

THE FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

MARCH 25

Today, we remember that the Angel Gabriel announced to Mary that God had chosen her to be the mother of his son, Jesus.

Read the story of how God chose Mary to be the mother of his Son. This is an adaptation from Luke 1; 9-38



God sent the angel Gabriel to a town in Galilee named Nazareth. He had a message for a young woman, named Mary, who was going to marry a carpenter named Joseph. The angel came to her and said, "Peace be with you! The Lord is with you and has greatly blessed you! God has chosen you among all women. Very soon you will have a baby, you must call him Jesus." Mary was very afraid but Gabriel told her not to be. He said that the Holy Spirit would fill her and would give her courage and strength. Her baby would be a holy child called the Son of God. God will make a king, as his ancestor David was. He will rule the people of God

forever and his kingdom will never end.

Then, the Angel Gabriel told her that her Cousin Elizabeth, who was very old, was also going to have a baby, for nothing is impossible to God.

Mary bowed before the Angel Gabriel and told him that she would do as God asked. When she got up the angel had gone.

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Use the word bank below to help you complete the following sentences from the gospel story

- 1: You are greatly _____!
- 2: The Lord is with you. Do not be _____!
- 3: God is _____ with you, and you will have a _____.
- 4: His name will be _____.
- 5: He will be _____ and will be called the Son of God.
- 6: Then God will make him a _____, as his ancestor _____ was.
- 7: He will _____ the people of _____ forever, and his _____ will never end.
- 8: Mary _____ before the Angel _____. She said that she would _____ as God _____.

Pleased	God	Blessed	Jesus	Bowed	
Son	Kingdom	Israel	Holy	Gabriel	
Rule	Do	David	Afraid	Asked	King

Pope
Francis
invites
you to
pray



- What: Our Father
- When: Noon, March 25
The Feast of the Annunciation
- Where: In your house and all over the world
- Why: that people all over the world would join together in prayer to God in heaven in these difficult and sad days

R.S.V.P.

By joining Bishop Denis as he prays with Pope Francis on <https://www.facebook.com/KANDLEi> or <http://www.carlowcathedral.ie/webcam/>

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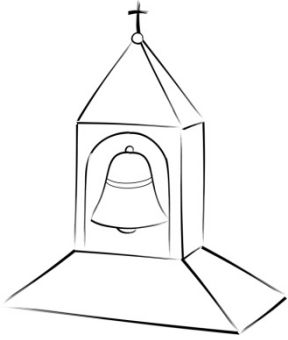
Today we celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation, when we remember that the angel Gabriel was sent by God to tell Mary that she was going to be mother of Jesus.

Pray

the Hail Mary today with your family



Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.....



The Angelus Bell Calls us to Pray

Every day at 12.00 noon and 6.00pm the Church Bell announces the Angelus. We hear it on RTE radio and television. We have been praying the Angelus for a very long time, about 700 years. It reminds us of when God sent the Angel Gabriel to Mary. The angel told Mary that she was to become a mother and that the baby would be the Son of God. The prayer also helps us to remember and say thanks that Mary said 'yes' and did what God had asked her to do.

Here is the [Angelus Prayer](#), which you might like to say as a family for the next week.

V. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.
R. And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace...

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R. Be it done unto me according to thy Word.

Hail Mary, full of grace...

V. And the Word was made flesh.
R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, full of grace...

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the incarnation of Christ thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by his passion and cross be brought to the glory of His resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

