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Across

- Before getting hitched to flighty chit, one's warned about dropping one (5)
- Pious heads of each diocese involved in liturgical worship (7, 2 words)
- Check limit of exposure in photo (5)
- Top up rank disheartened about 'shorty' sword (7)
- Sack for prince (5)
- Coffee place switching ingredients for pancakes (5)
- Warm current that's battered UK shore endlessly I love (8)
- Renegade concealing high explosive with rubber bag (8)
- Cursive script from Norway with a stem circling upright letter? (8)
- Neural centre in the brain, a soft mass restricting plague (8)
- Overseer of religiously strict conduct: zenith (lax rite) punished (8)
- East Asian boat the people's seen off crowning crew? (8)
- Mum's anti meat that's smoked and salted (5)
- Lively dance making country lass work (5)
- Armband, hunter's last seized by hound (7)
- Source of venom you may find heads of unfriendly rival's arrow laced in (5)
- Bird in lea shredded plant group different from its neighbours (7)
- What seamstress wielded, contributing to feminine elegance (5)

Down

- Large religious group makes hay initially, excited when their persecutor's imprisoned? (10)
- Wearing halo, note, gilded (8)
- Travelling diaper for theatrical family (5)
- Cannon carriage on order (5)
- Dyestuff that's changed her (not our) colour (6)
- Church consultants, sanctimonious about modified rite (6)
- Points of view? Majority of forbears will have them with motors around! (7)
- Medic silent when one's extracted case list (7)
- Slid a label for art top to bottom? (4)
- Honey we found in plant that is added to pastry dish (10)
- Potato blight, droop that's damaged fare within (8, 2 words)
- Food for pigeon, sailor's pet on board often (7)
- Hybrid bloom, eastern, among aroids (English) (7, 2 words)
- Pair given e.g. Microwave tested in US (6)
- Rover? Parking charge involving it reduced by 50% (6)
- Achievement of horror film recognized in Oscar eventually (5)
- Result of holding all the best cards (ace included)? They're of interest to palmist (5)
- School surrendering borough ground for poet (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014)

Azed No. 2,424 solution & notes

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Across 10, qua in aboard; 15, comp. anag.; 16, Bala + NUS; 17, hidden; ref. name given to Beethoven's piano s. no. 15; 18, leek in sen.; 26, Fr. + anag.; cut = drunk; 27, (Council of) Trent + a L; 29, jump with le for m'; 33, hype + he's in anag.
Down 3, a DS in paw; 4, i.e. 'rhubarb'; 7, hidden; ref. C. (Abbas) Giant; 9, sv retene; 28, comp. anag.

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