of workshops, reflections, courses, and pilgrimages. It will culminate in a global online retreat that will bring together people from around the world to

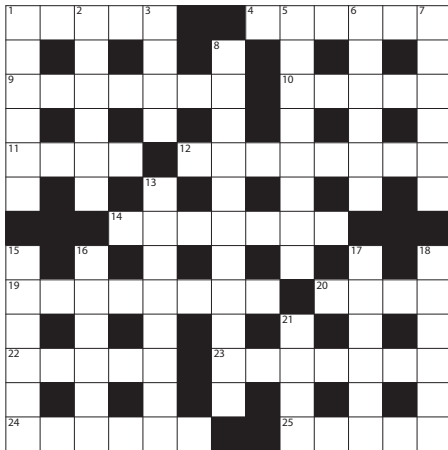
the Jesuit Spirituality Centre in St Bueno's in July 2022.

WE'VE JUST learnt of the death earlier this year of the publisher Anthony Clarke at the age of 91 – you might have seen a little gold sticker with his name and address in Wheathamstead on the back cover of a classic Catholic title. His father, Egerton Clarke, a friend of G.K. Chesterton, had become a Catholic in the 1920s, and young Anthony was sent to Stonyhurst. After the war, Clarke was a sales manager for Frederick Warne – he fed his five children a steady diet of Beatrix Potter and could do all the Winnie-the-Pooh voices at bedtime – before joining Tom Burns as a director of Burns & Oates, travelling widely and setting up bookshops in Dublin, Rome and Nairobi.

When Burns & Oates broke up in 1970, Clarke began his own business with much of the remaining stock as Anthony Clarke Books (hence the stickers). He didn't make a lot of money – his wife Elaine typed up the invoices in the dining-room at home and his children helped in his shop in London Colney when they were older – but he had a nose for a good book. Over the next thirty years he edited, designed, sold and distributed dozens of original titles, and kept hundreds of Catholic standards in print.

## PUZZLES

### PRIZE CROSSWORD No. 758 Alanus



Please send your answers to: Crossword Competition 29 May, 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 God, Miracles and Pilgrimage – 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.**

Prizes kindly donated by

**OXFORD**  
UNIVERSITY PRESS

www.oup.com

### Across

- 1 Minor prophet who foretold that Bethlehem would be the birthplace of the Messiah (5)
- 4 Disease of the nervous system that can make a sufferer appear drunk (6)
- 9 Father of the brothers Jesus called "Boanerges" (7)
- 10 Joseph-Maurice -----, French composer of *Pavane for a Dead Princess* (5)
- 11 A "---- avis", someone or thing that is very unusual (4)
- 12 London theatre, home of English National Opera (8)
- 14 Quaker family founders of chocolate empire (7)
- 19 Abandonment of one's religious faith (8)
- 20 Surrealist whose Crucifixion is based on drawing by St John of the Cross (4)

- 22 Part of a flower supporting the petals (5)
- 23 Biblical city, origins in Turkey, with links to the BVM and Sts John and Paul (7)
- 24 Fr Thomas, American Trappist theologian and writer of profound contradictions (6)
- 25 Dutch birthplace of artist convert Vermeer famous for its pottery (5)

### Down

- 1 Composer of an unfinished *Requiem* and 41 symphonies or more (6)
- 2 Part of the Royal House that King George V changed to "Windsor" (6)
- 3 Park at the corner of which stood the infamous Tyburn Tree (4)
- 5 Lay member of a religious order such as 13 Down (8)
- 6 St Frances ----- Cabrini, Italian nun and order founder, first canonised US citizen (6)

- 7 Self-confidence in testing situation (6)
- 8 Swiss-born pioneer of modern architecture, works include a world heritage convent near Lyons (2,9)
- 13 St Margaret of -----, recently canonised patron of the disabled and unwanted (8)
- 15 Joseph -----, architect of Catholic churches and designer of a horse-drawn carriage (6)
- 16 William -----, hymn writer and poet, notably of the John Gilpin ballad (6)
- 17 Titular fairy tale character in opera by Humperdinck (6)
- 18 French nineteenth-century society painter, later of Catholic works on the life of Christ (6)
- 21 Early Mercian bishop saint, dedicatee of Birmingham Cathedral (4)

### SUDOKU | Challenging

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

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

### Solution to the 8 May puzzle

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

### Solution to the 8 May crossword No. 755

**Across:** 7 Irene; 8 Etruria; 10 Kneeler; 11 Vetch; 12 Abstinence; 16 Synagogues; 20 Huron; 21 Take The; 23 Athlete; 24 Idaho.  
**Down:** 1 Milky; 2 Benet; 3 Veil; 4 Seurat; 5 Provence; 6 Britain; 9 Athens; 13 Beginner; 14 Asthma; 15 Anarchy; 17 Gutter; 18 Etham; 19 Defoe; 22 Kriss.