

# Rosary

The Rosary was made up of 'fifteen (15) decades' which means we use the traditional rosary 3 times.

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When we begin the 1st Mystery, the **Joyful Mysteries**: 1 Our Father, 10 Hail Marys, 1 Glory Be. That is 1st decade and we think about the Annunciation when the angel came to see Mary and ask her to be the Mother of God.

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We continue with the 2nd decade and think about the Visitation. After that we begin the 3rd decade and we think about the birth of Jesus. For the 4th decade we think about parents bringing Jesus to the Temple. For the last decade we think about Mary and Joseph finding Jesus in the temple.

## **1st Mysteries: The Joyful Mysteries**

1. The Annunciation
2. The Visitation
3. The Nativity, Jesus is born in Bethlehem
4. The Presentation, baby Jesus in Temple
5. Finding of Jesus in Temple

## **3rd Mysteries: The Mysteries of Light**

1. Wedding in Cana
2. Jesus is baptised in river Jordan
3. Jesus sent apostles to preach Good News
4. The transfiguration
5. The Last Supper (Eucharist)

So, what does this mean and how do we pray the rosary?

You see the beads here, start at the bottom. We begin and say the Apostle's Creed on the cross (not compulsory), then 1 Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, then a Glory Be.

But did you know that in October 2002, Pope John Paul II added a new set: *mystery of light*.

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We have now finished the first Joyful Mysteries, that is the first full rosary.

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The 2nd full rosary is the Sorrowful Mysteries. It does not mean we begin this straight after the first Joyful mysteries, we can do it the next day.

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Then we pray the Sorrowful Mysteries the following day, then finally the last one, the Glorious Mysteries.

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Praying the rosary is easy, relaxed and we can do it anytime, anywhere. While praying the rosary we can think of anything and pray for all people who need help from God.

## **2nd Mysteries: The Sorrowful Mysteries**

1. Jesus in front of Pontius Pilate
2. Jesus is whipped by soldiers
3. Jesus is crowned with thorns
4. Jesus carried the cross
5. Jesus died on the cross

## **4th Mysteries: The Glorious Mysteries**

1. Jesus rose from the dead
2. Jesus ascended to heaven
3. Holy Spirit came down on apostles
4. Mary taken up to heaven body and soul
5. Mary crowned Queen of heaven

