

# AQA Religious studies PLC

## Part 1 Catholic Christianity

Topic 1: Creation	R	A	G
1.1 Michelangelo's Creation of Adam			
1.2 Other Christian art that depicts creation			
1.3 Creation and the nature of God in Genesis 1			
1.4 Creation and the nature of humans in Genesis 2			
1.5 The significance of the creation stories for Catholics			
1.6 The origins and structure of the Bible			
1.7 Inspiration and the Bible as the word of God			
1.8 Interpreting the Genesis creation stories			
1.9 Natural law and Catholic attitudes towards science			
1.10 Caring for the environment			
1.11 The meaning of stewardship			
1.12 CAFOD and sustainability			

Topic 2: Incarnation	R	A	G
2.1 Jesus as God incarnate			
2.2 God's message to Joseph			
2.3 Jesus, the Word of God			
2.4 Jesus as both fully human and fully God			
2.5 Christian symbols			
2.6 How the incarnation affects Catholic attitudes towards religious art			
2.7 Interpreting statues of Jesus			
2.8 The moral teachings of Jesus			
2.9 Tradition and St Irenaeus' writings about Jesus			
2.10 Different understandings of the incarnation			
2.11 Grace and the sacramental nature of reality			
2.12 The seven sacraments			

Topic 3: Triune	R	A	G
3.1 Psalms and the use of music in worship			
3.2 Music in the liturgy			
3.3 Acclamations used in the Mass			
3.4 The Triune God explained in the Bible			
3.5 The Trinity in the Nicene Creed and Genesis 1			
3.6 The influence of the Trinity on Christians today			
3.7 The Trinity in the Bible			
3.8 The Trinity and God's love			
3.9 The authority of the Magisterium and its views on the Trinity			
3.10 Baptism			
3.11 Traditional and spontaneous prayer			
3.12 Prayer and posture			

Topic 4: Redemption	R	A	G
4.1 How church architecture reflects Catholic beliefs.			
4.2 The main parts of a Catholic church			
4.3 Contrasting features and artefacts used by Catholics			
4.4. The role of Jesus in restoration through sacrifice			
4.5 The significance of Jesus' death, burial, resurrection and ascension			

4.6 Salvation (past, present and future)			
4.7 Redemption in the Bible			
4.8 St Irenaeus' and St Anselm's thoughts on salvation			
4.9 The importance of conscience for Christians			
4.10 Redemption in the Mass			
4.11 Different Christian understandings of the Eucharist			
4.12 Prayers in the Mass and adoration			

Topic 5: Church and the Kingdom of God	R	A	G
5.1 Pilgrimage and the Stations of the Cross			
5.2 Pilgrimage to sacred places			
5.3 Mission and evangelism in drama			
5.4 The Kingdom of God and the Lord's Prayer			
5.5 Signs of the Kingdom: justice, peace and reconciliation			
5.6 The hierarchy of the Catholic Church and the Second Vatican Council			
5.7 The importance of Mary and the Magnificat			
5.8 The four marks of the Church and apostolic succession			
5.9 The conciliar and pontifical nature of the Church			
5.10 The Church as the Body of Christ: the importance of charity for Catholics			
5.11 Kingdom values in Christian vocations			
5.12 Kingdom values in the life of a Catholic			

Topic 6: Eschatology	R	A	G
6.1 The Paschal candle			
6.2 Michelangelo's The Last Judgement			
6.3 Memorials for the dead			
6.4 Eschatology and life after death			
6.5 The four last things			
6.6 Purgatory and judgement			
6.7 The Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus			
6.8 Cosmic reconciliation			
6.9 The Church's teachings on the end of time			
6.10 The last rites			
6.11 The funeral rites			
6.12 The care of the dying and euthanasia			

## Part 2 World Religions: Judaism

Topic 9: Judaism beliefs and teachings	R	A	G
9.1 The nature of God: God as one			
9.2 The nature of God: God as creator			
9.3 The nature of God: God as lawgiver and judge; the divine presence			
9.4 Life after death, judgement and resurrection			
9.5 The nature and role of the Messiah			
9.6 The Promised Land and the covenant with Abraham			
9.7 The covenant at Sinai and the Ten Commandments			
9.8 Key moral principles in Judaism			
9.9 Sanctity of Life			
9.10 Free will and mitzvot			
9.11 The nature of God: God as one			
9.12 The nature of God: God as creator			

Topic 10: Judaism Practices	R	A	G
10.1 The importance of the synagogue			
10.2 Interior features of a synagogue			
10.3 Worship in Orthodox and Reform synagogues			
10.4 Daily services in prayer			
10.5 Shabbat in the synagogue			
10.6 Shabbat in the home			
10.7 Worship in the home; the written and oral law			
10.8 Ceremonies associated with birth			
10.9 Bar and Bat Mitzvah			
10.10 Marriage			
10.11 Mourning for the dead			
10.12 Dietary laws			
10.13 Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur			
10.14 Pesach			

### Part 3 Themes

Topic 11: Religion, relationships and families	R	A	G
11.1 Human beings as sexual, male and female			
11.2 Pope John Paul's Theology of the Body			
11.3 Human sexuality and its expression			
11.4 A valid marriage in the Catholic Church			
11.5 The nature of marriage, marriage promises and cohabitation			
11.6 Annulment, divorce and remarriage			
11.7 Family planning and contraception			
11.8 The nature and purpose of the family			
11.9 Roles and responsibilities within the family			
11.10 Gender equality in the Bible			
11.11 Catholic teaching on the equality of women and men			
11.12 Gender prejudice and discrimination			

Topic 13: Religion, human rights and social justice	R	A	G
13.1 Human dignity and religious freedom			
13.2 Human rights			
13.3 Rights and responsibilities			
13.4 Responsibilities of wealth			
13.5 Wealth creation and exploitation			
13.6 Greed, materialism and the sacrifice of wealth			
13.7 Catholic teachings about poverty			
13.8 Contrasting views on fighting poverty			
13.9 The work of CAFOD and Christian Aid			
13.10 Racial prejudice and discrimination			
13.11 Equality			
13.12 Justice, racial equality and racial prejudice			