

Knowledge Mat: Religious Education

Key Knowledge for Year 10

Term 1

- The problem of evil and how this compares with an all loving God. Augustine's theory that evil is a privation of Good. The concepts of free will and conscience.
- Trinity and Incarnation – the belief that Jesus is God incarnate and how this doctrine influences Catholic understanding of the meaning of suffering.
- The Catholic attitude towards suffering.
- Jesus' Moral authority, in particular the Beatitudes and the Sermon on the Mount.

Term 2

- A study of Judaism – beliefs, One God, What is God Like, the belief in Shekinah, beliefs about the Messiah, orthodox and reform Jews, Covenant and the importance of the Commandments, beliefs about the afterlife.

Term 3

- A study of Judaism – practices. Worship in Britain and elsewhere. Worship in the synagogue and in the home, Jewish daily life, Kosher food rules. Rituals – Brit Milah, Bar Mitzvah, Marriage, mourning. Festivals – Pesach, Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur, Sukkot.
- Applied Catholic Theology – Theme 3, Sin and Forgiveness. Sin, forgiveness, crime and punishment, Catholic teaching on Capital Punishment, Salvation, Redemption, Paschal mystery.

Wider Experiences / Try to Do...

- Visit to the Jewish Museum Manchester and Hidden Gem Catholic Church.
- Possible trip to London to visit the National Gallery.

The big questions:

- **If God is good why is there suffering in the world?**
- **Did God become human in Jesus?**
- **Can suffering ever be good for us?**
- **What is God like for Jews?**
- **Why are Abraham and Moses important for many Jews today?**
- **What do Jews believe about the Messiah?**
- **Is keeping Kosher still important to Jews today?**

Vocabulary

Word	Meaning
Absolutism	<i>The belief that there are certain actions which are always right or always wrong. The belief that moral always exist eternally and are not just human inventions.</i>
Covenant	<i>A promise or agreement between two parties, especially between God and humans.</i>
Messiah	<i>The anointed who Jews believe will bring in a new era for mankind.</i>
Privation	<i>The loss or absence of something that is normally present. Evil is a privation of good.</i>
Shekinah	<i>The place where God's presence rests and can be felt.</i>
Relativism	<i>The belief that there is no moral law and that rules that govern what is right and wrong are human inventions and change from place to place and from age to age.</i>