

# WORD FROM THE CLOISTERS

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## The Tractarians' new leader

"THE FAITH is beautiful, rich, fascinating and endlessly interesting. Who wouldn't jump at the chance of making it better known through equally beautiful, rich, fascinating and interesting books, podcasts, films and whatever the fast changing world of media throws up next!"

The Catholic Truth Society has an ebullient new boss, and he's minded to expand its work beyond the racks of pamphlets at the back of churches. Pierpaolo Finaldi, father of seven and an accomplished baritone, began working with Fergal Martin at the CTS in the late 1990s, while he was an undergraduate. In 2015 he went to work for the Archdiocese of Southwark, training catechists and teachers. Now he's back at the CTS in the top job. "I have a much clearer idea now of the situation in our parishes and schools and the tools needed there to teach the faith," he told us. "The CTS is one of the great institutions of Catholic literary, devotional and intellectual life in the UK and its best days are still ahead of it."

The economical pocket-sized tract remains a vital part of the CTS's work – and what could



be a more fitting way of marking the canonisation of the greatest of the Tractarians than publishing a handsome booklet by Ian Ker: *John Henry Newman: His Life and Legacy*. 72 pages for a modest £3.50.

SEVERAL READERS have said how much they enjoyed Denise Cottrell Boyce's pitch-perfect explanation of the doctrine of the Atonement in the voice of P.G. Wodehouse. It's a rummy thing, but it turns out Wodehouse and Newman are related.

Emmeline Deane, who in the year before

his death painted the familiar portrait of the ghostly Newman in black cassock and rose-coloured cappa magna was the daughter of Louisa Fourdrinier, whose sister Eleanor was Plum's mother.

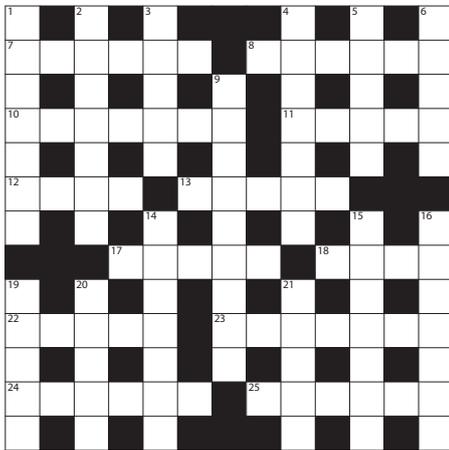
Newman's mother Jemima Fourdrinier was Louisa's aunt, so he and Louisa – who arranged the sittings for the portrait – were first cousins. The Fourdriniers were French Huguenot refugees from RC persecution. Newman paid Emmeline a hundred guineas for the painting. It's now in the National Portrait Gallery.

NO DOUBT they did their best, but – famously – Newman and his fellow Oxford convert Manning simply couldn't get on. Manning found Newman difficult and prickly, and annoyingly hesitant about supporting his push for the first Vatican Council to declare the Pope infallible. He would have liked his close friend J.E.C. Bodley to have been his biographer, but he only managed a sketch, in which he tells how Manning gleefully claimed to have found "ten distinct heresies" in Newman's writings.

Manning's butler was called William Newman. Inevitably, it was rumoured that he had got the job because his employer liked to be able to have his boots polished by a man called Newman. Bodley assures us that "this was pure legend".

## PUZZLES

### PRIZE CROSSWORD No. 679 | Enigma



Please send your answers to: Crossword Competition 19 October, *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 Augustine, Christianity and Thomas Aquinas – from the OUP's Very Short Introduction series will go to the sender of the first correct entry drawn at random on Friday 1 November. The answers to this week's puzzles and the crossword winner's name will appear in the 9 November issue.

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### Across

- 7 Staggered to see that an Irish lake came first (6)  
8 Does one provide tea or beer? (6)  
10 Almost half the theologians (about a thousand) write of a proposition proved by reasoning (7)  
11 The Glasgow Information Technology Company leaves pictograms for babies (5)  
12 A flower takes the heat out of being Hibernian (4)  
13 Garment suitable for one listening to loud pop music (5)  
17 Condemns a holy person to use a mantra (5)  
18 A novice can cause a riot if upset (4)

- 22 In war, half the team will be found in the river (5)  
23 How much Sabbath corn eaten by the Apostles could have led to a hearing (3, 4)  
24 Scandalous behaviour! One has no right to cause a power failure (6)  
25 "Having a vehicle brings us nothing!" he sang (6)  
**Down**  
1 They have computers on the brain here! (7)  
2 The unfaithful one scatters the rice (7)  
3 A card showing the organ (5)  
4 One church brings about the return of sport in a hot climate (7)  
5 Give your solemn word not to do this in polite company (5)

- 6 More modern than 13 Acr (5)  
9 I don't hesitate to turn to material that is unscripted (9)  
14 Be brave! The copper gains nothing by this anger (7)  
15 A saint's name *did* cause the loss of Accident and Emergency (7)  
16 The rain pours down; the weekend is almost over (7)  
19 Faint while backing the ruling that one must not express pain (5)  
20 Write to say one was fed on the street (5)  
21 The French and half the Romans are back for good (5)

### SUDOKU | Tough

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

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

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

### Solution to the 28 September crossword No. 676

**Across:** 7 Baetic; 8 Palmer; 10 La Place; 11 Paige; 12 Reid; 13 Silly; 17 Colga; 18 Alma; 22 Anvil; 23 Tachism; 24 Canada; 25 No Moon.  
**Down:** 1 Abelard; 2 Leipzig; 3 Aidan; 4 Tadpole; 5 Omnis; 6 Ariel; 9 Redingote; 14 Collodi; 15 Ellison; 16 Carmine; 19 Casca; 20 Ovine; 21 Echos. **Winner:** Dr Gregory Porilo, Upper Tooting, London.