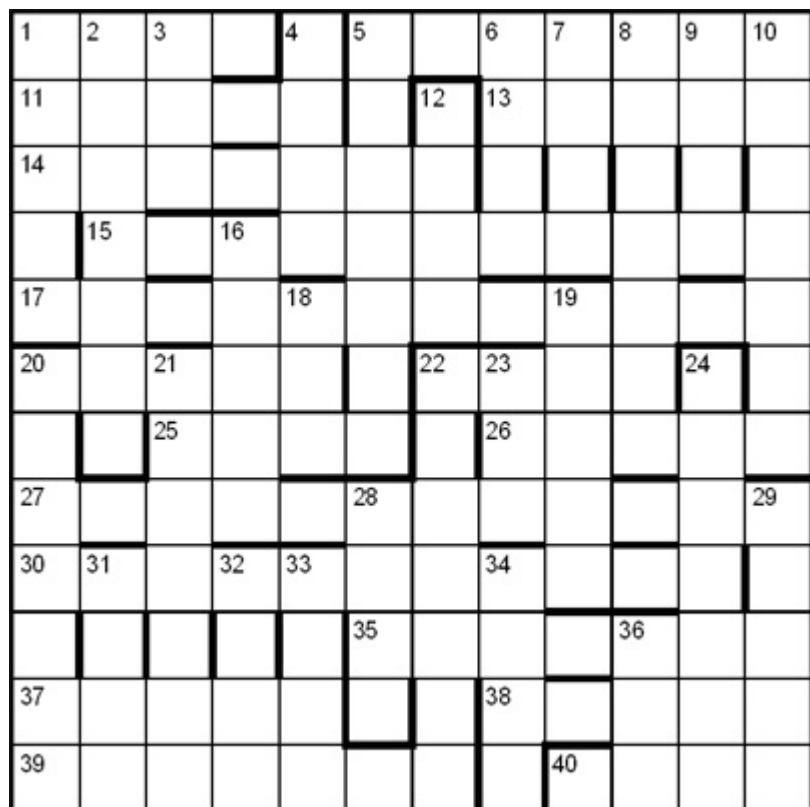


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Across

- 1 Feast and sup: Yuletide carousal (4)
 5 Out of one's skull from the brandy in the puds - shame! (7)
 11 Levity from cracker well below par - "Knock, knock ..." (5)
 13 Drunkenly, I would fall and cut head ... (5)
 14 ... going: "I'm Pope, I live in Vatican City!" So ... (7)
 17 ... red vino meant I was giving a title to myself (12)
 20 I'm so glad I got this thingumajig for Xmas (5)

- 22 Dieting was no fun - let's cut the Xmas cake (4)
- 25 There's a point to this: have a pee early on Boxing Day (4)
- 26 One Xmas I got given a leg of mutton ... (5)
- 30 ... only I'd expected garlic pate - and it was off (11)
- 37 Red, red Robin wandered along ... (5)
- 38 ... it was alert and grasping some holly (5)
- 39 "Grand," said I, with a note of contempt ... (7)
- 40 ... "a holiday: now we can put our feet up" (4)

Down

- 1 Mum raised and fed pup on Xmas leftovers ... (5)
- 2 ... it's a sore point, considering what's in most food (7)
- 3 Both together for Xmas? (3)
- 4 I keel over when keg's empty (4)
- 5 Read that Epistle I got from "The Rock" (7)
- 6 Decreed a December week served as the ... (4)
- 7 ... Season of Goodwill: being trashy, one's really taken for a ride by it ... (4)
- 9 ... oh, it hasn't been easy, since the early Christians decided on it (4)
- 10 Orders set menu, including Xmas Pudding (7)
- 12 No "zizzing" in Church after Xmas dinner ... (4)
- 16 ... enthusiasm for the catechism? Pooh! ... (5)
- 18 ... I gave the epitome of grimace, being seen to ... (3)
- 19 ... screw up my face: "It's two ... (5)
- 20 ... hours! Any danger of a drink?" I complained (7)
- 21 Elap and Sabre (amongst many others) may have Xmas Trees stored in the attic (7)
- 23 A stove for cooking festive saag aloo? (3)
- 24 Donations go toward animal charities at Xmas (7)
- 28 Song about snowdrift: it is seasonal (4)
- 29 Eventually fed guests with sweet (5)
- 31 Eaten with sushi - or nibbled on Boxing Day? (4)
- 32 Winter always got very cold, I decided (4)
- 33 It completes the score in a docudrama about Jesus (4)
- 34 Nasty, ancient letter from Caesars ... (4)
- 36 ... giving their anger against Christians (3)

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