



**Across**

- 8 Cloy cloth (4)
- 9 Believer, lifting hearts and embracing division, saves the most (10)
- 10 Holy man is late returning, so we hear, after love is kept out of sight (6)
- 11 Young slips head off to become producers (8)
- 12 Colourful tangled rose. Ouch! (8)
- 14 In time to divide the year (6)
- 16 & 17 A tree with a flipping sloth in...look! (4,5)
- 18 Arrange hush money (4)
- 19 Develops point on Mussolini's... (6)
- 21 ...use of UN in court review (8)
- 23 Measure announced to finish off tailless monster before morning (8)

26 Trying to introduce team to taste (6)

27 Payment plan in the outback (5-5)

28 See 5 Down

**Down**

- 1 Ground cat meat is dead wrong (10)
- 2 Blooming river queen (8)
- 3 Gallery lover promises us removal... (6)
- 4 ...of pretentious painter's tray creation (4)
- 5 & 28 Too late to treat fat chef badly (5,3,4)
- 6 Tuck in the french garment (6)
- 7 Addict's deceitful ruse (4)
- 13 Boat blade is very loud (5)
- 15 Cut heart out against pole, in part (10)
- 17 Stupid reply, lacking wisdom initially, inspired numerous expeditionary firsts (8)

- 18** Clean cattle in worship? About time! (8)
- 20** Sultry model's secret (6)
- 22** I left stuffy official (6)
- 24** Decorated some service dignitaries (4)
- 25** Inspire progress (4)