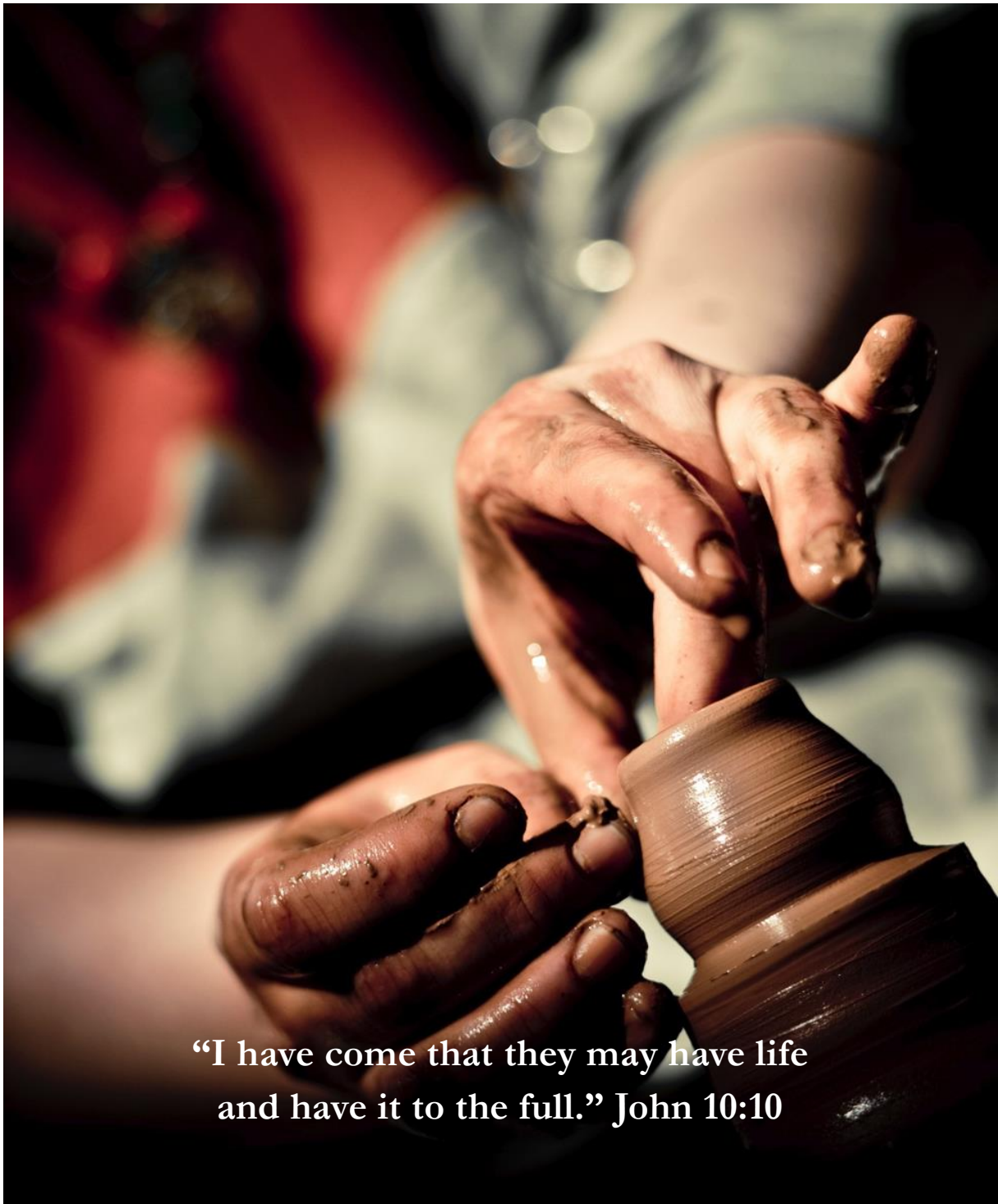


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Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies



“I have come that they may have life
and have it to the full.” John 10:10



What is CCRS?

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) is managed and awarded by the Board of Religious Studies on behalf of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

Any person who is or wishes to be involved in Catholic education and formation may apply for this course. This includes those involved in Religious Education in schools, Parish Catechesis and other ministries in the Church and anyone who wishes to follow the course for faith development or personal interest. The course seeks to ensure that participants have at least a basic knowledge and understanding of the beliefs of the Catholic Faith. It also provides a basis for further study.

Governors, teachers and the Church community together contribute to the Catholic character of our schools. The School, in collaboration with the home and the parish, has a privileged opportunity and responsibility to help our pupils grow in their faith. To achieve this, we need to help teachers in our schools to share the vision and have an adult understanding of their faith. They also need to be well informed about the ideals and the aims of the Catholic school.

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies is designed for teachers in Catholic schools; that they may have a basic understanding of the Church, its teaching and way of life to enable them to contribute to the maintenance of the ethos of the Catholic school. It is also for catechists in order to give them a basic understanding of the faith of the Catholic Church as a foundation for their catechetical ministry, and for adult members of the Church to enable them to continue to grow in understanding as they live their Catholic faith. It is a qualification which seeks to ensure that teachers have at least a basic understanding of the central beliefs of the Catholic Faith. For those involved in Catholic Education, Curriculum RE, and the Parish Catechesis this Certificate provides a basis for further study.

Aims of the CCRS Programme

- To give an understanding of the central truths of our Faith
- To develop an appreciation of the principles of Catholic Education
- To highlight the role and function of RE within the whole school

Organisation

The CCRS programme requires you to complete 8 modules, 6 core and 2 specialist modules.

Each module requires ten hours of course tutor time, with 100% attendance followed by the completion of an assignment.

The course takes 2 years to complete and you will complete 4 core modules in your first year and 2 core and 2 specialist modules in your second year.

Certification

The certificate is awarded after two years study. In exceptional circumstances students are allowed a maximum of five years to complete, from the start of the first module. This five year period starts from when you first start your studies with the Diocese of Salford and not from when we register you with the National CCRS Database. A student seeking an extension to five years will need to complete a **“Mitigating Circumstances Form”** and have this approved by the Diocese of Salford’s CCRS Coordinator.

Upon completion, if you lose your certificate, replacement certificates are available on request at a charge of £5.00 per certificate; this covers the postage to the UK (via Royal Mail Signed For), packaging and administration time.

To request a replacement certificate please email ccrs@catholiceducation.org.uk with your full name, CCRS Registration Number, CCRS centre (the Diocese of Salford) and your current postal address. An invoice for the £5.00 charge will then be raised and will need to be paid before the replacement certificate is issued.

Course Fees

Registration: £50

Per Module: £70

Course Total: £610

Funding Options

Self-funded

An invoice for the full amount is sent directly to each student at the start of the CCRS programme. Please note, this does not have to be paid in full and can be paid as follows:-

£120 Initial Payment - this is required upon enrolment and consists of the £50 registration fee and £70 for the first module.

£490 Outstanding – the remaining amount can either be paid in full or by modular instalments of £70 before the start of each module.

School funded

An invoice for the full amount is sent directly to school requesting payment of £610 for the whole course.

About Our Year 1 Core Modules

C.1 Old Testament Studies (Hebrew Scriptures)

We begin our journey through the Bible with the Scriptures of Judaism, known to Christians as the Old Testament. This module is an introduction to the writings of the Old Testament that will cover the main themes of God's revelation and its relevance for a Christian spirituality today.

C.2 New Testament Studies (Christian Scriptures)

The journey continues with a careful reflection on the message and teaching of Jesus Christ as presented in the New Testament. This course gives students an opportunity to look at the development of the New Testament writings and how to interpret and understand this material for the life of a Christian today.

C.3 Christology

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that the "transmission of the Christian faith consists primarily in proclaiming Jesus Christ in order to lead others to faith in him." This course is a reflection on the person and work of Jesus Christ and how 'Christology' lies at the heart of all Catholic teaching - presenting a seamless message that is centred on Christ himself.

C.4 Ecclesiology

The Church as we know it today is the result of a complex interaction between theological debate and historical events over a period of over two thousand years. This course is an opportunity to reflect on the nature of the Church and its mission in the world today.

About Our Year 2 Core Modules

C.5 Sacramental Theology

The sacraments have their roots in the life of Christ. They continue now what Jesus did while on earth. This course develops an understanding and appreciation of sacraments in the life of Catholics as a sign of Christ's continuing presence with the Church.

C.6 Christian Morality

Morality is at the core of human relationships and reflects how we relate to each other and to God. Throughout the history of the Church, moral issues have been both the basis of our teaching and the cause of dissention. This module is designed to help participants to reflect on the tradition of Scripture and the teaching of the Church in the formation moral decision-making attitudes and behaviours.

About The Specialist Modules

S1. Collaborative Leadership

The purpose of this module is to present Jesus as the indispensable model for Christian leaders. What is revealed in His teachings and His life speaks to all believers who serve as leaders, it shapes the way in which they understand their roles and act as people who can transform the world. It is a course that enables participants to identify the qualities of effective leadership within a Christian community and to be able to apply this teaching to practical everyday situations.

S2. Liturgy and Worship

Liturgy has been changing ever since the early Church began to move away from its Jewish origins, so renewal has been characteristic of liturgy from the beginning. In this module we will explore the depths and richness of Christian worship, fostering liturgical formation and active participation as outlined in the Vatican II document, Sacrosanctum Concilium. There will be an opportunity to explore practical ways of preparing liturgies in school and in the parish.

S3. Spirituality

Spirituality helps us to identify the ways in which we engage with God. Throughout the history of the Church this relationship has been expressed in a variety of ways, shaped by the customs and traditions of the time. This module is designed to familiarise participants with a range of expressions of spirituality drawn from the breadth of Church tradition and to reflect on their relevance to contemporary living.

S4. Youth Ministry

This course will help participants to gain an understanding of the foundations of Youth Ministry and develop approaches to working with young people in a variety of settings. It includes a study of the theology, principles and goals which are at the heart of Youth Ministry.

S5. Presenting the Faith

The teaching of the Christian faith is at the heart of the Church's mission of evangelisation. This course is designed to help all those who teach the faith, both in school and in the parish. It looks at recent developments and incorporates modern technology, so that the teacher and catechist can guide their students to know, love and serve God. It has a practical dimension, looking at the various ways we can present the faith, making it relevant for a changing world in the 21st Century.

S6. The Catholic School (5Ws)

In 2010 Pope Benedict stated that the ethos of each school is important and 'needs to inform every aspect of school life'. The framework for review, evaluation and celebration of our Catholic Schools will be considered under five specific headings: Word of God; Welcome; Welfare; Worship and Witness. This course will consider how Gospel values and a Christ-centred ethos can be embedded across the whole school and what this means in practice.

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Venues Offered

The benefit of completing your CCRS Programme with the Diocese of Salford is that you have the option of completing your modules at 5 different venues. The dates of these modules are on the next page, out of which you will be required to complete:-

- Year 1 - 4 x core modules
- Year 2 - 2 x core modules and 2 x specialist modules of your choice

Please see below the address details and sessions times for each venue.

Venue Address

Session Times

Cathedral Centre

3 Ford Street
Salford
M3 6DP

- 2 x Saturday sessions per module
- All sessions - 9.30am – 3.00pm

Manchester Metropolitan University

Faculty of Education
Birley Building
Manchester
M15 6GX

- 2 x Saturday sessions per module
- All sessions - 9.30am – 3.00pm

Our Lady's RC High

Alworth Rd
Manchester
M9 0RP

- 4 x Tuesday sessions per module,
- All sessions - 4pm - 6.30pm