

The Glorious Mysteries



The Resurrection (Mark 16:1-7)
Jesus rises from the dead.
Pray that we will always thank God for the gifts of life and faith and for calling us by name.



The Ascension (Luke 24:46-53)
Jesus returns to his Father in Heaven.
Pray that we can look beyond this world and listen to God when making life choices.



Pentecost (Acts 2:1-7)
The Holy Spirit filled the disciples, enabling them to spread the good news.
Pray for the Holy Spirit to strengthen us to share the good news with all.



The Assumption (Luke 1:46-55)
Mary is taken up, body and soul into Heaven.
Pray that we will always be faithful to God's call, as Mary was.



The Crowning of Mary (Revelation 12:1)
Our Lady is crowned Queen of Heaven.
Pray for Mary's intercession for all people to love and follow her Son.

To be prayed on Wednesdays and Sundays

The Mysteries of Light



The Baptism of Christ (Matthew 3:13-17)
Jesus is baptized by his cousin, John at the start of his public ministry.
Pray for those who are being called to the priesthood.



The Wedding at Cana (John 2:1-9)
Mary tells the servants at the feast, "Do whatever he tells you".
Pray that families will support those who are called to the priesthood.



The Kingdom of God: (Matthew 4:23-24)
Jesus preaches, "The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe the Gospel"
Pray that priests proclaim Jesus' message in word and by example.



The Transfiguration (Mark 9:2-7)
The disciples hear God's voice: "This is my beloved Son, listen to him".
Pray that priests may lead and inspire us all to hear God's voice.



Institution of the Eucharist (Luke 22:14-20)
Jesus entrusts to his apostles the ministry of the Eucharist.
Pray for priests today in their ministry of the Eucharist.

To be prayed on Thursdays

A Prayer after the Rosary

Lord, help each of us to live the fullness of life by following your call. Send your Holy Spirit to guide those who are making life choices. We pray especially for those who are called to serve you in the priesthood or consecrated life; may they be supported in their vocations and truly be a sign of your love in the world. Amen.

Praying the Rosary for Vocations



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People have been praying the Rosary since the days of St. Dominic in the thirteenth century. Pilgrims would pray the Rosary as they walked between holy places, moving the beads in time with their footsteps whilst thinking about Jesus' life, death and resurrection. In 2002 Pope John Paul II added The Mysteries of Light to the Rosary. We invite you to pray these especially for priestly vocations.

How to Pray the Rosary

1 Make the Sign of the Cross and pray the Apostles' Creed. 2 Say the Our Father. 3 Say three Hail Marys and a Glory Be. 4 Meditate on the 1st Mystery, saying the Our Father, ten Hail Marys and the Glory be. Do the same for the four other mysteries. The days for each set of mysteries are printed on each page. We also invite you to look at the passages from the bible that describe each mystery. The relevant passage is indicated on each page, next to the mystery.



The 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 to 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.

The Mysteries of the Rosary

The Joyful Mysteries



The Annunciation (Luke 1:26-33,38)
The angel Gabriel tells Mary that she will have a son, Jesus, the saviour.
Pray that we listen to God's call and find out what he wants us to do.

The Visitation (Luke 1:39-45)
Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth, who in old age will give birth to a son, John.
Pray that we will use our gifts from God to serve others generously.



The Nativity (Luke 2:6-12)
Jesus is born in a stable in Bethlehem.
Pray that as God gives us life, we will give our lives to God.

The Presentation (Luke 2:25-32)
Jesus is presented to God by Mary and Joseph in the temple.
Pray that those presented to God in Baptism will respond to his call.



The Finding in the Temple (Luke 2:41-50)
Jesus at age 12 was teaching in the temple, preparing for his ministry.
Pray for all those preparing for the priesthood or religious life.

To be prayed on Mondays and Saturdays

The Sorrowful Mysteries



The Agony in the Garden (Luke 22:39-46)
Jesus prays the night before his death. "Father, not my will, but yours, be done".
Pray for those who are struggling to follow what God wants them to do.

The Scourging at the Pillar (Mark 15:6-15)
Jesus is scourged by the soldiers. He suffered, so that we can be forgiven.
Pray that God will give us the strength to accept our sufferings.



The Crowning with Thorns (John 19:1-8)
Jesus is mocked and a crown of thorns is forced upon his head.
Pray for those who mock. May Jesus open their hearts to God's gifts.



The Carrying of the Cross (John 19:16-22)
Jesus carries his cross on his wounded shoulders to Calvary.
Pray for those who bear heavy burdens and carry a cross for others.



The Crucifixion (John 19:25-30)
Crucified, Jesus forgives his persecutors and dies.
Pray that we will give our lives to serving God and our neighbour.



To be prayed on Tuesdays and Fridays