



PARISH SOCIAL PROFILE

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Dear readers,

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is pleased to make available to you this profile of the Catholic population of your parish.

I hope that you will find it to be a valuable tool for your parish's pastoral planning by helping you understand the local Catholic community and assess its needs. Parish pastoral councils in particular will find it a useful resource.

The data in this profile have been sourced from the Australian Census, which is carried out every five years by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. Most of the data comes from the 2016 Census, but some comparisons are provided with 2011 and earlier years.

It is important to remember that most of the data in this profile applies to all those people living within the boundaries of your parish who identified themselves as Catholic in the Census. Census data inform us about a population's demographic characteristics, but not about their religious practice.

This social profile, produced for every Catholic parish in Australia, is an outcome of the National Catholic Census Project established by the Bishops Conference at the time of the 1991 Census. This project is managed by the ACBC National Centre for Pastoral Research. The Australian Catholic Council for Pastoral Research is most grateful to the Centre's staff for the work that they do in providing demographic resources for parishes and dioceses, including this social profile.

This profile is provided to you free of charge by the Bishops Conference as part of its commitment to the support of parish life. I trust that you find it informative, useful and thought-provoking.

Yours sincerely,

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Your Parish Social Profile

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Your parish community in 2016

Pastoral planning is the process of a Catholic community organising itself to carry out the mission of the Church in its own locality. It is a process built upon a parish's knowledge in three areas:

- Knowing its vision—its aspiration for itself.
- Knowing what sort of people make up the Catholic community and the general community.
- Knowing the resources (strengths, gifts and circumstances) available to the diocese to realise the vision.

This Parish Social Profile has been developed as a resource for pastoral planning, and it focuses on the second two of these three areas of knowledge.

The Church strongly encourages pastoral planning. As Pope John Paul II said:

"I earnestly exhort the Pastors of the particular Churches, with the help of all sectors of God's People, confidently to plan the stages of the journey ahead, harmonising the choices of each diocesan community with those of neighbouring Churches and of the universal Church ... It is not a matter of inventing a 'new program'. The program already exists: it is the plan found in the Gospel and in the living Tradition."

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By giving a clear picture of the parish's demographic reality, this profile helps the parish leaders name its strengths and shortcomings and better understand how it might use the resources it has to pursue the mission of the Church.

A SNAPSHOT OF YOUR PARISH (2016)

Total Population: 37,655

Catholic Population: 14,546

Catholics make up 38.6 per cent of the total population

Median age of Catholics is 36 years

Total Catholic families: 4,565

384 Catholics live alone

6,114 Catholics were born overseas

1,387 Catholics do not speak English well

907 Catholics need assistance with core activities

2,850 Catholics have changed address since 2011



What has changed in your parish since 2011?

This chart will help you identify at a glance changes in some of the key indicators for Catholics in the parish between 2011 and 2016, and may alert you to possible trends that are occurring. The 2011 and 2016 figures are drawn from the Parish Overview tables on pages 4-7. All figures in this table refer to Catholics only. The term 'Catholic' in this report refers to all persons who identified themselves as Catholics in the Census, not only those who have some form of active association with the Church.

	Parish in 2011	Parish in 2016
Catholic population	15,485	14,546
Catholics aged 0-14 (%)	22.1	19.9
Catholics aged 65+ (%)	7.6	10.8
Catholics born in NESCS ¹ (%)	39.1	40.6
Catholics not proficient in English (%)	7.7	9.5
Catholic families	4,769	4,565
Catholics living alone	374	384
Catholic students attending Catholic schools ² (%)	56.9	55.8
Catholics with university degree (%)	11.8	14.6
Catholic males in labour force (%)	71.9	68.7
Catholic females in labour force (%)	58.2	56.8
Catholic households owning or purchasing dwelling (%)	82.8	80.4

Notes:

1. NESCS = Non-English-Speaking Country as defined by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.
2. The percentage of all students who are Catholic attending Catholic schools.

Note on comparability with 2011 figures:

The boundaries of some parishes changed between 2011 and 2016. These boundary changes mean that, in these parishes, figures for 2011 and 2016 may not be comparable.

Where parishes have been amalgamated between 2011 and 2016, the 2016 figures in this profile refer to the overall figures for the parishes involved.



Parish Overview

Table 1: Population (for more details on Population and Religion see page 9).

The Parish Profile begins by looking at the total population living within the parish boundaries, and the percentage who identified as Catholic. The rest of the figures in this overview refer only to these Catholics, except where otherwise indicated.

How has the make-up of the parish population changed over the last five years? Of the changes identified here, which do you think have been particularly significant for the life of the parish?

Table 1: Population¹

	Parish 2016	Parish 2011	Diocese 2016	Australia 2016	Diocesan Group ²	Australian Group ²
Total population ³	37,655	37,112	2,455,169	23,401,892	1	1
Catholic population	14,546	15,485	594,145	5,291,834	1	1
Per cent Catholic	38.6	41.7	24.2	22.6	1	1
At same address since previous Census (%)	70.7	72.8	57.9	57.3	1	1
Median age ⁴ (years)	36	33	38	40	5	5
Aged 0-14 (%)	19.9	22.1	18.5	19.8	2	3
Aged 65+ (%)	10.8	7.6	16.4	16.6	5	5
Males per 100 females	97.2	99.2	91.0	90.6	1	1

Table 2: Disability (for more details on Disability and Carers see page 12).

Table 2 shows the percentage of Catholics who are disabled to the extent that they require assistance for some core activities (i.e. they need help or assistance with self-care, communication or mobility). It also shows the percentage of Catholics who provide unpaid assistance to a person with some form of disability.

In what particular ways does the parish support disabled persons and their carers?

Table 2: Disability

	Parish 2016	Parish 2011	Diocese 2016	Australia 2016	Diocesan Group	Australian Group
Need assistance with core activities (%)	6.2	4.5	6.1	5.8	3	2
Provided unpaid assistance to a person with a disability ⁵ (% of Catholics aged 15+)	13.1	11.5	12.2	12.5	2	3

Notes:

1. All figures in this report refer to Catholics only, except for Total Population and certain other clearly indicated figures.
2. A Diocesan (or Australian) Group value of 1 signifies that the parish is in the 20% of parishes with the highest value for this item in the diocese (or in Australia); a value of 5 signifies that the parish is in the 20% of parishes with the lowest value for this item in the diocese (or in Australia).
3. The population figures for the parish, diocese and Australia do not include overseas visitors.
4. Median Age: Half the Catholic population are above this age, half are below it. A Diocesan (or Australian) Group value of 1 signifies that the parish is in the 20% of parishes with the highest median age.
5. The Census asked whether a person had provided unpaid assistance to a person with a disability in the two weeks prior to the Census.



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Table 3: Employment (for more details on Occupation and Employment see pages 23-25).

The extent to which people are involved in the labour force, and the type of work they are doing, influences and shapes many aspects of the community's life.

How might the changes in the employment status of Catholics over the last five years have affected your parish?

Table 3: Employment	Parish 2016	Parish 2011	Diocese 2016	Australia 2016	Diocesan Group	Australian Group
Managers and Professionals ¹ (% of those recording an occupation)	25.3	24.5	40.5	34.1	5	5
Workers in 'blue collar' occupations ² (% of those recording an occupation)	37.1	37.6	24.1	29.6	1	2
Men, employed or seeking work ³ (%)	68.7	71.9	69.0	69.7	4	3
Women, employed or seeking work ³ (%)	56.8	58.2	59.6	60.6	4	4
Unemployed at time of Census ⁴ (%)	5.6	6.0	5.0	5.8	2	3
Youth unemployed at time of Census ⁵ (%)	11.1	12.4	10.4	12.2	2	3

Table 4: Birthplace and Language (for more details on Birthplace and Language see pages 17-19).

This table begins to explore the ethnic balance of the parish's Catholic community, which in itself may raise issues of communication and inclusiveness.

How does the cultural mix of the parish compare to that of the rest of the diocese and of Australia as a whole?

Table 4: Birthplace, Indigenous Status & Language	Parish 2016	Parish 2011	Diocese 2016	Australia 2016	Diocesan Group	Australian Group
Born overseas in English-speaking country ⁶	1.5	1.5	5.4	5.6	5	5
Born overseas in non-English-speaking country (%)	40.6	39.1	31.4	19.1	1	1
Immigrants from non-English-speaking countries arriving in Census year or previous 3 years	345	207	22,315	106,428	1	1
Catholics of Australian Indigenous origin	55	63	5,992	133,528	2	3
Speak language other than English at home (%)	56.7	56.2	37.8	20.4	1	1
Not proficient in English ⁷ (%)	9.5	7.7	6.1	2.6	1	1

Notes:

1. This group includes, for example, farmers and farm managers, sales, marketing and production managers, education and health service managers, retail managers, school principals and school teachers, medical practitioners, nurses, scientists, arts and media professionals, accountants, engineers and IT professionals.
2. This group includes, for example, toolmakers, technicians, electricians, carpenters, plumbers, bakers and chefs, veterinary nurses, hairdressers, machinery operators, drivers, cleaners and labourers.
3. The percentage of Catholics aged 15+ who are in the labour force (i.e. employed or seeking employment).
4. The percentage of Catholics aged 15+ who are in the labour force and were unemployed at the time of the Census.
5. The percentage of Catholics aged 15-24 who are in the labour force and were unemployed at the time of the Census.
6. New Zealand, United Kingdom, Ireland, United States, Canada and South Africa.
7. Percentage of all Catholics who reported that they spoke English not well, or not at all.



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Table 5: Education (for more details on Education and Qualifications see pages 20-22).

Knowing the proportions of students in your parish and the type of educational institution they are attending can be important even if your parish does not have its own school, for these figures are relevant to the exercise of planning deeper connections with young people and their families. It is also important to be aware of the educational retention rates of your young Catholic adults (aged 15-24).

Has anything changed in these areas over the last five years?

Why do you think this is so?

How does your parish compare to the rest of the diocese?

Table 5: Education¹

	Parish 2016	Parish 2011	Diocese 2016	Australia 2016	Diocesan Group	Australian Group
Catholics aged 15+ with bachelor degree or higher qualification (%)	14.6	11.8	27.3	20.6	5	3
Aged 15-17 attending an educational institution ²	92.8	88.7	94.0	92.2	4	3
Aged 18-19 attending an educational institution ²	74.3	72.7	75.7	62.9	4	2
Aged 20-24 attending an educational institution ²	42.4	40.8	46.9	38.2	4	2
Catholic primary students attending Catholic schools (%)	57.4	54.7	57.6	53.1	3	2
Catholic primary students attending Government schools (%)	39.9	41.2	36.8	41.0	2	3
Catholic secondary students attending Catholic schools (%)	54.2	59.2	62.8	54.5	4	3
Catholic secondary students attending Government schools (%)	41.8	37.6	27.5	35.1	1	2
Primary students attending Catholic schools who are not Catholic ³ (%)	16.7	11.5	21.4	28.1	4	5
Secondary students attending Catholic schools who are not Catholic ³ (%)	19.0	14.8	29.0	35.7	5	5

Notes:

1. The data in this table relates to the students who live in your parish and not necessarily to the schools in your parish. Students may be attending schools outside your parish.
2. Percentage of all Catholics in each age group.
3. 'Students ... who are not Catholic' includes a small proportion whose religion was not stated in the Census. Some of these may be Catholic.



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Tables 6, 7 and 8: Marital status, Families and Households (for more details see pages 13-16).

In 2016, 82 per cent of Australia's Catholics lived in a family setting, with a further nine per cent living alone. The most common type of Catholic family was a couple family with children (45 per cent of all families where at least one person was a Catholic), followed by couple families without children (35%) and one-parent families (parent Catholic, 12%).

What areas below show significant change over the last five years? What might this mean?

In what areas is the parish quite distinctive compared to the rest of the diocese? The rest of Australia?

What possible opportunities or concerns for the parish do you see here?

Table 6: Marital Status of Catholics aged 15+

	Parish 2016	Parish 2011	Diocese 2016	Australia 2016	Diocesan Group	Australian Group
Never married (%)	34.2	33.4	36.5	33.3	3	2
Married (%)	53.8	55.3	47.5	49.7	1	2
Divorced or Separated (%)	8.4	8.0	10.2	11.2	4	5
Widowed (%)	3.6	3.3	5.8	5.8	5	5

Table 7: Families¹
in which at least one person is Catholic

	Parish 2016	Parish 2011	Diocese 2016	Australia 2016	Diocesan Group	Australian Group
Families	4,565	4,769	204,910	1,997,833	1	1
One-parent families	631	632	24,975	231,370	1	1
One-parent families (% of all families)	13.8	13.3	12.2	11.6	2	1
Couples of mixed religions ² (%)	23.9	23.3	46.5	55.9	5	5
De facto couples ³ (%)	7.6	5.4	16.5	17.1	5	5
Median annual family income ⁴ (\$)	95,369	84,263	117,208	100,270	4	3

Table 8: Households⁵
in which at least one person is Catholic

	Parish 2016	Parish 2011	Diocese 2016	Australia 2016	Diocesan Group	Australian Group
Households	4,730	4,989	268,797	2,548,354	1	1
Persons living alone (aged under 35)	36	50	6,389	53,499	3	3
Persons living alone (aged 35+)	348	324	45,312	407,684	2	2
Persons living alone (total)	384	374	51,701	461,183	2	2
Persons living alone (% of all persons)	2.6	2.4	8.7	8.7	5	5
Dwellings owned or being purchased (%)	80.4	82.8	63.4	71.2	1	1
Median monthly housing loan repayment ⁶ (\$)	1,982	2,011	2,390	1,873	5	2

Notes:

1. A family is defined by the Australian Bureau of Statistics as two or more persons, one of whom is at least 15 years of age, who are related by blood, marriage (registered or de facto), adoption, step or fostering, and who are usually resident in the same household. Family members who live elsewhere are not included in the Census definition.
2. Married or de facto couples where only one partner is Catholic as a percentage of all couples where at least one partner is Catholic.
3. De facto couples as a percentage of all married couples.
4. Fifty per cent of families have a higher income, fifty per cent a lower income. Family income is the sum of the incomes of all family members aged 15 and over.
5. A household can consist of one or more families, non-family groups or persons living alone.
6. Fifty per cent of households with a housing loan pay a higher repayment, fifty per cent a lower figure.



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Religious affiliation

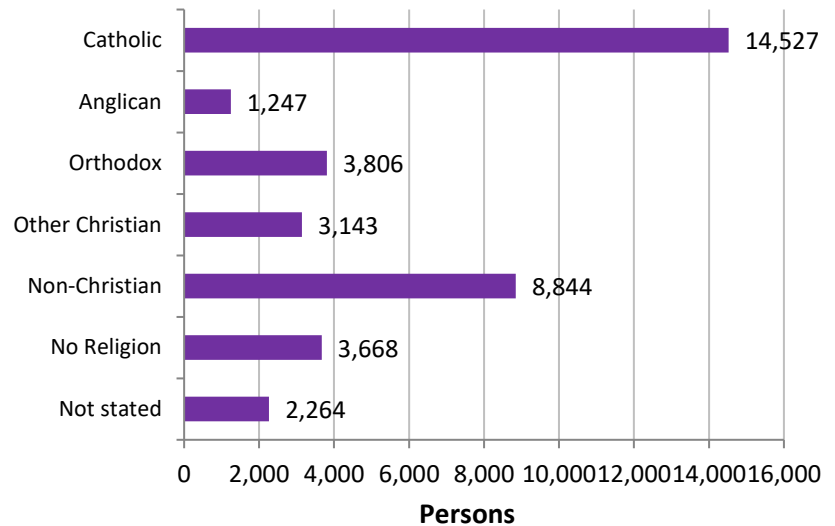
The Census question about religion is optional, and just under ten per cent of people across Australia chose not to answer it. Note that the question is about religious identification rather than religious practice or belief. For the 2016 Census, the ABS moved the 'No Religion' response category to be the first response category in the religion question. Prior to 2016, it was the last response category.

How does the number of Catholics in the 0-9 age group compare with the number of children baptised in the parish in the period 2007-2016?

What are the largest non-Catholic religious groups? What involvement does the parish have in ecumenical and interfaith activities and programs?

What challenges to the parish are associated with the increase in the number of people who report that they have no religion?

**Religious Affiliation
(All persons)**



Notes: No Religion also includes Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation

Not Stated also includes Inadequately Described.

Table 9: Religious affiliation by age

	0-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80+	Total
Western (Latin Rite) Catholic	1,570	2,237	1,999	1,375	1,915	2,147	1,333	670	271	13,517
Maronite Catholic	5	8	17	4	7	12	8	3	-	64
Melkite Catholic	3	5	3	8	8	4	4	6	-	41
Ukrainian Catholic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chaldean Catholic	169	166	156	123	120	90	46	18	5	893
Syro-Malabar Catholic	5	-	-	-	3	4	-	-	-	12
Total Catholic	1,752	2,416	2,175	1,510	2,053	2,257	1,391	697	276	14,527
Per cent Catholic (of total population in age group)	38.8	40.6	37.3	34.1	39.6	38.8	38.1	46.0	44.9	38.7
Anglican	99	167	160	112	170	274	165	62	38	1,247
Orthodox	416	504	568	473	525	592	440	215	73	3,806
Other Christian	377	507	466	420	389	467	330	130	57	3,143
Non-Christian	1,037	1,431	1,263	1,124	1,318	1,431	881	245	114	8,844
No Religion	543	588	817	506	419	446	250	74	25	3,668
Not Stated	286	336	385	282	309	345	196	93	32	2,264
Total Population	4,510	5,949	5,834	4,427	5,183	5,812	3,653	1,516	615	37,499

Note: Since the 1996 Census, following consultation with the Eastern Catholic Bishops, Eastern Catholics have been counted separately from Western (or Latin Rite) Catholics. Catholics belonging to the Chaldean, Maronite, Melkite, Syro-Malabar or Ukrainian Catholic Churches have been requested by their Bishops NOT to tick the box marked 'Catholic' on the Census form, but rather to write, for example, 'Maronite Catholic' in the space provided. Those Eastern Catholics who were unaware of this request and who ticked the 'Catholic' box are counted as Western Catholics.



Age and sex

Table 10:
Age by sex

	Males 2016	Females 2016	Total 2016	Total 2011
Age (years)				
0	69	62	131	148
1	75	58	133	177
2	79	76	155	187
3	67	82	149	211
4	85	102	187	224
5	82	82	164	221
6	91	100	191	215
7	103	83	186	247
8	112	108	220	245
9	123	109	232	234
10	104	124	228	271
11	118	93	211	262
12	110	119	229	247
13	119	112	231	257
14	120	121	241	279
15	127	138	265	275
16	144	120	264	301
17	131	123	254	268
18	123	106	229	334
19	137	131	268	273
20-24	616	585	1,201	1,350
25-29	488	482	970	938
30-34	390	384	774	816
35-39	351	378	729	1,029
40-44	440	543	983	1,170
45-49	516	572	1,088	1,303
50-54	576	622	1,198	1,195
55-59	492	558	1,050	942
60-64	391	399	790	686
65-69	306	296	602	443
70-74	195	215	410	338
75-79	140	141	281	198
80+	126	148	274	199
Total	7,146	7,372	14,518	15,483

NOTE REGARDING THE RANDOMISATION OF CENSUS DATA:

The Catholic population of the parish may be slightly different in different tables in this profile as a result of the randomization procedure used by the Australian Bureau of Statistics in carrying out its statutory obligation to protect the confidentiality of individuals. This variation in figures does not impair the value of Census data as the Census is intended to be an instrument that paints a broad picture rather than a precise measurement of a particular locality. Care should always be taken in interpreting small counts in tables.

The table on this page shows the number of Catholics in this parish in 2016, by age and sex, and compares the total number of Catholics in each age group with the figure in 2011.

In 1996, the median age of Catholics in Australia was 33 years; by 2016, this had risen to 40 years.

The age profile of parishioners is important information for parishes to take into account as it plans its activities. It is also important to keep an eye on how the age profile is changing over time—is the parish becoming older, younger or staying about the same? Each of these possibilities may require different pastoral responses.

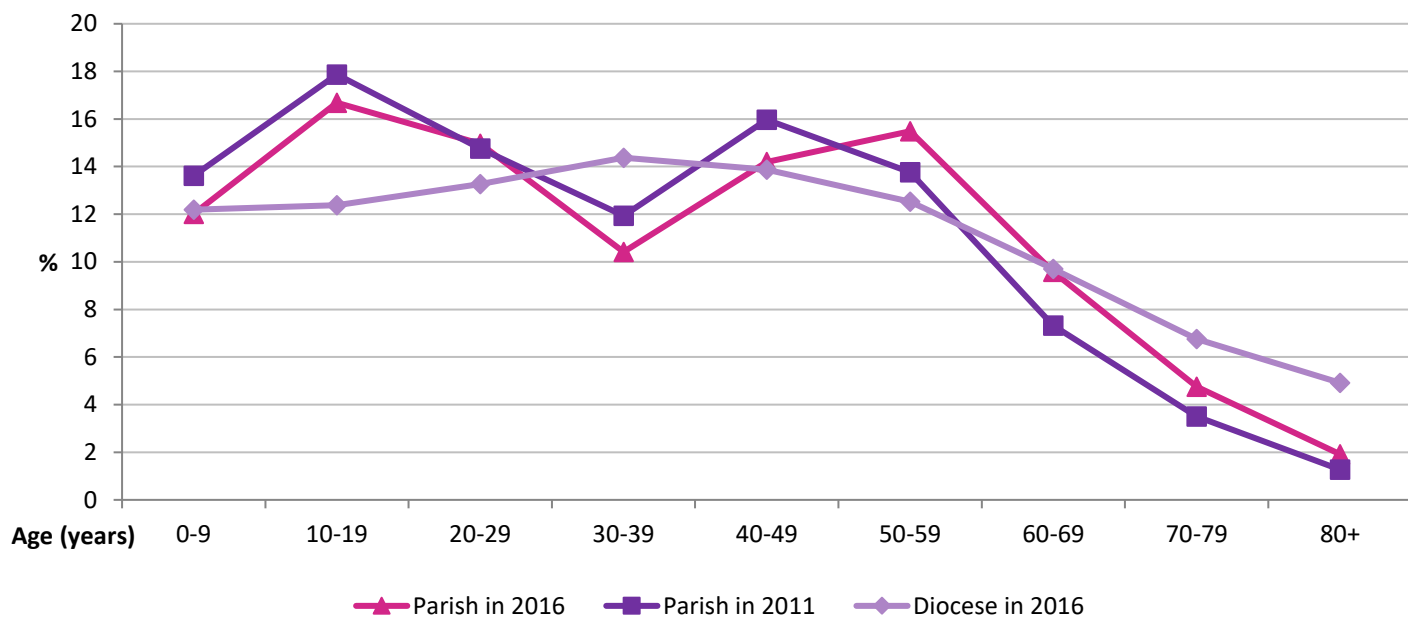
In 2016, among Australian Catholics as a whole, 52 per cent were female and 48 per cent were male. But it is not always like this. Among Catholics aged under 20, males outnumbered females, whereas females accounted for 58 per cent of Catholics aged 75 or more. There are also local factors, such as the presence of particular industries or the different rates of movement to the cities by young men and women, that can affect the proportion of men and women in the Catholic population of the parish. These variations also raise pastoral issues.

Take time to study the table. Are there any surprises in it? Is there anything that calls for a new or modified response from the parish? What are the major changes since 2011? Can you get a sense from the table of what the parish age profile might look like in 2021, the year of the next Census?

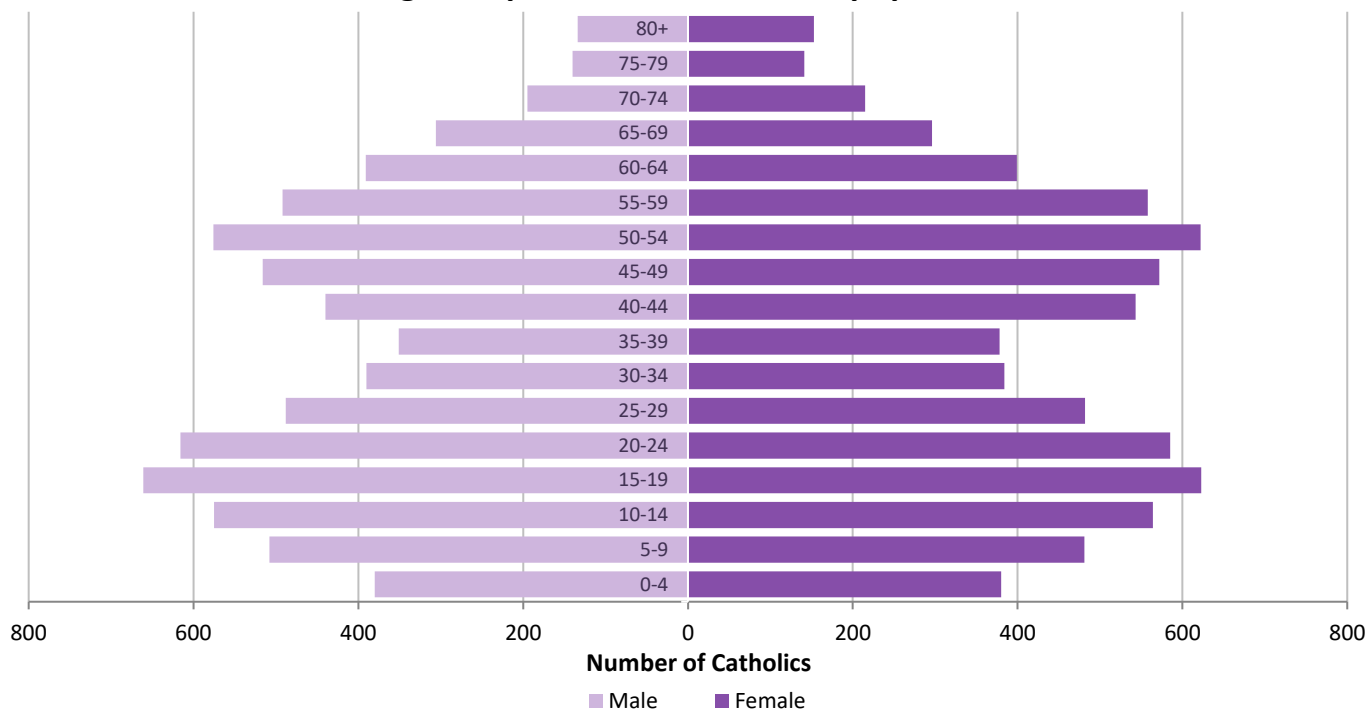


Age and sex

Age profile of the Catholic population, 2011 & 2016



Age-sex profile of the Catholic population, 2016



Disability

The 2006 Census was the first to include the variable Core Activity Need for Assistance. The variable was developed to measure the number of people with a profound or severe disability. ABS defines the profound or severe disability population as: “those people needing help or assistance in one or more of the three core activity areas of self-care, mobility and communication, because of a long-term health condition (lasting six months or more), a disability (lasting six months or more), or old age”.¹ Most people who need assistance with core activities live either in a family or in a place such as a nursing home, where the care they need is provided. But many live alone. Often people with a disability have fewer opportunities for social interaction.²

How many Catholics in your parish require assistance with core activities? How many of these live alone? How many are in the younger age groups? How many of your parishioners provide unpaid assistance to people with a disability?

How might the parish respond pastorally to this information?

Table 11a: Need for assistance with core activities by age

0-14	15-44	45-64	65-74	75-84	85 and over	Total
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Catholics who have need for assistance with core activities

Family members:

Males	43	82	101	76	54	16	372
Females	32	61	143	74	84	36	430

Lone Persons:

Males	-	-	9	3	5	3	20
Females	-	-	5	5	19	9	38

Other non-family members or persons not present in a household on Census night ³

Males	4	-	11	3	-	8	26
Females	-	-	8	6	3	4	21

Total

Males	47	82	121	82	59	27	418
Females	32	61	156	85	106	49	489

Table 11b: Provision of unpaid assistance by age

15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 and over	Total
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Catholics who provide unpaid assistance to a person with a disability ⁴

Males	79	62	99	154	117	65	576
Females	70	97	186	281	209	97	940

Notes:

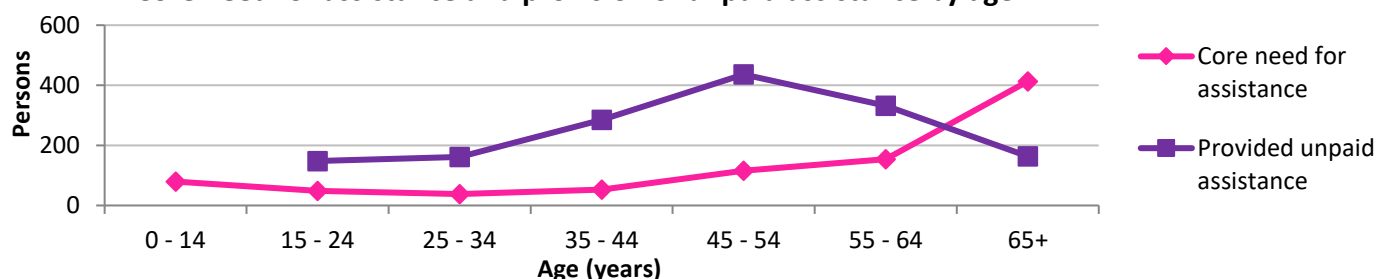
1. Australian Bureau of Statistics 2016. *Census Dictionary Australia 2016. Catalogue No. 2901.0.*

2. Australian Bureau of Statistics 2004. *Australian Social Trends 2004. Catalogue No. 4102.0.*

3. Among people aged 75 and over, being in hospital or a nursing home is a major reason for not being in a household on Census night.

4. The Census question asked whether the respondent had provided unpaid assistance to a person with a disability in the two weeks prior to the Census. The question is not applicable to persons aged 0-14.

Core need for assistance and provision of unpaid assistance by age



Marital Status

The marital status patterns of Australian Catholics have changed quite dramatically over the last two decades. At the time of the 1991 Census, 31.4 per cent of Australian Catholics aged 15 and over had never been married, 55.4 per cent were married, 7.4 per cent were separated or divorced and 5.8 per cent were widowed. By the 2016 Census, these figures were respectively 33.3 per cent, 49.7 per cent, 11.2 per cent and 5.8 per cent. Since 1991, there has been a substantial fall in the percentage of married Catholics and a rise in the percentage of the never married and separated and divorced.

How might changes in marital status patterns affect the life of the Church in this parish? Do they result in the need for new pastoral services and programs?

The graph shows the percentage of Catholic men and women aged 15 years and older who lived in the parish at the time of the 2016 Census and who had changed address in the previous five years. Across Australia in 2016, 36.6 per cent of Catholics aged 15 and over had changed address since the previous Census.

Table 12: Registered marital status by sex and age

	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75 and over	Total
Catholics aged 15 and over								
Males								
Never married	1,268	589	161	73	36	11	-	2,138
Married	11	261	561	908	742	422	209	3,114
Separated/Divorced	-	29	71	105	99	49	18	371
Widowed	-	-	4	8	13	21	46	92
Total	1,279	879	797	1,094	890	503	273	5,715
Females								
Never married	1,159	429	126	65	47	22	11	1,859
Married	50	385	649	930	703	348	114	3,179
Separated/Divorced	-	52	144	179	151	63	14	603
Widowed	-	6	3	22	57	82	153	323
Total	1,209	872	922	1,196	958	515	292	5,964

Change of address since 2011 by marital status (Catholics aged 15+)

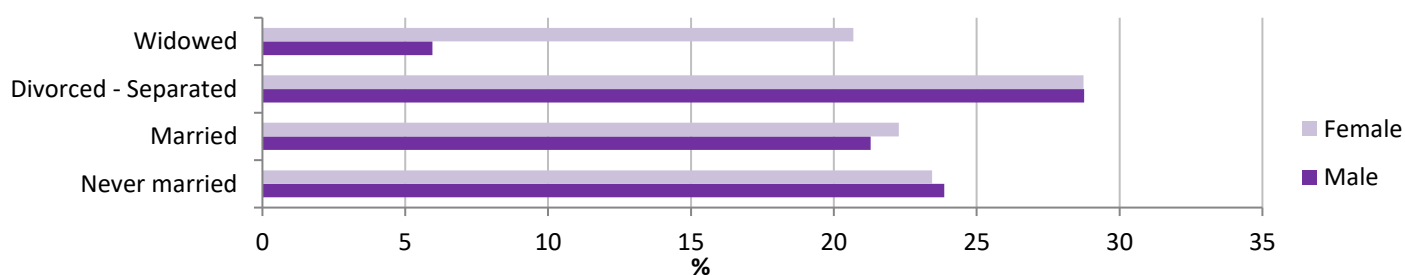


Table 13: Religious affiliation of couple by social marital status

	In a registered marriage	In a de facto marriage	Total couples	% couples in de facto marriages
Both persons Catholic	2,612	140	2,752	5.1
One person Catholic, the other non-Catholic Christian	472	63	535	11.8
One Catholic, the other not Christian or Not stated	282	75	357	21.0
Total	3,366	278	3,644	7.6



Families

The table on this page shows family composition by weekly family income, with the median weekly family income for each type of family shown in the last column. Couple families are divided into three categories: both partners Catholic, Catholics with non-Catholic Christian partners, and Catholics with partners identifying with other religious traditions or none. The table includes partners in registered and de facto marriages.

Couples without children include those who have never had children as well as those whose children no longer live at home.

Take time to study the table. Does it suggest that Catholic families in the parish are mostly well off, OK or struggling financially?

How do the incomes of families with children living at home compare with those with no children living at home? How well does the parish connect with one-parent families? Note that the income of one-parent families is likely to be much lower than that of two-parent families.

Are families with both parents Catholic a majority or a minority of Catholic families in your parish? What implications might this have for the way the parish connects to families?

Table 14: Family composition¹ by weekly family income

	Less than \$500	\$500 - \$799	\$800 - \$1,249	\$1,250 - \$1,999	\$2,000 - \$2,999	\$3,000 - \$3,999	\$4,000 or more	Income not fully stated	Total families	Median Weekly Family Income ² (\$)
Two-parent families with children at home:										
Both parents Catholic	72	105	219	424	481	253	244	205	2,003	2,164
One parent Catholic, the other Christian, but not Catholic	7	13	33	82	98	60	65	35	393	2,448
One parent Catholic, the other Non-Christian, No Religion or Not stated	13	3	21	45	81	31	30	24	248	2,370
Couple with no children living at home:										
Both persons Catholic	111	169	112	139	120	41	22	30	744	1,109
One person Catholic, the other Christian, but not Catholic	6	24	20	31	35	15	7	9	147	1,709
One person Catholic, the other Non-Christian, No Religion or Not stated	9	6	12	20	34	8	3	7	99	1,962
One-parent families:	79	90	127	143	75	36	15	66	631	1,202
Parent is Catholic										
Other families where at least one person is Catholic	19	23	37	46	48	24	10	17	224	1,649
Other: Reference person Catholic but spouse temporarily absent ³	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	76	76	-
Total	316	433	581	930	972	468	396	469	4,565	1,829

Notes:

1. A family is defined by the Australian Bureau of Statistics as two or more persons, one of whom is at least 15 years of age, who are related by blood, marriage (registered or de facto), adoption, step or fostering, and who are usually resident in the same household. Family members who live elsewhere are not included in the Census definition. For Census purposes, a Catholic family is defined as a family in which at least one person is Catholic.
2. Median weekly family income: fifty percent of families have a higher income, fifty percent a lower income. Family income is the sum of the incomes of all family members aged 15 and over.
3. The religious affiliation of a temporarily absent spouse is not recorded, hence families in this category could belong to any one of the first six categories above.



Families

Table 15: Weekly family income by number of dependent children

	0 dependent children	1 dependent child	2 dependent children	3 dependent children	4 or more	Total
Less than \$500	161	49	52	29	21	312
\$500-\$799	243	56	55	49	12	415
\$800-\$1,249	275	89	118	76	25	583
\$1,250-\$1,999	420	154	224	97	19	914
\$2,000-\$2,999	432	177	253	99	19	980
\$3,000-\$3,999	228	81	101	38	12	460
\$4,000 or more	198	88	77	24	7	394
Income not fully stated	241	89	84	34	15	463
Total Families	2,198	783	964	446	130	4,521
Median Weekly Family Income (\$)	1,784	1,995	1,969	1,652	1,241	1,839

Note: Table population is Catholic families. Dependent children include all children aged 0-14 and dependent students aged 15-24. Some figures may differ from figures in other similar tables (i.e. Table 14) due to the randomisation process used by the ABS – see note at the bottom of page 10.

**Weekly Family Income
(Catholic families)**

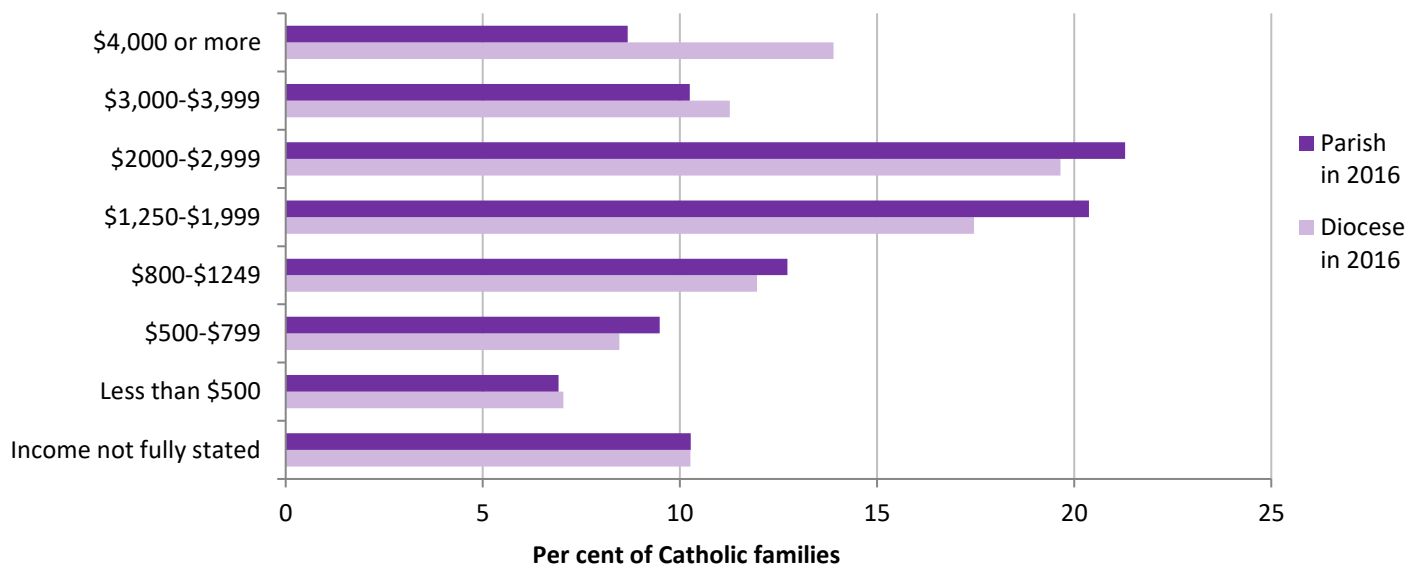


Table 16: Social marital status by number of dependent children

	0 dependent children	1 dependent child	2 dependent children	3 dependent children	4 or more	Total
Family Composition:						
Married couple family (at least one partner Catholic)	1,659	550	741	367	117	3,434
De facto couple family (at least one partner Catholic)	163	43	54	26	3	289
One parent family, parent Catholic	278	171	112	58	20	639
Other families where at least one person is Catholic	113	45	42	20	3	223
Total families	2,213	809	949	471	143	4,585



Households

The Australian Bureau of Statistics defines a household as one or more persons, at least one of whom is at least 15 years of age, usually resident in the same private dwelling.¹ Non-private dwellings such as motels, guest houses, prisons, religious institutions and nursing homes are not included in household statistics. A household can consist of one or more families, non-family groups or persons living alone.

The figures on this page refer to households in which at least one person is Catholic.²

There were 8,861,600 households in Australia in 2016. At least one Catholic person lived in 2,548,400 households, or 29 per cent of all households. Seventy-eight per cent of these Catholic households were family households and, of the Catholic family households, 75 per cent were occupied dwellings that were owned or being purchased.

What is the current housing situation in this parish? For example, is there a sufficient stock of rental properties available? Are there areas with large numbers of new houses? Are families under stress to pay rent or meet mortgage repayments? What aspects of the parish's pastoral strategies relate to housing issues?

Table 17: Household composition by tenure type

	Fully owned or being purchased	Rented from State or Territory Housing Authority	Rented from other landlord, or landlord not stated	Other households	Total households	Per cent owned or being purchased
Family households	3,501	81	626	98	4,306	81.3
Lone person aged under 35 years	13	-	13	11	37	35.1
Lone person aged 35 years or over	263	17	40	26	346	76.0
Group households	27	-	11	3	41	65.9
Total households	3,804	98	690	138	4,730	80.4

Table 18: Household composition by monthly housing loan repayment

	\$1-\$599	\$600-\$999	\$1,000-1,599	\$1,600-\$2,199	\$2,200-\$2,799	\$2,800 or more	Median monthly household loan repayment (\$)
Family households	106	132	335	502	284	437	1,988
Lone person aged under 35 years	-	-	-	3	-	-	1,900
Lone person aged 35 years or over	4	7	11	3	10	3	1,436
Group households	-	-	3	4	5	-	2,050
Total households	110	139	349	512	299	440	1,982

Notes:

1. Australian Bureau of Statistics 2016. *Census Dictionary Australia 2016. Catalogue No. 2901.0.*
2. For Census purposes, a Catholic household is any household in which at least one person is Catholic.



Birthplace

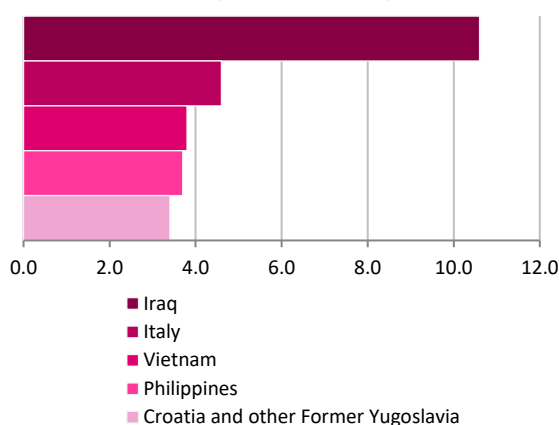
Catholics born overseas, especially those born in non-English-speaking countries, are likely to have different approaches to faith and spirituality, and different experiences and expectations of Church life, from those of Catholics born in Australia.

What are the major groups of overseas-born Catholics in your parish?

What difference does their presence make to the parish?

How might the parish better connect with those who have only recently arrived?

Top 5 birthplaces of Catholics born overseas
(% of all Catholics)



Top 5 birthplaces with highest proportions of recent arrivals
(% of all Catholics from that birthplace)

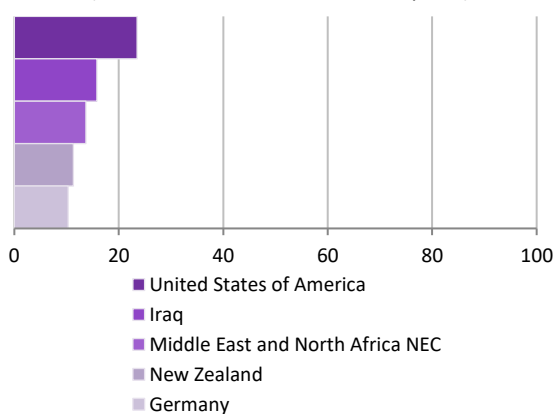


Table 19: Birthplace

	All Catholics	% of Catholics	% recent arrivals ¹
Australia	8,200	56.4	-
New Zealand	112	0.8	11.3
Other Oceania	71	0.5	-
United Kingdom (except Northern Ireland)	46	0.3	-
Ireland (including Northern Ireland)	21	0.1	-
Italy	673	4.6	0.4
Malta	161	1.1	-
Spain and Portugal	100	0.7	-
France	11	0.1	-
Netherlands	14	0.1	-
Germany	30	0.2	10.3
Austria	11	0.1	-
Croatia and other Former Yugoslavia	494	3.4	-
Poland	80	0.6	-
Hungary	11	0.1	-
Other Eastern Europe, Russian Federation and Baltic States	69	0.5	-
Other Europe NEC	5	0.0	-
Vietnam	557	3.8	3.4
Philippines	533	3.7	4.3
Indonesia	29	0.2	-
Malaysia	14	0.1	-
Singapore	3	0.0	-
South East Asia NEC	244	1.7	-
India	59	0.4	-
Sri Lanka	20	0.1	-
China (except Hong Kong and Taiwan)	12	0.1	-
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	6	0.0	-
Korea, Republic of (South)	-	-	-
Egypt	13	0.1	-
Lebanon	96	0.7	8.6
Iraq	1,547	10.6	15.8
Sudan (including South Sudan)	10	0.1	-
Middle East and North Africa NEC	252	1.7	13.7
South Africa	7	0.0	-
Mauritius	53	0.4	-
United States of America	13	0.1	23.5
Canada	10	0.1	-
Argentina	90	0.6	-
Brazil	-	-	-
Colombia	14	0.1	-
Chile	276	1.9	-
Central America and South America NEC	344	2.4	2.3
Other countries	9	0.1	-
Inadequately described/Not stated	223	1.5	-
Total	14,543	100.0	2.5

Notes:

1. % recent arrivals = the percentage of Catholics who were born in the named country and who arrived in Australia between 2013 and 2016 inclusive.

NEC = Not Elsewhere Classified



Language

In 2016, 20 per cent of Australia's Catholics spoke a language other than English at home, and three per cent were not proficient in English. People who do not speak English well can face practical problems in education, employment and access to services. On the other hand, it is important to many people from a non-English-speaking background to maintain and promote, for reasons of cultural continuity and identity, the use of their home language.¹

How many Catholics in this parish speak a language other than English at home? How many have difficulty with English? Difficulty in speaking English can affect how well a person can participate in parish life.

Does this parish need to review the pastoral support it offers to parishioners who do not speak English well in relation to, for example, prayer and liturgy, inclusiveness in parish events, translation of written material, and access to priests and other pastoral ministers who speak their language?

Table 20: Language spoken at home by religious affiliation

	Catholic	Not Catholic (or not stated)	All persons	% Catholics among speakers ²
English only	6,178	5,912	12,090	51.1
Italian	1,288	112	1,400	92.0
Maltese	148	12	160	92.5
Spanish	960	431	1,391	69.0
Croatian	795	15	810	98.1
Polish	110	10	120	91.7
Dutch	3	8	11	27.3
French	52	17	69	75.4
German	7	12	19	36.8
Portuguese	101	8	109	92.7
Hungarian	22	5	27	81.5
Ukrainian	8	-	8	100.0
Vietnamese	989	3,440	4,429	22.3
Filipino languages	483	112	595	81.2
Chinese languages	217	1,789	2,006	10.8
Malayalam	15	16	31	48.4
Sinhalese	7	-	7	100.0
Korean	-	9	9	-
Indonesian and Malay	27	42	69	39.1
Arabic	757	1,572	2,329	32.5
Assyrian and Chaldean	1,916	1,845	3,761	50.9
Oceanic and Papuan languages	88	309	397	22.2
Australian Indigenous languages	-	-	-	-
Other European languages NEC	62	1,903	1,965	3.2
Other Asian languages NEC	140	3,575	3,715	3.8
Other languages NEC	62	648	710	8.7
Inadequately described/Non-Verbal/Not stated	111	1,308	1,419	7.8
Total	14,546	23,110	37,656	38.6

Notes:

1. Australian Bureau of Statistics 1999. *Australian Social Trends 1999. Catalogue No. 4102.0, p.11.*

2. *The percentage of Catholics among the speakers of these languages in Australia.*

NEC = Not Elsewhere Classified



Language

Why does the proportion of people not speaking English well vary for different languages spoken at home? Part of the explanation lies in differences in average period of residence of the various language groups. Another factor is 'cultural distance': the more people from a particular culture share the customs, beliefs and lifestyles with the majority Australian culture, the easier it will be for them to overcome language barriers. A third factor is the size of the language group and the pattern of settlement. The concentration of large numbers of speakers in a region tends to reinforce the use of that language.¹

What are the most commonly spoken languages other than English among the Catholics of this parish? Are speakers of some languages more likely than others to have difficulty with English? Can you see the influence of the three factors outlined above reflected in the figures on this page?

Table 21: Language spoken at home by age

	0-4	5-11	12-19	20-29	30-49	50-64	65 and over	Total	% who do not speak English well
English	424	875	1,159	1,164	1,307	1,030	222	6,181	-
Italian	8	21	42	82	344	382	418	1,297	10.6
Maltese	-	-	4	7	33	50	59	153	6.5
Spanish	18	47	78	103	250	275	194	965	15.0
Croatian	36	50	62	73	211	181	178	791	14.0
Polish	5	3	5	11	23	40	24	111	8.2
Dutch	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	-
French	-	-	-	-	11	20	16	47	-
German	-	-	-	3	-	4	3	10	-
Portuguese	3	-	8	4	27	40	27	109	15.2
Hungarian	-	-	-	-	4	14	7	25	14.3
Ukrainian	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	4	-
Vietnamese	39	78	162	146	291	213	57	986	26.4
Filipino languages	-	-	18	40	100	213	104	475	2.7
Chinese languages	-	17	29	40	46	67	18	217	14.5
Malayalam	-	9	-	-	9	4	-	22	-
Sinhalese	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3	-
Korean	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Indonesian and Malay	-	-	-	-	5	7	5	17	12.0
Arabic	25	61	96	108	274	128	65	757	19.7
Assyrian and Chaldean	141	245	270	332	549	269	107	1,913	21.8
Oceanic and Papuan languages	7	5	14	17	28	9	3	83	7.1
Australian Indigenous Languages	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other European languages NEC	4	6	5	6	14	15	15	65	17.9
Other Asian languages NEC	5	3	11	15	41	38	19	132	20.0
Other languages NEC	-	3	7	14	12	24	7	67	14.8
Inadequately described/Non-Verbal/Not stated	45	6	12	7	7	10	19	106	35.4
Total	760	1,429	1,982	2,175	3,586	3,037	1,571	14,540	9.5

Notes:

1. Australian Bureau of Statistics 1999. *Australian Social Trends 1999. Catalogue No. 4102.0, p.12-13.*

NEC = Not Elsewhere Classified



Attendance at Educational Institutions

According to the 2016 Census, more than 719,000 Australians attended Catholic schools, accounting for almost 21 per cent of all school students in Australia.

In 2016, there were 915,100 Catholic students—almost one in six of all Catholics—attending Government, Catholic, and other non-Government schools. They constitute a very large sub-group of Australian Catholics, considerably larger than the 623,400 or so who attend Mass every Sunday. A further 317,600 Catholics were involved in some form of post-secondary education. The Church of today, not just of tomorrow, is being shaped by the attitudes, beliefs and lifestyles of these young people.

How does the parish connect with Catholic students at primary, secondary and tertiary levels, especially those not attending Catholic schools?

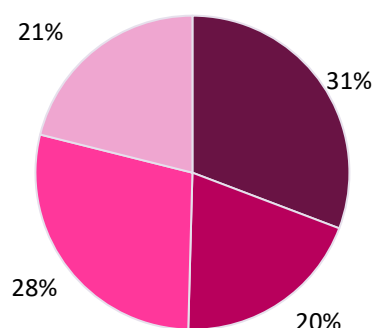
Table 22: Type of educational institution attending by religious affiliation

	Catholic	Not Catholic or not stated	All persons	% Catholic
Infants/Primary – Government	553	1,509	2,062	26.8
Infants/Primary – Catholic	795	159	954	83.3
Infants/Primary – Other Non-Government	37	279	316	11.7
Secondary – Government	582	1,485	2,067	28.2
Secondary – Catholic	755	177	932	81.0
Secondary – Other Non-Government	55	290	345	15.9
Technical or Further Educational Institution (including TAFE Colleges)	305	431	736	41.4
University or other Tertiary Institutions	803	1,377	2,180	36.8
Other (including pre-school)	362	486	848	42.7
Not stated/Not applicable ¹	10,285	16,928	27,213	37.8
Total	14,532	23,121	37,653	38.6

Note:

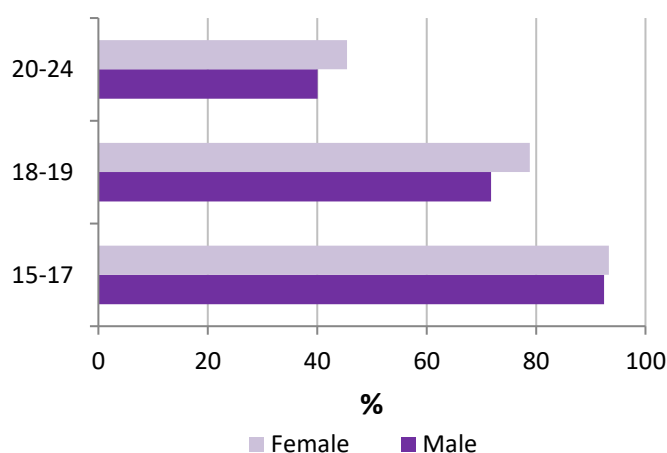
1. This table includes the total population of the parish and so there are high numbers for categories where the question about type of educational institutions being attended is not applicable.

Language background of all students attending Catholic schools



- Primary school students who speak English only at home
- Primary school students who speak a language other than English at home
- Secondary school students who speak English only at home
- Secondary school students who speak a language other than English at home

Education participation rate (Catholics aged 15-24)



Attendance at Educational Institutions

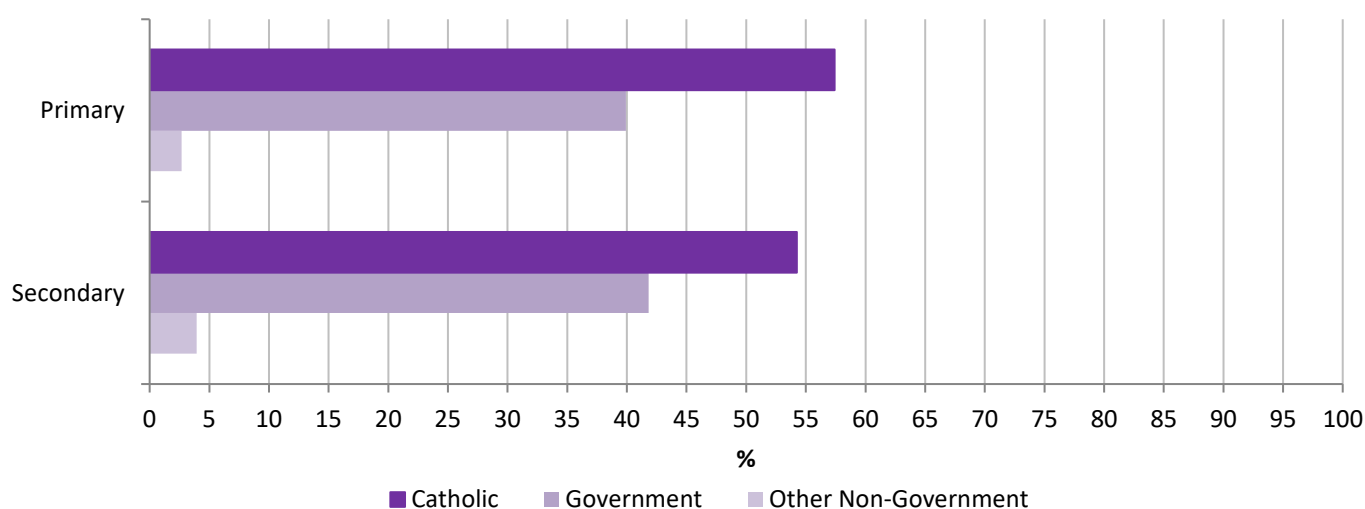
Table 23: Type of educational institution attending by weekly income of student's family¹

	Less than \$500	\$500-\$799	\$800-\$1,249	\$1,250-\$1,999	\$2,000-\$2,999	\$3,000-\$3,999	\$4,000 or more	Total ²	Median annual family income ³ (\$)
Infants/Primary - Government	58	62	87	136	97	26	32	544	77,230
Infants/Primary – Catholic	64	60	105	186	182	77	59	788	94,062
Infants/Primary – Other Non-Government	-	3	8	9	11	10	4	45	116,110
Secondary – Government	44	45	84	124	115	46	19	547	85,810
Secondary – Catholic	24	37	108	148	188	71	81	727	107,449
Secondary – Other Non-Government	-	3	3	5	9	19	5	47	161,891
TAFE, University or other tertiary institution	23	23	53	106	158	92	77	585	124,391
Other (including pre-school)	12	7	5	5	19	3	3	59	88,617
Not stated/Not applicable	22	24	15	31	10	5	4	131	56,549
Total	247	264	468	750	789	349	284	3,473	96,256

Notes:

1. Because the population of this table is dependent children aged 5-14 and dependent students aged 15-24, the figures in the table refer to individuals, not families. The table shows, for example, the number of Catholic students attending Catholic primary schools whose families have a weekly income in the range \$1,250-\$1,999. A brother and sister at the same school would account for TWO of the cases in this category.
2. A column of figures for "Family income not fully stated, or not stated at all" has been omitted from the table, but the missing figures are included in the Total column.
3. Family income is the sum of the incomes of all family members aged 15 and over (refer to the definition of family on page 7).

Type of school being attended by Catholic students



Educational Qualifications

Both the percentage of Catholics with university degrees and the gender balance of Catholics with degrees have changed dramatically in recent decades due to the upsurge in young people, especially women, undertaking tertiary study and the upgrading of courses such as nursing to degree status. In 1991, less than seven per cent of Australian Catholics aged 15 or over had a degree; by 2016, that figure had reached 21 per cent. Among Catholics aged 15 to 34 years in 2016, 25.8 per cent of women had a degree compared to 15.6 per cent of men. In contrast, among Catholics aged 55 and over, 13.8 per cent of men and 13.6 per cent of women had degrees.

To what extent has participation in higher education in theology and related fields kept pace in this parish with participation in higher education in general? What new challenges and opportunities are presented to the parish as a result of the increase in the number of Catholics with a university education?

The increased level of participation in higher education by women is a reflection of significant changes in women's roles and responsibilities in society.¹ How have women's roles and responsibilities in the parish changed in the last two decades?

Note: 1. Australian Bureau of Statistics 1999. Australian Social Trends 1999. Catalogue No. 4102.0, p.83.

Table 24: Highest qualification attained by age and sex

	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 and over	Total
Catholics aged 15+							
Males							
Postgraduate degree	5	26	18	17	26	9	101
Graduate diploma / bachelor degree	96	156	96	116	97	56	617
Advanced diploma or diploma level	38	79	92	99	57	25	390
Certificate level	158	233	218	387	288	184	1,468
Inadequately described/Not stated/Not applicable	979	389	372	473	410	502	3,125
Total	1,276	883	796	1,092	878	776	5,701
<i>Per cent with degree or higher</i>	<i>7.9</i>	<i>20.6</i>	<i>14.3</i>	<i>12.2</i>	<i>14.0</i>	<i>8.4</i>	<i>12.6</i>
Females							
Postgraduate degree	9	48	28	19	12	4	120
Graduate diploma / bachelor degree	142	247	170	134	115	49	857
Advanced diploma or diploma level	82	130	137	151	68	43	611
Certificate level	88	153	211	268	144	43	907
Inadequately described/Not stated/Not applicable	889	300	383	630	615	651	3,468
Total	1,210	878	929	1,202	954	790	5,963
<i>Per cent with degree or higher</i>	<i>12.5</i>	<i>33.6</i>	<i>21.3</i>	<i>12.7</i>	<i>13.3</i>	<i>6.7</i>	<i>16.4</i>
All Catholics							
Postgraduate degree	14	74	46	36	38	13	221
Graduate diploma / bachelor degree	238	403	266	250	212	105	1,474
Advanced diploma or diploma level	120	209	229	250	125	68	1,001
Certificate level	246	386	429	655	432	227	2,375
Inadequately described/Not stated/Not applicable	1,868	689	755	1,103	1,025	1,153	6,593
Total	2,486	1,761	1,725	2,294	1,832	1,566	11,664
<i>Per cent with degree or higher</i>	<i>10.1</i>	<i>27.1</i>	<i>18.1</i>	<i>12.5</i>	<i>13.6</i>	<i>7.5</i>	<i>14.5</i>



Employment

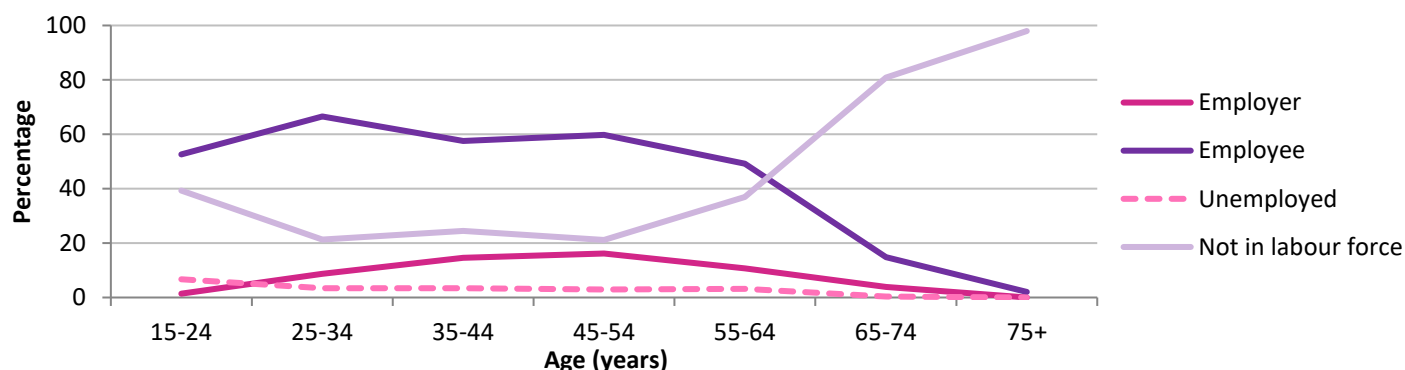
In recent years there have been many changes in society and the workplace that have affected Australian workers. One major change has been the increase in the percentages of workers, especially young people and women, in part-time jobs. Another has been the rise in participation in the labour force by women. A third major change has been the rise in participation in the labour force by older workers, following the removal of incentives to early retirement and resulting in the continuing availability of their skills, experience and maturity in the workplace.¹ Changes in labour force participation also influence the availability and size of the volunteer workforce, and can both reduce and change the pattern of workers' leisure time.

Have any of the changes described above had a noticeable impact on Catholic life in this parish?

Table 25: Labour force status by age and sex

	15-24	25-44	45-64	65 and over	Total
Catholics aged 15+					
Males					
Employer	23	279	423	36	761
Employee	633	1,059	1,104	102	2,898
Unemployed	100	66	58	3	227
Not in the labour force	512	241	364	618	1,735
Other/Not stated/Not applicable	16	37	18	16	87
Total	1,284	1,682	1,967	775	5,708
<i>Per cent in labour force²</i>	<i>58.9</i>	<i>83.5</i>	<i>80.6</i>	<i>18.2</i>	<i>68.1</i>
<i>Per cent unemployed³</i>	<i>13.2</i>	<i>4.7</i>	<i>3.7</i>	<i>2.1</i>	<i>5.8</i>
Females					
Employer	14	111	138	4	267
Employee	660	1,062	1,148	57	2,927
Unemployed	68	54	67	-	189
Not in the labour force	459	541	786	719	2,505
Other/Not stated/Not applicable	12	16	11	25	64
Total	1,213	1,784	2,150	805	5,957
<i>Per cent in labour force²</i>	<i>61.2</i>	<i>68.8</i>	<i>62.9</i>	<i>7.6</i>	<i>56.8</i>
<i>Per cent unemployed³</i>	<i>9.2</i>	<i>4.4</i>	<i>5.0</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>5.6</i>

Labour force status by age (percentage of all Catholics aged 15+)



Notes:

1. Australian Bureau of Statistics 2004. Australian Social Trends 2004. Catalogue No. 4102.0, p.115.
2. The percentage of Catholics in each age group who are in the labour force (i.e. employed or seeking employment).
3. The percentage of Catholics in each age group who were in the labour force and were unemployed at the time of the Census.



Occupation

Catholic women are more likely to be employed as managers or professionals; 35 per cent of Catholic women and 33 per cent of Catholic men who reported their occupation in the 2016 Census worked as managers or professionals. But men were much more likely than women—47 per cent compared to 12 per cent—to have a 'blue collar' occupation. The largest occupational category for Catholic men in Australia is Technicians and Trades Workers. For women, it is Professionals.

Table 26: Occupation by age and sex

	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 and over	Total
Catholics aged 15+							
Males							
Managers	22	67	88	155	73	14	419
Professionals	71	129	74	72	67	15	428
Technicians & Trade Workers	208	189	179	260	151	31	1,018
Community & Personal Service Workers	50	27	28	29	16	6	156
Clerical & Administrative Workers	56	65	43	51	53	13	281
Sales Workers	98	49	46	51	27	8	279
Machinery operators & Drivers	44	104	79	159	135	21	542
Labourers	109	81	86	135	90	23	524
ID / NS / NA ¹	630	179	171	188	261	645	2,074
Total	1,288	890	794	1,100	873	776	5,721
<i>Per cent Managers & Professionals²</i>	<i>14.1</i>	<i>27.6</i>	<i>26.0</i>	<i>24.9</i>	<i>22.9</i>	<i>22.1</i>	<i>23.2</i>
<i>Per cent 'blue collar workers'²</i>	<i>54.9</i>	<i>52.6</i>	<i>55.2</i>	<i>60.7</i>	<i>61.4</i>	<i>57.3</i>	<i>57.1</i>
Females							
Managers	18	50	67	61	35	4	235
Professionals	115	195	122	122	79	10	643
Technicians & Trade Workers	19	19	29	51	23	-	141
Community & Personal Service Workers	115	81	71	102	54	9	432
Clerical & Administrative Workers	121	158	196	291	145	20	931
Sales Workers	225	56	58	90	50	-	479
Machinery operators & Drivers	13	4	9	28	16	3	73
Labourers	36	16	34	64	62	8	220
ID / NS / NA ¹	547	290	343	386	489	737	2,792
Total	1,209	869	929	1,195	953	791	5,946
<i>Per cent Managers & Professionals²</i>	<i>20.1</i>	<i>42.3</i>	<i>32.3</i>	<i>22.6</i>	<i>24.6</i>	<i>25.9</i>	<i>27.8</i>
<i>Per cent 'blue collar workers'²</i>	<i>10.3</i>	<i>6.7</i>	<i>12.3</i>	<i>17.7</i>	<i>21.8</i>	<i>20.4</i>	<i>13.8</i>
All Catholics							
Managers	40	117	155	216	108	18	654
Professionals	186	324	196	194	146	25	1,071
Technicians & Trade Workers	227	208	208	311	174	31	1,159
Community & Personal Service Workers	165	108	99	131	70	15	588
Clerical & Administrative Workers	177	223	239	342	198	33	1,212
Sales Workers	323	105	104	141	77	8	758
Machinery operators & Drivers	57	108	88	187	151	24	615
Labourers	145	97	120	199	152	31	744
ID / NS / NA ¹	1,177	469	514	574	750	1,382	4,866
Total	2,497	1,759	1,723	2,295	1,826	1,567	11,667
<i>Per cent Managers & Professionals²</i>	<i>17.1</i>	<i>34.2</i>	<i>29.0</i>	<i>23.8</i>	<i>23.6</i>	<i>23.2</i>	<i>25.4</i>
<i>Per cent 'blue collar workers'²</i>	<i>32.5</i>	<i>32.0</i>	<i>34.4</i>	<i>40.5</i>	<i>44.3</i>	<i>46.5</i>	<i>37.0</i>

Notes:

1. ID = Inadequately described; NS = Not stated; NA = Not applicable.

2. See Notes 1 and 2 on page 5 for the type of occupations covered by the terms 'Managers & Professionals' and 'blue collar'.



Occupation

Occupation, like qualifications, is an indicator of socioeconomic status. It can also indicate the types of skills and interests that parishioners have.

What are the major occupations for male and female Catholics in this parish? What do you think accounts for differences in occupation between the sexes?

What are the major occupations of younger people? Middle-aged people? Older people? What do you think accounts for differences in occupation between the different age groups?

Are there any figures that strike you as being unexpectedly large or small? How can this information help the parish connect more effectively with parishioners?

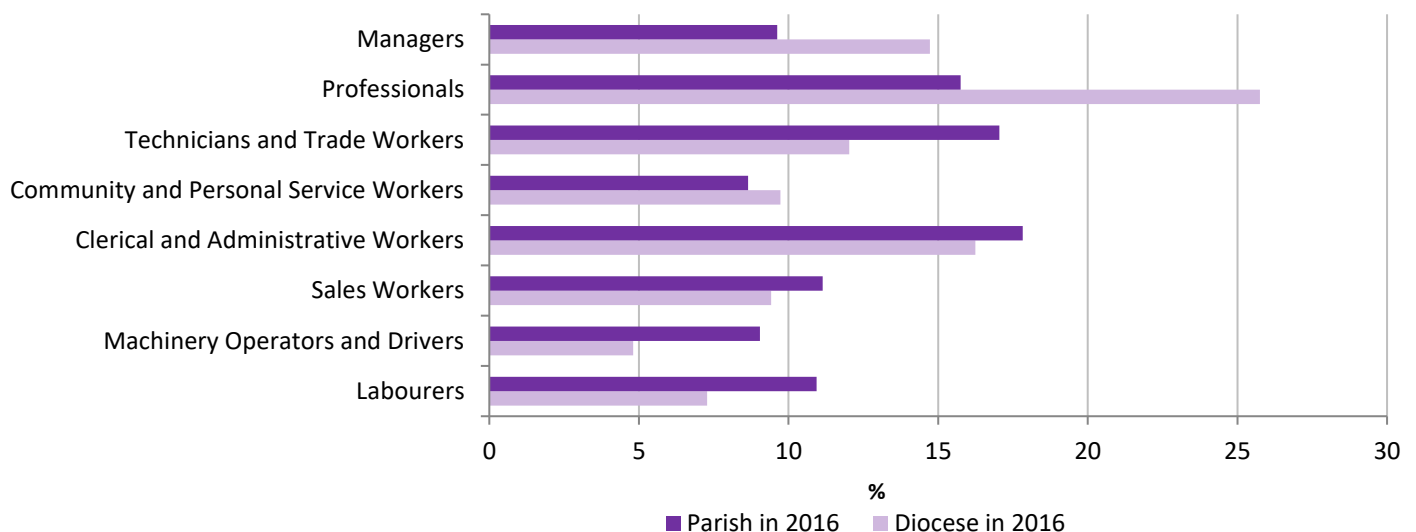
Table 27: Occupation of parents of students attending Catholic schools

	Primary School	Secondary School
Both parents in professional occupation	28	17
One parent or lone parent in professional occupation	168	133
Both parents in 'white collar' occupation ¹	126	124
One parent or lone parent in 'white collar' occupation	296	300
Both parents in 'blue collar' occupation	16	52
One parent or lone parent in 'blue collar' occupation	132	126
Not applicable and not stated	179	179
Total	945	931
% with professional parent(s)	20.7	16.1
% with blue collar parent(s)	15.7	19.1

Note:

1. 'White collar' includes occupations such as managers, community and personal service workers, clerical and administrative workers and sales workers.

Occupation
(Catholics aged 15+ with an occupation)



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