

Topic of the Month (March 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 for the BBC* entitled “Harry Clark embarks on a quest to meet the new Pope in BBC documentary.” It relates to Harry Clark’s journey to Rome, exploring Catholic faith, identity, and the challenge of maintaining belief in a fast-paced, modern world.

[\(Read the full article from BBC Media Centre\)](#)

Discussion prompts

- What role does pilgrimage play in Catholic faith?
- Why is seeing the Pope significant for Catholics?
- What does leadership mean in the Catholic Church?
- How do traditions shape personal identity?
- Can faith adapt to modern lifestyles?

Specification links:

- **GCSE:**
 - Pilgrimage
 - Leaders and leadership in the Church
- **A Level:**
 - The nature of the Church

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