

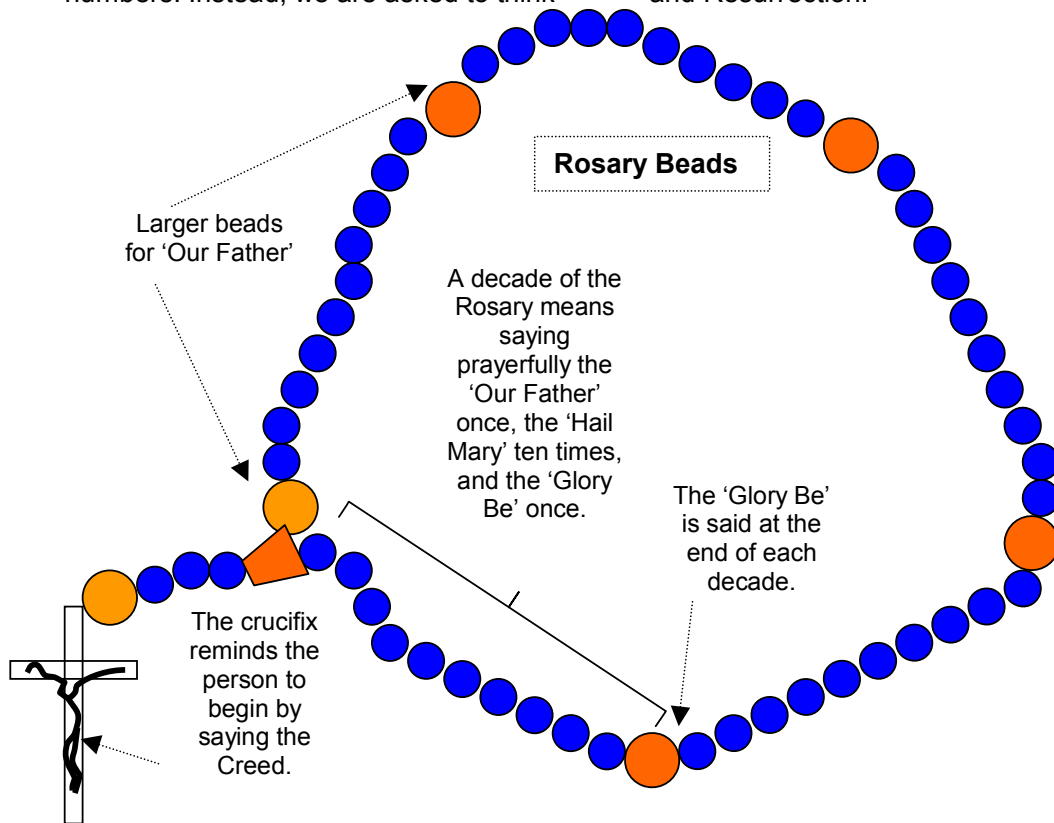
# THE ROSARY

THE **ROSARY** is a very old prayer. In this prayer the 'Our Father', the 'Hail Mary', and the 'Glory Be' are said many times. **Rosary beads** are used to help a person pray the right number of 'Hail Mary' prayers. A set of Rosary beads has **five decades** (string of ten small beads together).

The beads stop us from worrying about numbers. Instead, we are asked to think

about certain times in the life of Jesus and Mary. These are the **mysteries** of the Rosary.

There are five **Joyful** mysteries, five **Luminous** mysteries, five **Sorrowful** mysteries and five **Glorious** mysteries. Mary takes us around the 'rose garden' (Rosary) of the Good News of her Son's life, death and Resurrection.



Joyful Mysteries	Luminous Mysteries	Sorrowful Mysteries	Glorious Mysteries
1 Annunciation	1 Baptism	1 Agony in the Garden	1 Resurrection
2 Visitation	2 Wedding at Cana	2 Scourging	2 Ascension to heaven
3 Nativity	3 Proclamation of the Kingdom	3 Crowning with Thorns	3 Descent of the Holy Spirit
4 Presentation	4 Transfiguration	4 Carrying the Cross	4 Assumption of Mary
5 Finding of child Jesus in Temple	5 Institution of the Eucharist	5 Crucifixion	5 Coronation of Mary

**Rosary - a prayer in which the 'Our Father', 'Hail Mary' and 'Glory Be' are said prayerfully many times.**

**Rosary Beads - a string of beads that help to keep count of the prayers said.**

**Mysteries of the Rosary - special times in the life of Jesus and Mary. Some are Joyful, some Sorrowful, some Glorious.**