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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

At a Glance (pages 2 and 3)

Provides a brief glance at some key demographic indicators for your parish.

Parish Overview (pages 4-7)

Provides a clear overview of the Catholic community of your parish and how it is changing – a useful tool for parishes in their pastoral planning.

Parish Details (pages 9-25)

Provides much more detail about the Catholics of your parish, allowing for deeper analysis of the nature of the Catholic community as you plan in particular areas of ministry.

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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: 35,002

Catholic Population: 6,500

Catholics make up 18.6 per cent of the total population

Median age of Catholics is 39 years

Total Catholic families: 2,529

267 Catholics live alone

2,044 Catholics were born overseas

125 Catholics do not speak English well

228 Catholics need assistance with core activities

1,862 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	6,763	6,500
Catholics aged 0-14 (%)	26.5	25.5
Catholics aged 65+ (%)	12.8	14.7
Catholics born in NES ¹ (%)	19.9	21.8
Catholics not proficient in English (%)	2.0	1.9
Catholic families	2,551	2,529
Catholics living alone	272	267
Catholic students attending Catholic schools ² (%)	45.7	45.3
Catholics with university degree (%)	43.6	48.3
Catholic males in labour force (%)	72.2	72.8
Catholic females in labour force (%)	58.0	62.5
Catholic households owning or purchasing dwelling (%)	83.4	80.5

Notes:

1. NES¹ = 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: Population ¹	Parish 2016	Parish 2011	Diocese 2016	Australia 2016	Diocesan Group ²	Australian Group ²
Total population ³	35,002	32,170	942,438	23,401,892	2	1
Catholic population	6,500	6,763	215,449	5,291,834	3	1
Per cent Catholic	18.6	21.0	22.9	22.6	5	4
At same address since previous Census (%)	58.8	59.6	57.8	57.3	3	3
Median age ⁴ (years)	39	37	41	40	4	4
Aged 0-14 (%)	25.5	26.5	21.7	19.8	1	1
Aged 65+ (%)	14.7	12.8	17.6	16.6	4	4
Males per 100 females	87.4	87.2	88.7	90.6	4	4

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 (%)	3.5	2.7	5.0	5.8	4	5
Provided unpaid assistance to a person with a disability ⁵ (% of Catholics aged 15+)	14.1	12.2	12.8	12.5	1	2

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)	60.9	59.7	42.1	34.1	1	1
Workers in 'blue collar' occupations ² (% of those recording an occupation)	9.8	9.3	22.1	29.6	5	5
Men, employed or seeking work ³ (%)	72.8	72.2	68.6	69.7	2	2
Women, employed or seeking work ³ (%)	62.5	58.0	59.9	60.6	2	2
Unemployed at time of Census ⁴ (%)	4.2	4.0	4.7	5.8	3	4
Youth unemployed at time of Census ⁵ (%)	11.1	9.1	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	9.8	9.6	7.2	5.6	1	1
Born overseas in non-English-speaking country (%)	21.8	19.9	16.6	19.1	2	2
Immigrants from non-English-speaking countries arriving in Census year or previous 3 years	106	110	3,497	106,428	2	2
Catholics of Australian Indigenous origin	23	15	3,556	133,528	3	4
Speak language other than English at home (%)	21.3	18.1	16.4	20.4	2	2
Not proficient in English ⁷ (%)	1.9	2.0	1.5	2.6	2	3

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 (%)	48.3	43.6	27.4	20.6	1	1
Aged 15-17 attending an educational institution ²	95.2	94.7	94.6	92.2	4	2
Aged 18-19 attending an educational institution ²	83.2	84.0	69.0	62.9	2	1
Aged 20-24 attending an educational institution ²	63.8	63.8	46.2	38.2	1	1
Catholic primary students attending Catholic schools (%)	40.3	45.1	43.2	53.1	3	4
Catholic primary students attending Government schools (%)	47.6	40.9	48.8	41.0	3	2
Catholic secondary students attending Catholic schools (%)	50.9	46.5	53.7	54.5	4	4
Catholic secondary students attending Government schools (%)	17.9	17.0	32.1	35.1	5	5
Primary students attending Catholic schools who are not Catholic ³ (%)	15.7	8.0	14.2	28.1	2	5
Secondary students attending Catholic schools who are not Catholic ³ (%)	27.5	21.3	26.5	35.7	3	4

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 (%)	26.7	27.0	30.3	33.3	5	5
Married (%)	61.9	62.3	52.9	49.7	1	1
Divorced or Separated (%)	6.7	6.1	10.9	11.2	5	5
Widowed (%)	4.7	4.6	5.9	5.8	4	4

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

	Parish 2016	Parish 2011	Diocese 2016	Australia 2016	Diocesan Group	Australian Group
Families	2,529	2,551	83,820	1,997,833	3	1
One-parent families	183	173	8,667	231,370	3	2
One-parent families (% of all families)	7.2	6.8	10.3	11.6	5	5
Couples of mixed religions ² (%)	59.8	61.9	60.2	55.9	3	3
De facto couples ³ (%)	7.3	5.8	13.8	17.1	5	5
Median annual family income ⁴ (\$)	178,902	139,639	120,140	100,270	1	1

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

	Parish 2016	Parish 2011	Diocese 2016	Australia 2016	Diocesan Group	Australian Group
Households	2,837	2,863	102,422	2,548,354	3	2
Persons living alone (aged under 35)	18	16	1,191	53,499	3	4
Persons living alone (aged 35+)	249	256	14,807	407,684	3	3
Persons living alone (total)	267	272	15,998	461,183	3	3
Persons living alone (% of all persons)	4.1	4.0	7.4	8.7	5	5
Dwellings owned or being purchased (%)	80.5	83.4	74.5	71.2	3	1
Median monthly housing loan repayment ⁶ (\$)	3,276	2,600	2,263	1,873	1	1

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.



Parish Details

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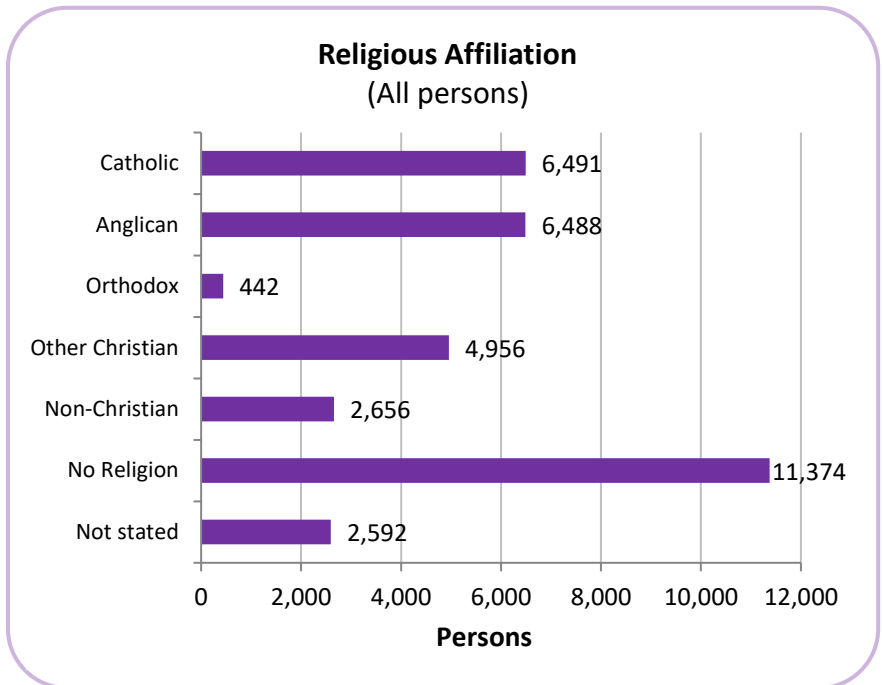
Religious affiliation

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?



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	1,001	1,185	497	586	1,031	929	564	388	296	6,477
Maronite Catholic	3	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	9
Melkite Catholic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ukrainian Catholic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chaldean Catholic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Syro-Malabar Catholic	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Total Catholic	1,009	1,188	497	586	1,031	932	564	388	296	6,491
Per cent Catholic (of total population in age group)	22.0	21.9	15.2	15.4	18.8	18.9	16.4	16.7	16.9	18.5
Anglican	746	1,045	412	433	1,004	903	705	669	571	6,488
Orthodox	60	75	34	52	70	66	42	29	14	442
Other Christian	489	689	410	449	722	760	573	436	428	4,956
Non-Christian	305	276	268	469	438	401	314	121	64	2,656
No Religion	1,640	1,766	1,385	1,499	1,799	1,553	991	497	244	11,374
Not Stated	334	377	262	315	411	324	240	190	139	2,592
Total Population	4,583	5,416	3,268	3,803	5,475	4,939	3,429	2,330	1,756	34,999

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	14	25	39	66
1	27	34	61	77
2	38	38	76	91
3	55	42	97	103
4	55	49	104	115
5	48	67	115	110
6	69	73	142	116
7	60	56	116	120
8	72	63	135	150
9	77	60	137	132
10	53	75	128	143
11	62	52	114	158
12	46	64	110	138
13	76	83	159	130
14	61	65	126	140
15	53	62	115	130
16	71	58	129	124
17	51	57	108	124
18	38	39	77	92
19	56	54	110	95
20-24	174	150	324	348
25-29	80	100	180	201
30-34	109	130	239	242
35-39	152	192	344	393
40-44	206	279	485	569
45-49	262	287	549	619
50-54	236	297	533	480
55-59	191	220	411	349
60-64	118	170	288	342
65-69	117	158	275	241
70-74	91	125	216	212
75-79	78	94	172	171
80+	123	170	293	239
Total	3,019	3,488	6,507	6,760

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.

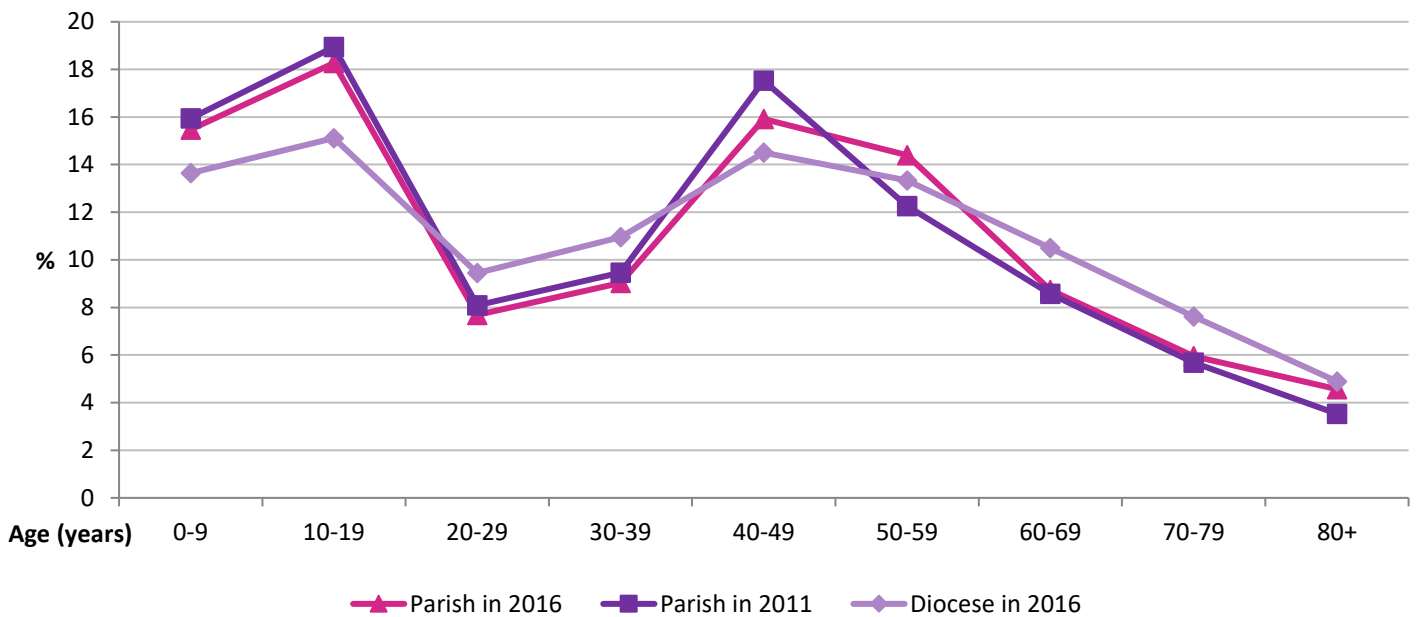
In 2016, among Australian Catholics as a whole, 52 per cent were female and 48 per cent were male. But it is not always like this. Among Catholics aged under 20, males outnumbered females, whereas females accounted for 58 per cent of Catholics aged 75 or more. There are also local factors, such as the 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?

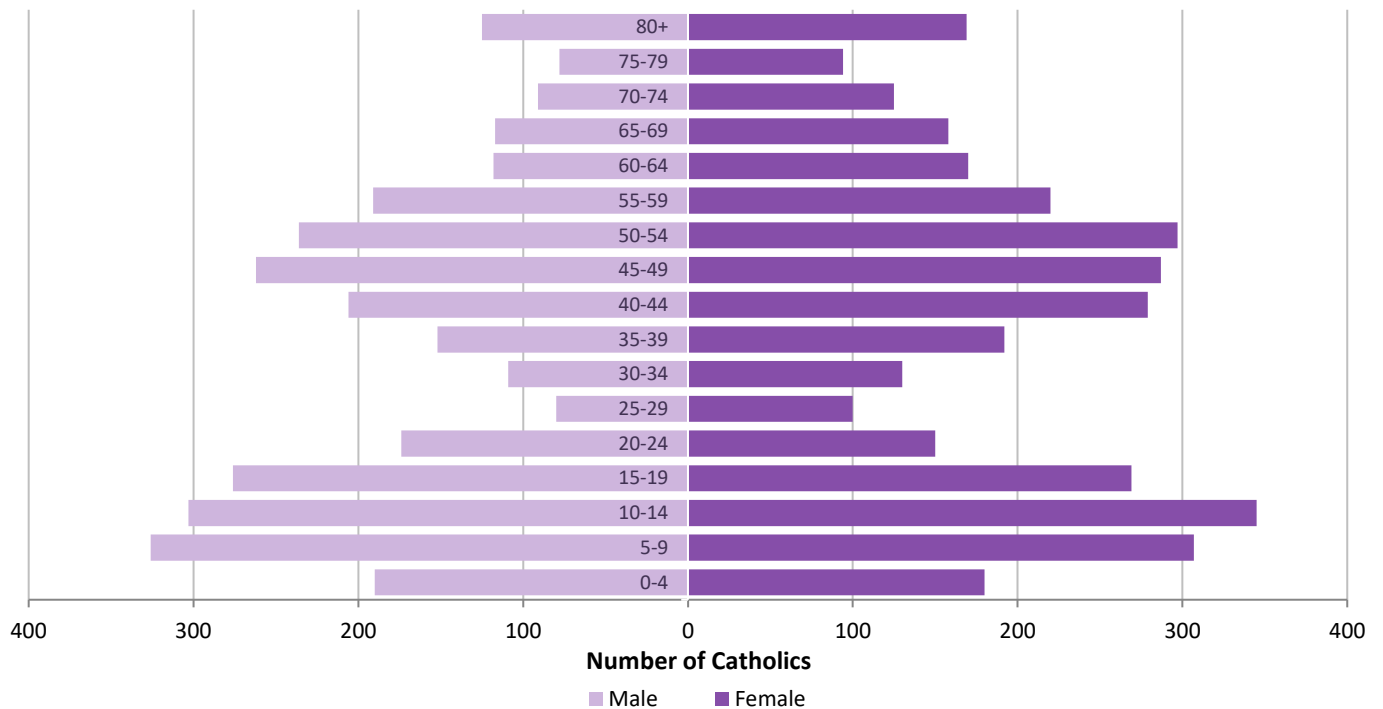


Age and sex

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?

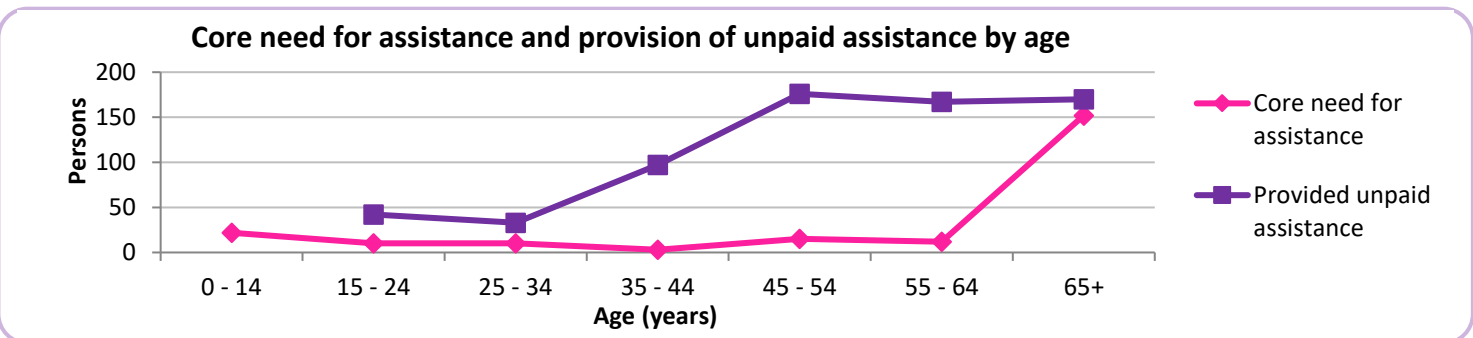
How might the parish respond pastorally to this information?

Table 11a: Need for assistance with core activities by age	0-14	15-44	45-64	65-74	75-84	85 and over	Total
Catholics who have need for assistance with core activities							
Family members:							
Males	17	12	8	9	14	15	75
Females	5	13	15	12	18	18	81
Lone Persons:							
Males	-	-	-	-	-	3	3
Females	-	-	-	3	10	16	29
Other non-family members or persons not present in a household on Census night³							
Males	-	-	-	3	4	13	20
Females	-	-	-	-	10	17	27
Total							
Males	17	12	8	12	18	31	98
Females	5	13	15	15	38	51	137

Table 11b: Provision of unpaid assistance by age	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 and over	Total
Catholics who provide unpaid assistance to a person with a disability⁴							
Males	27	16	37	66	55	67	268
Females	21	17	59	113	107	108	425

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.



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	450	106	45	40	14	6	12	673
Married	-	77	300	424	254	171	148	1,374
Separated/Divorced	-	6	15	30	32	19	10	112
Widowed	-	-	-	-	5	9	33	47
Total	450	189	360	494	305	205	203	2,206
Females								
Never married	413	103	35	33	16	14	5	619
Married	-	124	410	469	308	208	110	1,629
Separated/Divorced	-	5	30	75	50	41	9	210
Widowed	-	-	3	4	11	24	140	182
Total	413	232	478	581	385	287	264	2,640

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

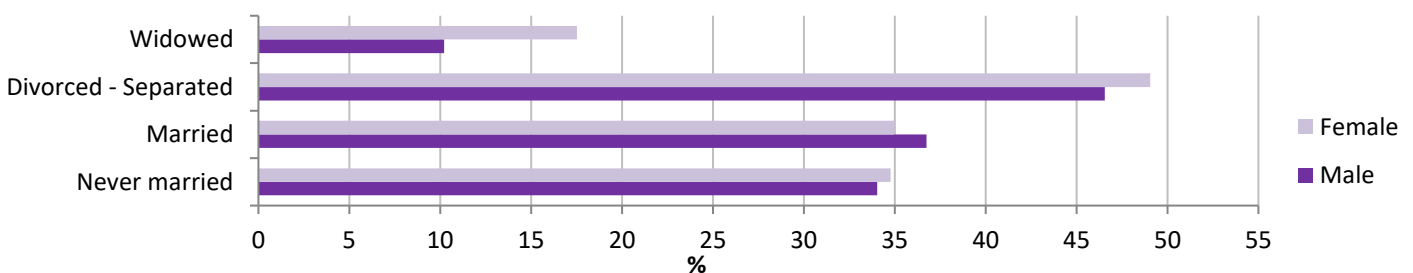


Table 13: Religious affiliation of couple by social marital status

	In a registered marriage	In a de facto marriage	Total couples	% couples in de facto marriages
Both persons Catholic	779	43	822	5.2
One person Catholic, the other non-Catholic Christian	672	47	719	6.5
One Catholic, the other not Christian or Not stated	571	69	640	10.8
Total	2,022	159	2,181	7.3



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 composition ¹ 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	4	9	23	46	78	112	236	63	571	3,839
One parent Catholic, the other Christian, but not Catholic	3	-	9	28	64	89	279	41	513	4,154
One parent Catholic, the other Non-Christian, No Religion or Not stated	-	4	11	28	56	93	206	23	421	4,033
Couple with no children living at home:										
Both persons Catholic	23	18	36	38	63	26	47	7	258	2,166
One person Catholic, the other Christian, but not Catholic	13	12	28	39	42	29	46	3	212	2,297
One person Catholic, the other Non-Christian, No Religion or Not stated	9	3	14	24	57	33	55	-	195	2,833
One-parent families:										
Parent is Catholic	18	12	26	35	37	20	8	27	183	1,721
Other families where at least one person is Catholic										
Other: Reference person Catholic but spouse temporarily absent ³	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	71	71	-
Total	76	64	157	248	416	411	905	252	2,529	3,431

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	51	14	17	-	-	82
\$500-\$799	41	-	3	-	-	44
\$800-\$1,249	100	16	23	7	4	150
\$1,250-\$1,999	136	62	50	13	-	261
\$2,000-\$2,999	221	69	86	35	3	414
\$3,000-\$3,999	128	79	131	55	14	407
\$4,000 or more	229	150	322	162	27	890
Income not fully stated	97	59	55	35	6	252
Total Families	1,003	449	687	307	54	2,500
Median Weekly Family Income (\$)	2,565	3,430	4,018	4,160	4,111	3,425

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)**

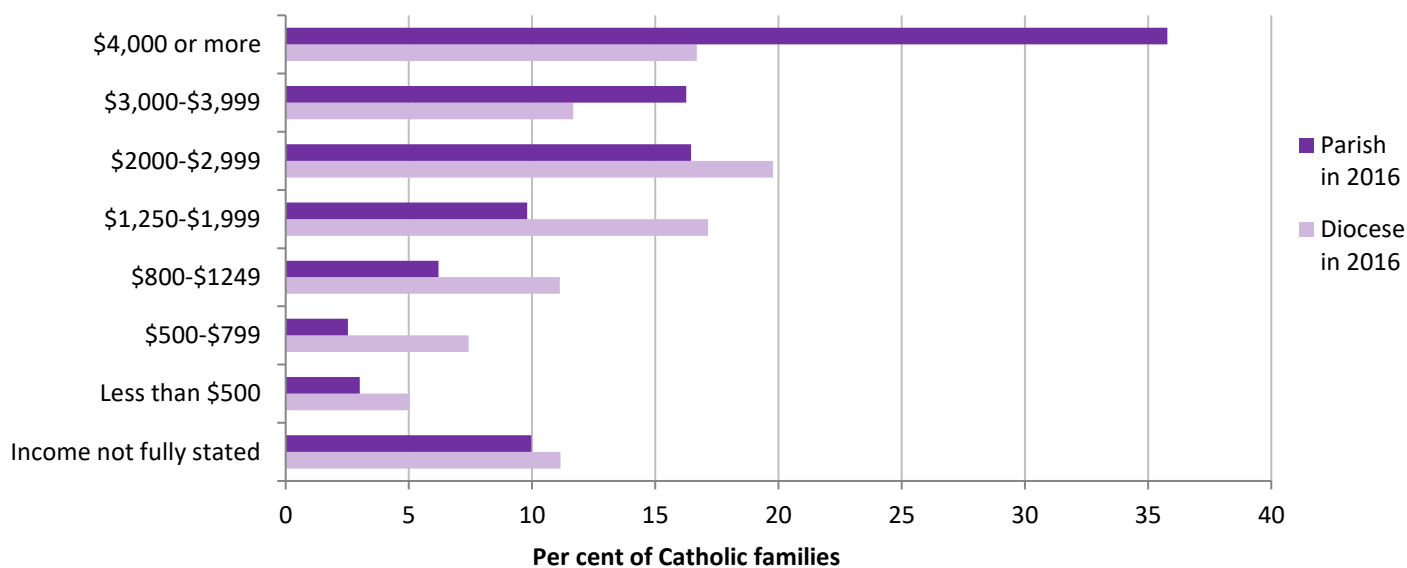


Table 16: Social marital status by number of dependent children

	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)	805	334	610	276	62	2,087
De facto couple family (at least one partner Catholic)	110	39	22	4	-	175
One parent family, parent Catholic	70	48	46	11	3	178
Other families where at least one person is Catholic	31	28	29	13	-	101
Total families	1,016	449	707	304	65	2,541



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?

	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	2,061	-	430	30	2,521	81.8
Lone person aged under 35 years	8	-	12	-	20	40.0
Lone person aged 35 years or over	188	-	46	15	249	75.5
Group households	27	-	17	3	47	57.4
Total households	2,284	-	505	48	2,837	80.5

	\$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	32	30	97	161	102	670	3,296
Lone person aged under 35 years	-	-	-	3	3	-	2,200
Lone person aged 35 years or over	4	-	3	-	4	9	2,650
Group households	-	-	-	-	-	3	3,700
Total households	36	30	100	164	109	682	3,276

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

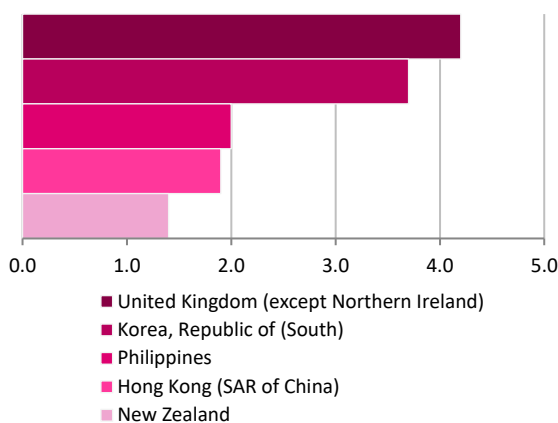
Catholics born overseas, especially those born in non-English-speaking countries, are likely to have different approaches to faith and spirituality, and different experiences and expectations of Church life, from those of Catholics born in Australia.

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)

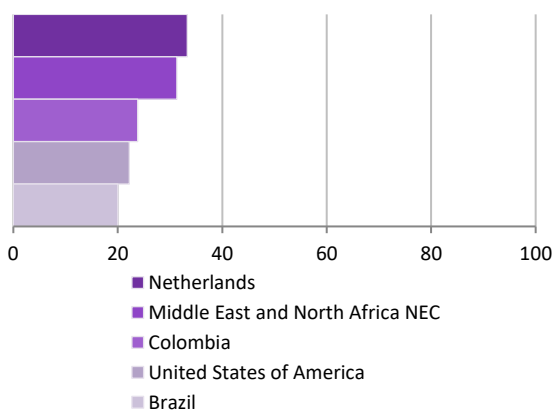


Table 19: Birthplace

	All Catholics	% of Catholics	% recent arrivals ¹
Australia	4,381	67.5	-
New Zealand	93	1.4	13.0
Other Oceania	27	0.4	-
United Kingdom (except Northern Ireland)	272	4.2	19.6
Ireland (including Northern Ireland)	91	1.4	11.0
Italy	65	1.0	10.8
Malta	-	-	-
Spain and Portugal	12	0.2	-
France	19	0.3	-
Netherlands	13	0.2	33.3
Germany	61	0.9	12.7
Austria	6	0.1	-
Croatia and other Former Yugoslavia	20	0.3	-
Poland	66	1.0	-
Hungary	14	0.2	-
Other Eastern Europe, Russian Federation and Baltic States	31	0.5	-
Other Europe NEC	16	0.2	-
Vietnam	17	0.3	-
Philippines	130	2.0	11.4
Indonesia	43	0.7	7.5
Malaysia	52	0.8	-
Singapore	36	0.6	-
South East Asia NEC	13	0.2	-
India	68	1.0	13.1
Sri Lanka	52	0.8	5.4
China (except Hong Kong and Taiwan)	66	1.0	9.0
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	124	1.9	7.9
Korea, Republic of (South)	242	3.7	7.1
Egypt	5	0.1	-
Lebanon	15	0.2	-
Iraq	-	-	-
Sudan (including South Sudan)	-	-	-
Middle East and North Africa NEC	16	0.2	31.3
South Africa	92	1.4	15.1
Mauritius	3	0.0	-
United States of America	67	1.0	22.2
Canada	24	0.4	16.0
Argentina	15	0.2	-
Brazil	15	0.2	20.0
Colombia	20	0.3	23.8
Chile	17	0.3	-
Central America and South America NEC	81	1.2	5.0
Other countries	53	0.8	9.4
Inadequately described/Not stated	42	0.6	-
Total	6,495	100.0	3.3

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	5,092	18,785	23,877	21.3
Italian	114	53	167	68.3
Maltese	-	-	-	-
Spanish	169	88	257	65.8
Croatian	17	3	20	85.0
Polish	72	5	77	93.5
Dutch	20	78	98	20.4
French	38	88	126	30.2
German	55	129	184	29.9
Portuguese	18	29	47	38.3
Hungarian	13	13	26	50.0
Ukrainian	9	9	18	50.0
Vietnamese	23	88	111	20.7
Filipino languages	59	26	85	69.4
Chinese languages	293	4,508	4,801	6.1
Malayalam	15	24	39	38.5
Sinhalese	14	72	86	16.3
Korean	291	876	1,167	24.9
Indonesian and Malay	42	91	133	31.6
Arabic	26	77	103	25.2
Assyrian and Chaldean	-	-	-	-
Oceanic and Papuan languages	4	9	13	30.8
Australian Indigenous languages	-	-	-	-
Other European languages NEC	37	526	563	6.6
Other Asian languages NEC	32	1,203	1,235	2.6
Other languages NEC	20	561	581	3.4
Inadequately described/Non-Verbal/Not stated	28	1,154	1,182	2.4
Total	6,501	28,495	34,996	18.6

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	298	742	846	403	1,174	917	711	5,091	-
Italian	5	6	4	-	26	35	43	119	4.3
Maltese	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spanish	13	26	11	10	68	24	15	167	4.1
Croatian	-	-	-	-	5	4	5	14	15.8
Polish	-	6	8	5	15	29	12	75	4.3
Dutch	-	5	-	-	4	5	-	14	-
French	-	6	-	3	16	6	5	36	-
German	3	5	10	3	15	13	8	57	7.5
Portuguese	-	-	3	-	10	-	-	13	-
Hungarian	-	-	-	-	6	-	9	15	-
Ukrainian	4	-	-	-	-	-	8	12	-
Vietnamese	4	8	-	-	7	-	-	19	21.4
Filipino languages	-	-	-	12	15	20	11	58	-
Chinese languages	6	33	20	20	88	58	70	295	7.8
Malayalam	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	6	-
Sinhalese	-	-	-	6	6	-	-	12	-
Korean	19	32	33	29	98	58	29	298	22.3
Indonesian and Malay	3	4	-	9	17	6	5	44	7.5
Arabic	-	-	3	-	6	11	3	23	-
Assyrian and Chaldean	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oceanic and Papuan languages	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	3	-
Australian Indigenous Languages	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other European languages NEC	-	9	5	-	10	9	7	40	-
Other Asian languages NEC	5	-	4	-	12	7	4	32	-
Other languages NEC	-	-	3	-	3	3	-	9	-
Inadequately described/Non-Verbal/Not stated	7	-	-	-	6	-	5	18	10.7
Total	367	882	950	500	1,613	1,208	950	6,470	2.0

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?

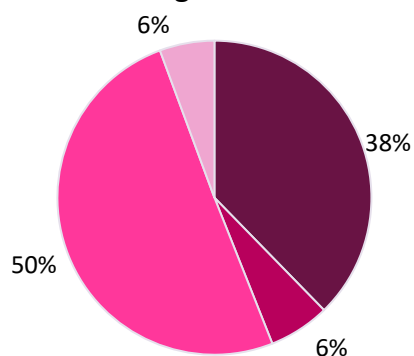
Table 22: Type of educational institution attending by religious affiliation

	Catholic	Not Catholic or not stated	All persons	% Catholic
Infants/Primary – Government	405	2,040	2,445	16.6
Infants/Primary – Catholic	343	64	407	84.3
Infants/Primary – Other Non-Government	103	642	745	13.8
Secondary – Government	134	1,052	1,186	11.3
Secondary – Catholic	382	145	527	72.5
Secondary – Other Non-Government	234	1,305	1,539	15.2
Technical or Further Educational Institution (including TAFE Colleges)	58	341	399	14.5
University or other Tertiary Institutions	449	2,055	2,504	17.9
Other (including pre-school)	222	771	993	22.4
Not stated/Not applicable ¹	4,178	20,083	24,261	17.2
Total	6,508	28,498	35,006	18.6

Note:

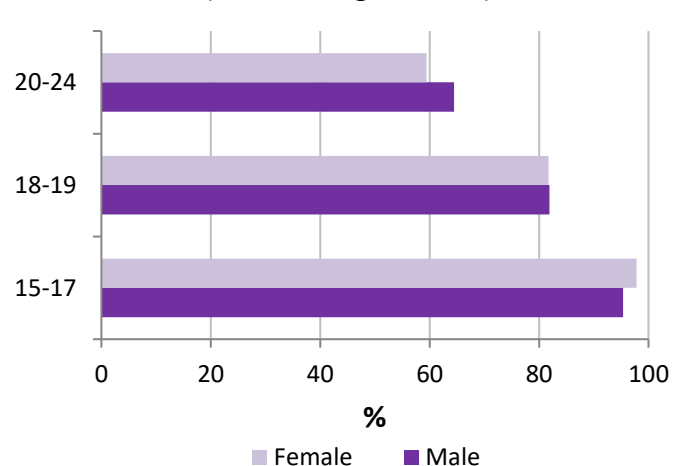
- This table includes the total population of the parish and so there are high numbers for categories where the question about type of educational institutions being attended is not applicable.

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

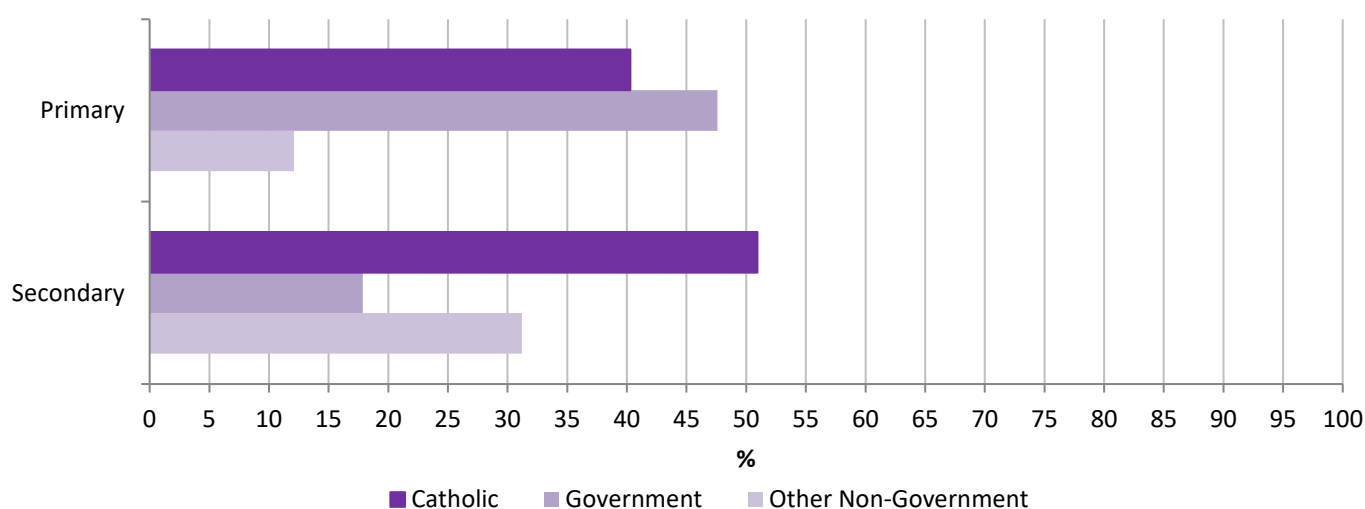
Table 23: Type of educational institution attending by weekly income of student's family¹

	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	4	-	11	22	67	93	162	395	198,734
Infants/Primary – Catholic	4	6	17	18	40	61	182	348	213,702
Infants/Primary – Other Non-Government	-	3	-	3	14	18	49	100	214,398
Secondary – Government	8	4	14	11	19	16	39	124	155,030
Secondary – Catholic	3	-	13	14	47	69	171	374	212,357
Secondary – Other Non-Government	5	-	-	15	20	20	141	232	223,523
TAFE, University or other tertiary institution	6	3	8	18	32	48	117	272	208,991
Other (including pre-school)	-	-	-	-	4	8	22	34	220,396
Not stated/Not applicable	3	-	-	-	-	3	9	21	217,236
Total	33	16	63	101	243	336	892	1,900	211,468

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	-	20	72	100	68	54	314
Graduate diploma / bachelor degree	35	88	188	204	124	116	755
Advanced diploma or diploma level	8	20	25	64	22	35	174
Certificate level	21	16	33	55	48	71	244
Inadequately described/Not stated/Not applicable	383	42	36	62	45	130	698
Total	447	186	354	485	307	406	2,185
<i>Per cent with degree or higher</i>	<i>7.8</i>	<i>58.1</i>	<i>73.4</i>	<i>62.7</i>	<i>62.5</i>	<i>41.9</i>	<i>48.9</i>
Females							
Postgraduate degree	5	38	94	78	50	39	304
Graduate diploma / bachelor degree	52	126	260	279	140	107	964
Advanced diploma or diploma level	3	22	49	78	73	75	300
Certificate level	13	12	26	62	33	45	191
Inadequately described/Not stated/Not applicable	347	28	43	87	95	285	885
Total	420	226	472	584	391	551	2,644
<i>Per cent with degree or higher</i>	<i>13.6</i>	<i>72.6</i>	<i>75.0</i>	<i>61.1</i>	<i>48.6</i>	<i>26.5</i>	<i>48.0</i>
All Catholics							
Postgraduate degree	5	58	166	178	118	93	618
Graduate diploma / bachelor degree	87	214	448	483	264	223	1,719
Advanced diploma or diploma level	11	42	74	142	95	110	474
Certificate level	34	28	59	117	81	116	435
Inadequately described/Not stated/Not applicable	730	70	79	149	140	415	1,583
Total	867	412	826	1,069	698	957	4,829
<i>Per cent with degree or higher</i>	<i>10.6</i>	<i>66.0</i>	<i>74.3</i>	<i>61.8</i>	<i>54.7</i>	<i>33.0</i>	<i>48.4</i>



Employment

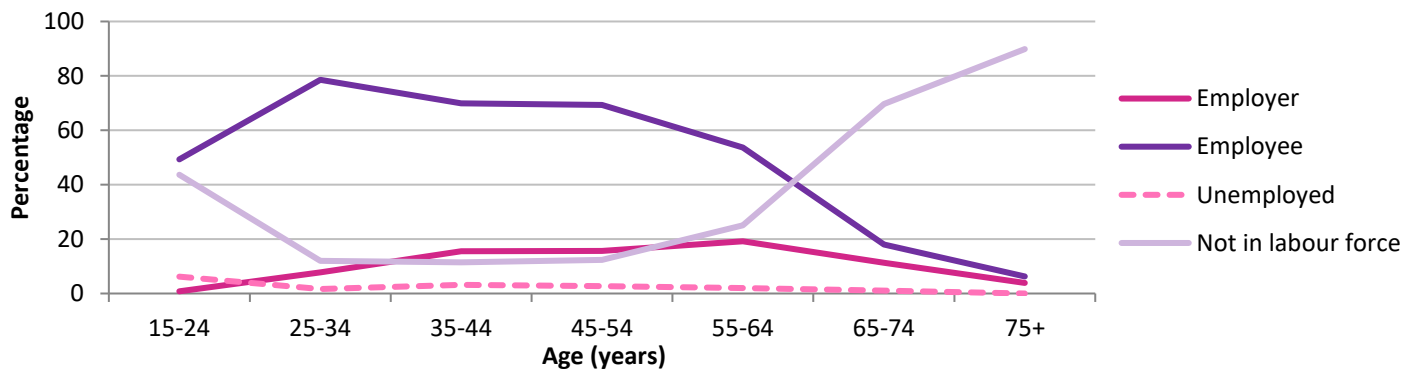
In recent years there have been many changes in society and the workplace that have affected Australian workers. One major change has been the increase in the percentages of workers, especially young people and women, in part-time jobs. Another has been the rise in participation in the labour force by 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	4	81	188	48	321
Employee	220	418	509	54	1,201
Unemployed	34	12	21	5	72
Not in the labour force	196	22	75	299	592
Other/Not stated/Not applicable	-	3	6	3	12
Total	454	536	799	409	2,198
<i>Per cent in labour force²</i>	<i>56.8</i>	<i>95.3</i>	<i>89.9</i>	<i>26.2</i>	<i>72.5</i>
<i>Per cent unemployed³</i>	<i>13.2</i>	<i>2.3</i>	<i>2.9</i>	<i>4.7</i>	<i>4.5</i>
Females					
Employer	4	80	119	23	226
Employee	213	489	597	65	1,364
Unemployed	20	20	25	-	65
Not in the labour force	180	116	224	461	981
Other/Not stated/Not applicable	-	-	7	6	13
Total	417	705	972	555	2,645
<i>Per cent in labour force²</i>	<i>56.8</i>	<i>83.5</i>	<i>76.2</i>	<i>15.9</i>	<i>62.5</i>
<i>Per cent unemployed³</i>	<i>8.4</i>	<i>3.4</i>	<i>3.4</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>3.9</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	10	24	117	184	70	22	427
Professionals	31	64	141	161	116	52	565
Technicians & Trade Workers	31	16	30	30	22	12	141
Community & Personal Service Workers	47	6	9	12	6	6	86
Clerical & Administrative Workers	16	17	18	20	15	-	86
Sales Workers	39	17	14	14	11	5	100
Machinery operators & Drivers	16	4	7	7	8	-	42
Labourers	34	5	3	-	8	5	55
ID / NS / NA ¹	241	25	22	57	56	306	707
Total	465	178	361	485	312	408	2,209
<i>Per cent Managers & Professionals²</i>	<i>18.3</i>	<i>57.5</i>	<i>76.1</i>	<i>80.6</i>	<i>72.7</i>	<i>72.5</i>	<i>66.0</i>
<i>Per cent 'blue collar workers'²</i>	<i>36.2</i>	<i>16.3</i>	<i>11.8</i>	<i>8.6</i>	<i>14.8</i>	<i>16.7</i>	<i>15.8</i>
Females							
Managers	12	23	62	75	39	6	217
Professionals	40	98	185	197	91	37	648
Technicians & Trade Workers	8	7	7	14	4	-	40
Community & Personal Service Workers	51	13	21	39	17	9	150
Clerical & Administrative Workers	22	33	73	115	74	24	341
Sales Workers	69	10	19	19	10	3	130
Machinery operators & Drivers	-	-	-	3	-	-	3
Labourers	10	4	-	6	4	3	27
ID / NS / NA ¹	202	38	102	115	143	464	1,064
Total	414	226	469	583	382	546	2,620
<i>Per cent Managers & Professionals²</i>	<i>24.5</i>	<i>64.4</i>	<i>67.3</i>	<i>58.1</i>	<i>54.4</i>	<i>52.4</i>	<i>55.6</i>
<i>Per cent 'blue collar workers'²</i>	<i>8.5</i>	<i>5.9</i>	<i>1.9</i>	<i>4.9</i>	<i>3.3</i>	<i>3.7</i>	<i>4.5</i>
All Catholics							
Managers	22	47	179	259	109	28	644
Professionals	71	162	326	358	207	89	1,213
Technicians & Trade Workers	39	23	37	44	26	12	181
Community & Personal Service Workers	98	19	30	51	23	15	236
Clerical & Administrative Workers	38	50	91	135	89	24	427
Sales Workers	108	27	33	33	21	8	230
Machinery operators & Drivers	16	4	7	10	8	-	45
Labourers	44	9	3	6	12	8	82
ID / NS / NA ¹	443	63	124	172	199	770	1,771
Total	879	404	830	1,068	694	954	4,829
<i>Per cent Managers & Professionals²</i>	<i>21.3</i>	<i>61.3</i>	<i>71.5</i>	<i>68.9</i>	<i>63.8</i>	<i>63.6</i>	<i>60.7</i>
<i>Per cent 'blue collar workers'²</i>	<i>22.7</i>	<i>10.6</i>	<i>6.7</i>	<i>6.7</i>	<i>9.3</i>	<i>10.9</i>	<i>10.1</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?

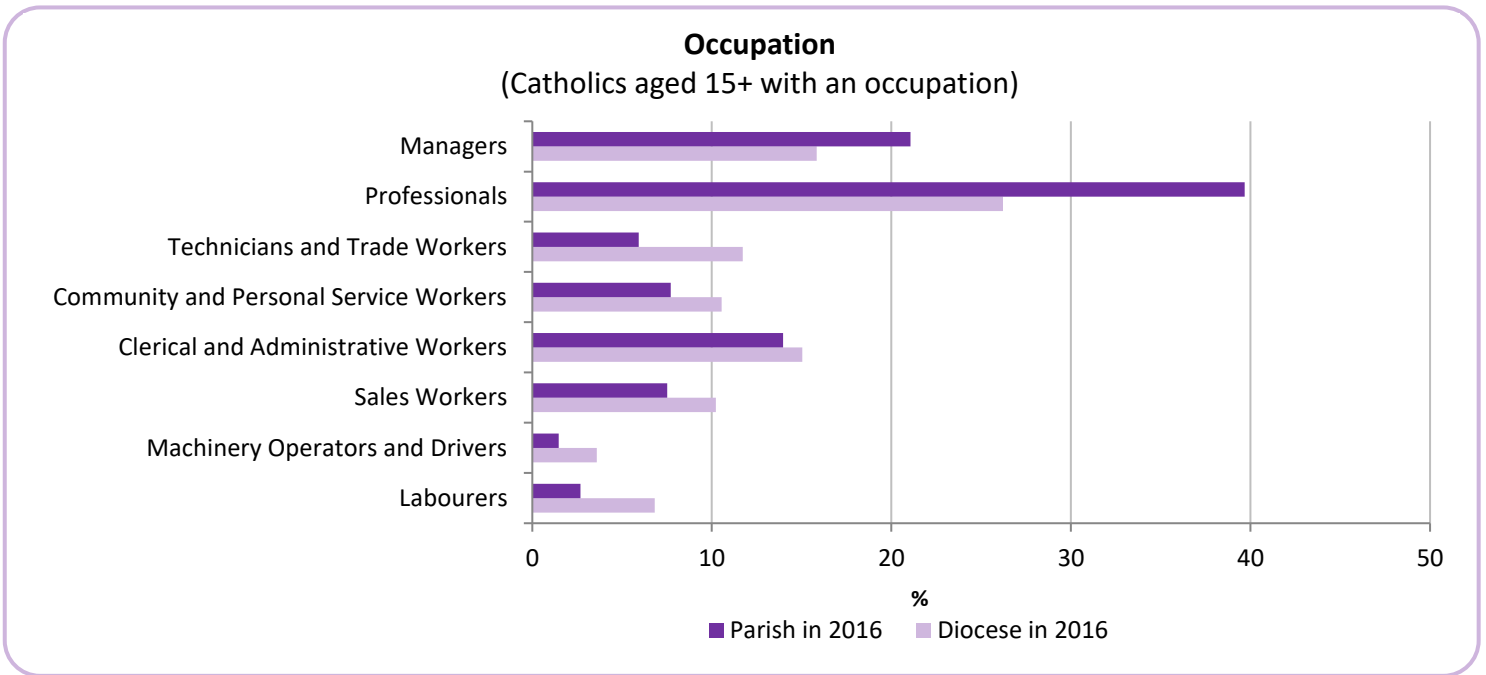
What are the major occupations of younger people? Middle-aged people? Older people? What do you think accounts for differences in occupation between the different age groups?

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	69	45
One parent or lone parent in professional occupation	156	203
Both parents in 'white collar' occupation ¹	63	107
One parent or lone parent in 'white collar' occupation	72	93
Both parents in 'blue collar' occupation	3	3
One parent or lone parent in 'blue collar' occupation	4	8
Not applicable and not stated	42	70
Total	409	529
% with professional parent(s)	55.0	46.9
% with blue collar parent(s)	1.7	2.1

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



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