



ACROSS

- 1 Man going round new church (7)
- 5 Girl has rejected favourite sin? (7)
- 9 Early would-be scientist disturbed St Michael (9)
- 10 Spoil one with a Florentine version of the Madonna (5)
- 11 I start to raise a question given by one Middle Easterner (5)
- 12 New style representation of Rome's mind (9)
- 13 Holy man best to ignore initial criticism (5)
- 14 Hymn tune showing edge on being captured in recording (7)
- 16 I'm seen in some verse – in Genesis? (3)
- 17 Support enveloping single early believer? (7)
- 18 Out of practice, though would be reliable given time (5)
- 20 Religious approach that could make him modest (9)
- 22 Leading by a number of games? Surprise result (5)
- 24 Place for small statue: back of church in French city (5)
- 25 101 soldiers retreating? 101 soldiers retreating, depicted in film (9)
- 26 Nobleman that is seen in the initial stages? (5,2)
- 27 Woman's embracing Rector in religious buildings (7)

DOWN

- 1 Fellow that is hoarding pence, ultimately a miser (6)
- 2 Pleasant article giving alternative view of council location? (5)
- 3 I've deity, demon and glimpses of common heretics arrayed in religious allegory (3,6,6)
- 4 One encouraging downpour that could lead to a rank mire (4-5)
- 5 Subdues Mothers' Union starts to take extraordinary decisions (5)
- 6 At sea, merman mistrusts unusually mild weather in autumn (2,7,6)
- 7 Wild rioter coming in to harass region (9)
- 8 Friend, around Sunday, getting nothing out of gloomy religious singing (8)
- 13 Show evidence of injury – after accident in this? (6-3)
- 14 Fixes to bring in monarch's funeral necessities (9)
- 15 Fellow in dispute removing woman's wine (8)
- 19 Food on board? Lots (6)
- 21 Describing South American civilisation that's successfully filmed? (5)
- 23 A saint? Sadly, not one - devil (5)