

# St James the Great Catholic School Newsletter

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October, the month of the Rosary.

## It's not a necklace...

It's an aid to prayer and reflection on the life of Jesus.

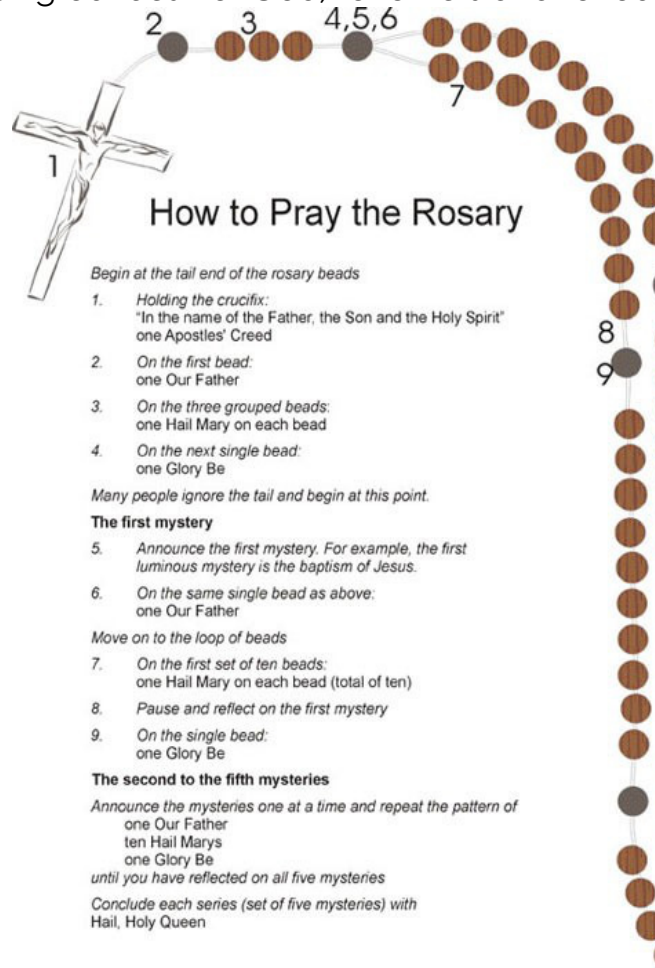
Groups of ten beads (decades) to recite the 'Hail Mary'; single beads, to separate the decades, where we say an 'Our Father' and a 'Glory to the Father'.

During the period of saying the decade we choose an event from Jesus' life to think quietly about (to meditate upon).

These twenty-five significant events are grouped into Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous.

## Book Week - next week

Look out for books on sale before and after school during the week and a great poetry writing competition....Ask you child about it!



## How to Pray the Rosary

Begin at the tail end of the rosary beads

1. **Holding the crucifix:**  
"In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit"  
one Apostles' Creed
2. **On the first bead:**  
one Our Father
3. **On the three grouped beads:**  
one Hail Mary on each bead
4. **On the next single bead:**  
one Glory Be

Many people ignore the tail and begin at this point.

### The first mystery

5. **Announce the first mystery.** For example, the first luminous mystery is the baptism of Jesus.
6. **On the same single bead as above:**  
one Our Father

Move on to the loop of beads

7. **On the first set of ten beads:**  
one Hail Mary on each bead (total of ten)
8. **Pause and reflect on the first mystery**
9. **On the single bead:**  
one Glory Be

### The second to the fifth mysteries

Announce the mysteries one at a time and repeat the pattern of one Our Father ten Hail Marys one Glory Be until you have reflected on all five mysteries  
Conclude each series (set of five mysteries) with Hail, Holy Queen

## Arethusa School Journey

Children in Year 4 depart for Kent on Monday morning for their three day residential trip. Please keep them in your prayers.

**School skirts** -on sale 3:30 Tuesday

## Parents evening, a great turn out.

Thank you to everyone who came to meet their child's teacher this week. It is so important.

**Yr 6 parents....Secondary School Application Deadline - 3 weeks to go!**

*If you require help with the application please contact Nancy DuBois our parent support advisor.*

## October - Friday morning Rosary

Our Friday morning 'Decade of the Rosary' each week at 8:45 in the hall. Please come along. We will pray the Luminous Mysteries this month for the growing numbers of refugees coming to Europe. This week 'The Baptism of Our Lord'.

## Pupils of Achievement

The achievement theme this week is 'Religious Education' and the Behaviour focus is 'Great behaviour going to and from school'. For RE the children are as follows: Year 6 Marvlyn & Mattias; Year 5 Alicia & Joshua; Year 4, Esther & Divine; Year 3, Niamh & Arnold; Year 2, Charlotte & Favour; and Year 1 Eaden & Emmanuelle. And for 'Behaving really well going to and from school': Adedunke, Samantha, Kieran B, Anna, Mary and Benjamin .

**Well Done Everyone!**