

Our Lady of the Rosary 7 October



About the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

This feast was established by Pope Saint Pius V to celebrate the anniversary of the defeat of the Turkish fleet at the Battle of Lepanto on the first Sunday in October in 1571. The Christian fleet overcame a vastly superior Turkish fleet, to end the threat of the Muslim domination of the Mediterranean. This victory has been attributed to the powerful intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. **Today's feast was originally called Our Lady of Victories and later became known as Our Lady of the Rosary with a fixed date on 7 October.**

How can we apply this feast of the Rosary to our life today?

Today's feast is a memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary being honoured in the rosary. The rosary is a form of prayer which combines the salutation of the angel Gabriel (Luke 1:28) with meditation on the saving mysteries of Christ. The rosary was the original psalter for the laity with the 150 Hail Mary's replacing the 150 psalms.

The twenty mysteries of the rosary reveal to us moments of joy, sorrow, illumination, and glory. Jesus experienced the whole gamut of human emotions during his time on earth. So we can put our all joys, sorrows and glories into his hands and ask Him and Mary to accompany us in all that we do.

Just as Pope Pius V commended the Battle of Lepanto to Mary's intercession, we too can rely on her intercession for our own needs and those of others as well.

Collect

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,
your grace into our hearts,
that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son
was made known by the message of an Angel,
may, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
by his Passion and Cross
be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Gospel

Luke 1:26-38

'I am the handmaid of the Lord'

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; **and the virgin's name was Mary.**

He went in and said to her,
**'Rejoice, so highly favoured!
The Lord is with you.'**

She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her,

'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour.

Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son,
and you must name him Jesus.

He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High.

The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David;

he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.'

Mary said to the angel,

'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?'

'The Holy Spirit will come upon you'

the angel answered '

and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow.

And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God.

Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age,
herself conceived a son,

and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month,
for nothing is impossible to God.'

'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary

'let what you have said be done to me.'

And the angel left her.

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Antiphon

Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,
and you shall name him Jesus.

Hymn for the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

1. Mary, with these beads we now pray
and with great joy we salute you;
for the Angel to you made known
the good works that the Lord would do.

Refrain:

Our Lady of the Rosary,
now do we come to you in prayer
that you will intercede for us
and in God's glory we will share.

2. Mary, your prayers helped to bring down
a wicked fleet that would destroy
a Christian land, a land of peace,
which all who lived there did enjoy.

Our Lady of the Rosary,
now do we come to you in prayer
that you will intercede for us
and in God's glory we will share.

3. For our own needs and others too,
with these beads we joyfully pray;
asking Mary's intercession,
to bring back those who from Christ stray:

Our Lady of the Rosary,
now do we come to you in prayer
that you will intercede for us
and in God's glory we will share.

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Other Music Suggestion

[Magnificat](#) Bernadette Farrell

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