

Reflection Monday 2nd Week Easter The Annunciation 2024

Normally celebrated on 25th March, because the 25th of March fell during Holy Week, this solemnity was transferred to today.

We know that Mary was very young when she was asked to become the Mother of Jesus. It leaves us wondering what must have passed through her mind when she was so young. Despite her youth, her littleness and the startling request, she found herself willing to accept the call and to accept it with what one would hope to be a joyful love. As we look back, it was almost as though the whole of humanity waited with baited breath for the consent of this young girl. And we are more than deeply, deeply grateful that she said **yes!**

We can now look back and see this as one of the greatest love stories in the bible. It reveals to us that God loves our world, loves us, so much that He sent us His Son. Now, each time we pray, we become fully part of this wonderful love story, knowing that God can and will guide every detail in our own lives if we give our consent, like Mary, to whatever God asks of us.

Although it is probable that Mary did not fully appreciate the importance of her **fiat**, in raising Jesus, following him to the cross, and experiencing his resurrection, one would hope that she did come to realise how much we and future generations would love her for saying **yes** to God and helping win for us the fullness of life in God both here and hereafter.