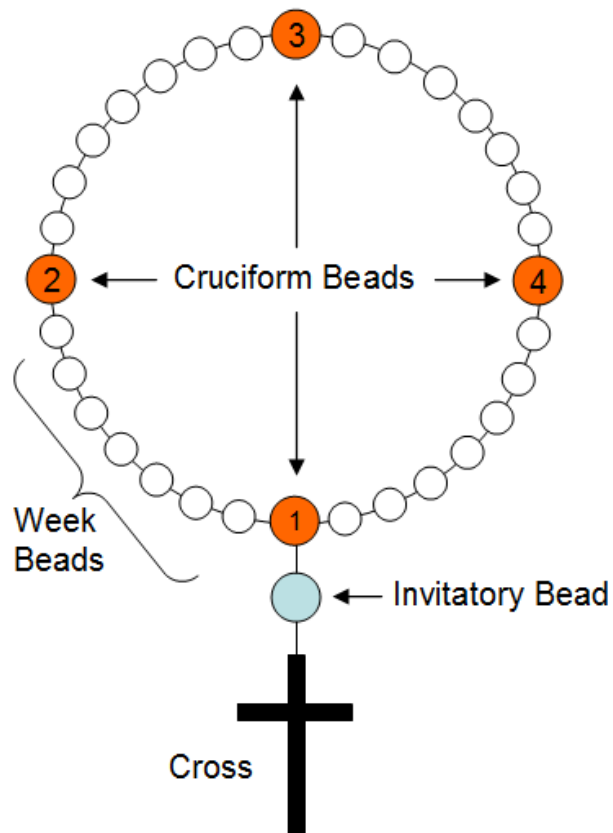


Structure and Symbolism of the Anglican Rosary

The original Anglican Rosary was developed in the 1980s by a Texas prayer group led by Rev. Lynn Bauman. There are 33 beads, the number of years Jesus is believed to have lived. The cross, or crucifix, is a reminder of our identity as Christians, and the lengths to which God's love reaches out to us.

When the Rosary is laid out in a circle, the four single beads form the points of the cross. These four beads also remind us of the four seasons of the year and the four points of a compass. All creation in all time was pronounced as "good" by God. The circle is a sign of God's unending love for us and His creation. It reminds us that real prayer is continuous, that we should "pray always."



The Invitatory bead is the invitation into the circle of prayer; a invitation to trust God and join with others in the family of God.

The four sets of seven beads are called Weeks. These signify the ongoing weeks of human time and the week of creation.

You can go either way around the circle, so Cruciform beads #2 and #4 could be #4 and #2 respectively. Either way is fine.