Christmas Fare
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This week I offer you an Irish Science Crossword based on important people and places in Irish Science and a selection of seasonal jokes. My best wishes to all for a happy and peaceful Christmas.

What do you call a polar bear wearing ear muffs? Anything you want. He can't hear you!

What do you call a chicken at the North Pole? Lost.

Just before Christmas, an honest politician, a generous lawyer and Santa Claus were riding in the lift of a very posh hotel. Just before the doors opened they all noticed a 20 Euro note lying on the floor. Which one picked it up? Santa of course, because the other two don't exist!

What's red and white and red and white and red and white? Santa Claus rolling down a hill.

Why did Frosty go to live in the middle of the ocean? Because snow man is an island.

Mafia Christmas
A mafioso's son sits at his desk writing a Christmas list to Jesus. He first writes, "Dear baby Jesus, I have been a good boy the whole year, so I want a new..." He looks at it, then crumples it up into a ball and throws it away. He gets out a new piece of paper and writes again, "Dear baby Jesus, I have been a good boy for most of the year, so I want a new..." He again looks at it with disgust and throws it away.
He then gets an idea. He goes into his mother's room, takes a statue of the Virgin Mary, puts it in the closet, and locks the door. He takes another piece of paper and writes, "Dear baby Jesus. If you ever want to see your mother again..."
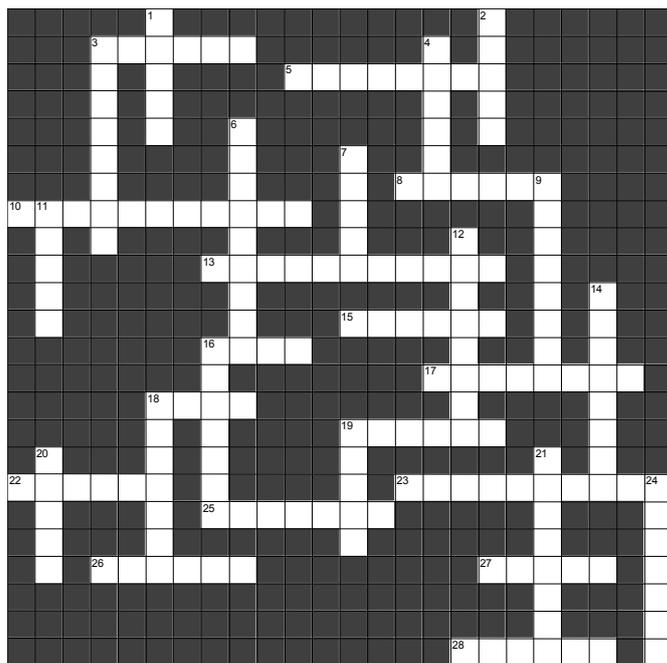
Trip to Holy Land
A Scotsman, planning a trip to the Holy Land, was aghast when he found it would cost fifty Euro an hour to rent a boat on the Sea of Galilee.
"Hoot mon," he said, "in Scotland it wouldna ha been more than 20 Euro."
"That might be true," said the travel agent, "but you have to take into account that the Sea of Galilee is water on which our Lord himself walked."
"Well, at 50 Euro/hour for a boat," said the Scotsman, "it's no wonder he walked."

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