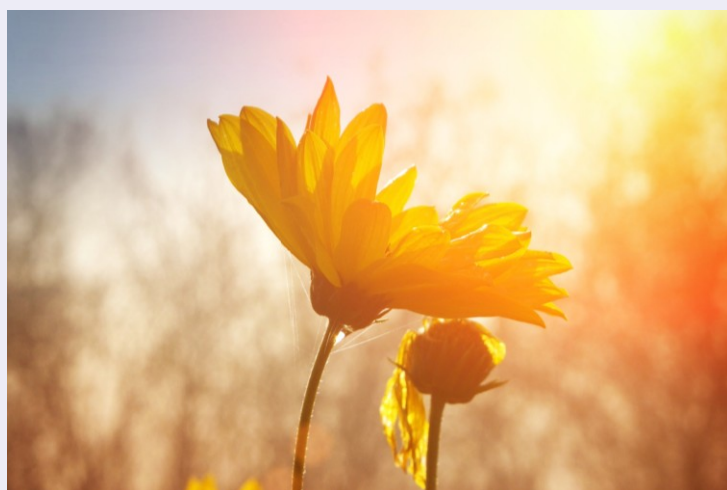


## Topic of the Month (January 2026)

Topic of the Month helps spark discussion in Religious Studies at Key Stages 4 and 5 by highlighting its relevance today. Use the selected news article and discussion prompts to support your teaching.



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## Introduction

This topic relates to an article, produced by Katie Ascough for The Catholic Herald\* entitled “Preparing for Jesus’ Second Coming, As We Commemorate His First“ It relates to Christian eschatology, focusing on Advent as preparation for Jesus’ Second Coming and its implications for faith and daily life.

- [\(Read the full article from The Catholic Herald\)](#)

## Discussion prompts

- How do some Christians interpret Jesus’ promise to return?
- Why is hope central to Christian eschatology?
- What role does judgement play in Christian belief?
- How do Catholic teachings explain purgatory?
- How could the Second Coming influence moral choices?

### Specification links:

#### GCSE:

- Christian eschatology
- The last days of Jesus’ life
- Catholic beliefs about eschatology
- Christian religious celebrations

#### A Level:

- Strengths and weaknesses of theodicies and solutions
- The crucifixion and resurrection narratives in Luke’s Gospel

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