



Diocese of
Hallam

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS)

Register now for January 2021

What is the CCRS?

This is a certificate course validated by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. It offers a basic foundation in Catholic theology and practice through teaching, discussion, study, and personal reflection.

Who is it for?

Anyone who wants to undertake some serious, but accessible, study into Catholic theology. It is particularly well-suited for staff in Catholic schools, parish catechists and those involved in various aspects of lay ministry.

What does it cover?

The six core modules cover:-

- ❖ *Bible I (The Old Testament)*
- ❖ *Bible II (The New Testament)*
- ❖ *Jesus Christ*
- ❖ *The Church*
- ❖ *The Sacraments*
- ❖ *Christian Morality*

Specialist modules currently offered in Hallam include:

- ❖ *Catholic Religious Education*
- ❖ *Liturgy*
- ❖ *Catholic Social Teaching*
- ❖ *Early British Christianity.*

The course has enabled me to ask the questions that I have always wanted to ask. I would recommend it to all, whether for professional development within education or for spiritual and personal development.

School teacher, Rotherham

Course Programme

Module One: The Bible I

- What is the Old Testament?
- Images of God
- Exodus Event
- The Experience of Exile

Module Two: The Bible II

- What's in the New Testament?
- The Easter Event
- What is a Gospel?
- A Look at New Testament Letters
- Using the New Testament Today

Module Three: Jesus Christ

- Images of Jesus
- Jesus, Human and Divine
- The Teaching of Jesus
- The Saving Work of Jesus
- The Cosmic Christ

Module Four: The Church

- Images of the Church
- The Church in Our Times
- The Mission of the Church
- Ecumenism & Other Faiths

Module Five: Sacraments

- Signs and Symbols
- The Church as Sacrament
- Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist

Module Six: Morality

- Foundations of Christian Morality
- Making Moral Decisions
- Human Life
- Peace and Justice

Module Seven & Eight: Specialist Choices

What work is required?

If you wish to obtain the Certificate you need to complete a piece of work for each module (usually 1500 words) and attend both sessions for each module. You can come along to the sessions as an “auditor”, just to take part, if you do not wish to work for the Certificate. Most people, however, find that the written work helps them understand and find out more.

What happens if I cannot complete the course?

The CCRS is fully “portable”. If you move or cannot complete the course in this diocese, you can take the modules you have completed with you and finish the course in another. Or you can take time out and pick up modules later. You have five years to complete the programme.

How much will it cost?

There is a £20 national registration fee. Each module costs £50, which includes all tuition, worksheets and marking of assignments. For anyone on low income, the cost is £25 per module.

Where and when will it happen?

The course is held at the Hallam Pastoral Centre in Sheffield on Saturday mornings, over a period of two years (8 Saturdays per year). Tea and coffee provided.

I've got questions...

Good! Questions and discussion are encouraged on the course. If you have queries about whether the course is for you, please contact Greg Ryan (Director of Adult Formation) at:

gryan@hallam-diocese.com

More information is also available on the national CCRS website:

<http://www.brs-ccrs.org.uk/>

To register, email adulthoodeducation@hallam-diocese.com or by phone: 0114 2566410

CCRS - KEY FACTS

- New course usually starts in Hallam each September. **Starting January this year due to Covid-19**
- 6 Core modules, plus 2 specialist modules
- Each module includes 10 hours teaching time
- Taken over 2 years or more
- Costs £50 (£25 for low-income) per module plus £20 Registration
- Examines core themes of Catholic faith and theology
- Excellent formation for catechists, pastoral workers and anyone interested in deepening their understanding of Catholic faith
- Supports professional development for teaching in Catholic schools
- Awarded by the Board of Religious Studies on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales
- Delivered locally by a team of theologically qualified tutors



Bishop Ralph with the Hallam CCRS “Class of 2019”