

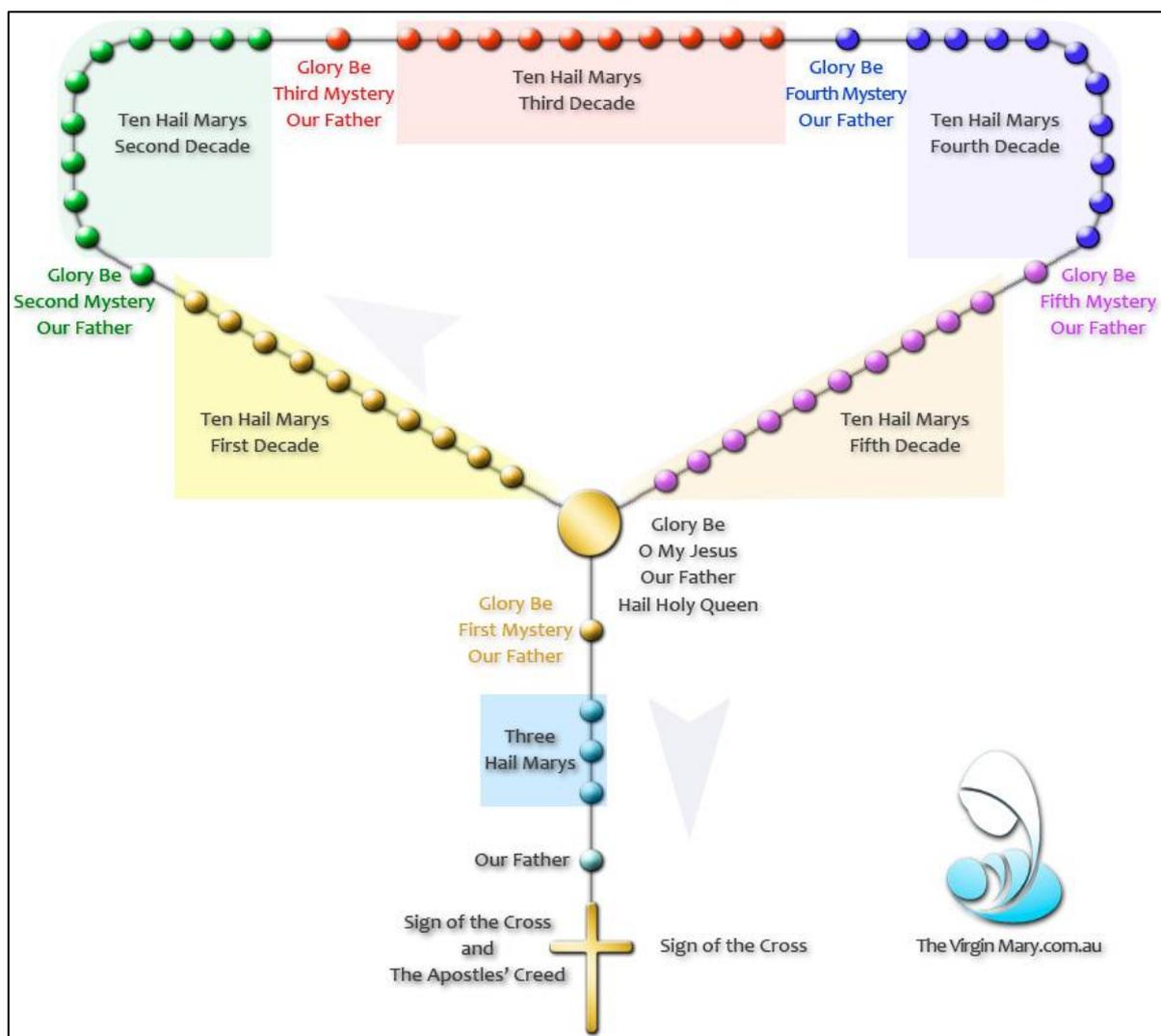
Eco-Rosary

The Eco-Rosary is a new idea devoted to focusing on ecological issues while we pray the Rosary in the usual way.

The image below taken from the *Virgin Mary.com.au* website is a simple graphic explaining the different sections of the Rosary.

For the five decades of the Rosary we have chosen the four natural elements: **air**, **water**, **fire**, **earth** and added **spirit** in relation to Mary and the environment.

We have linked Mary's life with these elements and offered questions from which to make some connections with our environment and our faith.



Please do adapt this eco-rosary to suit you and your groups.

Why not create imaginative responses to the suggested questions which could form the basis of a discussion group.

You can pray this rosary on your own or in a prayer group.

Eco-reflections for the five decades of the Rosary

Air

Mary gave her son, Jesus, the breath of life,
she listens later to his last sigh on the cross.
How does she breathe in this sorrow for salvation?
How does she breathe out the coming resurrection?
Air is a gift for all creation...

Water

Mary attends the marriage at Cana,
where water into wine saves the day.
How does she drink in this miracle?
How does she pour out her praise?
Water is a gift for all creation...

Fire

Mary saw the tongues of fire on Pentecost Day
she was warmed by her faith.
How does she spread the message of hope?
How does she uphold justice without getting burnt?
Fire is a gift for all creation...

Earth

Mary gave birth to Jesus in a stable,
from earth, straw and mud he became Messiah.
How does she ground us in this truth?
How does she root us in this grace?
Earth is a gift for all creation...

Spirit

Mary was filled with the Spirit from the day she was born,
she rejoices later, in God, her Saviour.
From the womb to the tomb she bowed down in prayer,
and never left the light.
The Spirit is gift for all creation...