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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday Mass Readings

First Reading:

2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14,16

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 88(89):2-5, 27,29

Second Reading:

Romans 16:25-27

Gospel:

Luke 1:26-38

*"Rejoice, so highly
favoured! The Lord is
with you"*



Hear

Grab your Bible and look up the Gospel reading. Don't have one? No worries, you can find the text [here](#).

Families with small children will enjoy [this animated video](#) of the Annunciation.

Talk

Share with your family or a close friend about a time when you followed the example of Mary and said, "Yes!" to something even though it was hard for you to do or you were afraid to do it.

Family Challenge!

Take some time this week to visit the crib in your local Church and say a prayer as a family while you are there.

Pray

Ask God what you can do to prepare for Jesus coming at Christmas? Tell God how you will make Jesus visible to the others in your family.

The O Antiphons have been part of Catholic tradition since at least the 5th century. They are prayed during the final days leading to the Christmas celebration.

At the Annunciation, Mary said, "Yes" to receiving Jesus in her womb. The O Antiphons remind us of other names for Jesus.

In these final days preparing for Christmas, take a few minutes to pray the O Antiphon for that day. You can find the short daily prayers [here](#).

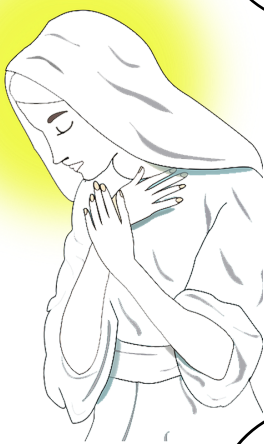
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ANGELUS PRAYER?
CLICK HERE!



Kids' Corner

Let's remember to pray every day
to Our Lady and ask for her help
to make space for Baby Jesus in
our hearts and homes!!

Be it done
unto me
according to
Your Word!



FINDING "MARY MOMENTS"

This Sunday's Gospel tells the story of the Annunciation. The angel Gabriel being sent by God to the virgin Mary in Nazareth to inform her that she was chosen by God to conceive and bear a child who will be named Jesus. The child will be called 'Son of God.'

There are many famous paintings of the Annunciation scene. Artists down through the ages have depicted Mary looking serene and composed, robed in resplendent Renaissance attire, with a glowing halo. However, one artist, Henry Ossawa Tanner, presents us with a different perspective on Mary's experience of the encounter with the divine. He presents Mary sitting on a dishevelled bed and looking utterly dumbfounded and perplexed. There is a hint of confusion in her face as well as anxiety. This is perhaps a more realistic evocation of Mary's response. What God was asking must have been overwhelming for her.

Mary, as a devout Jew, would have had a profound awareness of what a "yes" response would mean for her and how costly it might be. Perhaps we have experienced a "Mary Moment" during this awful time of pandemic: a "Mary Moment" when we suddenly realised that there might be a certain shallowness in our lives, that we are called to a way of living that engages us on a deeper level. The pandemic has taught us about the fragility of life, how precious it is, and that we must do all we can to protect one another. We now realise how soul-destroying isolation can be. Maybe, like Mary, we might have experienced a call to respond at a deeper level, to embrace the holiness we desire. Even though we know it will be costly, let us be inspired by Mary's yes.

By Fr Liam Power

EVENTS

You Tube
LIVESTREAM

Campa Mhuire Mháthair:

Christmas Special: Sun 20th Dec @ 4pm

- Campa Mhuire Mháthair YouTube Channel

You Tube
LIVESTREAM

"The Light of Hope"

Carols from Glencomeragh House

(Diocesan Carol Service): Sun 20th Dec @

7pm - Waterford & Lismore Diocese
YouTube Channel

Family Prayer

Mary, our Mother, bless our
home as we prepare in these
last few days for the birth
of Jesus. Show us how to
be open and obedient to
God's will, as you were, and
to provide a warm and loving
welcome to your Son, Jesus.

Amen

Carlo's Corner



Blessed Carlo Acutis
- Pray for us!

MARY,
OUR MOTHER

"The Virgin Mary is the only woman in my life." Carlo had a great devotion to Our Lady ever since he was a little boy, and he would bring flowers to her statue in church regularly. As he grew older, he made the decision to pray the rosary every day. How is your relationship with Our Lady? Do you see her as your Mother? As we prepare in these last days for Christmas, take some time to quietly ask Our Lady to show you that she is your Mother, and that she loves you, and ask her to help you to grow in faith and make room for Jesus in your life.



Listen to Casting Crowns: "Make Room"



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