

# Year 6

# Catholic Social Teaching

**BIG QUESTION: What is the Great Commandment?**

Catholic Social Teaching stems from the “Great Commandment” to put God first and to love your brother and sister as yourself and to act as if what happens to them also happens to you.



“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest.” He said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your souls, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” (Matthew 22:36-40)

Catholic Social Teaching is nicknamed “our best-kept secret” Why is this? Well, because it is truly radical and very challenging.

## Key Vocabulary

Solidarity

Catholic Social Teaching

The Common Good

Community

Peacemaker

Compassion

**ABC**

Christ has no body now but yours

No hands, no feet on earth but yours

Yours are the eyes through which He looks compassion on this world

Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good

Yours are the hands with which He blesses all the world

Yours are the hands, yours are the feet

Yours are the eyes, you are His body

Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

(St Teresa of Avila)



**Task:** Read the prayer of St Teresa on this page.

**What are your thoughts and feelings about what she says?**

**In what way, if any, is it true for you?**

**Focus on what you do well and try to do it better**

As Christians we believe that all people are connected, so this means that we must not ignore what is happening to one another. The word for this is **SOLIDARITY**.

**What can you find out about the meaning of solidarity?**

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## Focus: We face challenges together

To be in solidarity together we are often faced with big challenges and barriers which can sometimes seem too great and so we give up. A Christian is someone who will keep on trying because they know that members of their family need them.

**Task:** Carry out research to identify the challenges that need to be overcome in your area so that everyone is treated justly and fairly with equal respect and dignity. Begin with your class, then our school, our community and our local area. Is there any evidence of the following:

**LONELINESS      BULLYING   FRIENDLESSNESS      POVERTY   HOMELESSNESS      UNEMPLOYMENT      RACISM      DISCRIMINATION**

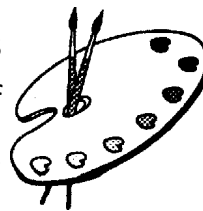
**How does this affect the people in your community? Under each heading write your own reflection on each challenge.**

### Music Task

Research both religious music and pop music to find as many examples as you can of music which speaks of solidarity and peace.



**Art Task:** There are many paintings which also show the theme of Solidarity, the Common Good and Peace. See how many you can find.



**Creative Writing Task:** Compose your own poem, song or rap to highlight the issues facing our community and what you would like to do about them.

