AFR Cryptic (Saturday 11/11/2023) Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 CLERIC	Divine relic excited head of church (6)	Anagram of RELIC + (C)hurch
5 HABITAT	Natural environment is rather active in Panama possibly (7)	(A BIT) inside HAT
9 FORTUNE- TELLERS	Timber gatherers collecting erratically - not true visionaries (7-7)	FELLERS outside anagram of NOT TRUE
11 URINATED	Weed, one found in nature, weirdly died (8)	I inside anagram of NATURE + D
12 FONDUE	Found cooked slice of eggplant in dipping sauce (6)	Anagram of FOUND + (E)ggplant
14 TIGHT	Compact may be in operation from tonight (5)	TONIGHT minus ON
15 CHRISTMAS	Swindler, finally identified in this scam, spoilt holiday (9)	swindle(R) inside anagram of THIS SCAM
17 RINGTONES	Band on set reworked "Music of the Modern Age" (9)	RING + anagram of ON SET
19 STRIP	Expose back of dress with slip up (5)	dres(S) + TRIP
21 SILENT	Mum is coming back some time before Easter (6)	IS reversed + LENT
23 INTRIGUE	Conspiracy in firm about one thousand dollars (8)	IN + [TRUE outside (I + G)]
25 INTERNATIONALS	Injured Iranian lost ten matches at the highest level (14)	Anagram of IRANIAN LOST TEN
26 GROMMET	Young surfer's ring of rope or metal (7)	Double Definition
27 GREASY	Like oil when present in hair colour (6)	AS inside GREY

Down	Clue	Explanation
2 LOOKING ON	Relatives depart with crazy person outside watching (7,2)	(KIN + GO) inside LOON
3 RETRACT	Withdraw contents of free political booklet? (7)	f(RE)e + TRACT
4 CANDESCENT	Depth charge, way down, is glowing (10)	CAN + DESCENT
5 HATE	Have no stomach for filling of sandwich at eatery (4)	sandwicH AT Eatery
6 BILIOUS	Sick one sprayed oil inside people mover (7)	(I + anagram of OIL) inside BUS
7 TREND	Time to break with style (5)	T + REND
8 TESTERS	Output of cryptic setters (7)	Anagram of SETTERS
10 GUST	Endless enthusiasm is a blast? (4)	GUST(o)
13 PRESENTING	Promoter initially feeling bitter about putting on a show (10)	(P)romoter + RESENTING
16 MARIGOLDS	Parents, supporting mother, arrange flowers (9)	OLDS after (MA+ RIG)
17 RUSHING	Mass of hair covering shin is advancing quickly (7)	RUG outside SHIN
18 TANGRAM	Puzzle bug fixed up by computer store (7)	GNAT reversed + RAM
19 STRANGE	Extraordinary street selection (7)	ST + RANGE
20 PIER	Support the work of a baker, right? (4)	PIE + R
22 LOTTO	Ladies, say, taking time, doubled up in gambling game (5)	LOO outside (T + T)
24 PACT	Agreement is solid, according to auditor (4)	Sounds like PACKED