

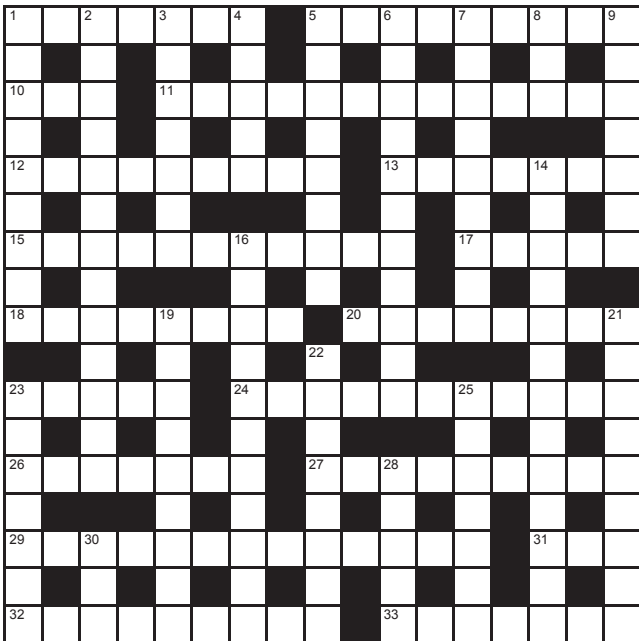
Polymath 689 Set by Gozo

ACROSS

- 1 Patron saint of the archdiocese of Tuam (7)
- 5 Yumrukchal, the highest point of the Balkan mountains (5,4)
- 10 Indian tree yielding an aromatic medicinal oil (3)
- 11 Daring US frontiersmen supporting British forces in the French and Indian Wars from 1756 to 1763 (6,7)
- 12 Himalayan ridge first climbed by Maurice Herzog's expedition in 1950 (9)
- 13 An old actor (7)
- 15 Weekly magazine founded in 1902 by Edward O'Cullen, owner of Wexford's The People (8,3)
- 17 Royal Burgh on the Solway Firth (5)
- 18 Lincolnshire wool-town with mediaeval callises or almshouses (8)
- 20 The great auk (8)
- 23 In heraldry, obdisional, mural or vallary, eg (5)
- 24 Oxfordshire RAF base (5,6)
- 26 Being obliged to (7)
- 27 Race of horses endowed with reason and man's finer qualities, in *Gulliver's Travels* (9)
- 29 Former name of Chemnitz, from 1953 until 1990 (4-4-5)
- 31 A left-over from a meal (3)
- 32 Last night (9)
- 33 Sloth (7)

DOWN

- 1 Patron saint of Naples (9)
- 2 13th century French poem of 22,000 lines – an allegory on the Art of Love (5,2,2,4)
- 3 Traditional utterances ascribed to Jesus, but not in the canonical Gospels (7)
- 4 In Genesis, the Egyptian servant of Sarah (5)
- 5 Most easterly of the Caribbean islands (8)
- 6 Peasants' bobbin fabric with a simple openwork pattern (7,4)
- 7 Fragile fern from tropical America with fan-shaped leaves and a black stem (5,4)
- 8 Obsolete term for a brood of pheasants (3)
- 9 Sea loch in Wester Ross, the northerly branch of Loch Carron (7)
- 14 December 31/January 1 celebration (4,3,3,3)
- 16 Film star of *The Servant*, *Death in Venice* and *The Night Porter* (4,7)
- 19 Colloquial name of the US Federal National Mortgage Association (6,3)
- 21 Quatrains of eight-syllable lines (4,5)
- 22 Tour an area, visiting places of interest (8)
- 23 Capital and chief port of Guinea (7)
- 25 Pertaining to a Gnostic sect which venerated snakes (7)
- 28 Capital of Saitama prefecture on Honshu island in Japan (5)
- 30 An Ethiopian prince or a headland (3)



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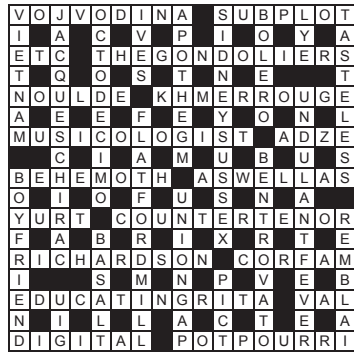
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