

Christmas Crossword

Across

- 1** (astronomy) a celestial body of hot gases that radiates energy derived from thermonuclear reactions in the interior (4)
- 2** A sauce made by adding stock, flour, or other ingredients to the juice and fat that drips from cooking meats (5)
- 3** Of the colour between blue and yellow in the colour spectrum (5)
- 5** A small replica of a person; used as a toy (5)
- 7** A group of sheep or goats; A group of birds (5)
- 8** (Roman mythology) god of love; counterpart of Greek Eros (5)
- 10** The emotion of great happiness (3)
- 12** Dish baked in pastry-lined pan often with a pastry top (3)
- 13** Any of numerous trees of the family Cupressaceae that resemble cedars (5)
- 14** (folklore) fairies that are somewhat mischievous (5)
- 16** A group of people gathered together for pleasure (5)
- 18** (Roman Catholic Church and Protestant Churches) the celebration of the Eucharist (4)
- 19** (music) produce tones with the voice (4)
- 21** [N. Amer] Baby bed with high sides made of slats (4)
- 23** A vehicle mounted on runners and pulled by horses or dogs; for transportation over snow (6)
- 26** The last (12th) month of the year (8)

- 28** The season including the four Sundays preceding Christmas (6)
- 30** Meat cut from the thigh of a pig (usually smoked) (3)
- 31** Old World vine with lobed evergreen leaves and black berrylike fruits (3)
- 32** The mother of Jesus; Christians refer to her as the Virgin Mary; she is especially honoured by Roman Catholics (4)

Down

- 1** A vehicle mounted on runners and pulled by horses or dogs; for transportation over snow (4)
- 2** A soft yellow malleable ductile (trivalent and univalent) metallic element which signifies wealth (4)
- 3** Something acquired without compensation (4)
- 4** The season around the 25th December

- (traditionally extending from Dec. 24 to Jan. 6) (4)
- 5** A performer who dances professionally (6)
- 6** Flavourful relish, dressing or topping served as an accompaniment to food (5)
- 9** Something presented as a gift (8)
- 10** A teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth; his life and sermons form the basis for Christianity (circa 4 BC - AD 29) (5)
- 11** The season around the 25th December (traditionally extending from Dec. 24 to Jan. 6) (4)
- 12** A coniferous tree (4)
- 13** A rectangular piece of stiff paper used to send messages (may have printed greetings or pictures) (4)
- 15** One of Santa's reindeers (6)
- 17** Any of various

- evergreen trees of the genus *Abies*; chiefly of upland areas (3)
- 20** The colour of Rudolph's nose (3)
- 22** A very young child (birth to 1 year) who has not yet begun to walk or talk (4)
- 24** A hotel providing overnight lodging for travellers (3)
- 25** A doxology (beginning Gloria Patri, Glory be to the Father), sung or said at the end of the Psalms in the service of the Roman Catholic and other churches (6)
- 27** Cud-chewing mammal used as a draft or saddle animal in desert regions (5)
- 29** An artifact designed to be played with (4)
- 30** Belonging to, derived from or associated with a divine power (4)

