

# S5 and S6 Homework

## Read this before beginning

## References for answers

Information is needed to support your answers, here is a guide.

Use the google or other search engines on your computer.

The following books are references for Catholic or Christian

answers to any topic or issue; Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)

Bible New International Version (NIV) OT or NT

OT means Old Testament, NT means New Testament.

When looking for some passage in the Bible, be clear in what you want.

(Page numbers at the side of homework title refers to the pages in the class textbook, for any further reference needed.)

Try this about marriage advice – ‘ Jesus advice on divorce in marriage

Bible NIV NT’.

Advice on the Hebrew view of marriage – ‘Old Testament views on marriage from the Bible NIV OT’.

Try ‘purpose of marriage in the catechism of the catholic church’

The versions of these books will give you precise meanings about issues or topics according to Jesus (NT), the Catholic Church (CCC) and the views and laws of the Jews (OT).

Note the references and include them, when you refer to them in your answer.

# Issues and Beliefs in the Catholic Faith

Homework Booklet S5 and S6

1 The Virtues Pages 6-7

Select one of the apostles/converts to Christianity; St Peter  
St Matthew  
St Paul

Write an account (2 para minimum) of how their belief in Jesus and the development of the virtues; faith, hope and charity, changed their lives.

2 The Commandments Pages 8-9

The first 3 Commandments are said to be centred around God.

How can each of these benefit human beings and the way they live?

(3 paras minimum)

3 The Commandments Pages 10-11

‘Love Your Neighbour as Yourself’. Commandment 4-10 guide us in this instruction of Jesus.

For each of these Commandments 4-10, briefly state what good could come from following these Commandments. Consider both yourself and relationships with others.

4 The Beatitudes Pages 12-13

- A If you were advising God about 'puting things right' in the world, what would you advise as a priority list (limit of 5 issues), in your opinion?
- B Compare you list to the first 4 Beatitudes. Is there any similarity?
- C Does this surprise you? (explain)

5 The Beatitudes

Page 14-15

- A You are advising God. List 5 types of people you would allow into heaven (priorities these).
- B How does your list compare with people types described in the Beatitudes; merciful  
pure in heart  
peacemakers  
persecuted
- C Compare your list to the Beatitudes. Would you modify or change your list after comparison? (comment either way).

6 Sermon on Mount (1)

Pages 16-17

- A Give 2 examples from your own experience, when people

retaliated at a wrong done to them, and things got worse.

B Give 2 examples when people did not retaliate, how did things turn out?

C Is revenge or judging others in a negative way, ever right?

7 Sermon on Mount (2)

Pages 18-19

Sexual attraction is a natural part of the human condition.

1 Do you think God gave us this sexual gift to merely satisfy ourselves?

2 In what ways can this gift be positive to us and others?

3 In what ways can this gift be selfishly used and lead to evil?

4 Do you think that the advice of Jesus on sexual conduct is good in our modern age?

8 Christian Discipleship

Pages 20-21

Jesus taught others about what God would like from us.

1 In your opinion, what advice would Jesus give you and your friends about living a good life, today, so that you could be in a position to qualify for heaven?

9 The Call and Mission of the Disciples

Pages 22-23

- 1 what did Jesus say to Peter, which was a sign of his appointment as the Rock or Leader of the Catholic Church?
- 2 Jesus said that something had been revealed to Peter at this point, what was it?

10 The Cost of Discipleship

Pages 24-25

There are many distractions for Christians today.

- 1 In what ways are people judged successful nowadays?
- 2 What do you think success in life is?
- 3 Stop to think. How would Jesus judge our lives as being successful?

11 The Kingdom of God

Pages 26-27

- 1 What last words did Jesus speak to the good thief on Calvary when He was crucified?
- 2 The Kingdom of God is open to us, but what attitude must we have?
- 4 What kind of behaviour shown towards others, will encourage them to believe that God loves them?

12 The Parable of God's Kingdom

Pages 28-29

Read the Parable (Mark 4:1-20)

Try to write a modern day version of this story which explains distractions and temptations today. Consider what stands for rocky and thornlike surfaces, choking God's plan for us and others.

13 Poverty and Justice Pages 30-31

The Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund (SCIAF) seeks to help developing countries become self sufficient and develop the skills of their citizens. What are the reasons for this effort, on our behalf?  
(see [sciaf.org.uk](http://sciaf.org.uk))

14 The Sheep and the Goats Pages 36-37

The Parable of the Sheep and the Goats. Who do you think are the Sheep, today, and who are the goats? – explain

15 Crime and Punishment Pages 38-39

What is the reason for punishing people, in your opinion?  
Do you think we deal properly with those who break the Law in this country?  
Can you suggest any improvements?

16 Punishment Pages 40-41

Christians try to maintain a balance between punishment and

forgiveness. Do you think it is possible to do this when dealing with those people who have broken the law? Explain

17 The Death Penalty Pages 42-43

List 2 arguments for the death penalty and 2 against.

Do you think there would be less serious crime in the United Kingdom if the death penalty was still in operation? Explain

18 Prejudice and Discrimination Pages 44-45

In Glasgow and throughout the UK, people can be prejudiced.

What do you think are the reasons for such prejudice?

19 Race Relations in Britain Pages 46-47

Think on practical ways in which individual Christians work towards eliminating racial prejudice and discrimination in their own;

- a. areas
- b. city
- c. country

20 Jesus and Discrimination Pages 48-49

Read Luke 7: 3-10. Jesus seems to hint at a change towards those



favoured by God. In your opinion, what may be viewed as a different approach to others who are not Jews?

21 The Good Samaritan Pages 50-51

Read Luke 10: 25-37

Jesus understands the bitterness between Jews and Samaritans. From this passage Jesus asks us all to become committed to others, in what ways?

22 Ageism Read Luke 7: 9-12 Pages 52-53

Jesus points to the value and love of older people. In what ways can we show this love?

23 Sexism Pages 54-55

What are the dangers of sexual stereotyping?

If love is central to our relationships should we share chores at home, or express our love in a practical way? Explain

24 The Disabled Pages 56-57

In the Old Testament, disability was often thought as a punishment for the sins of parents or family? What was the example of Jesus?

25 The Parable of the Talents Pages 58-59

We are all given gifts and talents. How can these be used to help

others?

Read Luke 19: 11-27

There is a hint of judgement about how we use our talents,  
what is this?

26 War and Peace Pages 60-61

Read 'I have not come to bring peace'

When assisting developing countries, should checks be made

That money is not going to fund weapons – your opinion.

Is it ever right to fight against others for something? Explain

27 The 'Just War' Pages 62-63

The problem of evil. There have been moments in history when  
fighting against the enemy seemed the right thing to do. Can  
you give examples and explain why it is right or wrong?

28 Nuclear Warfare Pages 64-65

Nuclear war is a terrible prospect for all countries.

Disarm the country, no nuclear weapons! In your opinion, is this  
a real alternative? Explain, try to back your answers considering  
moral dilemmas.

29 Pacifism Pages 66-67

Read Luke 22: 51. Do you think this instruction from Jesus is a ban

on Christians standing up for themselves or their country? Explain

30 Personal Issues and Sacraments Pages 68-69

God communicates with us through the sacraments. Find out the Biblical references for the sacraments of the Catholic Church.

Read and take a note of these.

31 Sacraments of Initiation Pages 70-71

Why should adults be instructed in the Catholic Faith before being baptised? (adult baptism)

32 Infant Baptism Pages 72-73

If you had children what responsibilities would you have, after baptism, in making sure the children were raised as Catholics?

When making baptismal promises, find out what Catholics vow to reject.

33 Confirmation ref pentecost Pages 74-74

What special powers were given by the Holy Spirit of God?

Inspired by this passage, what powers can be given by the Catholic Church at the Sacrament of Confirmation?

34 The Holy Eucharist Pages 76-77

Why do you think that the Holy Eucharist is at the heart of

worship for Roman Catholics?

35 The Liturgy of the Word

Pages 78-79

Jesus raised the bread and wine at the Last Supper. What were his words as he consecrated the bread and wine?

In the Roman Catholic Church, it is only the priest who can do what, during the mass?

What does Transubstantiation mean?

36 The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Pages 80-81

Philosophical question. If Jesus is God made Man, do you think that Jesus could be really present in the Holy Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion? Explain

In what way could people object to this belief? Explain

37 Sin and Forgiveness

Pages 82-83

There are two types of sin in the teachings of the Catholic Church.

What are these?

Explain the different levels of seriousness and consequences to our souls if we fall into these sins.

38 Jesus and Forgiveness

Pages 84-85

Choose a passage from the New Testament (Gospels of Jesus) which

tells of someone asking Jesus for forgiveness. Explain this in your own words. What hope does this give us today?

39 Reconciliation Pages 86-87

Read Matthew 16:19

What authority did Jesus give the Catholic Church?

In the Sacrament of Confession, who is the priest representing and is understood to be really present at the confession?

40 Sex and Marriage Pages 88-89

What is celibacy, as understood by the Catholic Church? Explain

What is chastity? Explain

What is the difference between these two types of lives? Explain

Read Matthew 5: 27,28

Jesus taught that marriage is sacred. Why does Jesus teach strictly about lustful thoughts? Explain

41 Marriage and Sacrifice bible ref Pages 90-91

What promises are made between partners in a marriage?

See Genesis 1:28 Why do people get married? explain

42 Parenthood bible ref. Colossians 3: 18-21 Pages 92-93

Parents love their children without always expecting thanks in return.

What kind of love do parents show their children? Give examples.

Family life and values give love and order to society. Do you agree with this? Explain

43 Contraception – The Facts Pages 94-95

Read Psalm 127: 4,5

In what ways are children a blessing from God in a marriage?

If sex were only for pleasure and it is agreed that parenting children is not easy, what could be a long term temptation for a married couple, who want to 'enjoy' their life, going holidays, buying cars etc.

44 Contraception – The Issues Pages 96-97

"Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it."

Jesus - Matthew 7:13-14

- a) What is the Catholic Teaching on contraception?
- b) Societies values are not always Catholic Values. Who has given catholics a way and standards to follow?
- c) If they follow these, what is the great prize at the end of their lives?

45 Marital Breakdown Read 1 Corinthians 7: 10,11 Pages 98-99

Relationships can have problems but whose teachings and advice on marriage must catholics follow for the good of our souls? explain

46 Marital Breakdown Pages 100-101

Read Matthew 5: 31-32

- a) What does true love mean?
- b) 'Until death us do part'. If you love someone, do you think this is a reasonable promise?
- c) Is it a good promise? Explain

47     Homosexuality     Pages 102-103

Read CCC (2357, 2358)

- a) What is the Catholic Teaching (often misunderstood) about homosexuality.
- b) Can you help to explain this and make clear any misunderstandings on this matter?

48     Matter of Life and Death     Pages 104-105

Read Mark 1: 32-34

Mark 6: 12,13

- a) In what ways are these examples set by Jesus, to His disciples, in helping the sick?
- b) What sign and symbols are often used?

49     The Advice of James     Pages 106-107

Read James 5: 13-16

In what ways do you think the practice described here by James will comfort and change the sick person? Please consider the body and spirit.

50    The Hospice Movement    Pages 108-109

Read CCC (2276, 2279)

The Catholic Church guides us in our dealings and conduct towards the sick and the dying. What virtues or qualities does this encourage from helpers and the sick themselves?

51    Death and Beyond    Pages 110-111

It is often said that 'catholics know how to do good funerals'. What do you think is meant by this, in your opinion?

In what ways do the words of Jesus give us hope about life after death? Explain

52    Death and Beyond    Pages 112-113

Read CCC (1030-1031)

The Catholic Church teaches of two judgements, what are these?

Where is a soul judged to be going immediately?

What does the Church teach about Purgatory?

53    Respect for Human Life    Pages 114-115



What meaning do you think the Bible passage is trying to give, that  
'God created man in His own image'

In what ways can Catholics respect life and follow the teachings of the  
Catholic Church which says that 'life should be respected'?

54 Abortion (1) Pages 116-117

According to Catholics and other religions, such as Islam, all life is  
sacred.

In the 'Roman Catholic Declaration on procured abortion, 1974',  
life is sacred from fertilisation. The Church teaches the Commandments  
and the values of Jesus. Do you think Jesus would allow abortion?

In your opinion, is it ever permissible?

55 Abortion (2) Pages 118-119

List some arguments for legal abortion.

List some arguments against legal abortion.

What does conscience mean?

What does a Catholic informed conscience mean?

56 Euthanasia Pages 120-121

Read CCC (2278. 2279)

In your own words, what is being said about suffering and death?

Do you agree? Explain

57    Work and Leisure    Pages 122-123

Read Ecclesiastes 5: 19

In what way is man given gifts from God?

Read Collossians 3: 23,24

In what way is a catholic view of work important?

58    Unemployment    Pages 124-125

Read CCC (2436)

In what ways, in your opinion, can unemployment be a negative influence on individuals and families?

59    Leisure    Pages 126-127

What is leisure and why is it so important to human well-being?

Read Exodus 8:11

What must human beings remember to do on the Sabbath Day?

60    Vocation    Pages 128-129

What is the catholic meaning of vocation?

What real difference do you think it would make to people if they thought their work was given to them by God? explain

61 Holy Orders

Pages 130-131

In the Catholic Church, there is an **order of rank**;

Bishops

Priests

Deacons

Nuns

Laypeople

Read (Acts 20:28-30; 2 Tim. 4:2-4; 1 Tim. 4:1-3).

If this **order of rank** were upset or discarded, what would be the danger to The Church and the respect for the Truth of the Gospels

(explain your answer)

62 Ordination

Pages 132-133

“Every priest relies on the talents and faith of his parish community .....

The partnership between priest and people (laity) is built upon prayer, collaboration, mutual respect and love”. (words of Pope John Paul 2)

Why is it important for people to respect and love the catholic priest?

What special place is given to the priest by the instructions of Jesus at

The Last Supper? (explain)

63 Religious Orders

Pages 134-135

What are the main religious orders – select 4 and develop more

information about 1 of these religious orders. What contributions has this order made to the development of the Catholic Faith?

64 The Evangelical Councils

Pages 136-137

The Catholic Faith emphasises the importance of always remembering the four last things to be faced by all human beings. First one is given, complete the list ; death, j..... , h..... , h..... .

Vows taken by men and women in the religious orders commit them by solemn promise to live by three Evangelical councils.

(like marriage vows)

The three Evangelical Councils are; poverty

chastity

obedience

In what ways can these three councils prepare the religious men and women for the four last things? (explain)

65 The Laity

Pages 138-139

What is meant by the Laity?

Why do you think that the Laity is important in the Catholic Church?

