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The appointment of Mr Charles Curran, a Roman Catholic, as Director General of the BBC is surely as sharp a break with tradition as was the election of John F. Kennedy as President of the United States. It would be interesting, for instance, to know what that staunch Presbyterian, Lord Reith, feels about the appointment at this particular moment of time ... He is considered to be particularly good in the field of administration, though probably

his real expertise lies in the field of radio: for those of us who feel that sound broadcasting is a good deal more important than any practitioner in television will bring himself to admit, this is enormously in Mr Curran's favour. He has never made the slightest attempt to play down his Catholicism and was for a time secretary of the Catholic Radio and Television Guild which, he was at pains to make clear, he regarded as a vocational organisation and not in any way a pressure group.

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There is no need this week for any detailed comment on the progress of the war. Events shout for themselves. What a happy transformation scene has been brought about in the space of a single month! On 15 July the Germans began the great drive which was intended to give them Epernay and Châlons and Reims, and to enable them then to turn and march upon Paris. A month later, on 15 August, they saw all their hopes in the dust, and knew that from the north of

Albert to the south of Château-Thierry their baffled legions were everywhere in retreat. If they were to win the war a military decision before the close of the present campaigning season was absolutely essential; and today the initiative has passed out of their hands, and they must wait to dance to the tune which General Foch shall select ... When the war will end is still uncertain, but how it will end is no longer doubtful.

PUZZLES

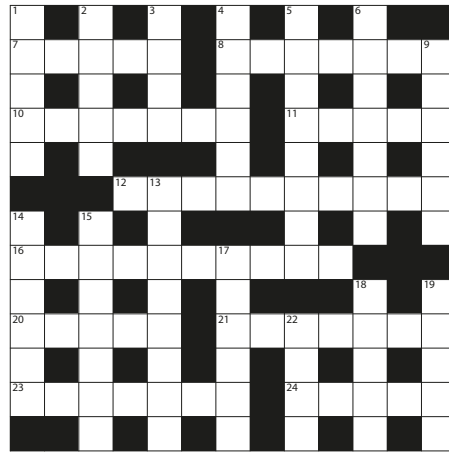
PRIZE CROSSWORD
No. 621 | Alanus

Across

- 7 Parts of arms of University on new lane (5)
- 8 Originally I rose about to give approval for new recruits (7)
- 10 Letter for Greek writers on small centre (7)
- 11 Indian mystic got through the waters with me (5)
- 12 Mother with Latin heart back to worship God we hear at Marian shrine (10)
- 16 Idiot with clean break horribly persecuted early Christians (10)
- 20 See 1 Down
- 21 One is following cross originally seen bearing name of Grand Inquisitor de Cisneros (7)
- 23 Given to understand there was a recent Marian Feast Day? (7)
- 24 Church area I'm in having unaffected simplicity (5)

Down

- 1 & 20 Acr: Touchy son with note change when rhythmically disjointed (3,2,5)



- 15 Son with hind about to be academical (7)
- 17 Formal jacket arranged due to holding cross (6)
- 18 Points to reversal of transgression in Irish county town (5)
- 19 Sovereign following has turned Jacob's son (5)
- 22 Island language of masculine figure with cross (4)

Please send your answers to:

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● The answers to this week's puzzles and the crossword winner's name will appear in the 8 September issue.

Solution to the 28 July crossword No. 618

Across: 7 Egoism; 8 Lowell; 10 Gradine; 11 Swift; 12 Uzza; 13 Stein; 17 Jones; 18 Linz; 22 Rahab; 23 Sophism; 24 Seneca; 25 Indult.

Down: 1 Sergius; 2 Bonanza; 3 Islip; 4 Poussin; 5 Felix; 6 Zloty; 9 Zeitgeist; 14 Roebuck; 15 Lisieux; 16 Azimuth; 19 Brest; 20 Rhone; 21 Spent.

Winner: Sr Muriel O'Toole, Portlaoise, Ireland.

- 2 Blacksmith's favourite Verdi chorus? (5)
- 3 Intense erudite visionary (4)
- 4 Girl with name to give Irish Saint (6)
- 5 Unusually want a Benedictine for African country (7)
- 6 Fighter in ring with short shot and a sort of rod (7)
- 9 Olympic competitors with shots to the heavens? (6)
- 13 Approve degree after a half-laugh following city state (8)
- 14 Poem by Saints beside a Black Sea resort (6)

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