

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies in Weybridge Deanery 2017 – 2019

What is CCRS? The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) is awarded by the Board of Studies of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. It is a widely recognised qualification, designed for both catechists and Catholic teachers, covering the main areas of Catholic theology. Many people enrol in it for their own personal faith development. More details are in the handbook and can be found at <http://brs-ccrs.org.uk>. The level of study is roughly equivalent to first year undergraduate.

What does it cover? To gain the certificate you have to complete six core modules and two optional ones. The core modules are Old Testament, New Testament, Jesus Christ, Church, Sacraments and Morals. We plan to offer optional modules in Liturgy, Evangelisation and Catholic Education (for those working in schools).

How will it be delivered? Each module has 10 hours teaching which will take place over two Saturdays. Sessions will run from 9.00am to 2.30pm, including a break for lunch. There is also an assignment for each module, equivalent to a written piece of 1,500 words, which forms an important part of the learning.

Where? Teaching will take place in parishes or schools in Weybridge deanery.

How much will it cost? The parishes and schools of Weybridge Deanery believe this is important and will cover the costs for participants from the deanery or the Multi-Academy Trust. For those from outside the deanery costs will be not more than £50 per module (depending on the number of students), plus £20 for registration. You may wish to think about buying a few books to support your studies and many of these can be easily obtained second hand on the internet.

How long will it take? Eight modules will be delivered over the two years. Students who cannot do each module can do the missing ones by distance learning or at other centres, but must complete their studies within 5 years.

What are the entrance requirements? There is no entrance requirement, but you should have a good standard of spoken and written English and an interest in the study of the Catholic faith. Some experience of study at A level or university is usually helpful but many come to CCRS without it and use it as a starting point for further study.

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Modules 2017 - 2018

Old Testament – 30th September & 7th October 2017. 9:00 – 14:30.

Venue: Our Lady of Lourdes, Thames Ditton

Tutor: Dr Tarcisus Mukuka (St Mary's University)

New Testament – 18th & 25th November 2017. 9:00 – 14:30.

Venue: Our Lady of Lourdes, Thames Ditton

Tutor: Dr Tarcisus Mukuka (St Mary's University)

Jesus Christ – 27th January/ 3rd February 2018, 9:00 – 14:30.

Venue: Holy Name, Esher.

Tutor: Sarah Prime (St Mary's University / Our Lady of Lourdes Parish)

Church – 9th & 16th June 2018, 9:00 – 14:30

Venue: Sacred Heart, Cobham (or Holy Name, Esher)

David Legrande (Salesian School, Chertsey)

Modules 2018-2019

Sacraments – Autumn 2018

Morals – Autumn 2018

Liturgy – January 2019

Evangelisation – May 2019

Catholic Education – 2019 tbc