

AQA Religious Studies B and CAFOD resources

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Specification	CAFOD resources
3.1 Component 1: Catholic Christianity	
3.1.1 Creation	
3.1.1.1 Forms of expression – art • The meaning and significance of Michelangelo's	
Creation of Adam.	
How it reflects Catholic beliefs about God as creator and	
the creation of humanity in the image of God.	
How its meaning and significance contrasts with one	
other Christian artistic expression of creation.	Canticle of Creatures ppt
3.1.1.2 Beliefs and teachings	
The nature of God expressed in Genesis 1 and 2: God	
as creator, God as transcendent and omnipotent; the	
significance of these beliefs for Catholics.	
The meaning and significance of the belief that human	Human Dignity animation
beings are made in the image of God.	Human Dignity animation worksheet
The influence of this on Catholic views about: free will,	Truman Dignity animation worksheet
stewardship, the dignity of human beings and the	
sanctity of life.	
3.1.1.3 Sources of authority	
Scripture	
The origin of the Bible, its structure and key literary	
forms, including law, history and prophecy.	
The meaning and significance of Catholic understanding of inspiration and of the Bible as the revealed Word of	
of inspiration and of the Bible as the revealed Word of God.	
Issues concerning the literary type of the Genesis	
creation accounts and different Christian understandings	
of their significance.	
Tradition	
Natural law, including how belief in the goodness of	
creation leads to Catholic understanding of natural law	
and how belief in natural law influences Catholic views	
about the sanctity of life.	
Magisterium	
The influence of the Second Vatican Council on Catholic	
views of the harmony between science and religion, eg	
Gaudium et Spes 36.	
3.1.1.4 Practices	Starton, Why should we love our neighbour?
Care for the environment as an expression of the requirement to 'love our neighbour' in concrete terms.	Starter: Why should we love our neighbour?
The meaning of stewardship and of different ways in	Laudato Si' animation
which Catholics might carry out their duty to be stewards	Climate change photopack and notes
at a local national and global level.	Sustainable energy fact sheet
The meaning and significance of CAFOD's work on	CAFOD's climate campaign
sustainability as an expression of Catholic beliefs about	Eco-stoves film
the goodness of creation.	Good Samaritan ppt
3.1.2 Incarnation	
3.1.2.1 Forms of expression – symbol and	
incarnation	
• The religious significance and relevance of the following	
Christian symbols: Icthus (fish), Alpha and Omega, Chi-	
Rho.	Feeding of 5000 icon ppt
How belief in the incarnation has influenced Catholic views about religious art and imagery.	Southwark Romero Cross film
The meaning and significance for Catholics of one	Southwark Romero Cross worksheet
The meaning and significance for Catholics of one	

sculpture or statue of Jesus and different Christian views	
about sculptures, statues or images of Jesus.	
3.1.2.2 Beliefs and teachings	
• The meaning and scriptural origins of the belief in Jesus	
as the incarnate Son (Luke 1:26 –38 and Matthew 1:18 –	
24) and divine Word (John 1:1 – 4.14).	
Jesus as both fully human and fully God, including the	
meaning and significance of:	
• Jesus as 'Son of Man' (Mark 8:31)	
• Jesus as 'Son of God' (Mark 14:61 – 62).	
3.1.2.3 Sources of authority	
Scripture	
Jesus as the fulfilment of the law, a model of virtues and	
authoritative source for moral teaching as exemplified in	Beatitudes illustrations
the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1 – 12) and in his teaching on	Matthew 25 illustrations exercise
how Christians should respond to those in need (Matthew	Tracerow 25 maserations exercise
25:31 - 46).	
Tradition	
The meaning and significance of 'the glory of God is a	
human being, fully alive' from the writings of Irenaeus	Fullness of Life animation
(Adversus Haereses, 4,20,7).	Tamiless of the annihilation
Magisterium	
The similarities and differences in the understanding of	
the incarnation as presented in Dei Verbum 4 and	
Verbum Domini 12.	
3.1.2.4 Practices	
The meaning and significance of grace and the	Each Sacramental person, poetry worksheet
sacramental nature of reality, including how a belief in	Lacii Saciamentai person, poetry worksneet
the incarnation leads to these beliefs.	
The names of the seven sacraments and Catholic	
beliefs about their effects on the sanctification of life.	
• The meaning and significance of the influence of <i>imago</i>	
dei on Catholic practice in terms of protection of the	
unborn, with reference to Luke 1:44.	
3.1.3 The Triune God, mission and prayer	
3.1.3.1 Forms of expression – music and the	
glory of God	
• The use of different styles of music in worship including	
psalms, plainchant, traditional hymns, contemporary	
worship songs and their influence.	
Mass settings used in liturgy, their significance and	
influence.	
Eucharistic acclamations: the Gloria, Alleluia, Sanctus	
and Mystery of Faith.	
3.1.3.2 Beliefs and teachings	
One God as a Trinity of persons: Father, Son and Holy	
Spirit as expressed in the Nicene Creed; the scriptural	
origins of this belief: Deuteronomy 6:4, Matthew 3:16 –	
17, Galatians 4:6.	
How belief in the Trinity has influenced Christian	
interpretations of Genesis 1:1 – 3.	
• The significance and influence of belief in the Trinity in	
Catholic life today, including an understanding of mission	
and evangelism as a work of the Spirit presented in	
Benedict XVI's Deus Caritas Est 19.	
3.1.3.3 Sources of authority	
Scripture	
Christian understanding of God as a Trinity of persons	
with reference to Mark 1:9 – 11 and Galatians 4:6 – 7.	
Tradition	
St Augustine and Catherine LaCugna on the intimacy of	
God's love; similarities and differences.	
Magisterium	
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The meaning and significance of conciliar magisterial	

Pilgrimage as dramatised journey: the meaning and	
Cross, reflects Catholic beliefs about the Church as a people of God on a sacred journey of service.	
 How 'dramatised prayer', including the Stations of the 	Stations of the Cross for young people
3.1.5.1 Forms of expression – drama and the faith journey	
3.1.5 Church and the Kingdom of God	
Eucharistic adoration.	
linked. How belief in the 'real presence' influences	
Dei, the 'Real Presence' and 'the sacrifice of the Mass' are	
for Catholics and other Christian denominations. • Understanding how the Words of Institution, the Agnus	
including the meaning and significance of the Eucharist	
The Mass as the 'source and summit' of Christian life	
3.1.4.4 Practices – Eucharist and redemption	
the Catholic Church. Different Christian understandings of the conscience and its value as a guide.	
reference to Gaudium et Spes 16 and the Catechism of	
Voice of God and as a guide for the redeemed with	
The meaning and significance of the conscience as the	
Magisterium	
A comparison of salvation metaphors in Irenaeus and Anselm	
Tradition A comparison of calvation metaphors in Ironacus and	
2:1 - 4.	
Mark 15:21 – 39 and John 20:1 – 18, Acts 1:6 – 11 and	
Identification and understanding of redemption themes in	
Scripture	
3.1.4.3 Sources of authority	
How far the story of redemption has influenced Catholic understanding of the liturgy.	
or future) and grace.	
• Contrasting Christian views on 'salvation' (past, present	
redemption.	
The significance of each event in the story of	
through recreation; the ascension understood as restoration of the cosmic order.	
sacrifice; the resurrection understood as restoration	
The death of Jesus understood as restoration through	
3.1.4.2 Beliefs and teachings	
table or altar, a plain cross, crucifix or 'risen Christ'.	
church emphasise different aspects of Catholic belief both for individuals and as a community of believers including	
How contrasting architecture and artefacts within a church emphasise different aspects of Catholic belief both.	
facilitate worship.	
different aspects of the mystery of redemption and	
How the lectern, altar, crucifix and tabernacle express	
churches reflect Catholic beliefs and facilitate worship.	
designHow the architecture, design and decoration of Catholic	
3.1.4.1 Forms of expression – architecture and	
restored, forgiven	
3.1.4 Redemption – ransomed, healed,	
How prayer and posture are linked in Christian worship.	
and spontaneous prayers.	
mind to God', including contrasting features of traditional	
and Spirit.The significance of prayer as a 'raising of the heart and	
initiation and participation in the life of God, Father, Son	
• The meaning and significance of Baptism as a sign of	
3.1.3.4 Practices	
325) and Constantinople (AD 381).	
the Trinity with reference to the Councils of Nicaea (AD	
authority, including its influence on Catholic doctrine of	

significance of pilgrimage to holy sites including	
Jerusalem, Rome, Walsingham and Lourdes.	
How Catholic understandings of mission and evangelism	
are expressed in drama and the influence of such drama.	
3.1.5.2 Beliefs and teachings	
	Over Fath on film
• The meaning and significance of the 'Reign' or	Our Father film
'Kingdom' of God as expressed in the Lord's Prayer	
(Matthew 6:9 – 13).	
Understanding of Catholic teaching on justice, peace	CST in 3 minutes animation and script
and reconciliation as signs of the Kingdom.	CST principles videowall
Understanding the hierarchy of the Church and its	CST cards
consultative nature as reflected in the Second Vatican	CST cards digital game
Council, including an outline of the history of the Council,	C31 Cards digital game
the four key documents and their themes.	
3.1.5.3 Sources of authority	
Scripture	
The meaning and significance of Mary as model of	
discipleship in the Church: Luke 1:46 – 55 the Magnificat	
as a controversial Kingdom prayer.	
Tradition	
Identification and meaning of the four marks of the	
Church: one, holy, Catholic and apostolic; how belief in	
'apostolic succession' leads to a Catholic understanding of	
the magisterium.	
Magisterium	
The nature of the magisterium both conciliar and	
pontifical.	
• The role of the magisterium in providing Catholic social	
teaching in Gaudium et Spes 1 and Evangelii Gaudium 53	CST in 3 minutes animation and script
- 54.	
	Who is my neighbour?
3.1.5.4 Practices – Church as Body of Christ	
How the command to love our neighbour in concrete	Starter: Why should we love our neighbour?
ways is expressed in the works of Catholic agencies,	History and work of CAFOD ppt
locally, nationally and globally: the work of two agencies	CAFOD's work in El Salvador film
should be studied, one working locally, the other working	Emergencies – What happens at CAFOD film and
nationally and globally.	flowchart
	Flood! Game and instructions
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How Kingdom values have influenced the ways in which	
vocation is understood in Catholicism whether through	
priesthood, family, religious life or community.	
How belief in justice, peace and reconciliation is	Romero film
expressed in the life of one important Catholic figure.	Romero timeline
	Romero poster
3.1.6 Eschatology: Christian life, death and	
eternity	
3.1.6.1 Forms of expression – artefact and	
eschatology	
• The features and Christian significance of the Paschal	
candle as an artefact of Resurrection.	
Michelangelo's The Last Judgement; the meaning and ignificance of its religious themes.	
significance of its religious themes.	
How different Christian beliefs about life after death are	
expressed in different forms of memorial expression, eg	
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tombstones, monuments and remembrance gardens.	
3.1.6.2 Beliefs and teachings	
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The meaning and significance of different Christian	
beliefs about life after death.	
3.1.6.3 Sources of authority	
Scripture	
The religious significance of the story of the Rich Man and	
Lazarus (Luke 16:19 – 31).	
Tradition	
The meaning and significance of the idea of the cosmic	
reconciliation of all things with reference to Mother Julian	
of Norwich, Revelations of Divine Love 32.	
Magisterium	
The importance of the Second Vatican Council for a	
Catholic understanding of eschatology, with particular	
reference to Lumen Gentium 48 and Catechism of the Catholic Church 1037.	
 3.1.6.4 Practices – liturgies of life and death Identification and understanding of 'the last rites' as 	
sacramental expression of reconciliation, healing and	
hope.	
Understanding and evaluation of the ways in which the	
prayers and actions of the funeral rite are influenced by	
Catholic beliefs about life after death.	
 Evaluate the influence of 'the sanctity of life' on 	
Catholic views about the care of the dying and	
euthanasia.	
3.2 Component 2: Perspectives on faith	
[Section A: Islam / Judaism]	
3.2.2 Section B: Themes	
3.2.2.1 Theme A: Religion, relationships and	
families	
Dialogue 1: Relationships and the human	
condition - love and sexuality: communion	
and complementarity	
Foundational biblical understanding of human beings as	
sexual, male and female.	
 The meaning and significance of Catholic teaching 	
about the nature and purpose of sexual love as marital,	
unitive and procreative.	
Key features of John Paul II's Theology of the Body.	
Dialogue 2: Perspectives on relationships –	
marriage, cohabitation, divorce and	
separation	
 Foundational conditions of a valid marriage in the Catholic Church. 	
The nature of marriage and the marriage vows.	
Catholic guidelines on annulment, divorce and	
remarrying.	
Dialogue 3: Families and responsibilities –	
roles of men, women and children within the	
family	
Catholic approaches to family planning.	
Catholic views on the nature and purpose of the family	
in the 21st century, including procreation; security and	
education of children; the roles and responsibilities within	
the family of men and women (Ephesians 5:21 – 6.4).	
Catholic teaching on the dignity of work within the	
home.	
Dialogue 4: Gender, equality and	
discrimination – equality of women and men	
• Foundational equality of women and men in biblical	
tradition.	
Catholic teaching on the equality of women and men.	
 Gender prejudice and discrimination, including 	

examples; key features of Catholic opposition to gender prejudice and discrimination.	Tackling gender-based violence film
3.2.2.2 Theme B: Religion, peace and conflict	
Dialogue 1: Christian perspectives on human	
violence, justice, forgiveness and	
reconciliation	
Biblical perspectives on violence as a feature of the	
human condition including bullying.	
The concepts of forgiveness and reconciliation; teachings of Jesus in the New Testament about	Rwanda animation
forgiveness and reconciliation, including John 14:27.	
The concept of justice; Catholic perspectives on the	Human Dignity animation
relationship between justice and human dignity.	Human Dignity animation worksheet
Dialogue 2: Christian perspectives on societal	
war and just war	
The meaning and significance of the Just War theory. Catechism of the Catholic Church 2309.	
Catechism of the Catholic Church 2309. Catholic attitudes to nuclear war and the use of	
weapons of mass destruction.	
Catholic views regarding consequences of modern	Refugee animation
warfare: civilian casualties, refugees and environmental	Hunger cloth film
damage.	Hunger cloth film
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 Dialogue 3: Holy war and pacifism Religion and belief as a reason for war and violence; 	
the idea of Holy War.	
Old Testament biblical perspectives on war.	
The role of religion in 21st century conflicts, including	
responses to the victims of war.	Refugee crisis resources
Dialogue 4: Christian perspectives on	
terrorism and Christian initiatives in conflict	
resolution and peace making	
Biblical and contemporary Catholic perspectives on terrorism as a mode of conflict.	
Catholic views on the use of torture.	
Catholic views on the use of torture. Catholic views about radicalisation and martyrdom.	
Catholic views about radicalisation and martyrdom. Catholic perspectives on conflict resolution and	
peacemaking, including biblical perspectives.	Beatitudes (illustrated scripture)
The work of two Christian organisations active in conflict	Peace and conflict resource
resolution and peacemaking and examples of nonviolent	Peace: A sporting chance film
resistance from within and beyond the Catholic tradition.	Romero film
3.2.2.3 Theme C: Religion, human rights and	
social justice	
Dialogue 1: Human rights and religious	
freedom	Human Dignity animation
• Foundational Biblical teaching – the dignity of all people	
because they are created in the image of God; The	Human Dignity animation worksheet
concept of 'loving your neighbour'.	Starter: Who is my neighbour?
concept of loving your neighbour.	Why should we love our neighbour?
Catholic understanding of human rights, and their	Human rights and Gaudium et Spes ppt
importance for human dignity, set out in Gaudium et	What is a human rights defender? film
Spes 26.	
Catholic attitudes to freedom of religion or belief.	
Contrasts or links	
Different perspectives, Christian and non-religious (such	Romero film
as atheist or humanist) in contemporary British society	1.55.0 1
on these issues including how the pursuit of human rights	
may be expressed in action by the individuals and the	
Church.	
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Belief about how rights are linked to responsibilities,	Human rights and Gaudium et Spes ppt
including the duty to protect the rights of others.	CST cards
Dialogue 2: Perspectives on wealth	
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- Catholic teaching on the responsibilities of wealth, duty of stewardship of wealth.
- Catholic teaching about wealth creation, including exploitation of the poor and human trafficking.
- Catholic attitudes to wealth, including the wealth of the Church.

Starter: Exploitation

Poverty factsheet

Option for the poor movie

Crossword: Wealth and Poverty in scripture

Contrasts or links

Different perspectives, Christian and non-religious (such as atheist or humanist) in contemporary British society on these issues including greed, materialism and ideas about the value of individuals based on their wealth and possessions as well as Christian beliefs about the need to sacrifice wealth and possessions for entry into God's kingdom.

Dialogue 3: Perspectives on poverty

- Catholic teaching about the Christian duty to take action against poverty and the causes of poverty: the Preferential option for the Poor (Evangelii Gaudium 198).
- Christian views about, of and actions on, poverty, including issues related to giving money to the poor.
- Christian action against poverty, and the causes of poverty, as an expression of Christian values: the work of CAFOD or Christian Aid.

actions on, poverty, g money to the poor. CST cards digital game

History and work of CAFOD ppt CAFOD's work in El Salvador film

Poverty: causes and effects session

Contrasts or links

Different perspectives, Christian and non-religious (such as atheist or humanist) in contemporary British society on these issues including who should have responsibility for helping those in poverty, and the responsibility of those living in poverty to help overcome the difficulties they face.

Dialogue 4: Prejudice and discrimination

- Christian teaching against racial prejudice and discrimination and about how the worth of the individual should be judged.
- Christian teaching about the ideals of equality and justice.
- Christian attitudes towards prejudice and discrimination within religion, with reference to gender and sexuality.

Contrasts or links

Different perspectives, Christian and non-religious (such as atheist or humanist), in contemporary British society on these issues and ethical arguments related to racial discrimination (including positive discrimination), including those based on the ideals of equality and justice.

How Christianity actively promotes tolerance and racial equality and supports victims of racial prejudice.

Middle East video, 'Walking together' https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8G5YX2CACfE

3.2.2.4 Theme D: St Mark's Gospel – the life of Jesus

The early ministry of Jesus

- John's preparation for Jesus' ministry: 1:1 8.
- The paralysed man: 2:1 12.
- Jairus' daughter: 5:21 24a, 35 43
- The rejection at Nazareth: 6:1 6.
- The feeding of the five thousand: 6:30 44.

The later ministry of Jesus

• The conversation at Caesarea Philippi: 8:27 - 33.

Feeding of 5000 icon ppt

• The transfiguration of Jesus: 9:2 - 9. • Jesus' passion prediction: 10:32 - 34. • The request of James and John: 10:35 - 45. • Bartimaeus: 10:46 - 52. • The entry into Jerusalem: 11:1 - 11. The final days in Jerusalem • The Last Supper: 14:12 - 26. • Jesus in Gethsemane: 14:32 - 52. • The trial before the Jewish authorities: 14:53, 57 - 65. • The trial before Pilate: 15:1 - 15. • The crucifixion and burial: 15:21 - 47. • The empty tomb: 16:1 - 8. 3.2.2.5 Theme E: St Mark's Gospel as a source of spiritual truth The Kingdom of God • Parable of the sower: 4:1 - 9, 14 - 20. • Parable of the growing seed: 4:26 - 29. • Parable of the mustard seed: 4:30 - 32. Jesus and the children: 10:13 – 16. • The rich man: 10:17 - 27. • The greatest commandment: 12:28 - 34. Jesus' relationships with those disregarded by • The man with leprosy: 1:40 - 45. • The call of Levi: 2:13 - 17. • The Greek (Syro-Phoenician) woman's daughter: 7:24 • The epileptic (demon-possessed) boy: 9:14 - 29. • The widow at the treasury: 12:41 - 44. • The anointing at Bethany: 14:1 - 9. Faith and discipleship • The call of the first disciples: 1:16 - 20. • The woman with a haemorrhage: 5:24b - 34. • The mission of the Twelve: 6:7 - 13. • The cost and rewards of discipleship: 8:34 - 38; 10:28 - 31. • Peter's denials: 14:27 - 31, 66 - 72. • The commission and ascension: 16:14 - 20. Significance and importance • Different ways in which the Kingdom of God might be 'Thy Kingdom come' video: understood, including as a present reality and a future https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b1YrmZgStLQ hope, and as a personal inner state and a community. • Reasons for 1st century attitudes and those of Jesus to those disregarded by society. • The significance and importance for Christians of Jesus' Option for the poor movie attitudes to those disregarded by the society of his day. • Different views on the significance and importance for Jesus' disciples and for 21st century Christians of discipleship as seen in incidents relating to Jesus' disciples and in Jesus' teaching.

• Different views on the nature and importance of faith as

• Differing views on the authority of Jesus' teaching as recorded by Mark in relation to the challenges posed by

secular sources of contemporary authority.

seen in Mark's Gospel.