

FROM THE ARCHIVE

50 years ago

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Those housebound on Christmas Eve can hear Midnight Mass on the Home Service of the BBC from Belloc's south country this year, for it will come ... from the Priory of Our Lady of England at Storrington ... It is ITAs turn to televise Midnight Mass, and Rediffusion has arranged a 90-minute outside broadcast from Ealing Abbey as the last programme of Christmas Eve. After the telecast of the Easter Vigil from Cockfosters, London's Benedictines, of any congregation, have a tremendous

reputation to keep up ... The carols from King's College chapel have become a national institution, and this year those who can get BBC2 can see the service on Christmas afternoon, as well as hear it on the radio the day before as usual. But G25 [line analogue system] is a rareish luxury, and TV's sound is not as good as radio's, so many may settle for a splendid Third Programme concert on Christmas Day, when Peter Pears and Owen Brannigan will be singing in Heinrich Schütz's oratorio, *The Christmas Story*.

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THE TABLET • 12 DECEMBER 1914

In a letter from Private P. Costigan, to his mother at Caledon, Co. Tyrone, in the *Manchester Guardian*, is the following touching incident: two men of ours had got worried because they never had a chance of a Mass, and on they went to a little place in the wood to pray. The Germans started shelling the wood at that time ... One was killed and the other ... seriously wounded. From the same letter, we take the following description: we caught a couple of Bavarians the day before last. They started talking with

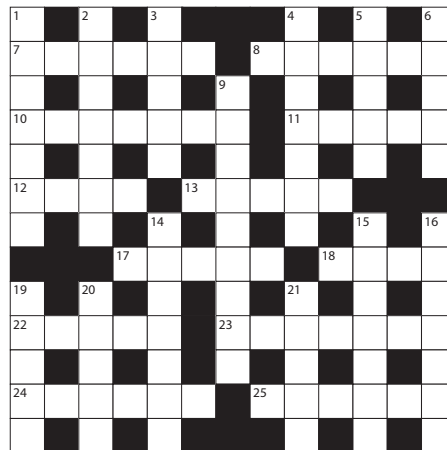
us, and were greatly surprised to find that most of us were good Catholics like themselves. They couldn't understand Catholics fighting one another, and said they had been told that the British troops were all Protestants and the French atheists. They knew that Irish troops were out, but had been told they would not fight. They think they have a grievance against us Irish because we have fought so hard against them in this war instead of going over to their side, as they thought we would just to spite England.

PUZZLES

PRIZE CROSSWORD No. 440 | Enigma

Across

- 7 Protective cover for the annual charge one must pay on entering the stock market (6)
- 8 Sister's Iberian uncle represents the Pope (6)
- 10 A small Eastern European element in pond life (7)
- 11 There is some point in having an assignation with a poet (5)
- 12 A Catholic foundation (4)
- 13 How a South African may prevent the English from intruding in his verandah (5)
- 17 I announce my intention to write about what one may find in the church (5)
- 18 There is some breathing apparatus, of which he says he is aware (4)
- 22 A rambling tale about tea and coffee (5)
- 23 Put a label on wood from the Philippines (7)



- 24 This sailor's name constitutes a two-word sermon (6)
- 25 Behold, in the marshes, there are outlaws (6)

Down

- 1 Power source suitable for the habitat of a protected species? (7)
- 2 In favour of providing a passage through which we can route what we have manufactured (7)
- 3 There's nothing to be jealous of in 8 Across (5)
- 4 Sounds like perfect food for the Sabbath (7)

- 5 The cask in the ship proves to be a knockout (5)
- 6 A romantic gives the church authorities a ring (5)
- 9 The mindset of a mentor whose lack of any alternative leaves the laity in turmoil (9)
- 14 Sack him! Tell him to go to blazes! (7)
- 15 Bring up what you stole, then fight to see the computer menu (7)
- 16 Give the poultry the basic facts about an ancient Briton (7)
- 19 When starting the flu, he's weak, according to Scripture (5)
- 20 What one must do before one can sit in parliament (5)
- 21 Admiring exclamations heard as American visitors view these architectural features (5)

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Crossword Competition 13 December
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● The answers to this week's puzzles and the crossword winner's name will appear in the 3 January 2015 issue.

Solution to the 22 November crossword No. 437

Across: 7 Oxalic; 8 Adorno; 10 Rhondda; 11 Ibert; 12 Neon; 13 Salem; 17 Tiara; 18 Tiro; 22 Torah; 23 Astaire; 24 Needle; 25 Tennis.
Down: 1 Borrano; 2 Nabokov; 3 Birds; 4 Ad litem; 5 Trees; 6 Torts; 9 Hamadryad; 14 Michell; 15 Tiziano; 16 To verse; 19 Etana; 20 Arden; 21 Staël.

Winner: Mike Malone, of Grange over Sands, Cumbria.

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

Solution to the 22 November puzzle