

May – Mary’s month A Rosary to make

About 800 years ago, Mary showed St Dominic the first Rosary. He taught people how to use it. The Rosary is a practical (hand’s-on) way of praying and thinking.

It looks a bit like a set of counting beads – which is really what it is; a set of beads in the form of a necklace with a crucifix. Everything on the string has a special prayer and special thoughts.

The idea of this task is to make a big flat rosary to string up on the wall somewhere in the house – or at church.

You will need to have: some cardboard, scissors, glue, colours, string, hole-puncher (or darning needle).

Remember to **MAKE IT BIG!**

Copy or cut out the pieces and stick them onto cardboard. Colour them, cut them out, and punch holes where the black dots are. When you have all of the pieces, arrange them like a real Rosary and thread together with string, like this:

First thread **the crucifix, + the Our Father, + 3 Hail Mary’s , + the Glory Be, + the triangle** (follow the arrow),
+ Joyful Mystery 1, + Sorrowful Mystery 1, + Glorious Mystery 1, + 7 Hail Mary’s, + Glory be/ Our Father,
+ Joyful Mystery 2, + Sorrowful Mystery 2, + Glorious Mystery 2, + 7 Hail Mary’s, + Glory Be/ Our Father,
+ Joyful Mystery 3, + Sorrowful Mystery 3, + Glorious Mystery 3, + 7 Hail Mary’s, + Glory Be/ Our Father,
+ Joyful Mystery 4, + Sorrowful Mystery 4, + Glorious Mystery 4, + 7 Hail Mary’s, + Glory Be/ Our Father,
+ Joyful Mystery 5, + Sorrowful Mystery 5, + Glorious Mystery 5, + 7 Hail Mary’s, and rejoin to triangle on Glory Be side.

Hang it up on the wall and use it to help you pray. To say your Rosary,

1. At the crucifix, Make the sign of the cross; 2. Next bead, Apostles' Creed; 3. Next three, Our Father; 4. Next bead, three Hail Mary’s;
5. Next bead, Glory Be; 6. Next bead, Our Father; 7. Next ten beads Hail Mary’s; 8. Finish with Glory Be

The ten beads together are called a decade, and there are five decades. This Rosary has all of the stories from all the mysteries in pictures on some of the Hail Mary beads to remind us. While you think of the stories, and say the prayers, you might think of something else you want to pray for.

Jesus Is Whipped might remind you of people who are treated unfairly, and so you will be praying for them.

APOSTLES' CREED: I believe in God, the father almighty creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified; died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OUR FATHER: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

HAIL MARY: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

GLORY BE: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.