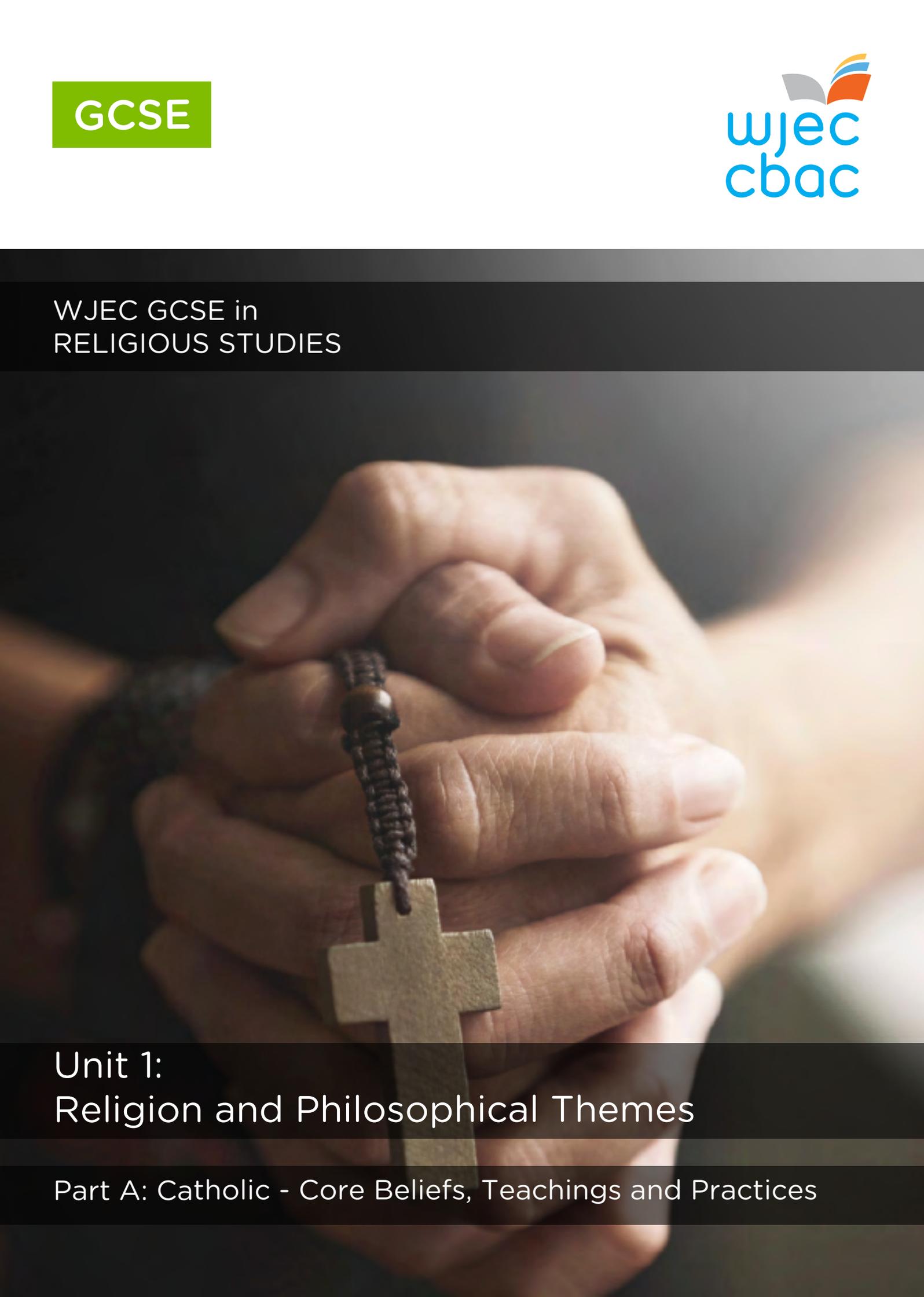


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RELIGIOUS STUDIES

A close-up photograph of two hands clasped together, holding a dark brown braided rosary with a large, light-colored wooden cross. The background is blurred, showing more hands and a person's arm, suggesting a group in prayer.

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Suggested scheme of learning (Yr.10 September Christmas)

No	Topic	Key Question	Teachers notes (from specification)	Online resource links
1	Intro to Unit	Why should we study GCSE Religious Studies?	N/A	
2	Catholic beliefs about God	What do Catholics believe God is like?	Creator ex nihilo (St. Augustine's Confessions XII, 7) and sustainer. Omnipotence, omnibenevolence, omniscience, omnipresence	http://www.vatican.va/archive/ccc_css/archive/catechism/p1s2c1p4.htm http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/rs/environment/christianitybeliefsrev1.shtml
3		What do Catholics believe about the Creation of the universe?		
4		What does St Augustine teach about the creator?		An Introduction to St Augustine https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hBAxUBeVfsk An Introduction to the Confessions of St Augustine https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4HPb-rPLYoE

5	Catholic beliefs about God	What is the Trinity? What does St Augustine say about the Trinity?	Trinity: The three persons of one God - Father (Luke 15:11-32), Son (John 1:1-3, 14), Holy Spirit (John 14:25-26, Galatians 5:22-23). St. Augustine's De Trinitate 8.10	http://request.org.uk/life/beliefs/christianity-basically-the-trinity/
6		What do Catholics believe about God the Father?		http://request.org.uk/life/beliefs/christianity-basically-father-god/
7		What do Catholics believe about Jesus?		http://request.org.uk/life/beliefs/christianity-basically-jesus-christ/
8		What do Catholics believe about the Holy Spirit?		http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/rs/god/christianityrev2.shtml
9		What do Catholics believe about Jesus, the Messiah?	Jesus as Messiah (Matthew 16:13-17), Saviour, Word, the Incarnation (John 1:1-3, 14), salvation and atonement (John 3:16, 14:6)	
10		What do Catholics believe about Jesus' incarnation?		https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xbo9X2X59KU http://www.theopedia.com/incarnation-of-the-son-of-god http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/07706b.htm https://bible.org/seriespage/1-importance-incarnation
11		What do Catholics believe about Jesus, a Saviour bringing salvation and atonement?		
12		What do Catholics believe about Jesus' birth and death?	Jesus' birth, crucifixion, resurrection and ascension (key elements of the accounts of his birth, death, resurrection and ascension)	
13		What do Catholics believe about Jesus' resurrection and ascension?		

14	Catholic beliefs about Creation	What do the Genesis accounts teach about Creation?	Beliefs and teachings on Creation from the Genesis accounts (Genesis 1-3)	https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+1 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OwSWRdbSQK0 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KOUV7mWDI34
15		What do the Genesis accounts teach about <i>Imago Dei</i> ?	Nature of Humanity: image of God ('imago Dei'), soul, moral, free will, rational, creative, fallen, Original Sin (Genesis 1-3, esp. Genesis 1:26-28 and 2:15-17)	http://www.catholiceducation.org/en/culture/catholic-contributions/the-sanctity-of-human-life.html http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/03447a.htm https://www.ewtn.com/library/SOURCES/CATHDIAL.HTM
16		What does Genesis teach about the nature of humanity?		
17		What does Thomas Aquinas teach about human nature?	Teachings of Thomas Aquinas on human nature as essentially good	

18	Catholic practices on morality	What does Jesus teach about judgement?	Teachings of Jesus (Matthew 7:13-14, Matthew 25:31-46)	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TCO0TrcGu5g
19		What does Jesus teach about the final judgement?		https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wxWCspyE7lg&nohtml5=False
20		What does Jesus teach about love of others?	Love / agapé (Luke 10:25-37; John 13:34-35)	
21		What is forgiveness?	Forgiveness (Matthew 6:5-13, Matthew 18:21-22; Luke 23:34; Matthew 5:43-44), including Sacrament of Reconciliation	https://www.openbible.info/topics/forgiveness
22		Where does our forgiveness come from?		http://ipost.christianpost.com/post/12-encouraging-bible-verses-on-forgiving-others
23		How do Catholics reconcile with God?		
24		What does Jesus teach about possessions?		Treasures on earth/in Heaven (Matthew 6:19-21; Luke 16:19-31)
25		What is situation ethics?	Divine command/absolutist and situational/relativist and virtue ethics approaches to ethical decision-making	
26		How do Catholics make decisions on ethical situations?		
27		Catholic practices: The Catholic Church	What is the role of the local parish?	Role of the local, Catholic church, diocese and parish
28	What happens during the Mass?		Main features of Catholic worship: the Mass (including the Sacrament of Eucharist)	
29	Why do Catholics offer masses for the dead?		The practice of offering Masses for the dead	
30	How do Catholics 'live the mass'?		Social and community functions: 'living the Mass'	

31	Catholic practices: The Catholic Church	What is the mission of the Church?	evangelisation, church growth (Matthew 28:16-20; Galatians 3:28, Pope Francis' Evangelii Gaudium 15, 48-49, 197-1 98, 264-265		
32		Does the Church exist to evangelise?	Catholic groups working to promote mission	http://www.missio.org.uk	
33		What does Gaudium et Spes teach about social justice?	Catholic groups working for social justice: CARJ, CAFOD and St. Vincent de Paul Society (Gaudium et Spes 78 and 29		http://cafod.org.uk/Education/Secondary-schools/CST-Cards-Game
34		How does CARJ work for social justice?			
35		How does CAFOD work for social justice?			http://cafod.org.uk/Media/Files/Resources/Secondary/resource-pages/People-of-God-films
36		How does SVP work for social justice?			https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XNcBCPvYDU
				http://cafod.org.uk/Media/Files/Resources/Secondary/resource-pages/FIA-activity-sheets	
			http://svp.org.uk		
			http://svp.org.uk/history		
			http://svp.org.uk/Projects		

37	Catholic practices: The Catholic Church	What is inter-faith dialogue?	Catholic groups working for reconciliation through inter-faith dialogue: The Inter-faith Council for Wales, Christian-Muslim Forum, Council of Christians and Jews, Interreligious Advisers to the Catholic Bishops' Conference	
38		How does the Church host dialogue with other faiths?		
39		In what ways do Christians suffer persecution in 21 st Century?	Persecution of Christians in the modern world (Matthew 10:22)	