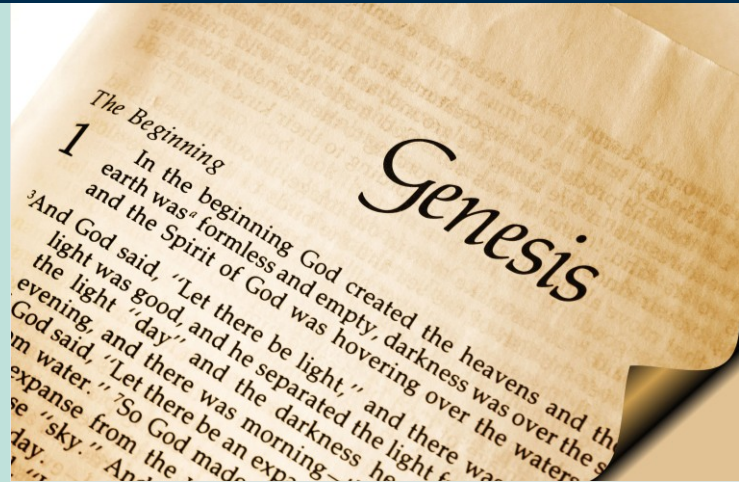


Religious Studies Topic of the Month

November 2025

Should Christians kneel or stand in front of God?

Topic of the month aims to stimulate discussion at Key Stages 4 and 5 and bring religion to life. This can be achieved by considering religion's relevance in our vast modern world. We have selected a current news article, which you may wish to read and integrate into your teaching practice, using the discussion prompts provided.



Disclaimer:

This topic relates to a video article, produced by The Catholic Herald* entitled "No kneelers in Diocese of Austin, Texas."

Introduction

This article relates to the removal of kneelers in Austin Diocese, raising questions about liturgical practice and interpretations of Catholic tradition.

[\(Click here to access the article\)](#)

Discussion prompts

- How does posture in worship express beliefs about God?
- What does kneeling signify in Catholic liturgy?
- How might removing kneelers affect the sense of reverence?
- What does this decision reveal about authority in the Church?
- How does worship posture relate to tradition and continuity?
- In what ways does liturgical change, challenge religious identity?

Links to topics featured in our specifications:

- **GCSE:**
 - Prayer as the 'raising of hearts and minds to God
 - Christian worship
 - The nature and purpose of prayer
- **A-Level:**
 - The role of prayer in private and public devotion, including the use of aids to prayer.