

RE – Humanity: ‘not just something but someone’

What is Imago Dei?

‘In the image of God he created them, male and female he created them’ **Genesis**

Life is sacred as it was created by God

All humans deserve dignity and respect

We have similar qualities to God e.g. creative, rational, intelligent



Humans have sin which shows our impurity in comparison to God’s purity

Why are man and woman made for each other?

In the Garden of Eden no other species was suitable for man, so God created woman for him as a suitable companion.

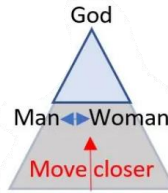
Catholic Teaching	Explanation
‘Man and woman were made "for each other" - not that God left them half-made and incomplete’ CCC	Man and woman were not made incomplete however a man a woman compliment each other. Together they become a strong unit.
‘By forming "one flesh", they can transmit human life’ CCC	Together man and woman can bring about the gift of a new life.

Why is Catholic marriage sacred?

One of the **7** sacraments



The sacred contract cannot be broken



FRUITFUL – A purpose of marriage is to procreate. This is shown through the priests questions.

EXCLUSIVE – A marriage is between two people. This is shown through the priests blessing: *‘What God has joined together, let no man put asunder’*

LIFELONG – A Catholic marriage is forever. This is shown through the vow: *‘death do you part’*

LOVING – A married couple are to be loving. This is shown through the vow: *‘for better, for worse’*

‘That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united with his wife, and they become one’ **Genesis**

What happens in a Jewish marriage?

Ketubah	Marriage contract is signed
Veil	The groom lifts the brides veil. This is because in Genesis, Jacob was tricked into marrying the wrong bride.
Chuppah	A canopy the couple stand under that represents their new home.
Circling each other	The couple circle each other three times to represent the couple building their new home together.
Breaking the glass	The male stamps on a glass. This represents the destruction of the temple but also, marriage is fragile and needs to be looked after.
Kiddush	Two cups of wine are drunk. One representing the marriage proposal and the other representing the marriage itself.