

## **GCSE Religious Studies – Component 2**

**Students:** Ask someone at home – mum, dad, brother, sister to help you with your revision. Make them a cup of tea, hand them this sheet and show them everything you know about your RE!

**Parents:** How to use this

- Read the **question aloud**
- Student answers **from memory**
- Parent checks against the **answer clues**
- If unsure, prompt with: *“Can you add one more detail?”*

### **Catholic Beliefs about Euthanasia, Assisted Suicide & Dying Well**

#### **Q1. Why do Catholics oppose euthanasia and assisted suicide?**

**Prompt:** What does Catholic belief say about life?

**What to listen for:**

- Life is sacred (*sanctity of life*)
- Life is given by God
- Humans do not have the right to end life
- Linked to “Do not kill”

#### **Q2. How does Catholic teaching support dying people without ending life?**

**Prompt:** What type of care is allowed?

**What to listen for:**

- Palliative care
- Relieves pain
- Allows death to happen naturally
- Shows dignity and compassion

#### **Q3. How do Catholics respond to the argument that people have a “right to die”?**

**Prompt:** Think human dignity and love of neighbour.

**What to listen for:**

- Life is not a personal possession
- Dignity remains even in suffering

- Jesus taught love and care, not killing

### **Other Religious and Non-Religious Views**

#### **Q4. What do Humanists believe about life after death?**

**Prompt:** Is there evidence?

**What to listen for:**

- No evidence
- Death is the end
- Focus on living well now

#### **Q5. What do Hindus and Buddhists believe happens after death?**

**Prompt:** Think rebirth.

**What to listen for:**

- Reincarnation
- Soul or consciousness reborn
- Cycle continues

#### **Q6. Why do some scientists reject life after death?**

**Prompt:** What happens to the body?

**What to listen for:**

- Body decays
- Consciousness ends
- No proof of resurrection

### **Catholic Beliefs about Life After Death**

#### **Q7. What is meant by the resurrection of the body?**

**Prompt:** Is the body permanent?

**What to listen for:**

- Body will be transformed
- Not the same physical body
- Faith taught by St Paul

**Q8. What happens at the final judgement?**

**Prompt:** What decides heaven or hell?

**What to listen for:**

- God judges actions
- Love and choices matter
- Parable of Sheep and Goats

**Q9. Why do Catholics believe in purgatory?**

**Prompt:** What if someone isn't perfect?

**What to listen for:**

- Purification
- Preparation for heaven
- Justice and mercy

**Parables and Teachings**

**Q10. What does the Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus teach about life after death?**

**Prompt:** Who suffered and who was rewarded?

**What to listen for:**

- Rich man ignored the poor
- Lazarus rewarded
- Actions matter
- Justice after death

**Q11. How does this parable influence Catholic attitudes today?**

**Prompt:** Think charity and choices.

**What to listen for:**

- Moral responsibility
- Helping others
- Caring for the vulnerable

## **Symbols: Pascal Candle & Sarcophagi**

### **Q12. What does the Paschal Candle symbolise?**

**Prompt:** What do the symbols show?

**What to listen for:**

- Resurrection
- Eternal life
- Alpha and Omega
- Light of Christ

### **Q13. Why are early Christian sarcophagi important?**

**Prompt:** Think symbols and belief.

**What to listen for:**

- Fish symbol (Chi-Rho)
- Jesus' resurrection
- Victory over death

## **Catholic Funeral Rites & Music**

### **Q14. What is the purpose of a Catholic funeral?**

**Prompt:** Who is supported?

**What to listen for:**

- Pray for the dead
- Comfort the living
- Express hope of resurrection

### **Q15. Why is Fauré's *Requiem* suitable for Catholic funerals?**

**Prompt:** What feeling does it focus on?

**What to listen for:**

- Peace
- Hope
- Eternal rest
- Not fear or punishment

## **Prayer for the Dead**

### **Q16. Why do Catholics pray for the dead?**

**Prompt:** Think purgatory.

**What to listen for:**

- Help souls
- Shorten time in purgatory
- Show love and hope

### **Q17. How do Requiem Masses help Catholics?**

**Prompt:** Who benefits?

**What to listen for:**

- The deceased
- The grieving
- Strengthens belief in eternal life

## **Authority: Magisterium & Vatican II**

### **Q18. What is the Magisterium?**

**Prompt:** Who teaches officially?

**What to listen for:**

- Teaching authority of the Church
- Pope and bishops
- Apostolic succession

### **Q19. How did Vatican II change the Church's approach?**

**Prompt:** Think the modern world.

**What to listen for:**

- Engagement with society
- Charity and social justice
- Worship in local language
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## **Forgiveness in the Gospel of Matthew**

### **Q1. Why is forgiveness so important in Catholic Christianity?**

**Prompt:** Think Jesus' teachings.

**What to listen for:**

- Jesus taught forgiveness directly
- Forgiveness follows Jesus' example
- Central to Christian behaviour

### **Q2. What does the Lord's Prayer teach Christians about forgiveness?**

**Prompt:** What do Christians ask God to do?

**What to listen for:**

- "Forgive us our trespasses..."
- Forgiveness from God depends on forgiving others
- Mutual forgiveness

### **Q3. What did Jesus mean when he said forgive "seventy-seven times"?**

**Prompt:** Is there a limit to forgiveness?

**What to listen for:**

- Forgiveness is unlimited
- Christians should always forgive
- Not a literal number

### **Q4. How does the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant support this teaching?**

**Prompt:** What happened to the servant?

**What to listen for:**

- God forgives people
- People must forgive others
- Refusing forgiveness leads to punishment

## **Old Testament Views on Justice and Forgiveness**

### **Q5. What teaching about revenge is found in the Old Testament?**

**Prompt:** Think "eye for an eye".

**What to listen for:**

- Justice as fair punishment
- Limiting revenge
- Not about forgiveness

**Q6. Why might some crimes be hard to forgive?**

**Prompt:** Think serious harm.

**What to listen for:**

- Murder or rape
- Extreme suffering
- Ongoing harm

**Evangelisation – Spreading the Gospel**

**Q7. What is evangelisation?**

**Prompt:** What does it involve sharing?

**What to listen for:**

- Spreading the Gospel
- Sharing the “Good News”
- Showing Jesus’ teachings

**Q8. How do Catholics evangelise today?**

**Prompt:** Not just preaching.

**What to listen for:**

- Charity work
- Teaching
- Medical care
- CAFOD and SVP

**Q9. How does Pope Francis support evangelisation?**

**Prompt:** What type of Church does he want?

**What to listen for:**

- Church for the poor
- Action over words
- Love and compassion

## **Capital Punishment**

### **Q10. Why does the Catholic Church oppose capital punishment?**

**Prompt:** Think sanctity of life.

**What to listen for:**

- Life is sacred
- Belongs to God
- No one has the right to take life
- Pope Francis: “inadmissible”

### **Q11. How does St Augustine challenge support for capital punishment?**

**Prompt:** Think reform.

**What to listen for:**

- Criminals can change
- Killing prevents repentance
- Rehabilitation is better

### **Q12. What arguments are given *in favour* of capital punishment?**

**Prompt:** Think justice and protection.

**What to listen for:**

- Deterrence
- Punishment fits the crime
- Protection of society
- Old Testament support

## **Nature of the Church (Four Marks)**

### **Q13. What does it mean to say the Church is “One”?**

**Prompt:** Think unity and God.

**What to listen for:**

- One God
- One Church
- Unity of believers

**Q14. What does it mean that the Church is “Holy”?**

**Prompt:** Who founded it?

**What to listen for:**

- Founded by Jesus
- Offers salvation
- Guided by the Holy Spirit

**Q15. What does “Catholic” mean?**

**Prompt:** Think worldwide.

**What to listen for:**

- Universal
- For everyone
- All places and times

**Q16. Why is the Church described as “Apostolic”?**

**Prompt:** Think authority.

**What to listen for:**

- Apostolic succession
- Teaching from the apostles
- Authority of bishops and Pope

**Mary and the Church**

**Q17. Why is Mary seen as a model for the Church?**

**Prompt:** Think obedience and faith.

**What to listen for:**

- Faithful to God
- Said yes to God’s plan
- Helped bring salvation

**Q18. What does “the Church as the Body of Christ” mean?**

**Prompt:** Think believers.

**What to listen for:**

- Christians are connected

- Jesus lives through the Church
- Believers continue Jesus' work

### **The Eucharist and Sacraments**

#### **Q19. Why is the Eucharist important for Catholics?**

**Prompt:** Think body and blood.

**What to listen for:**

- Jesus' sacrifice
- Strengthens believers
- Source and summit of faith

#### **Q20. How do sacraments help Catholics deal with sin?**

**Prompt:** Think reconciliation.

**What to listen for:**

- Forgiveness of sins
- Grace from God
- Strength to live morally

### **Church Buildings – Internal and External Features**

#### **Q21. Why is the altar important inside a Catholic church?**

**Prompt:** What happens there?

**What to listen for:**

- Eucharist
- Jesus' sacrifice
- Central place of worship

#### **Q22. What do external church features symbolise?**

**Prompt:** Think towers or domes.

**What to listen for:**

- Prayer reaching heaven
- God's presence
- Resurrection