Knowledge organiser: GCSE Catholic Christianity Unit 5- Church and Kingdom of God

Sub topics

- The four marks of the Church and apostolic succession
- *The hierarchy of the Catholic Church and authority of the magisterium*
- *The conciliar and pontifical nature of the Church and the Second Vatican Council*
- Pilgrimage and *the Pilgrim church*
- Places of pilgrimage
- Stations of the cross and dramatized prayer
- The Kingdom of God and the 'Our Father' as a Kingdom prayer
- The Magnificat as a Kingdom prayer and the importance of Mary as a model of discipleship
- Signs of the Kingdom of God
- The importance of charity for Catholics
- Catholic social teaching
- Vocations and Kingdom values- Kingdom values in the life of a Catholic
- Mission and evangelisation in drama- Les Miserables

Key words

Pilgrimage- A journey by a believer to a holy site for religious reasons; an act of worship or devotion

Immaculate conception- A Catholic belief that the Virgin Mary was free of original sin from the moment of her conception

Kingdom of God- Referred to as the reign of God, when all people live as God intends***.***

Apostolic succession- The power of the apostles passed onto to the next generation of Bishops.

Catholic- A term used to describe something that is worldwide and inclusive. Literally means 'universal'

Conciliar- This is when the authority of the magisterium is expressed through the Pope in a council

Pontifical- This is when the teachings of the church are declared by a Pope.

Vocation- A call from God to fulfil a particular role in life.

Possible H/WK tasks-

Assessed H/WK tasks

1. **Mid-module H/WK assessment**
2. **End of module test**

Self/Peer assessed H/WK tasks- See separate H/WK log

1. **Leaflet explaining the role and importance of the Pope for Catholics.**
2. **12-mark essay question: 'The best way that Christians can help to spread the Kingdom of God on earth is to do charity work.' Evaluate this statement**

Students may be set additional assessed tasks by their class teacher which will help the class teacher to assess their progress and inform their planning.

Opportunities for independent learning/Stretch and challenge

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zk8bcj6/revision/6 - BBC Bite size

Read the commentary on the Our Father as a Kingdom prayer (shared area/teams)

Read the commentary on the Magnificat as a Kingdom prayer. (shared area/teams)

Read the Britannica encyclopaedia article on Kingdom of God.

Complete extra exam questions on unit 5 from shared area.

Re-read pages in textbook- chapter 5, pages 116-139

The Catholic Church

- The Catholic Church continues the redemptive work of Christ on earth. They are the physical body of Christ with Christ as its spiritual head.
- When we refer to the 'Church' we are not referring to the building but to the people of God who are baptised into the Church
- The Pope is the head of the Church and along with the Bishops makes up the teaching council of the church (The magisterium). The teaching of the Church is decided either by a council (conciliar) or by the Pope speaking infallibly. (Pontifical)
- The Pope and Bishops were granted authority of the Church through apostolic succession
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Pilgrimage

- A pilgrimage is a Religious journey towards a destination. The church is often referred to as the pilgrim people as they are on a journey towards the full establishment of God's Kingdom.
- There are key places of pilgrimage that Catholics visit throughout their lifetime; these are considered to be places that have been touched by the presence of God
- The stations of the cross area from of pilgrimage and dramatized prayer. Through prayer, people journey through the stations and place themselves in the footsteps of Jesus.

Kingdom of God

- -The Kingdom of God refers to the 'Reign of God', where all people live as God intends. The role of the Church is to help people journey towards the Kingdom.
- The Lord's prayer is a prayer of the kingdom which Jesus taught his disciples. It helps Christians to understand God as King.
- The Magnificat is a revolutionary Kingdom prayer that recognises the power and majesty of God. Mary helps Christians understand how to be a perfect disciple of Christ.

Charity and Catholic social teaching

- The Magisterium does not just teach key beliefs about the faith but also expresses its thoughts on the condition of society- Catholics should show love to all members of society, particularly the weakest and poorest.
- Jesus commands Christians to love and they can show this through charity. CAFOD is the Catholic agency for overseas development.

Vocation and kingdom values

- A vocation is a call from God to live out a particular role in life. By following a vocation people can make use of their gifts and talents to enable them to benefit others in society
- Vocations can take many different forms and can include both religious and non-religious roles.