

May- The month of Mary.

For a long time, 100s of years, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of May to honour Mary, Mother of God. Not just a day *in* May, but the entire month. During May there has been a custom for schools and families to have a May altar, to honour Mary. A May Altar may include a statue of Mary, pictures of Mary, flowers and rosary beads.

Scripture

The Birth of Jesus is Announced

Lk 1:26-38

God sent the angel Gabriel to a town in Galilee named Nazareth. He had a message for a young woman promised in marriage to a man named Joseph, who was a descendant of King David. Her name was Mary. The angel came to her and said, 'Peace be with you! The Lord is with you and has greatly blessed you!'

Mary was deeply troubled by the angel's message, and she wondered what his words meant. The angel said to her, 'Don't be afraid, Mary; God has been gracious to you. You will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus...' 'I am the Lord's servant', said Mary; 'may it happen to me as you have said.' And the angel left her.

Time to listen

1. I wonder how Mary felt
2. What did the angel say to Mary?
3. I wonder what the angel meant when he said, 'Peace be with you?'
4. I wonder how Mary felt when the angel left her.
5. I wonder what Mary said to others about the angel visiting her.
6. What might you say to Mary? Have you a prayer for Mary?

To chat or just think what you know or have learnt about Mary, the mother of Jesus.

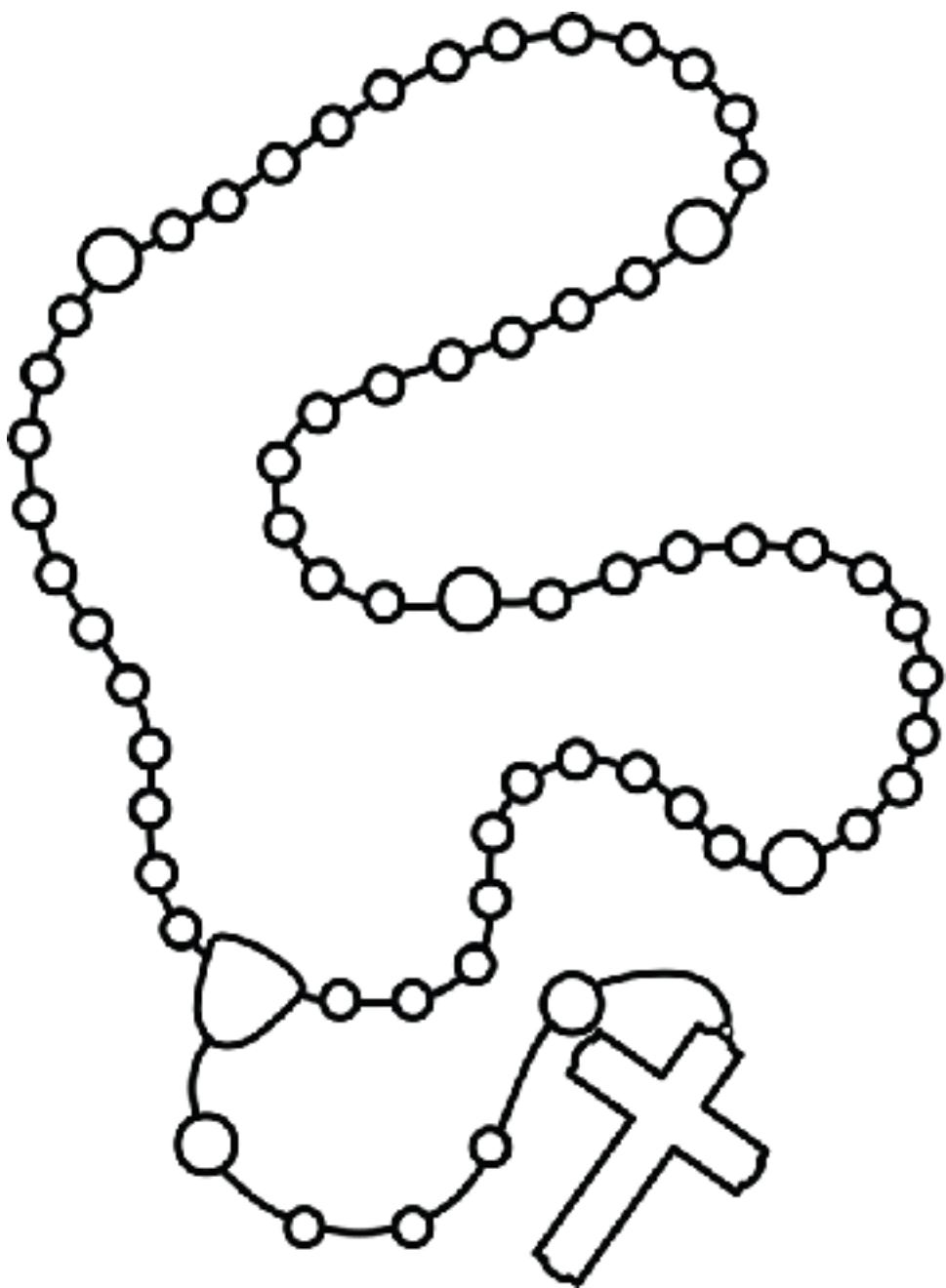
Write what you know or think of Mary or draw a picture of Mary

Draw an image of Mary



**Hail
Mary,
full of grace. The Lord
is with thee. Blessed
art thou amongst
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.**

The Rosary- we pray the rosary to honour Mary as Mother of Jesus. A rosary is made up of 5 decades, a decade meaning 10. Before each decade we pray an Our Father and at the end we pray 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



Hymns

Bring Flowers of the Rarest

Bring flow'rs of the fairest,
Bring flow'rs of the rarest,
From garden and woodland
And hillside and vale;
Our full hearts are swelling,
Our Glad voices telling
The praise of the loveliest
Rose of the vale.

O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms
today,
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May,
O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms
today,
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.

May is the month of Mary

May is the month of Mary,
Month we all love so well;
Mary is God's own Mother,
Gladly her praise we tell.

Chorus:

*Mary is beautiful, Mary is fair!
Gladly we praise her
in song and in prayer.*

Blue is the sky in Maytime,
Bright is the sun above,
Bluebells all nod in chorus
Joining our song of love.

Prayers

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst 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.

The Angelus

Ÿ. The Angel of the LORD declared unto
Mary,

Ṛ. And she conceived of the Holy
Ghost.

Hail Mary.....

Ÿ. Behold the handmaid of the LORD.

Ṛ. Be it done unto me according to thy
word.

Hail Mary.....

Ÿ. And the Word was made flesh.

Ṛ. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary.....

Ÿ. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

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

Let us pray,

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O LORD,
Thy grace into our hearts; that, we, to
whom the Incarnation of Christ, Thy
Son, was made known by the message
of an angel, may by

His Passion and Cross be brought to the
glory of His Resurrection. Through the
same Christ our Lord.

Ṛ. Amen.