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**Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> December 2018.**



**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

*The feast celebrates Mary, preserved from sin from the moment of conception; she is the first-fruits of her Son's redemption and a prophetic model of what the Church is called to be.*

**Today's Readings:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** We look at the origin and consequences of sin, and at God's promise of salvation.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** In Christ, God has adopted us as his children, and called us to holiness.

**Gospel:** In the story of the Annunciation, we see Mary's obedience to God, which opens the way for the coming of the saviour.

**Holy Cross Church ~ Mass Intentions**

<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>8.00pm</b>	Jimmy, Una & John Gerard Lowney and Gary Sheehan ..... Anniversary
<b>Holy Day</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Ellen O'Sullivan, Dromcahan, Kenmare ..... Anniversary
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Dec.</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>12noon</b>	Lil Murphy, 4 Henry St. Kenmare ..... Anniversary

<b>Direendaragh</b>			
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Dec 2018</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	Feast of the Immaculate Conception of BVM
<b>Templenoe</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>10.45am</b>	Peg & Jerry O'Connor and Patrick Crowley ... Anniversary

**The Memorare**

*Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who*

*fled to your protection,*

*implored your help,*

*or sought your intercession was left unaided.*

*Inspired with this confidence, I fly*

*to you, O Virgin of Virgins*

*my Mother.*

*To you I come,*

*before you I stand,*

*sinful and sorrowful.*

*Despise not my prayers and*

*petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer me.*

*Amen.*



The Crib in 'The Square' was blessed last Saturday evening 1<sup>st</sup> December.

**Do pay it a visit!**

**A Prayer after the Rosary.**

O God, whose only-begotten Son, by his life, death, and Resurrection, has opened to us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech you, that meditating on these mysteries of the holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise. Through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Mary's Yes! Our Yes!**

When the Angel Gabriel came to Mary and said 'The Lord is with you' we don't know if Mary answered 'and with your spirit'. What is clear is that Mary gave a complete YES to the Lord saying, 'I am the Lord's servant'.

God's intervention into human history hangs on this moment. God asks for space and Mary gives space for God to enter into her life. We often distance ourselves from this encounter and in the words of Margaret Silf 'put Mary into a glass case, surround her with flowers, and avoid the personal consequences of this moment'.

For Mary there were consequences, one of which could easily have been death by stoning. What about the conversation that was to follow with Joseph? God asks not just Mary, but each of us to make him a home in our lives. He is constantly asking us to make room for Him. What can we say YES to?

*It is no use saying that we are born 2,000 years too late to give room to Christ.... Christ is always with us, always asking for room in our hearts....*

*And giving shelter or food to anyone who asks for it, or needs it, is giving it to Christ.*

[INTERCOM Dorothy Day]