ACROSS
1 Visa, perhaps, found in vehicle loaded outside (6,4)
6 Picture of counterfeit coin (4)
9 Labour unduly to get right standard in room in pub (3-7)
10 Take out daughter, immature (4)
12 Support for each male descendant and you (6,6)
15 Pope perhaps pointing to a youth who drowned holding cross (9)
17 Dickens had a life after retiring (5)
18 Horrify a friend describing parking (5)
19 Clue with rugby union implication finally reveals a type of cricket! (3-3-3)
20 Film with a scenario Loy changed (6,6)
24 One runs round centre of Santa Fe (4)
25 Associate with girl led astray making meal (5,5)
26 Comfortable residence in Vine Street (4)
27 Stubborn leader, powerful (10)

DOWN
1 Solid figure, bishop, blocking signal (4)
2 Atmosphere created by girl blowing top (4)
3 Blessing dear rescuer (5,7)
4 In small room, old musical instrument (5)
5 Take a tumble supporting cycle tour (5,4)
7 Tennis star, Shriver, excited, full of energy entering court (5,5)
8 What was founded in the North East, initially? (3,7)
11 Usherette's torch perhaps picking out a luminary (7,5)
13 Book country hostelry (7,3)
14 Topless, six playing in band (3,7)
16 Decide to turn off ahead of pit (9)
21 Return to surrender (5)
22 Cover ring and swimming pool (4)
23 Beat, fine on record (4)

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