



**A PERIMETRIC PUZZLE!** The letters around the edge, starting at top left and going clockwise, form the answer to: "Irishman is sad, a bit sentimental, angrily opposed to separating church and state (28)" Other answers should be fitted in wherever they will go.

Quiet cove from Ireland with farm tool (6)

Tough and fit battle best (8)

Hush about bed time is for Mendelssohn's symphony No. 3 (8)

Duck keeping carryover dry (8)

Desserts left on f-floating platform (3,5)

Relative to the French books... (4)

Runs around vessel holding drink (6)

I? I love to eat (6)

Peeks from alley with almost best camouflage (8)

Ron and friend shell out for a mysterious word from the *Principia Discordia* (5)

On reflection, bicycle lamp coverings could be commoner (4)

More work? I hear you beat back sloth (6)

Test a widow by morning (4)

I fall behind artists, contrary to the wild sheep of central Asia (6)

Heads off the Sun's accustomed entrance, which is over here? (4)

Might sir reconsider a Conservative ideology? (8)

Personal assistant bent over backwards for Murdoch (4)

Echo sounder reason artist holds (5)

Have a hesitation with modern Ireland (4)  
Fast with paid work after end of Easter (5)  
*Illuminatus!* author and friend opening a bundle (5)  
Love can be expensive (4)  
Flying freight from Barnet, according to Cockney; vehicle to depart (3,5)  
Unable to get out, lacking an important key (2,6)  
Thanks team to move aircraft (4)  
They get out of bed for structural members (6)  
Without pitch, faces up to over being of little interest (3,4,3,2,3)  
Now is not the hour, say leaders, for short measures (6)  
Imprisoned, coming from a sentence at the last possible moment (2,3,4,2,4)  
Low points of small dam (6)