

The Immaculate Conception

The feast of the Immaculate Conception is celebrated on 8th December and helps us to remember that our Mother, Mary was created pure and holy. This means that she was without original sin. God blessed her with this gift as she was to become the Mother of Jesus.

LK 1:26-31,38

One day, God sent his messenger to a town called Nazareth, to a girl called Mary, who was engaged to a man called Joseph. The Messenger said 'Rejoice Mary, for the Lord has blessed you, and he is with you now.'

Mary didn't know what to say and she wondered what this meant. But the messenger said: 'Do not be afraid-God is very pleased with you. Listen, you are going to have a baby, and you will call him Jesus.' Then Mary said: 'I am the servant of God. I am glad to do whatever he wants.'

- How do you think Mary felt at this moment and why?
- Underline the line that you think is most important from this reading. Why have you chosen it?
- What example did Mary set when she agreed to do what God asked? How can you use this in your life?
- Why did God choose to keep Mary free from sin?

Isaiah 41:9-10

God says:

'I have chosen you.

You are working for me now.

So do not be afraid.

I am with you- don't worry.

I am your God, and I will make you strong.

You can hold my hand and I will help you.

- How does the above reading link with the Immaculate conception?
- What does this tell us about vocations and our relationship with God?
- How does this reading make you feel and why?