

AFR Cryptic (Saturday 9/8/2025) Solution

¹ C	H	² A	M	³ B	E	⁴ R		⁵ P	O	⁶ T	A	⁷ T	O	
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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 CHAMBER	Light colour painted at far end of church room (7)	AMBER after CH
5 POTATO	Vegetable matter kept in depot at orchard (6)	dePOT AT Orchard
9 OWING	Outstanding work done by crew down river (5)	ROWING minus R
10 WHOLESOME	Innocent breaches admitted by women mostly (9)	HOLES inside (WOME)n
11 DIAL TONE	Caller might hear this voice in the middle of feast (4,4)	ALTO inside DINE
12 TOO BAD	Outside broadcast handled by contemptible person is regrettable (3,3)	OB inside TOAD
14 CHEF	Main supplier's heartless boss? (4)	CH(i)EF
15 BLOCKHEAD	Criminal fencing security device? He is a stupid person (9)	BAD outside (LOCK + HE)
17 ANCHORAGE	An enclosure containing last lot of scotch or port (9)	(AN + CAGE) outside [scotc(H) + OR]
18 CHIP	Clubs in a golf shot (4)	C + HIP
20 STREAM	State of water restricting river's flow (6)	STEAM outside R
21 GET ABOUT	Move around broken gate before fight (3,5)	Anagram of GATE + BOUT
24 FOOD COURT	Fine clubs located in redeveloped outdoor area that caters for consumers (4,5)	F + (C inside anagram of OUTDOOR)
25 SEINE	Find out about popular European flower (5)	SEE outside IN
26 ENTRAP	Mate just about pulled back catch (6)	(PARTNE)r reversed
27 REFUGEE	Displaced person on drug paying no attention to doctor in charge (7)	RE +(DRUG minus DR) inside FEE

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