

The Rosary is the most loved of all the special prayers we pray to Mary, the Mother of God and our Mother. The Rosary was revealed to St Dominic by Mary herself and was spread as a devotion by Dominican preacher Alan de la Roche in the 15th century. Since then, many Popes, holy people, and the Blessed Mother have urged Christians to pray the Rosary. After the Christian victory over the Turkish fleet in Lepanto in 1571, Pope St Pius V ordered the feast of the Holy Rosary to be celebrated on the first Sunday of October each year. October 7 was chosen as the actual feast day.

The Rosary consists of 20 decades—a decade is one 'Our Father,' ten 'Hail Marys' and one 'Glory Be.' As you pray each decade, you are to think about a 'mystery,' or special event in the life of Jesus or Mary. The mysteries are grouped into four types: the Joyful, the Luminous, the Sorrowful and the Glorious.

Below, in the left column, are the names of the 20 mysteries. The right column contains brief descriptions of each mystery. Write the letter of the description next to the name of the correct mystery.



Joyful Mysteries

- 1 The Annunciation
- 2 The Visitation
- 3 The Nativity
- 4 The Presentation
- 5 The Finding in the Temple

Luminous Mysteries

- 1 The Baptism
- 2 The Wedding at Cana
- 3 The Proclamation of the Kingdom
- 4 The Transfiguration
- 5 The Institution of the Eucharist

Sorrowful Mysteries

- 1 The Agony in the Garden
- 2 The Scourging at the Pillar
- 3 The Crowning with Thorns
- 4 The Carrying of the Cross
- 5 The Crucifixion

Glorious Mysteries

- 1 The Resurrection
- 2 The Ascension
- 3 The Descent of the Spirit
- 4 The Assumption of Our Lady
- 5 The Coronation of Our Lady

- a) After Her life on earth is complete, Mary is brought up into Heaven by Jesus.
- b) Jesus is tied to a pole and beaten with whips.
- c) Jesus makes his Last Supper with His disciples and gives us His own body and blood to eat.
- d) The angel Gabriel appears to tell Mary that she is to be the Mother of God.
- e) Jesus goes around preaching the Good News.
- f) Jesus crowns Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth.
- g) Jesus prays and suffers the night before He is to die.
- h) This event is also known as Pentecost.
- i) Jesus rises from the dead.
- j) Jesus is born in Bethlehem.
- k) Jesus makes His first miracle and shows that He is the Son of God.
- l) Jesus is nailed to the cross and dies.
- m) In accordance with Jewish law, Mary presents Jesus in the Temple.
- n) Jesus is baptised in the Jordan by John the Baptist.
- o) Forty days after His death, Jesus goes up into Heaven to be with the Father.
- p) Jesus is made to carry His cross to Calvary.
- q) Jesus shows His glory to three of His apostles.
- r) Mary goes to see and help Her cousin Elizabeth who is having a child as well.
- s) After Jesus is lost for three days, Mary and Joseph find Him in the Temple with the elders.
- t) A crown of thorns is placed on Jesus' head.