

Year 7: RE: Module 1: Belonging to the Catholic Community

Belonging

- Catholics believe that everyone is made in the image of God
- Imago dei = in God's image
- Community – a group of people living together or who are part of the same club/school/parish/religion
- You belong to your school and house community now
- Sacrament – a Catholic rite of passage that brings the receiver closer to God
- Catholics have 7 sacraments which act like signposts to God
- Baptism – When you become a member of the Catholic Church
- Reconciliation – When you confess your sins and ask God through a priest for forgiveness
- Eucharist – When you eat the actual Body and Blood of Jesus Christ
- Confirmation – When you agree (confirm) you want to be an adult member of the Church
- Marriage – When you promise before God to be with, support and love your marriage partner till 'death do us part'
- Ordination – When a man becomes a priest after 7 years of training
- Anointing of the Sick – The last blessing and confession of a dying person
- Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist
- Symbols in Baptism:
 - Sign of the cross – to show the child belongs to God
 - White garment – the child will always try to live free from sin
 - Oil of Catechumens – anoints the baby's chest for protection
 - Oil of Chrism – anoints the baby's head giving it its mission from God to live as a Christian
 - Holy Water – to wash away sin and give the eternal life of God
 - Baptismal candle – a sign that the baby must carry the light of Christ into the world
- Infant baptism – it is a baby/infant that is baptised, parents' choice
- Believer's baptism – their own personal choice, adult

Jesus

- Jesus grew up in 1st Century Palestine, very poor, dry and hot land. Only rich boys would have gone to school at the Temple.
- Jesus was Jewish. When Jesus was alive there were 4 main Jewish groups: Zealots, Essenes, Pharisees and Sadducees
- Zealots – hated the Romans. Viewed as freedom fighters by Jews, as terrorists by the Romans
- Essenes – Jewish monks
- Pharisees – Jewish lawyers – learnt 613 rules and knew Torah (Jewish Holy Book) off by heart
- Sadducees – Jewish priests in charge of the Temple
- Jesus performed many miracles. One example is the Wedding at Cana, where Jesus turned water into wine
- Jesus was also a healer and has power over disease and death. An example is the Healing of Legion, where Jesus exorcises demons out of a man and into a herd of pigs, causing them to run down the hill into the river and drown. It shows Jesus' omnipotence (all-powerful)
- The Trinity – God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are all different but the same in essence (like ice, water and steam)
- Jesus is baptised by John the Baptist in the river Jordan. The Holy Spirit descends on Jesus like a dove.
- Jesus is the suffering servant. He came to give his life for us and took away the sin of the world
- Jesus is the Messiah – which for Catholics, means saviour and Son of God, God's chosen one. Jesus was the messiah by giving his life for us. Jesus is depicted differently around the world.



Mass

- Mass is the Catholic service where we celebrate Holy Communion and give thanks to God for giving us Jesus Christ.
- Liturgy of the Word, readings from the Old and New Testament
- Liturgy of the Eucharist – Communion – when we receive the actual body and blood of Jesus Christ
- Transubstantiation – the belief Catholics hold that when the priest blesses the bread and wine in mass, they actually turn into the Body and the Blood of Jesus Christ