

Gemelo No. 52

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Across

- 1** These may go down well at Christmas to illustrate decoration reflecting saint (7)
11 Trousers better with slit, shortly, on edge? (10, 2 words)
12 Worm doesn't live without head (4)
13 Hidden switch to release nitrogen (6)
14 Reform needs tips for unenthusiastic state (9)
15 German and Swedish hit incorporates pop music (6)
17 What's gripping in place of depravity? (4)
18 Motorists join this competition before the end (3)
20 Discovery of provincial runner bounding about in country (6)
21 Domesticated chap disregarding Parisian friend who's learned the ropes by stages? (6)
23 Mimic a winger, to a certain extent? (3)
25 White arsenic regularly removed this (4)
26 Set aside middle of Fig Newton, covered in spit (6)

- 27** Oratory is dull from Jean-Luc Mélenchon on the left, lacking range (9)
29 In unique correspondence, what illuminates some letters in Old English? (6)
30 Picture point of no return without difficulty (4)
31 Keep record on Claude, say, returning 18th century instrument (10)
32 God's replacement no longer taking aim for the high ground (7)

Down

- 1** Harry, topless, hosting a celebration involving Rolling Stone (6)
2 Church's governing body agreed nylons must be destroyed (12, 2 words)
3 No one beat up people (6)
4 Vehicle beside leader? (4)
5 Grand circle includes bar with exposed beams? (8)
6 Fur coat from Oxfam hiding possible uniform (7)
7 Prince welcoming very religious teachers (4)

- 8** Swimsuit that is, these days, below rock-bottom price? (8)
9 Was resonant soprano transforming hard-rock cut? (12, 3 words)
10 Least fake shelled oysters (6)
15 Try chess when battling Grim Reaper and so on (8)
16 Role of church baptism, say, probed by each new mum (8)
19 The rain bothered lock-keeper? (7)
21 Very loudly holding conferences about remote (6)
22 Crush inside of each year's bloom (6)
24 Female cutting tool turned up at what time from history? (6, 2 words)
27 Size of paper that's uneven, having lost margins (4)
28 Airline rejected spoon without depth (4, 2 words)