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The Church, writes Fr [Herbert] McCabe, "is quite plainly corrupt"; and the evidence? "A cardinal selects Christmas as the occasion for supporting the murder of Vietnam civilians." ... to visit the American troops far from home at Christmas was a generous and friendly act by a cardinal in his seventies, and when he was with them it was for him, as their chaplain general, to encourage them to believe (as well they may) that they are serving mankind well by assisting the Vietnamese who repudiate the

Communist yoke, and that the American air force has a valid military role. His second instance is even more surprising: that the Pope, in saying he would make no pronouncement on contraceptives just yet, added that the present discipline remains in force; the choice of words, the choice of translation, may not have been the best possible, but how can this be called corruption? The word "corrupt" ... carries the idea of putrefaction and decay, moral deterioration, or venality through bribery.

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Sir, I hear from the United States that Colonel William Cody, "Buffalo Bill," who died at Denver, 10 January, was received into the Church by the assistant rector of Denver Cathedral on 9 January. The Colonel was fully conscious at the time ... When the master showman was over in England with his circus he lost few opportunities of showing kindnesses, among others, to Catholics. When down in Manchester he not only entertained me and my community, but also gave free passes to his show to the

children of our schools. On the feast of ... Ignatius of Loyola, he came with his troops of Red Indians, in all their war paint, to High Mass. After the service we received the beaded and feathered chiefs, with their braves. They all insisted on paying marked homage to Bishop Clifford, the celebrant on the occasion. Colonel Cody seems never to have suffered from any "real bad attack of religion," but from what he had seen in his travels he thought the Catholic Church topped the bill ... Yours truly, Bernard Vaughan.

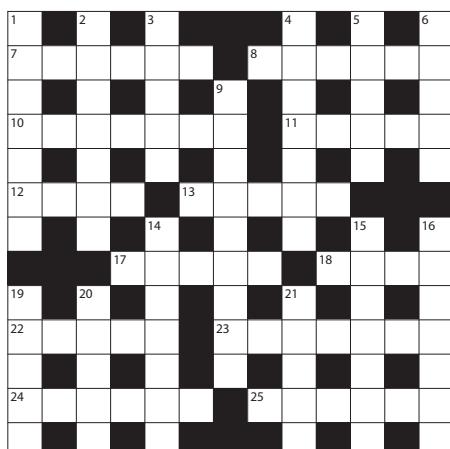
PUZZLES

PRIZE CROSSWORD

No. 545 | Enigma

Across

- 7 Ancient Egyptian God; also called Anpu (6)
- 8 World's largest tropical desert (6)
- 10 Title of son of Spanish or Portuguese monarch from thirteenth century (7)
- 11 Jewish movement, nineteenth century. Its first leader was Rabbi Shneur Zalman (5)
- 12 Composer of "Rule, Britannia" (4)
- 13 Old measurement: 5.029 metres approx (5)
- 17 William ----- (1798-1864); English politician, succeeded in partially abolishing capital punishment (5)
- 18 Softwood tree native to New Zealand (4)
- 22 Lutra; creature better known as ----- (5)
- 23 (Greek mythology) King -----, son of Eresta and Crimisus (7)
- 24 Surname of Jesuit who, in 1859, first noted polar ice caps on Mars (6)



25 One of the materials Yeats planned to use for his "small cabin" on an island (6)

Down

- 1 It has the world's shortest national railway (7)
- 2 Also called bottlenoses or sea parrots (7)
- 3 ----- noble; (in architecture) main floor of a Renaissance building (5)
- 4 Brazilian white rum made from sugar cane (7)

5 Cuban dance internationally popular in mid-twentieth century (5)

6 The red bear cat is a species of this (5)

9 *The -----*; drama by Anouilh (1950) (9)

14 In George Chapman's *Bussy D'Ambois*, Act 5, Sc. 3 (1607); Evening: "Takes on her ----- shoulders Hecate" (7)

15 Member of a people who, 1700-1200 B.C., established an empire in western peninsula of Asia and Syria (7)

16 Pasquier ----- (1634-1719), French Jansenist theologian (7)

19 (Geology) A raised, elongated block of the Earth's crust between two faults (5)

20 (Botany) Any plant of the genus *Matthiola* (5)

21 The ----- Laws, in seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, attempted to suppress Catholicism in Ireland and Britain (5)

Please send your answers to:

Crossword Competition 11 February

The Tablet, 1 King Street Cloisters, Clifton Walk, London W6 0GY.

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 24 February.

● The answers to this week's puzzles and the crossword winner's name will appear in the 4 March issue.

Solution to the 21 January crossword No. 542

Across: 7 Igloo; 8 Embarks; 10 Houdini; 11 Odder; 12 Impotently; 16 Soaking wet; 20 Lotus; 21 Revenge; 23 Strains; 24 Naive.

Down: 1 Pithy; 2 Cloud; 3 Gobi; 4 Merino; 5 Obsolete; 6 Aridity; 9 Strays; 13 Mainsail; 14 Psalms; 15 Barters; 17 Garish; 18 Unlit; 19 Yemen; 22 Vent.

Winner: Liam Ó Briain, of Prestwich, Manchester.

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Solution to the 21 January puzzle

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