

Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy; hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile, show to us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Pray for us, Mother of God

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. O God, whose only-begotten Son, by his life, death and resurrection has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech you, that meditating on these Mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise. Through Christ our Lord.



The Catholic Parish of St Mary, Leek Rosary



+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

I believe in one 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; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come 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 by 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.*

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.*

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.*

The Joyful Mysteries

The first Joyful mystery: the Annunciation of the Lord.

The angel came to Mary, and he said to her, "Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord with you: blessed are you among all women" (Lk 1:28)

The second Joyful Mystery: the Visitation, Mary visits Elizabeth

Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and she spoke out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." (Lk 1:41-43)

The third joyful mystery: the birth of Jesus.

While they were there, Mary gave birth to her Son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. (Lk2:6-7)

The fourth joyful mystery: the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to the Jerusalem, to present him to God. (Lk2:22)

The fifth joyful mystery: the finding of Jesus in the Temple

After three days Mary and Joseph found him in the Temple, sitting with the doctors of the Law, both listening to them and asking them questions. (Lk2:46)

The Mysteries of Light

The first mystery of Light: the Baptism of Jesus

It was at this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the river Jordan by John. And at once, as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you." (Mk 1:9-11)

The second mystery of Light: the Wedding at Cana

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited ... This was the first of Jesus's signs: it was at Cana in Galilee. He revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him. (Jn 2: 1-2, 11)

The third mystery of Light: the Proclamation of the Kingdom

Seeing the crowds, he went onto the mountain. And when he was seated his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: "How blessed are the poor in spirit: The kingdom of Heaven is theirs." (Mt 5:1-3)

The fourth mystery of Light: the Transfiguration

He took with him Peter, John and James and went up the mountain to pray. And it happened that, as he was praying, the aspect of his face changed and his clothing became sparkling white. And suddenly there were two men talking with him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory. (Lk 9:28-30)

The fifth mystery of Light: the Institution of the Eucharist

As they were eating he took bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. "Take it," he said, "this is my body." Then he took a cup, and when he given thanks he handed it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, "This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, poured out for many." (Mk 14:22-24)

The Sorrowful Mysteries

The first Sorrowful mystery: the agony in garden

He then left to make his way as usual to the Mount of Olives, with the disciples following. When he reached the place he said to them, "Pray not to be put to the test." ... In his anguish he prayed even more earnestly, and his sweat fell to the ground like great drops of blood. (Lk 22: 39-40, 44)

The second Sorrowful mystery: the Scourging of Jesus

Pontius Pilate was anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, after having Jesus scourged, he handed him over to be crucified. (Mk 15:15)

The third Sorrowful mystery: the Crowning with thorns

The governor's soldiers took Jesus with them into the Praetorium and collected the whole cohort around him. And they stripped him and put a scarlet cloak round him, and having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed in his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt to him saying, "Hail, king of the Jews!" (Mt 27: 27-29)

The fourth Sorrowful mystery: Jesus carries the Cross

As they were leading him away they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and made him shoulder the cross and carry it behind Jesus. Large numbers of people followed him, and women too, who mourned and lamented for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep rather for yourselves and your children." (Lk23:26- 28)

The fifth Sorrowful mystery: the Crucifixion and death of Jesus

Near the Cross of Jesus stood his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. Seeing his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing near her, Jesus said to his mother, "Woman, this is your son." Then to the disciple he said, "This is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home. (Jn 19:25-27)

The Glorious Mysteries

The first glorious mystery: the Resurrection of Jesus

When the Sabbath was over, Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James and Salome, bought spices with which to go and anoint him. And very early in the morning on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. (Mk 16:1-2)

The second glorious mystery: the Ascension of Jesus into heaven

Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of the Bethany, and raising his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy. (Lk 24:50-52)

The third glorious mystery: The day of Pentecost and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit

When Pentecost day came around, they had all met together when suddenly there came from heaven a sound as of a violent wind which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and there appeared to them tongues as of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. (Acts 2:1-3)

The fourth glorious mystery: The Assumption of Mary into heaven

Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, robed with the sun, standing on the moon, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. (Apoc 12:1)

The fifth glorious mystery: Our Lady, the Queen of heaven and earth

Mary said, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; because he has looked upon the humiliation of his servant, yes, from now onwards all generations will called me blessed ..." (Lk 1: 46-48)