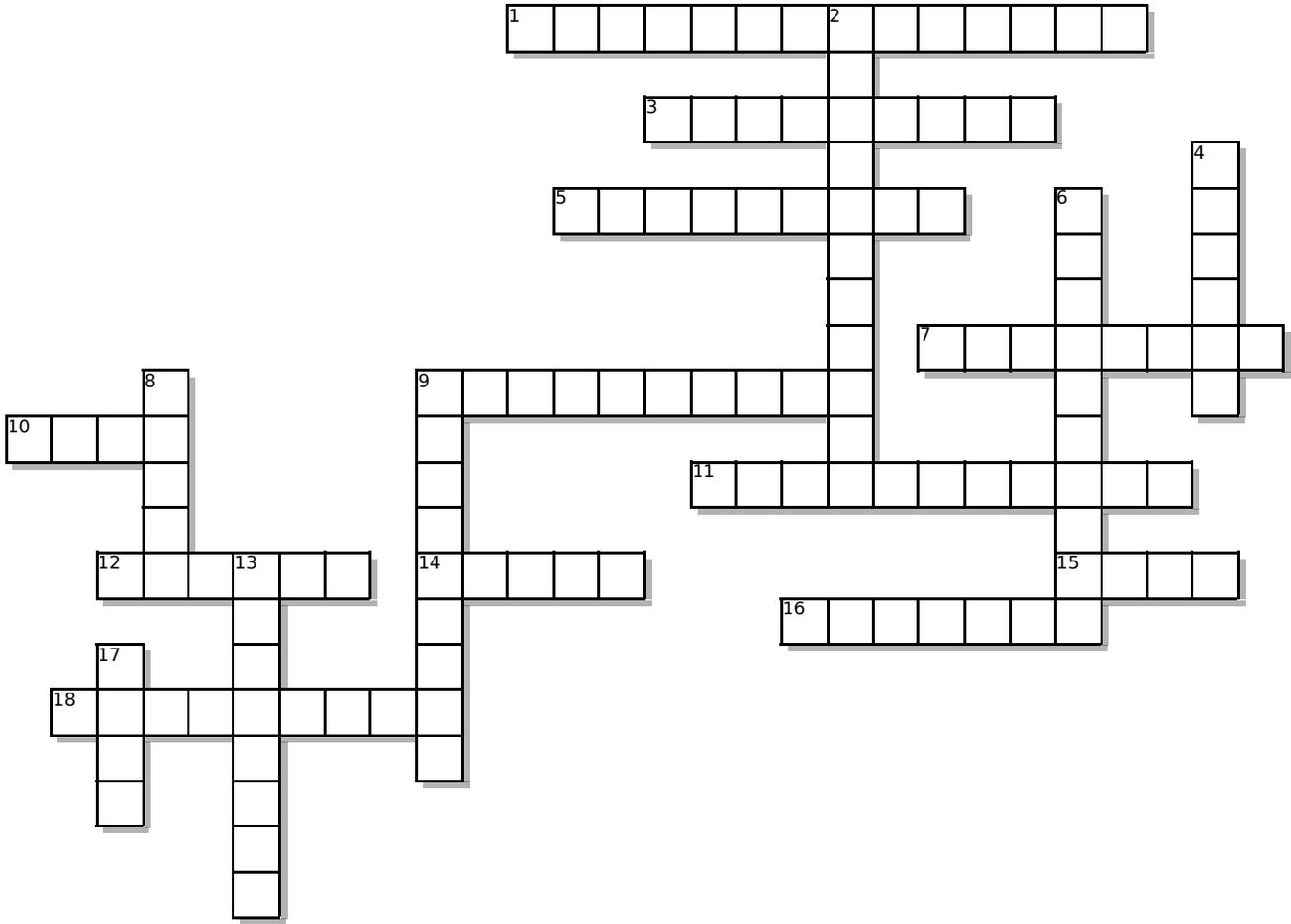


December Feast Days



ACROSS

- 1 St Thomas's Day is also the
- 3 It was traditional for a choirboy to be chosen as this on St Nicholas's Day in medieval and Tudor times.
- 5 Which Tudor monarch banned the choirboy tradition, seeing it as superstitious?
- 7 St Nicholas was the patron saint of sailors, merchants, archers, repentant thieves, brewers, pawnbrokers and
- 9 Today, we associate St Nicholas with this festive figure.
- 10 St Nicholas was the 4th century Bishop of Myra.
- 11 St Thomas's Day is celebrated on this date in December.
- 12 The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is celebrated on this date in December.
- 14 The Feast of St Nicholas is on this date in December.
- 15 It was traditional for people to "go Thomasing" on St Thomas's day - what did they collect?

- 16 St Thomas is also known as Doubting Thomas and
- 18 St Thomas's profession.

DOWN

- 2 The immaculate conception meant a birth free of the taint of
- 4 In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus said "..... little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God", and the tradition of 6th December is a reminder of this.
- 6 The choirboy chosen on St Nicholas's Day would lead services and preach until this feast day on 28th December.
- 8 Which Tudor monarch brought back the choirboy tradition following its earlier ban?
- 9 This cathedral in Wiltshire also celebrates the choirboy/choirgirl tradition.
- 13 This cathedral was the first to revive the choirboy tradition in modern times, in 1973.
- 17 Whose immaculate conception is celebrated at the Feast of the Immaculate Conception?

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