

As October is the month of the rosary, why not have a go at creating your own "Rosary Box" to help you when praying the Rosary?

The idea of a Rosary Box is to fill a box with small items representing the Mysteries of the Rosary. These can then be used either to follow along with praying the Rosary, or to introduce the Mysteries.

Here are some ideas:

Joyful Mysteries

1. Annunciation - small angel; small bell or horn; miniature Bible or prayer book; marigold or other seeds (the Holy Spirit planted a seed in Mary's womb)
2. Visitation - small baby object such as booties; springy toy (John the Baptist "leaped in her womb")
3. Nativity - baby Jesus from a Nativity set; very small baby doll
4. Presentation of - dove or other bird such as a chicken from a farmyard set; candle (to represent Jesus, the Light of the World)
5. Finding of Jesus in the Temple - scroll to represent the Temple scroll (easily made with paper and two matchsticks)

Luminous Mysteries

1. Baptism of the Lord - small Holy Water bottle; shell
2. Wedding at Cana - wine cork; bunch of plastic grapes; small wine bottle party favour; small jar or bottle (wine is in jars)
3. Preaching of the Kingdom of God - prayer card with the Act of Contrition (conversion and repentance); purple cloth cut into shape of a stole (as worn by a priest to hear Confessions)
4. Transfiguration - sun (model or picture); piece of white cloth
5. Institution of the Eucharist - toy crackers; miniature chalice and paten (could be made from clay, salt dough or tinfoil); white poker chips or foam board cut into a circle and marked with a black cross

Sorrowful Mysteries

1. Agony in the Garden - small sword; chain; packet of seeds
2. Scourging at the Pillar - whip (string or yarn tied to a small stick)
3. Crowning with Thorns - thorny twig, twisted into a crown if possible
4. Carrying of the Cross - small cross
5. Crucifixion - small crucifix

Glorious Mysteries

1. Resurrection - small empty box to represent empty tomb; stone; picture of Shroud of Turin (could be transferred to cloth if desired)
2. Ascension - cotton ball (to represent a cloud)
3. Descent of the Holy Spirit - dove; fire (picture or toy); small candle to represent flame; miniature kite (rushing wind)
4. Assumption of Mary - aromatic herbs such as rosemary (Assumption is a time for blessing herbs and fruits of the harvest); star (reminder of the heavens)
5. Crowning of Mary - crown; star (reminder of the Biblical quote "the moon at her feet and on her head a crown of twelve stars")