CROSSWORD
No. 15,864 Set by SLORMGORM

ACROSS
1 Mock lack of ability? That's not Liberal! (9)
6 One associating with awfully nice old folk (5)
9 Senior metal worker wife's walked out on (5)
10 Set up body to go after one of May's lot? (9)
11 Sort out rotten ally in a patient manner (10)
12 Contrary types leaving doomed vessel Polaris? (4)
14 Thoughtful writer I've to host September 1st (7)
15 Unhappy about vacuous Swede, he's a pathetic sort (3,4)
17 Is angry witness close to tears describing article? (7)
19 Company dispatch about head of music is a load of rot (7)
20 Holy leader explodes when son turns to ecstasy (4)
22 Conservative on at Brand about illegal stuff (10)
25 Somewhat tight pants worn round Arkansas by one's husband (9)
26 Sin of wife-to-be bishop ignored after pressure (5)
27 Bowler known for cannonball delivery – duck! (5)
28 One such as Chris Evans takes the biscuit! (6,3)

DOWN
1 Incompetent and still replacing rook with pawn (5)
2 Laziness on decline after making some changes (9)
3 Jet's cargo ultimately fine in near miss while flying? (3,7)
4 Perfume to make someone hot under the collar (7)
5 Puzzle needs original name at top? Good point! (7)
6 You might say Murdoch is a bit of a looker (4)
7 Break out flipping unadulterated drop of tequila (5)
8 Seriously bad trainees found around Norway (2,7)
13 Bit of the bible, perhaps, that stuck in my throat? (5,5)
14 Office rang, but Henry's out (delayed for a bit) (9)
16 Love a tandoori to be done in a new way (9)
18 Sleeping sounds no good beneath hoisted manacles (7)
19 Catholic at church working to become popular (5,2)
21 Hooded coat found in primary recreation ground? (5)
23 Foremost of doctrines by which Mark lived (5)
24 Dull person can be a pig by the sound of it (4)

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