

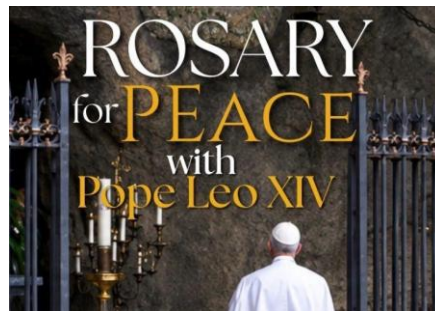
Dear Parents and Carers,

As we welcome the month of October, our school and parish community enter a special time in the Catholic calendar. The Church dedicates the entire month of October to the **Holy Rosary**.

October is a time to honour our Blessed Mother, Mary, and to draw closer to her Son, Jesus Christ, through meditative prayer. We teach the children that the Rosary is like a **spiritual storybook**—each bead helps us remember important moments in the life of Jesus, from His birth to His resurrection.

Pope Leo in Lourdes: Pray Rosary in October for peace

As he prays the Angelus in Lourdes, France, Pope Leo XIV urges Christians to pray the Holy Rosary for the intention of peace in the world and an end to conflict.

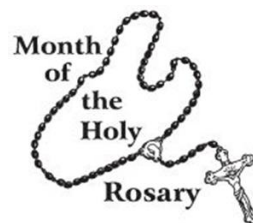


Praying Together at Home

We warmly invite your family to take time this month to pray together. We know that busy family schedules make long prayers difficult. If you cannot find time for all five decades, **even one single decade** or a short quiet reflection each day brings peace and God's grace into your home.

As the old saying goes, *"The family that prays together, stays together."*

- **Pray just one decade:** Praying one Our Father, ten Hail Marys, and one Glory Be takes only a few minutes but creates a beautiful moment of peace before bedtime or school.
- **Create a prayer space:** Help your child set up a small prayer corner with a rosary, a picture of Mary, or a candle.
- **Use their fingers:** If you don't have rosary beads at home, remind your child that they can use their ten fingers to count the prayers!



What We Are Doing at School

Throughout October, our teachers will be introducing the Rosary in gentle, age-appropriate ways. The children will:

- Learn the words to the **Hail Mary** and **Our Father**.
- Use colourful beads and tactile materials to practice counting the prayers.
- Offer special intentions for world peace, our families, and those in need.
- our Mini Vinnies will run a voluntary lunchtime Rosary Club in the school Prayer Garden



We encourage you to talk with your child about what they are learning. If you have a family rosary at home, we invite you to place it in a special spot as a reminder to pray.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping us nurture the faith of our children. May Our Lady of the Rosary watch over and protect your family.