



Knowledge Focus:

This theme requires learners to consider characteristics of relationships, marriage and family life. Through a study of beliefs and teachings, questions relating to issues of relationships in the twenty-first century will be considered, including same sex relationships and gender roles.

Skills, knowledge and understanding to be developed in this Learning Plan:

- **This theme explores how religions and non-religious worldviews understand relationships, how these perspectives compare, and the skills learners need to analyse sources and form justified judgements.**
- **It covers a range of relationship-based issues such as marriage, divorce, contraception, cohabitation, same-sex relationships, interfaith marriage, gender roles, and religious upbringing showing how different traditions and non-religious perspectives develop beliefs, teachings, and practices around them.**
- **Learners examine similarities and differences between religions, and between religious and non-religious views, while also considering how changing patterns of belief and developments in UK law shape contemporary attitudes to relationships.**

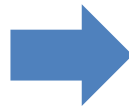
Key terms to be learned in this LP:

- adultery
- divorce
- cohabitation
- commitment
- contraception
- gender equality
- responsibilities
- roles

Week/Wythnos 1 Learning Objectives:

To identify Catholic beliefs, attitudes and teachings about the nature and purpose of relationships in the twenty first century: families, roles of women and men, marriage outside the religious tradition and cohabitation.
To explain Jesus' teaching on marriage (Mark 10:1-12).
To evaluate the work of Marriage Care in Wales.

To explore the Catholic Church's attitude to adultery, divorce, annulment and remarriage, including interpretations of Matthew 5:32 and Mark 10:11-12
To evaluate the nature and purpose of marriage as expressed through the Catholic marriage ceremony and teachings including the Rite of Marriage in Catholic churches.



Objective assessments:

Be able to:
Describe the Catholic Church's attitude to remarriage.

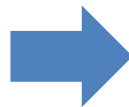
Describe the work of Marriage Care.

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Set: 20.04.2026
 Due: 27.04.2026

Week/Wythnos 2 Learning Objectives:

To explore the Catholic understanding of the nature of human love and the importance of sexual complementarity; the purpose of marriage and the unitive and procreative meanings of sexual expressions of love
To identify and analyse Catholic teachings about responsible parenthood and the use of cycles of fertility to regulate births; Catholic teaching on the use of artificial contraception including varied interpretations of Thomas Aquinas' Second Precept.



Objective assessments:

Be able to:
What do Catholics mean by 'divorce'?

'For Catholics, marriage should be for life.'

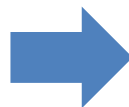
'Adultery is never right.'

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Set: 27.04.2026
 Due: 04.05.2026

Week/Wythnos 3 Learning Objectives:

To explore and analyse the Catholic Church's attitude to same sex relationships; other Christian attitudes towards same sex relationships, including varied interpretations of: Leviticus 18:22, 20:3 and 1 Timothy 1: 8-10.



Objective assessments:

Be able to:
Explain Catholics attitudes towards same-sex relationships.

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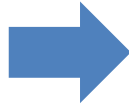
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Week/Wythnos 4&5 Learning Objectives:

To explore Catholic teachings on the equality of women and men with reference to CCC 369-373 and the wrongness of gender discrimination with reference to CCC 1935.

To explain Catholic teaching on the roles of women and men in the Church in comparison with other Christian views.

To evaluate Catholic and other Christian interpretations of teachings: 1 Timothy 2:11-12, Galatians 3:27-29



Objective assessments:

Be able to:

What do Catholics mean by 'gender equality'?

Explain Catholic teachings about the equality of women and men.

Explain why gender discrimination is wrong.

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Set: 11.05.2026

Due: 18.05.2026