

Commentary on the Gospel for Fri, Mar 25th 2011

The Annunciation of Our Lord

'Do not be afraid' ... 'With God Nothing is impossible' '...let it be done to me as you have said.' The announcement of Jesus' birth was a break from what tradition would have expected. Unlike the announcement of John the Baptist's birth in the Holy of Holies; the Temple, Jesus' birth is announced in a simple home in a simple village. Mary is called to bring Christ into the World, and despite the confusion and wonder at how this can be, her response is 'yes', an openness to collaborate in God's plan, allowing God's will to be manifest through her. We too are called to make Christ present in the World of today. Do we have ears to hear God calling to us to be his instruments in the world? Even if we do try and cultivate an awareness of God's presence in our lives, do we overcome our fear of what others might say, so like Mary we too say a resounding yes to God?

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