

Living Rosary – St Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, Romford.

We invite you to participate in our parish **Living Rosary** as part of the celebration of our **170th Parish Anniversary**. Please **Sign up for one or more evenings** (but not too many – give everyone a chance!) and make a note of the date(s) you have committed to here:

Take this sheet home with you, so you can save the date(s) and as a guide for the time when you pray.

The Living Rosary is an important aspect of parish life in our Anniversary Year, offering us a special opportunity to unite in communal prayer while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary. The hope is that on each day of the Anniversary Year the Rosary will be prayed in a different house or flat – and that as many parishioners as possible will have been part of this by the end of the year.

We have adapted the idea of the Living Rosary. If you would like to learn more about the original idea and the history of the Living Rosary, have a look at: <https://www.hail-mary-rosaries.com/Living-Rosary.html>

Thank you for participating in our parish Living Rosary.

Helpful tips for setting up your Rosary reflection:

1. Choose a time and space

- Talk with your family, or neighbours and friends, and select a time that works best on the agreed day.
- Find a quiet space that is free from distractions.

2. Prepare spiritually

- Take a moment to centre yourself before beginning.
- If people are unfamiliar with the Rosary, take a moment to explain it.
- You may want to have a sheet – you can find a helpful “How to pray the Rosary” explanation here: <https://www.newadvent.org/images/rosary.pdf> (printed on the reverse of this sheet).
- You may wish to light a candle or play soft music.

3. Engage with the mysteries

- Pray the specific mysteries (Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious, Luminous) assigned for the day.
- Use a guide or Scripture passage to deepen your meditation.

Please remember the following intentions – one for each of the mysteries that you pray:

1. For our parish community

As we celebrate our 170th anniversary, may our parish continue to grow in faith, unity, and love, faithfully serving God and one another.

2. For the Church and its leaders

That the Pope, bishops, priests, and all who serve the Church may be guided by the Holy Spirit with wisdom, humility, and courage.

3. For peace in the world

That God may bring peace to places affected by conflict, violence, and division, and inspire hearts to seek reconciliation and understanding.

4. For those in need

That the sick, the lonely, the grieving, and all who are suffering may experience God’s healing presence, comfort, and hope.

5. For families and young people

That families may be strengthened in love and faith, and that young people may grow in trust in God and discover their vocation in life.

How to recite the Holy Rosary

1. SAY THESE PRAYERS...

IN THE NAME of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. (*As you say this, with your right hand touch your forehead when you say Father, touch your breastbone when you say Son, touch your left shoulder when you say Holy, and touch your right shoulder when you say Spirit.*)

I BELIEVE IN GOD, the Father almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty. He shall 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 life everlasting. Amen.

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, 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 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.

O MY JESUS, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell; lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy. Amen.

HAIL HOLY QUEEN, mother of mercy; our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us. And after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen.

O GOD, WHOSE only-begotten Son by His life, death and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant, we beseech Thee, that by meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCE each mystery by saying something like, "*The third Joyful Mystery is the Birth of Our Lord.*" This is required only when saying the Rosary in a group.

2. IN THIS ORDER...

INTRODUCTION

1. IN THE NAME...
2. I BELIEVE IN GOD...
3. OUR FATHER...
4. HAIL MARY...
5. HAIL MARY...
6. HAIL MARY...
7. GLORY BE...
8. O MY JESUS...

THE FIRST DECADE

9. ANNOUNCE...
10. OUR FATHER...
11. HAIL MARY...
12. HAIL MARY...
13. HAIL MARY...
14. HAIL MARY...
15. HAIL MARY...
16. HAIL MARY...
17. HAIL MARY...
18. HAIL MARY...
19. HAIL MARY...
20. HAIL MARY...
21. GLORY BE...
22. O MY JESUS...

THE SECOND DECADE

23. ANNOUNCE...
24. OUR FATHER...
25. HAIL MARY...
26. HAIL MARY...
27. HAIL MARY...
28. HAIL MARY...
29. HAIL MARY...
30. HAIL MARY...
31. HAIL MARY...
32. HAIL MARY...
33. HAIL MARY...
34. HAIL MARY...
35. GLORY BE...
36. O MY JESUS...

THE THIRD DECADE

37. ANNOUNCE...
38. OUR FATHER...
39. HAIL MARY...
40. HAIL MARY...
41. HAIL MARY...
42. HAIL MARY...
43. HAIL MARY...
44. HAIL MARY...
45. HAIL MARY...
46. HAIL MARY...
47. HAIL MARY...
48. HAIL MARY...
49. GLORY BE...
50. O MY JESUS...

THE FOURTH DECADE

51. ANNOUNCE...
52. OUR FATHER...
53. HAIL MARY...
54. HAIL MARY...
55. HAIL MARY...
56. HAIL MARY...
57. HAIL MARY...
58. HAIL MARY...
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61. HAIL MARY...
62. HAIL MARY...
63. GLORY BE...
64. O MY JESUS...

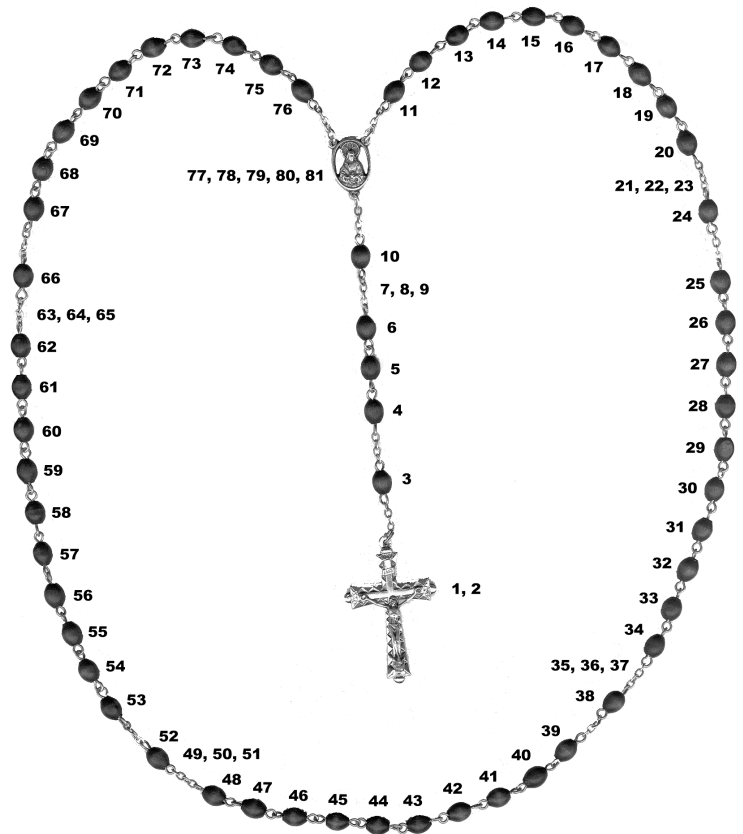
THE FIFTH DECADE

65. ANNOUNCE...
66. OUR FATHER...
67. HAIL MARY...
68. HAIL MARY...
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70. HAIL MARY...
71. HAIL MARY...
72. HAIL MARY...
73. HAIL MARY...
74. HAIL MARY...
75. HAIL MARY...
76. HAIL MARY...
77. GLORY BE...
78. O MY JESUS...

CONCLUSION

79. HAIL HOLY QUEEN...
80. O GOD, WHOSE...
81. IN THE NAME...

3. WHILE TOUCHING THESE BEADS TO KEEP TRACK OF YOUR PROGRESS...



4. AND SILENTLY MEDITATING ON THESE "MYSTERIES", OR EVENTS FROM THE LIVES OF JESUS AND MARY...

On Monday and Saturday, meditate on the "Joyful Mysteries"

- First Decade (Steps 9-22):** The Annunciation of Gabriel to Mary (Luke 1:26-38)
- Second Decade (Steps 23-36):** The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth (Luke 1:39-56)
- Third Decade (Steps 37-50):** The Birth of Our Lord (Luke 2:1-21)
- Fourth Decade (Steps 51-64):** The Presentation of Our Lord (Luke 2:22-38)
- Fifth Decade (Steps 65-78):** The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple (Luke 2:41-52)

On Thursday, meditate on the "Luminous Mysteries"

- First Decade:** The Baptism of Our Lord in the River Jordan (Matthew 3:13-16)
- Second Decade:** The Wedding at Cana, when Christ manifested Himself (Jn 2:1-11)
- Third Decade:** The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God (Mark 1:14-15)
- Fourth Decade:** The Transfiguration of Our Lord (Matthew 17:1-8)
- Fifth Decade:** The Last Supper, when Our Lord gave us the Holy Eucharist (Mt 26)

On Tuesday and Friday, meditate on the "Sorrowful Mysteries"

- First Decade:** The Agony of Our Lord in the Garden (Matthew 26:36-56)
- Second Decade:** Our Lord is Scourged at the Pillar (Matthew 27:26)
- Third Decade:** Our Lord is Crowned with Thorns (Matthew 27:27-31)
- Fourth Decade:** Our Lord Carries the Cross to Calvary (Matthew 27:32)
- Fifth Decade:** The Crucifixion of Our Lord (Matthew 27:33-56)

On Wednesday and Sunday, meditate on the "Glorious Mysteries"

- First Decade:** The Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord (John 20:1-29)
- Second Decade:** The Ascension of Our Lord (Luke 24:36-53)
- Third Decade:** The Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (Acts 2:1-41)
- Fourth Decade:** The Assumption of Mary into Heaven
- Fifth Decade:** The Coronation of Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth

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