

1st Sunday in Advent

It's come back positive: the Annunciation in Townsville.

Jan Hynes, 2002.

Oil on canvas. 120 x 150 cm

Luke 1: 26-38 [The Message]

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, ...

Reflection: (look carefully at the image, moving from right to left)

Pregnancy was a tremendous surprise to Mary. Not what she expected or wanted. As a single woman, pregnant, her life and future was potentially ruined.

Ritual:

Every time you light the first candle this week, think of women who will struggle with this news – those in unstable relationships, raped, in war zones and disaster areas.

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