AFR Cryptic (Saturday 3/2/2024) Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 SOCIAL	Outcast has kept away from representation of local	Anagram of LOCAL
LEPER	Pharisees? (6,5)	PHARISEES minus HAS
7 SUB	Replacement coach given backing (3)	BUS reversed
9 AGENT	A fellow worker in the selling business (5)	A + GENT
10 MANICURED	Dog owned by spoilt maiden is well groomed (9)	CUR inside anagram of MAIDEN
11 BIOSPHERE	Enclosed ecosystem's new-fangled probe is filled with helium (9)	Anagram of PROBE IS outside HE
12 HOUSE	Residence is hot, mostly, before service (5)	(HO)t + USE
13 LINE-OUT	Rugby union play routinely deployed without flankers? (4-3)	Anagram of (r)OUTINEL(y)
15 TART	Like lemon pie (4)	Double Definition
18 LIMA	Affiliates of Muslim Action Centre in Peru (4)	musLIM Action
20 SPECIAL	Peculiar drinks containing ice sent back (7)	(ICE inside LAPS) reversed
23 SHOTS	Photographs recently taken in the middle of Brussels (5)	HOT inside bruSSels
24 PARASITIC	Bloodsucking father, one embraced by demented racist (9)	PA + (I inside anagram of RACIST)
26 HYPNOTISE	Entrance is not switched around in publicity stunt (9)	(NOT + IS) inside HYPE
27 AVERT	Turn away troubled relative not admitting lie (5)	Anagram of RELATIVE minus LIE
28 RED	Area of suture definitely inflamed (3)	sutuRE Definitely
29 SCRUTINISED	Inspected ship originally sailed with cargo of metal (11)	(S)hip + (CRUISED outside TIN)

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 SEAT BELT	It securely holds sitter's wobbly table in position (4,4)	Anagram of TABLE inside SET
2 CRETONNE	Crew reduced weight and heavy material (8)	CRE(w) + TONNE
3 ACT UP	Federation of workers quietly carry on (3,2)	ACTU + P
4 LAMBERT	Part of normal amber traffic light unit (7)	normaL AMBER Traffic
5 PUNGENT	Spicy joke by lady's man (7)	PUN + GENT
6 RACEHORSE	People organised shoer for track competitor (9)	RACE + anagram of SHOER
7 SIRIUS	I squeezed between gentleman and American star (6)	I inside (SIR + US)
8 BUDGET	Develop secure financial statement (6)	BUD + GET
14 OMISSIONS	Gaps overseas filled by military operation (9)	OS outside MISSION
16 MISTRESS	Lady of the house married one with anxiety (8)	M + I + STRESS
17 PLACATED	Drunken cadet, after party, returned and calmed down (8)	Anagram of CADET after (ALP reversed)
19 APPLIER	One who uses a power tool with end-piece detached (7)	A + P + PLIER(s)
20 SERPENT	Registered enclosure put in place for a snake (7)	(R + PEN) inside SET
21 ESTHER	Queen of Persia rules the region to some extent (6)	rulES THE Region
22 TORPID	Slow to river, duck toppled over (6)	TO + R + (DIP reversed)
25 SPAIN	Resort in a European country (5)	SPA + IN