

Consecration to Jesus through Mary prepares us for our Annunciation Moment(s)**Opening Prayer - Collect for Easter 2 (DM Sunday)****Eclipse**

Moon blocks the sun. Millions in darkness.

Fatima 13 Oct 1917 – vision of St Joseph & child Jesus with Mary pointing to sun

Mary makes the 'Son' visible. Makes light greater than darkness. (CCC 724)
Appropriately - Eclipse occurs on transferred feast of Annunciation

Lumen Gentium – Moon reflects the light of the sun. Quote - Rev 12.1

2nd Eve

"For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive." (1Cor.15.22)

Adam stretches out hand to fruit of the tree of life and knowledge, Christ (2nd Adam) stretches out His hand on the tree of the cross.

Eve prompts Adam to sin. Mary (2nd Eve) prompts to grace (full of grace). "Do whatever He tells you" (John 2.5)

Annunciation

Quote - Luke 1:35:38

Betrothed – what does this mean? Legal status of marriage but not conjugal. Legal property and to provide for his "wife"

If found to be pregnant by another - St Joseph's options – divorce / hide / stone?. No longer belong to him but to the other and cannot have relations with his "wife"

Who is the Father? Not Joseph. "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit" (Matt 1.20)

How? "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you". Shadow. This is a marital relationship.

Mary's *fiat*. Her consent, **full, unconditional and informed** consent, gives a faithful and fruitful **conception**. Fruitful love. The Word becomes flesh (John 1.14) and she immediately is prompted by the Holy Spirit to go to the Elizabeth to share Jesus with her and the Baptizer and Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit. (Luke 1.41)

Spouse of the Holy Spirit

Mary becomes the Spouse of the Holy Spirit at the Annunciation, belongs to the Holy Spirit. Consecrated to the Holy Spirit.

But she has been a vessel of the Holy Spirit, living in her soul, since Immaculate Conception.

Quote - Dogma of the Immaculate Conception

From conception Mary has received (by a singular grace of God) the benefits of the fruit on the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus – her Son, yet to be conceived, born, suffer, die and rise. This is what we receive at the moment of baptism – the life of the Holy Trinity.

Quote – Manteau-Bonamy para 1&2

Mary is filled with grace and the life of the Trinity and the Holy Spirit dwells in her. Full of grace.

The Holy Spirit – third person of the Holy Trinity, eternal, uncreated, fruit of the perfect love and gaze between the Father and the Son – The Holy Spirit is the **Uncreated** Immaculate Conception. There is no greater love. For God is love. Without stain. Perfect.

Immaculata – (St Maximilian Kolbe)

Lourdes. St Bernadette. “Do me the honour of coming here for 2 weeks”. Humility. (CCC 526)

“I am the Immaculate Conception”

Quote – Manteau-Bonamy para 3

Takes the name of the Holy Spirit because she belongs to Him – Spouse

Quote – Manteau-Bonamy para 4

Spouse of Holy Spirit at Annunciation. Takes the name of the spouse. Mary is the **Created** Immaculate Conception – not God. Mary is conceived Immaculately and becomes the Immaculate Conception at the Annunciation. In between time – **waiting**.

Instrument in her Hands

St Louis de Montfort – 33 day consecration to Jesus through Mary states that God permits that all graces come through Mary. Mary is the symbol and the most perfect realisation of the Church (CCC 507)

Consecration is a renewing of our baptism – promises and graces.

Graces in baptism, Confirmation, Mass, Holy Communion – waiting - just as Mary waited between Immaculate Conception to Annunciation. Holy Spirit is present,

Waiting for our Annunciation moment for Jesus to be conceived out of the fruit of God's initiative and our full & unconditional consent.

We are her children She is our mother. We are waiting under the shadow of Mary's mantle, under her cloak, where we find protection. Where we are betrothed to Jesus.

Our Annunciation moment, the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit, is near at hand. For Christ to be formed in me.

His love for us is unconditional and eternal. He has a plan, a vocation for me, He wants what is best for me.

Let us better understand the font we have been washed, the spirit we have been reborn and the blood by which we have been redeemed. (cf opening prayer)

Pray - Solemn Act of Consecration – St. Louis de Montfort