

WORD FROM THE CLOISTERS

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The Eparch of Duke Street

THE DIVINE Liturgy is celebrated every Sunday at 10 a.m. in the Cathedral of the Holy Family on Duke Street, in London. It's always pretty full, but rarely as thronged as it was last weekend (the Second Sunday before Lent, in Eastern time). Several dignitaries and clergy – including Fr Dominic Robinson SJ from Farm Street, Mayfair's other Catholic church – joined the congregation of Ukrainian Greek Catholics, gathering for the first time since the Russian invasion of their country.

Ukraine is a religious country: more than 80 per cent of its population profess a faith, and the cathedral is a fulcrum for the diaspora in the UK. There were long queues on the pavement outside well before the service began, almost everyone placing a donation into a tub at the door.

Where is the money going? “To Ukraine – for weapons.” How much have they raised? Half a million, they said, all in offerings placed in similar yellow-and-blue collection boxes. Those colours abounded inside the cathedral, on ribbons, scarves, children's headbands. The man handing round the collection plate



had a Ukrainian flag around his shoulders. A choir of three sang the liturgy from the gallery. Archbishop John Wilson preached, his Sheffield accent punctuating the Ukrainian words of the priests, obscured from view by a screen of icons. No responses – the Byzantine rite doesn't do audience participation – but bows and blessings rippled across the congregation. And don't forget: Greek Catholics cross themselves right to left.

They were stony-faced and silent until the end. Kenneth Nowakowski, the apostolic eparch, then invited the visiting dignitaries to speak, and when each concluded with the

words *Slava Ukraini!* – “Glory to Ukraine!” – the congregation replied *Heroiam slava!* – “Glory to the Heroes!” There was applause and there were tears.

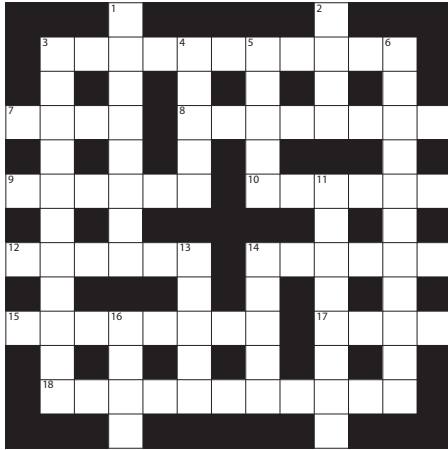
“KENNETH” MIGHT sound like an unusual name for an eparch, and it is certainly surprising to hear the impressively bearded figure speak in a gentle Canadian accent. He was born in Saskatchewan, and before coming to London in January 2020 had spent much of his ministry in the country described as “the most Ukrainian nation outside Ukraine”.

After the liturgy he spoke to *The Tablet's* Newman Intern, Paddy Hudson, in his study. On the mantelpiece was a large sculpture of a crow with a pearl in its mouth, ostensibly a reference to the prophet Elijah's time in the desert when “ravens brought him bread and meat” (1 Kings 17:6). It's a reminder of the crow which adopted Nowakowski when he was Eparch of New Westminster: it would follow him to his cathedral every morning, wait outside and then follow him home.

Not wanting to be thought a little cracked, he told nobody, until he encountered a First Nations elder at a multifaith ceremony and asked what it could mean. “The crow symbolises the highest order of spirituality,” he was told. “It's no surprise that he likes you.”

PUZZLES

PRIZE CROSSWORD No. 795 Axe



Across

- 3 Have tot with Scots around London, half cut, being extravagant types (11)
- 7 Tobit's wife appears in article, anyway (4)
- 8 Place in Gilead's a target for leading actor's comeback (8)
- 9 Muslims speak of burnt remains with broken pot spread around (6)
- 10 Camel I tackled taking in Malta in the old days (6)
- 12 Report Viking's in retreat in a valley near Jerusalem (6)
- 14 Norman abbey's welcoming king and French primate (6)
- 15 One who followed Paul omitted Balham (being unsafe) from a rescheduled busman's holiday (8)

- 17 King of Israel, one many recognised in the front-runners (4)
- 18 All Tenerife go crazy for this aspect of Christian eschatology (7,4)

Down

- 1 David's priest's first class with British intervening over an Indian desert (8)
- 2 Nabal's home with mother, not off (4)
- 3 In Betjeman I ruined a clan member (11)
- 4 Doctor's eaten by an almost fully grown cat at a Caribbean dance (5)
- 5 He saw, in a little book, one at the end of Nineveh (5)
- 6 New Testament king is, after silicon implants, a good chap (5,6)
- 11 Oily Cana tricked part of Asia Minor (8)

- 13 Lose second Japanese car in a month in Israel (5)
- 14 Saint involved in jailbreak of sorts? (5)
- 16 Festivity in the ascendant is held by Napoleon's guard (4)

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

Solution to the 12 February puzzle

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Solution to the 12 February crossword No. 792

Across: 1 Ananias; 5 Apame; 8 Kings; 9 Amalech; 10 Barachel; 11 Cana; 13 Asaiah; 15 Elohim; 17 Hair; 18 Crescents; 22 Araunah; 23 Arhat; 24 Hazor; 25 Abaddon. **Down:** 1 Akkub; 2 Abner; 3 Issachar; 4 Shaker; 5 Ahaz; 6 Asenath; 7 Ephraim; 12 Elishama; 13 Ashvath; 14 Ahimaaz; 16 Brahma; 19 Ephod; 20 Satan; 21 Aner.

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