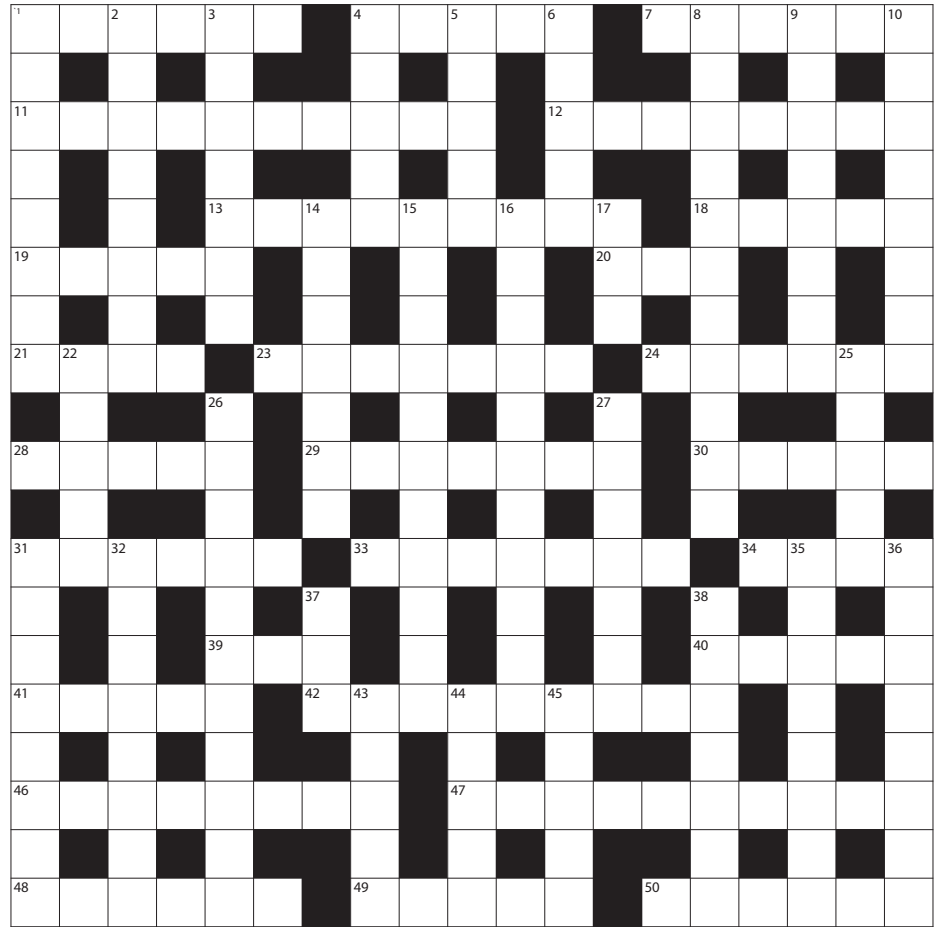## Across

1 Ancient city whose "Holy Land College" recently returned to the Franciscans (6)
4 One of Dublin's patron saints, founder of pilgrimage monastery at Glendalough (5)
7 Polish city whose former archbishop later became Pope John Paul II (6)
11 Of a Victorian character and fictional characters (10)
12 One deserves another, it is said (4,4)
13 See 36 Down
18 See 8 Down
19 "Long to ----- over us", National Anthem (5)
20 Acronymic reference to a "sixth sense" (1.1.1.)
21 Frans, Dutch painter of such as the *Laughing Cavalier* (4)
23 & **28** Across: The seasonal dance piece composed by Émile Waldteufel (7,5)
24 Elaborate clasps used to fasten priests' copes (6)
28 See 23 Across
29 Piece of medical item used to counter a virus (7)
30 "This is the ----- of the Queen", hymn by Fr Caswall to Our Lady (5)
31 "Lord keep us safe this night, ------ from all our fears", hymn by John Leland (6)
33 Relating to writers (7)
34 Arvo, contemporary Catholic Estonian composer (4)
39 Bd Joan of ---, mother of St Dominic (3)
40 Symbol of St John the Evangelist (5)
41 Italian composer whose last work was *Stabat Mater* (5)
42 Christmas represented by Scrooge's third ghost (3,2,4)
46 Conqueror from this French region crowned on Christmas Day 1066 (8)
47 Australian cardinal now exonerated and received by the Pope in Rome (6,4)
48 Shortened name of Rule founder given to medieval order of friars and canons (6)
49 "----- *tuus Maria*", St John Paul II's motto taken from St Louis de Montfort (5)
50 North-east town of important synod in 664 and the novel *Dracula* (6)

Down

1 "Heaven --- -----", Ukrainian Christmas carol (3,5)
2 El --------, town and name of world heritage monastery near Madrid (8)
3 ---- --- *Peasant*, popular Overture and operetta by von Suppé (4,3)
4 Gustav, Austrian artist of the Symbolist School: works include *Judith and the Head of Holofernes* (5)
5 ----- *malum bono*, from Romans 12, "overcome evil with good" (5)
6 Desert in the Holy Land (5)
8 & **18** Across: "*Alma* ----------- -----", seasonal antiphon to the Blessed Virgin (11,5)
9 Katherine E. Price, -------- of the Roman Catholic Church, a title bestowed on her by Pope Pius XI (8)
10 "And through all his -------- childhood", "Once in Royal David's City" (8)
14 The ------- day of 2020 is 21 December (7)
15 Academic believing natural laws govern events determining social and cultural phenomena (11)
16 "-- --------- *erat Verbum*", opening of John's gospel at end of traditional Latin Mass (2,9)
17 "Make not your rosary of …-berries", Keats' *Ode on Melancholy* (3)
22 "Christians -----, salute the happy morn", carol by Mancunian John Byrom (5)
25 Composer of "A Christmas Greeting" set to a poem by his wife Alice (5)
26 National of country in the border area of Europe and Asia (11)
27 Name of page Viola disguised as in Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* (7)
31 Central European country where majority celebrate Advent and Christmas (8)
32 World heritage site cathedral in France, early thirteenth century with two quite different towers (8)
35 Collection of reasoned statements promoting theological or other idea (8)
36 & **13** Across: Classic Christmas carol (3,5,3,3,3)
37 Jesus declared himself to be the --- in John 14: 6 (3)
38 "And he ------- for our sadness", "Once in Royal David's City" (7)
43 *The Flight Into* -----, depiction of the Holy Family's escape from Herod (5)
44 "Goodnight, Sleep -----", children's song popularised in the Fifties by Danny Kaye (5)
45 "In the ----- is life", ["*in cruce vita*", Thomas à Kempis] (5)

Answers: See Page 55

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Solution to the 28 November puzzle

4	6	7	8	2	3	9	5	1
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