

# Roman Catholic Christianity Practices Knowledge Organiser

## The Sacraments

Sacraments are rituals performed in the church that bring people into holiness.

1. **Baptism:** Welcoming a person into the family of God. **SOWA:** "Go & make disciples of all nations." (Matthew)
2. **Reconciliation:** Forgiveness of Sins. **SOWA:** "If you forgive sins, they are forgiven" (John)
3. **Eucharist:** Receiving the Body & Blood of Christ. **SOWA:** "This is My Body, this is my Blood" (Luke)
4. **Confirmation:** Choosing to continue your faith as an adult. **SOWA:** "The Holy Spirit...teach you things" (John)
5. **Matrimony:** Joining two people together as one in a marriage. **SOWA:** "What God has put together, let no man put asunder" (Matthew)
6. **Holy Orders:** When a man becomes a Priest. **SOWA:** "He appointed the 12." (Matthew)
7. **Anointing of the Sick:** Healing & forgiveness of sins. **SOWA:** "Disciples healed many that were sick" (Matthew)

## Popular Piety/Non Liturgical Worship

This is an unstructured way of worship in Catholic churches & allows people to worship in different ways.

1. **Stations of the Cross:** Used to tell the final journey Jesus took to his crucifixion
2. **Rosary:** Used to focus on 'Mysteries of the Rosary' Catholics use beads to help them to pray.
3. **Eucharistic Adoration:** Praying in front of the Blessed Sacrament (Jesus)

## Prayer

Prayer is a communication with God. There are 5 types of prayer for Catholics.

1. **Adoration:** God is worth of Love. **SOWA:** "Glory be to the Father"
2. **Thanksgiving:** Expressing Love & Gratitude to God. **Example:** Grace before meals.
3. **Repentance:** Acknowledging you have sinned & asking for forgiveness. **SOWA:** I Confess to Almighty God... (Nicene Creed)
4. **Intercession:** Praying on behalf of others. **Example:** Bidding prayers at Mass.
5. **Petition:** Asking God to help you. **Example:** Prayer before an exam.

## Liturgical Worship

A structured way of worship that takes place in RC churches.

1. **Introductory Rite:** Welcomed to Mass & Confess Sin.
2. **Liturgy of the Word:** Reading from OT & NT, Homily & Creed.
3. **Liturgy of the Eucharist:** Catholics believe they received the Body & Blood of Jesus.
4. **Concluding Rite:** Prayer & Dismissal- Go & spread the Word of God.

## Pilgrimage

A journey to a place of religious significance. Pilgrimages allow Catholics to spend time becoming closer to God & spend time in prayer.

1. **Rome:** Vatican where the Pope lives & many religious figures are buried.
2. **Lourdes:** Mary appeared to Saint Bernadette. A place of healing.
3. **Jerusalem:** To walk the final journey Jesus took to his crucifixion.
4. **Walsingham:** Visions of Mary & a place of healing.

## Catholic Social Teaching

The church teachings that we should love our neighbour as well as God.

### 3 Aims:

1. **Justice:** Promote justice & end injustice in the world.
2. **Peace:** Encourage harmony among all humans.
3. **Reconciliation:** Protect the dignity of one another. (Human Rights)

### CAFOD

Helps lots of people throughout the world by working for social justice, helps people help themselves (after natural disasters, war etc.) raises awareness of issues. **SOWA:** "Love your neighbour as yourself" (Mark)

## Mission & Evangelisation

- **Mission Work:** The idea that people are sent to help others- CAFOD is an example of Mission work. **SOWA:** "Love your neighbour as yourself" (Matthew)
- **Evangelisation:** To go out & live the Gospel- Spread the Word of God- **SOWA:** "Go & make disciples of all nations." (Matthew)

1. **Local:** Going to Mass, Charity work- CAFOD, fundraising etc.
2. **National:** Working for change in our country- raising awareness of injustice.
3. **Globally:** Following teachings of the Pope, Mission Work- CAFOD.

## Funeral Rite

This is the beginning of the journey towards eternal life with God.

1. **Vigil of the Deceased:** To say prayers for the person that has died.
2. **Communion with the Deceased:** Remind people that they are all one in Christ- belong to the family of God.
3. **Burial & Committal:** Remind people that death is not the end & that their loved ones are on their way to heaven.

# Roman Catholic Christianity Sources of Wisdom & Authority Knowledge Organiser

## The Bible

The Bible is one book, that has many authors. There are many types of writing in the Bible.

### Old Testament:

1. **Law:** Decalogue (10 Commandments) given to Moses..
2. **History:** Stories of Jewish history- Abraham, Moses etc.
3. **Prophets:** Jonah & the whale, Daniel & Lions Den teach us about God.

### New Testament:

1. **Gospels:** Contain stories & teachings of Jesus.
2. **Letters:** St Paul wrote these teaching Christians how to live as God wanted.
3. **Revelation:** A book describing the end of the world.

### Interpretation of the Bible

1. **Inspired Word of God: Catholic** view- God inspires humans, they wrote the Bible.
2. **Literal Word of God: Creationist** view, believe the Bible word for word.
3. **Liberal View: Other Christians** view, allows a closeness to God and contains spiritual not literal truths.

## The Magisterium

The Magisterium are the leaders of the RC Church.

1. **Pope** is the Head of the Church.
2. **Cardinal** is a bishop chosen by the Pope.
3. **Archbishop:** Head of an arch diocese.
4. **Bishop:** Head of a diocese.
5. **Priest:** is in charge of a Parish.

The Magisterium is a living, teaching office of the Church today.

This means that they interpret the Bible to cover issues that didn't exist in the time of Jesus- e.g.- contraception, same sex marriage.

**SOWA: "Interpreting the Word of God... trusted to the Magisterium." (CCC)**

## Second Vatican Council

This was a large gathering held at the Vatican to discuss teaching & belief in the modern world.

### Some changes made during the meeting:

1. Jews no longer blamed for the death of Jesus.
2. Mass is said in the local language.
3. Lay people can take part in Mass.

### 4 Documents produced.

1. **Lumen Gentium:** Catholic & Protestant relationships.
2. **Sacrosanctum Concilium:** Changed the Mass.
3. **Dei Verbum:** Teachings from the Bible.
4. **Gaudium Et Spes:** Human relationships in society.

## Church as the Body of Christ

This links to the teaching that we all have a role to play within the Christian community.

1. **Laiety:** The people that attend Mass, follow the Sacraments etc.
2. **Clergy:** The people that lead the worship- Magisterium Priest etc.
3. **Religious:** Monks & Nuns who pray for the needs of the world.

**SOWA: "The body is one & has many members" (Corinthians)**

## Mary as a Model of the Church

Mary is important to Catholics as she followed God & Jesus throughout her life.

1. **Joined with Jesus:** Mary is the immaculate Conception & Mother of God. **SOWA; Mary's role...inseperable from Christ." (CCC)**
2. **Discipleship:** She does as she is asked without question. Follows God & Jesus. **SOWA: Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord. (Luke)**
3. **Faith & Charity:** Mary accepted carrying Jesus and obeys God. She is with her son Jesus at the foot of the cross & never doubts her faith. **SOWA: "Mary is the model of faith & charity. (CCC)**

## Four Marks of the Church

These are a declaration of the Catholic faith.

1. **One:** There is only one Church, one Body in Christ. **Prevents division with other Christians.**
2. **Holy:** The Church itself is holy as it links to Jesus. **Allows participation in 7 Sacraments.**
3. **Catholic:** Meaning it is spread throughout the world. **Everyone who shares in it shares the same beliefs.**
4. **Apostolic:** Follows the teachings of the disciples. **Allows for the Magisterium to interpret scripture.**

## Personal & Ethical Decision Making

Jesus is a role model for Christians & they follow his teachings.

1. **Love Others:** Take care of those in need. **SOWA: " your neighbour as yourself." (Matthew)**
2. **Forgiveness:** This is how we gain salvation, we must forgive others in order to be forgiven. **SOWA: "Jesus forgives those who crucified him." (Luke)**
3. **Servanthood:** Jesus was the Servant King- sent to help others. **SOWA: "Last Supper told us to love one another." (John)**
4. **Social Justice:** We need to help those in need. **SOWA: Parable of the Sheep & Goats. (Matthew)**