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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."

Novo Millennio Ineunte #29

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: 40,216

Catholic Population: 11,159

Catholics make up 27.7 per cent of the total population

Median age of Catholics is 44 years

Total Catholic families: 4,329

1,297 Catholics live alone

1,317 Catholics were born overseas

64 Catholics do not speak English well

781 Catholics need assistance with core activities

3,996 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	11,487	11,159
Catholics aged 0-14 (%)	19.5	19.2
Catholics aged 65+ (%)	20.7	22.3
Catholics born in NESCS ¹ (%)	6.6	7.2
Catholics not proficient in English (%)	0.5	0.6
Catholic families	4,434	4,329
Catholics living alone	1,270	1,297
Catholic students attending Catholic schools ² (%)	49.1	47.7
Catholics with university degree (%)	9.7	12.2
Catholic males in labour force (%)	61.5	62.5
Catholic females in labour force (%)	50.7	52.6
Catholic households owning or purchasing dwelling (%)	65.7	69.4

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	40,216	38,286	942,438	23,401,892	1	1
Catholic population	11,159	11,487	215,449	5,291,834	1	1
Per cent Catholic	27.7	30.0	22.9	22.6	1	2
At same address since previous Census (%)	54.3	56.3	57.8	57.3	4	4
Median age ⁴ (years)	44	41	41	40	1	2
Aged 0-14 (%)	19.2	19.5	21.7	19.8	5	3
Aged 65+ (%)	22.3	20.7	17.6	16.6	1	1
Males per 100 females	86.0	87.5	88.7	90.6	4	5

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 (%)	7.0	6.9	5.0	5.8	1	2
Provided unpaid assistance to a person with a disability ⁵ (% of Catholics aged 15+)	13.0	12.8	12.8	12.5	3	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)	27.1	25.9	42.1	34.1	5	4
Workers in 'blue collar' occupations ² (% of those recording an occupation)	32.3	33.8	22.1	29.6	1	3
Men, employed or seeking work ³ (%)	62.5	61.5	68.6	69.7	5	5
Women, employed or seeking work ³ (%)	52.6	50.7	59.9	60.6	5	5
Unemployed at time of Census ⁴ (%)	6.4	7.9	4.7	5.8	1	2
Youth unemployed at time of Census ⁵ (%)	13.1	15.7	10.4	12.2	1	2

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	4.6	4.4	7.2	5.6	5	3
Born overseas in non-English-speaking country (%)	7.2	6.6	16.6	19.1	5	4
Immigrants from non-English-speaking countries arriving in Census year or previous 3 years	50	13	3,497	106,428	3	3
Catholics of Australian Indigenous origin	422	361	3,556	133,528	1	1
Speak language other than English at home (%)	5.9	5.1	16.4	20.4	5	4
Not proficient in English ⁷ (%)	0.6	0.5	1.5	2.6	5	4

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 (%)	12.2	9.7	27.4	20.6	5	4
Aged 15-17 attending an educational institution ²	87.5	86.0	94.6	92.2	5	5
Aged 18-19 attending an educational institution ²	48.6	44.3	69.0	62.9	5	4
Aged 20-24 attending an educational institution ²	32.7	30.4	46.2	38.2	5	3
Catholic primary students attending Catholic schools (%)	49.4	49.7	43.2	53.1	2	3
Catholic primary students attending Government schools (%)	46.9	47.4	48.8	41.0	4	2
Catholic secondary students attending Catholic schools (%)	45.3	48.4	53.7	54.5	5	4
Catholic secondary students attending Government schools (%)	49.0	48.4	32.1	35.1	1	2
Primary students attending Catholic schools who are not Catholic ³ (%)	8.7	7.4	14.2	28.1	5	5
Secondary students attending Catholic schools who are not Catholic ³ (%)	16.7	12.2	26.5	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 (%)	30.4	31.4	30.3	33.3	3	4
Married (%)	45.3	44.8	52.9	49.7	5	4
Divorced or Separated (%)	15.8	15.3	10.9	11.2	1	1
Widowed (%)	8.5	8.6	5.9	5.8	1	1

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

	Parish 2016	Parish 2011	Diocese 2016	Australia 2016	Diocesan Group	Australian Group
Families	4,329	4,434	83,820	1,997,833	1	1
One-parent families	687	774	8,667	231,370	1	1
One-parent families (% of all families)	15.9	17.5	10.3	11.6	1	1
Couples of mixed religions ² (%)	63.7	63.8	60.2	55.9	2	2
De facto couples ³ (%)	17.5	16.5	13.8	17.1	2	3
Median annual family income ⁴ (\$)	84,732	65,126	120,140	100,270	5	4

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

	Parish 2016	Parish 2011	Diocese 2016	Australia 2016	Diocesan Group	Australian Group
Households	5,778	5,894	102,422	2,548,354	1	1
Persons living alone (aged under 35)	82	94	1,191	53,499	1	1
Persons living alone (aged 35+)	1,215	1,176	14,807	407,684	1	1
Persons living alone (total)	1,297	1,270	15,998	461,183	1	1
Persons living alone (% of all persons)	11.6	11.1	7.4	8.7	1	2
Dwellings owned or being purchased (%)	69.4	65.7	74.5	71.2	4	4
Median monthly housing loan repayment ⁶ (\$)	1,865	1,878	2,263	1,873	5	3

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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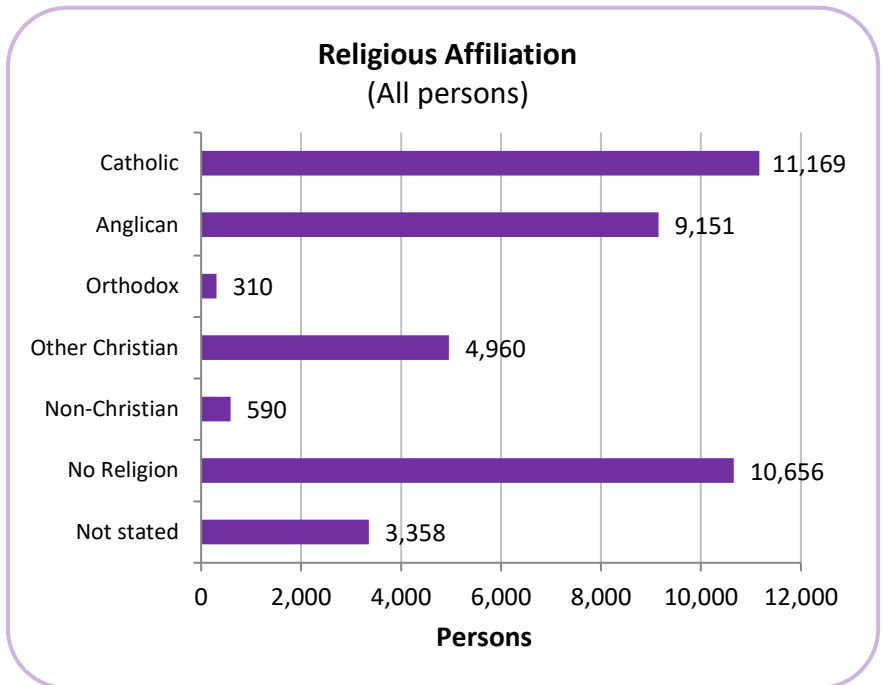
Religious affiliation

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	1,452	1,363	1,017	1,222	1,342	1,563	1,413	1,058	735	11,165
Maronite Catholic	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Melkite Catholic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ukrainian Catholic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chaldean Catholic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Syro-Malabar Catholic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Catholic	1,456	1,363	1,017	1,222	1,342	1,563	1,413	1,058	735	11,169
Per cent Catholic (of total population in age group)	29.6	30.2	24.0	25.7	27.3	29.6	27.3	29.2	26.6	27.8
Anglican	646	784	684	852	1,177	1,314	1,565	1,200	929	9,151
Orthodox	25	22	27	25	40	46	58	42	25	310
Other Christian	457	454	452	538	558	734	743	548	476	4,960
Non-Christian	65	64	76	122	101	84	54	20	4	590
No Religion	1,938	1,498	1,611	1,626	1,299	1,099	947	419	219	10,656
Not Stated	338	333	377	366	392	441	401	340	370	3,358
Total Population	4,925	4,518	4,244	4,751	4,909	5,281	5,181	3,627	2,758	40,194

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**

Age (years)	Males 2016	Females 2016	Total 2016	Total 2011
0	65	52	117	115
1	77	52	129	128
2	65	75	140	140
3	62	59	121	135
4	84	75	159	171
5	69	74	143	166
6	74	88	162	134
7	84	80	164	138
8	84	56	140	155
9	88	78	166	134
10	84	70	154	144
11	67	66	133	167
12	70	65	135	166
13	78	68	146	171
14	66	56	122	171
15	63	72	135	160
16	68	81	149	153
17	63	76	139	171
18	71	55	126	159
19	68	55	123	141
20-24	260	291	551	635
25-29	208	256	464	589
30-34	287	329	616	546
35-39	297	312	609	687
40-44	281	365	646	710
45-49	323	368	691	795
50-54	381	420	801	777
55-59	320	439	759	704
60-64	314	393	707	647
65-69	314	392	706	606
70-74	261	342	603	527
75-79	194	263	457	471
80+	252	483	735	767
Total	5,142	6,006	11,148	11,480

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.

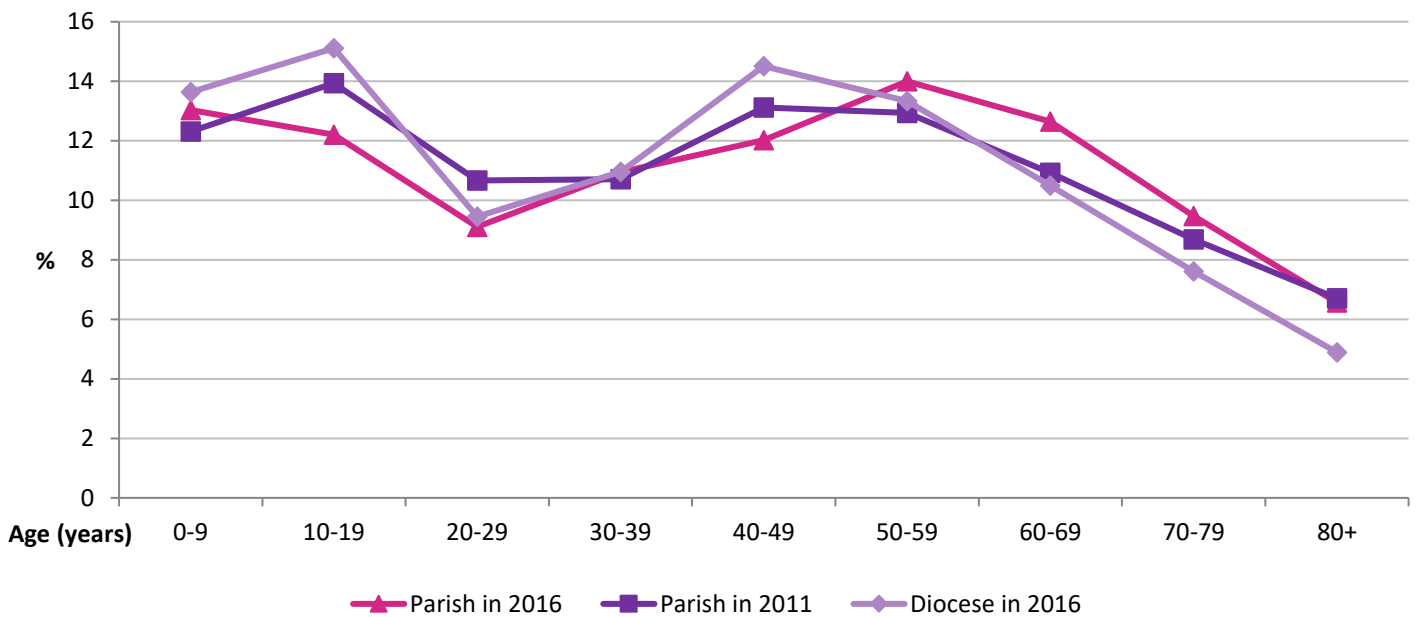
In 2016, among Australian Catholics as a whole, 52 per cent were female and 48 per cent were male. But it is not always like this. Among Catholics aged under 20, males outnumbered females, whereas females accounted for 58 per cent of Catholics aged 75 or more. There are also local factors, such as the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

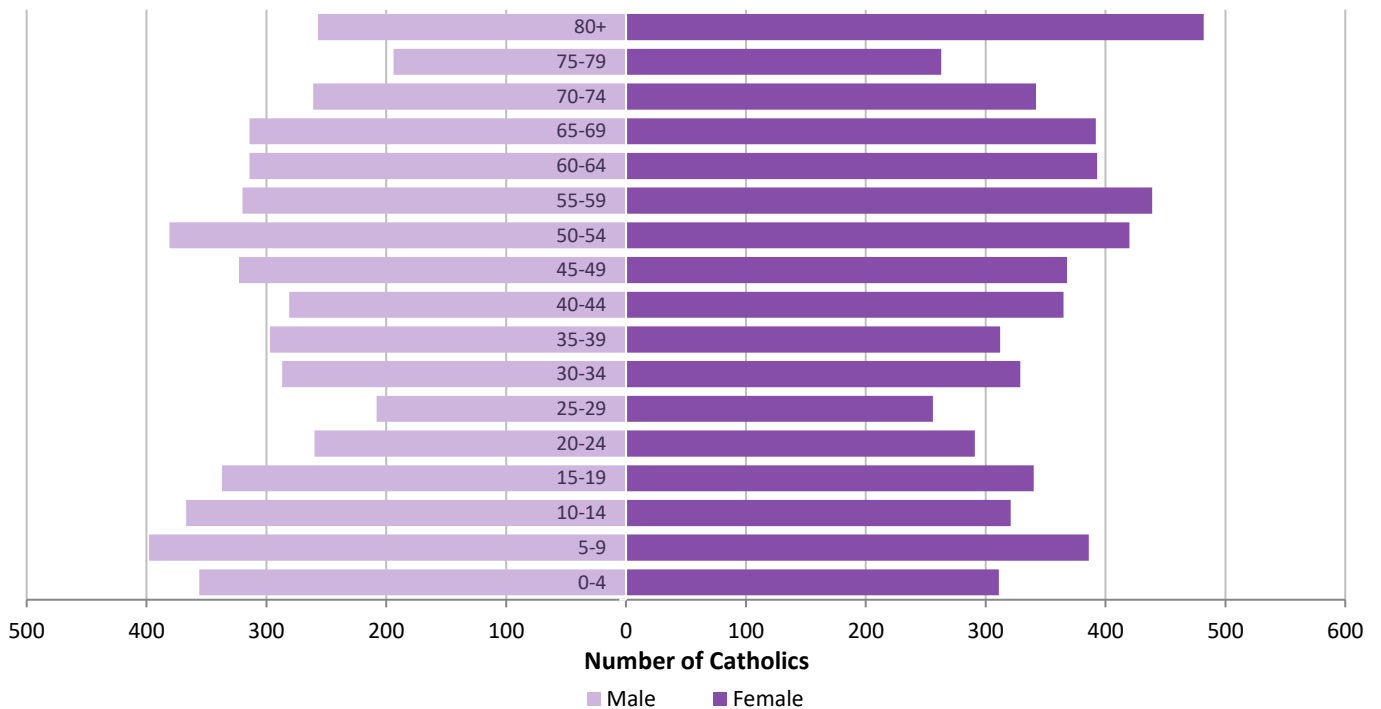


Age and sex

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	31	60	38	36	29	25	219
Females	20	37	58	35	55	40	245
Lone Persons:							
Males	-	4	10	6	9	12	41
Females	-	3	17	10	26	45	101
Other non-family members or persons not present in a household on Census night³							
Males	-	15	7	17	18	12	69
Females	-	6	11	9	23	52	101
Total							
Males	31	79	55	59	56	49	329
Females	20	46	86	54	104	137	447

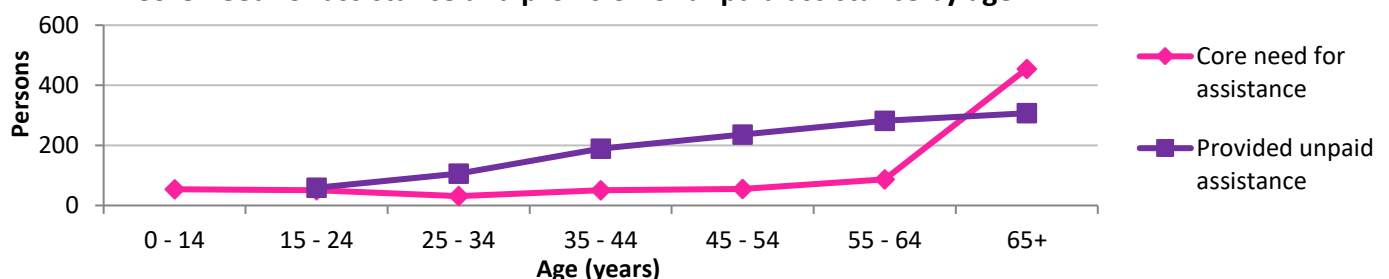
Table 11b: Provision of unpaid assistance by age

	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	25	39	65	79	99	129	436
Females	26	71	121	152	179	177	726

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	593	321	177	154	85	34	28	1,392
Married	3	163	328	381	395	384	291	1,945
Separated/Divorced	-	10	77	167	135	121	52	562
Widowed	-	-	-	3	9	35	77	124
Total	596	494	582	705	624	574	448	4,023
Females								
Never married	617	291	189	134	63	24	26	1,344
Married	7	254	363	398	476	409	235	2,142
Separated/Divorced	-	34	117	239	238	161	71	860
Widowed	-	-	4	17	58	136	412	627
Total	624	579	673	788	835	730	744	4,973

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

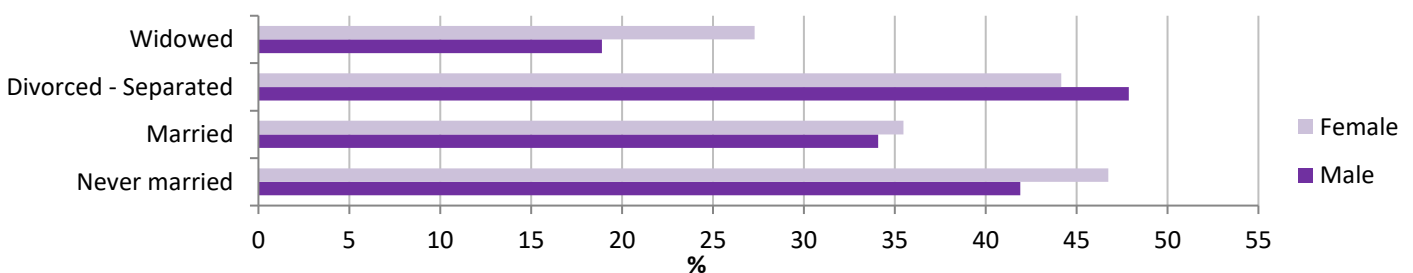


Table 13: Religious affiliation of couple by social marital status

	In a registered marriage	In a de facto marriage	Total couples	% couples in de facto marriages
Both persons Catholic	1,004	157	1,161	13.5
One person Catholic, the other non-Catholic Christian	1,270	232	1,502	15.4
One Catholic, the other not Christian or Not stated	472	194	666	29.1
Total	2,746	583	3,329	17.5



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	4	18	56	148	178	85	34	65	588	2,199
One parent Catholic, the other Christian, but not Catholic	10	4	53	197	238	110	64	78	754	2,310
One parent Catholic, the other Non-Christian, No Religion or Not stated	3	13	33	97	138	49	33	37	403	2,268
Couple with no children living at home:										
Both persons Catholic	56	139	128	88	77	35	13	31	567	1,056
One person Catholic, the other Christian, but not Catholic	59	126	178	168	127	35	16	39	748	1,228
One person Catholic, the other Non-Christian, No Religion or Not stated	19	41	38	63	55	23	14	17	270	1,589
One-parent families:	82	141	162	143	64	15	4	76	687	1,029
Parent is Catholic										
Other families where at least one person is Catholic	20	29	49	51	36	8	12	22	227	1,316
Other: Reference person Catholic but spouse temporarily absent ³	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	85	85	-
Total	253	511	697	955	913	360	190	450	4,329	1,625

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	167	50	23	7	3	250
\$500-\$799	345	73	67	16	4	505
\$800-\$1,249	486	81	77	35	19	698
\$1,250-\$1,999	504	179	169	71	15	938
\$2,000-\$2,999	402	147	247	99	26	921
\$3,000-\$3,999	176	52	85	30	6	349
\$4,000 or more	75	35	53	19	3	185
Income not fully stated	245	89	68	29	-	431
Total Families	2,400	706	789	306	76	4,277
Median Weekly Family Income (\$)	1,368	1,687	2,099	2,095	1,850	1,625

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)**

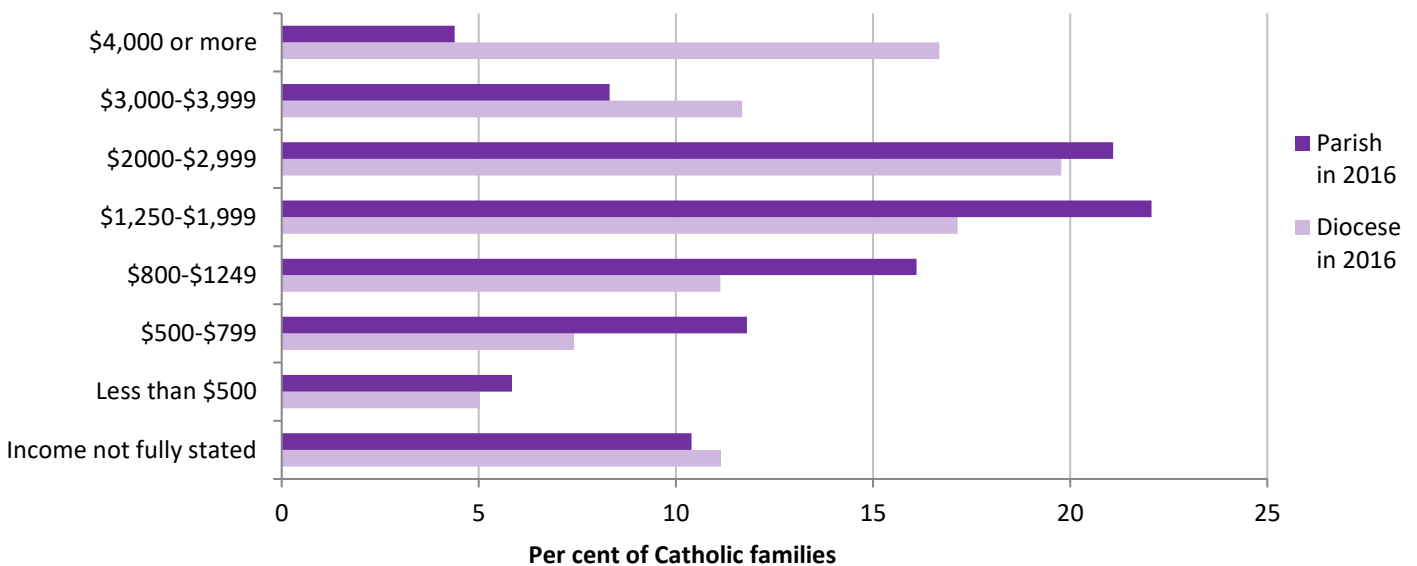


Table 16: Social marital status by number of dependent children

	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)	1,656	353	526	215	45	2,795
De facto couple family (at least one partner Catholic)	348	107	85	41	13	594
One parent family, parent Catholic	281	207	133	55	15	691
Other families where at least one person is Catholic	113	52	42	20	13	240
Total families	2,398	719	786	331	86	4,320



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	3,186	79	914	118	4,297	74.1
Lone person aged under 35 years	25	4	40	11	80	31.3
Lone person aged 35 years or over	735	98	283	97	1,213	60.6
Group households	65	10	99	14	188	34.6
Total households	4,011	191	1,336	240	5,778	69.4

	\$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	90	130	370	595	296	269	1,887
Lone person aged under 35 years	-	-	9	5	5	6	2,020
Lone person aged 35 years or over	19	23	28	39	14	11	1,535
Group households	6	3	6	5	6	3	1,550
Total households	115	156	413	644	321	289	1,865

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

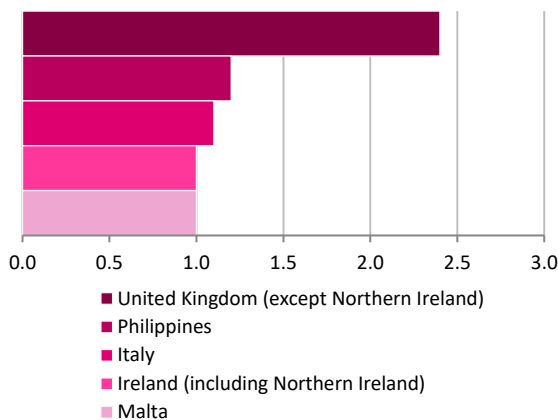
Catholics born overseas, especially those born in non-English-speaking countries, are likely to have different approaches to faith and spirituality, and different experiences and expectations of Church life, from those of Catholics born in Australia.

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	9,556	85.5	-
New Zealand	97	0.9	3.8
Other Oceania	17	0.2	-
United Kingdom (except Northern Ireland)	263	2.4	6.3
Ireland (including Northern Ireland)	113	1.0	5.5
Italy	127	1.1	-
Malta	107	1.0	-
Spain and Portugal	25	0.2	-
France	11	0.1	-
Netherlands	28	0.3	-
Germany	48	0.4	-
Austria	12	0.1	-
Croatia and other Former Yugoslavia	33	0.3	-
Poland	23	0.2	-
Hungary	3	0.0	-
Other Eastern Europe, Russian Federation and Baltic States	18	0.2	-
Other Europe NEC	11	0.1	-
Vietnam	6	0.1	-
Philippines	132	1.2	19.5
Indonesia	4	0.0	-
Malaysia	3	0.0	-
Singapore	-	-	-
South East Asia NEC	7	0.1	-
India	25	0.2	15.8
Sri Lanka	10	0.1	-
China (except Hong Kong and Taiwan)	3	0.0	-
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	7	0.1	-
Korea, Republic of (South)	-	-	-
Egypt	15	0.1	-
Lebanon	17	0.2	-
Iraq	-	-	-
Sudan (including South Sudan)	-	-	-
Middle East and North Africa NEC	8	0.1	-
South Africa	13	0.1	-
Mauritius	20	0.2	-
United States of America	23	0.2	-
Canada	8	0.1	-
Argentina	23	0.2	-
Brazil	10	0.1	-
Colombia	-	-	-
Chile	11	0.1	-
Central America and South America NEC	59	0.5	-
Other countries	9	0.1	-
Inadequately described/Not stated	269	2.4	-
Total	11,174	100.0	0.7

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	10,333	25,523	35,856	28.8
Italian	144	15	159	90.6
Maltese	72	-	72	100.0
Spanish	115	59	174	66.1
Croatian	19	7	26	73.1
Polish	31	6	37	83.8
Dutch	7	22	29	24.1
French	32	31	63	50.8
German	26	55	81	32.1
Portuguese	32	10	42	76.2
Hungarian	4	3	7	57.1
Ukrainian	-	3	3	-
Vietnamese	6	15	21	28.6
Filipino languages	75	21	96	78.1
Chinese languages	6	152	158	3.8
Malayalam	13	8	21	61.9
Sinhalese	-	-	-	-
Korean	-	34	34	-
Indonesian and Malay	5	19	24	20.8
Arabic	20	45	65	30.8
Assyrian and Chaldean	-	8	8	-
Oceanic and Papuan languages	4	57	61	6.6
Australian Indigenous languages	4	-	4	100.0
Other European languages NEC	22	248	270	8.1
Other Asian languages NEC	18	170	188	9.6
Other languages NEC	3	37	40	7.5
Inadequately described/Non-Verbal/Not stated	171	2,510	2,681	6.4
Total	11,162	29,058	40,220	27.8

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	645	1,036	1,037	971	2,402	2,098	2,142	10,331	-
Italian	-	-	5	5	20	32	82	144	10.8
Maltese	-	-	-	-	3	16	54	73	-
Spanish	-	4	8	3	24	16	49	104	8.7
Croatian	-	-	-	-	3	5	9	17	-
Polish	-	-	-	-	5	7	7	19	-
Dutch	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	6	-
French	-	-	3	3	9	9	16	40	15.2
German	-	-	4	-	-	5	10	19	-
Portuguese	-	-	-	-	5	3	13	21	11.5
Hungarian	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	8	-
Ukrainian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vietnamese	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	6	-
Filipino languages	-	8	4	8	25	22	9	76	7.1
Chinese languages	-	-	-	-	4	3	-	7	-
Malayalam	-	-	-	-	11	-	-	11	-
Sinhalese	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Korean	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Indonesian and Malay	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	4	-
Arabic	3	-	-	-	6	6	-	15	20.8
Assyrian and Chaldean	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oceanic and Papuan languages	-	-	4	3	3	-	-	10	-
Australian Indigenous Languages	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	4	-
Other European languages NEC	-	-	-	-	6	3	12	21	-
Other Asian languages NEC	-	6	-	-	6	3	-	15	-
Other languages NEC	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	5	-
Inadequately described/Non-Verbal/Not stated	10	11	12	10	21	28	79	171	10.0
Total	658	1,065	1,077	1,006	2,565	2,265	2,491	11,127	0.6

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?

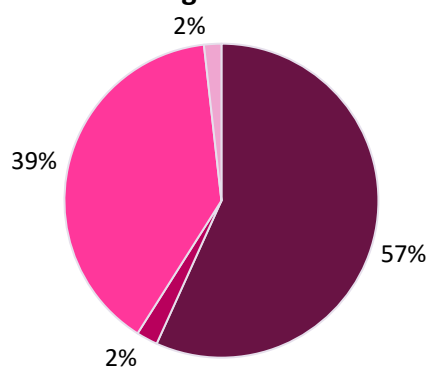
Table 22: Type of educational institution attending by religious affiliation

	Catholic	Not Catholic or not stated	All persons	% Catholic
Infants/Primary – Government	489	1,935	2,424	20.2
Infants/Primary – Catholic	515	49	564	91.3
Infants/Primary – Other Non-Government	38	176	214	17.8
Secondary – Government	352	1,298	1,650	21.3
Secondary – Catholic	325	65	390	83.3
Secondary – Other Non-Government	41	153	194	21.1
Technical or Further Educational Institution (including TAFE Colleges)	185	540	725	25.5
University or other Tertiary Institutions	303	745	1,048	28.9
Other (including pre-school)	313	717	1,030	30.4
Not stated/Not applicable ¹	8,598	23,375	31,973	26.9
Total	11,159	29,053	40,212	27.8

Note:

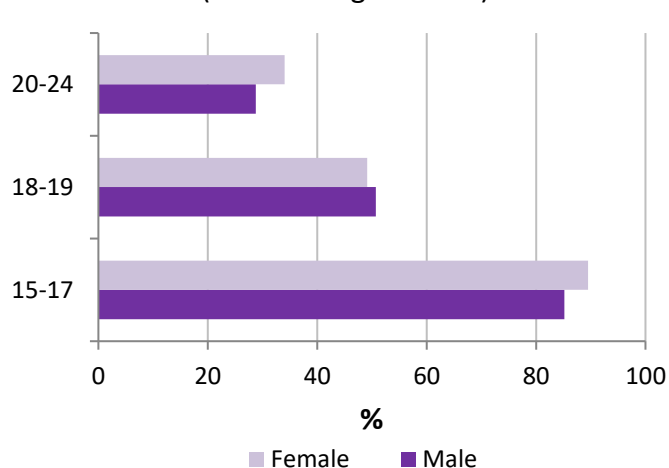
- This table includes the total population of the parish and so there are high numbers for categories where the question about type of educational institutions being attended is not applicable.

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

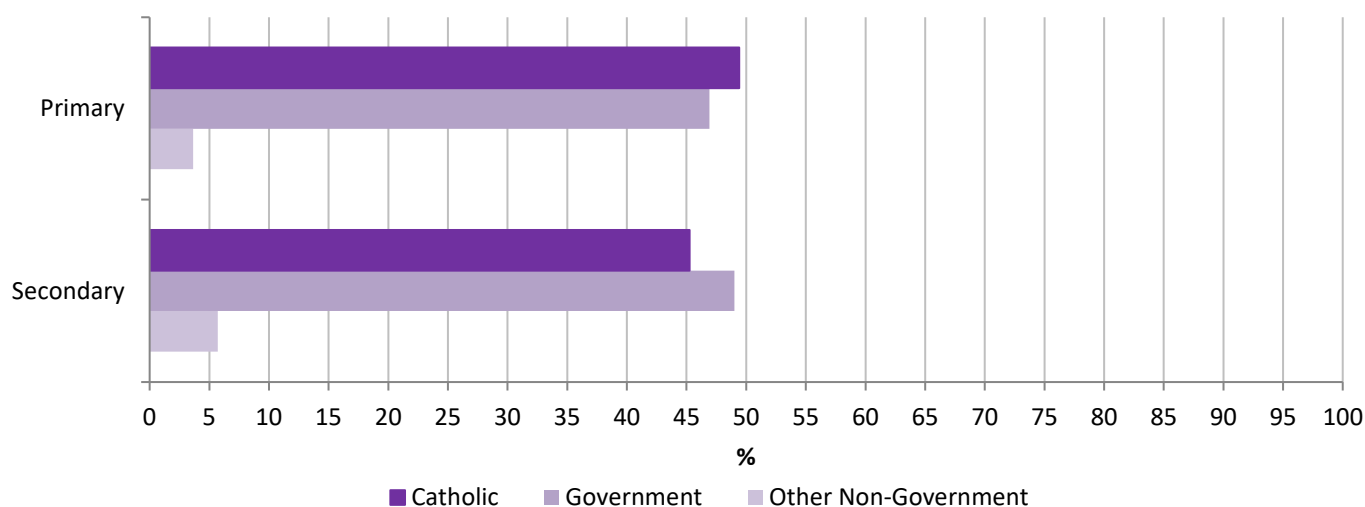
Table 23: Type of educational institution attending by weekly income of student's family¹

	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	27	69	92	112	106	25	12	479	76,850
Infants/Primary – Catholic	12	20	31	106	209	54	46	506	121,724
Infants/Primary – Other Non-Government	-	-	3	8	5	6	9	34	151,188
Secondary – Government	18	26	54	61	78	24	15	326	90,797
Secondary – Catholic	5	7	15	63	91	49	32	310	127,753
Secondary – Other Non-Government	4	3	8	5	6	5	3	37	80,795
TAFE, University or other tertiary institution	-	5	5	26	32	15	25	131	133,590
Other (including pre-school)	4	6	9	10	18	5	11	69	111,502
Not stated/Not applicable	12	11	7	3	15	6	-	60	55,096
Total	82	147	224	394	560	189	153	1,952	106,820

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	-	7	17	16	22	24	86
Graduate diploma / bachelor degree	16	60	59	41	62	73	311
Advanced diploma or diploma level	12	27	68	81	51	54	293
Certificate level	87	217	254	303	239	333	1,433
Inadequately described/Not stated/Not applicable	487	180	187	269	250	543	1,916
Total	602	491	585	710	624	1,027	4,039
<i>Per cent with degree or higher</i>	<i>2.7</i>	<i>13.6</i>	<i>13.0</i>	<i>8.0</i>	<i>13.5</i>	<i>9.4</i>	<i>9.8</i>
Females							
Postgraduate degree	5	11	20	26	17	19	98
Graduate diploma / bachelor degree	23	148	149	101	96	88	605
Advanced diploma or diploma level	22	91	108	125	76	89	511
Certificate level	99	156	167	159	167	114	862
Inadequately described/Not stated/Not applicable	477	178	229	381	483	1,167	2,915
Total	626	584	673	792	839	1,477	4,991
<i>Per cent with degree or higher</i>	<i>4.5</i>	<i>27.2</i>	<i>25.1</i>	<i>16.0</i>	<i>13.5</i>	<i>7.2</i>	<i>14.1</i>
All Catholics							
Postgraduate degree	5	18	37	42	39	43	184
Graduate diploma / bachelor degree	39	208	208	142	158	161	916
Advanced diploma or diploma level	34	118	176	206	127	143	804
Certificate level	186	373	421	462	406	447	2,295
Inadequately described/Not stated/Not applicable	964	358	416	650	733	1,710	4,831
Total	1,228	1,075	1,258	1,502	1,463	2,504	9,030
<i>Per cent with degree or higher</i>	<i>3.6</i>	<i>21.0</i>	<i>19.5</i>	<i>12.3</i>	<i>13.5</i>	<i>8.1</i>	<i>12.2</i>



Employment

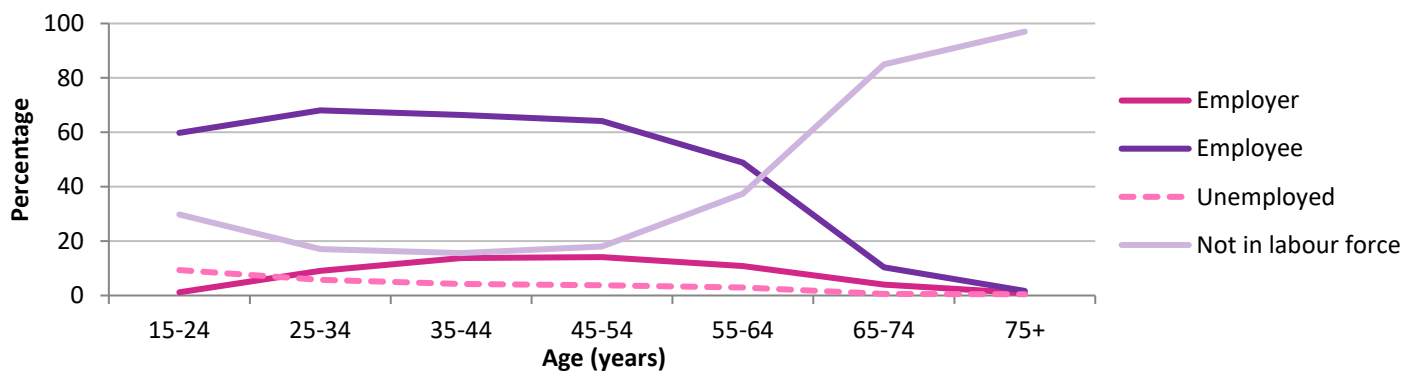
In recent years there have been many changes in society and the workplace that have affected Australian workers. One major change has been the increase in the percentages of workers, especially young people and women, in part-time jobs. Another has been the rise in participation in the labour force by 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	11	190	260	41	502
Employee	346	735	698	61	1,840
Unemployed	51	42	51	4	148
Not in the labour force	190	95	308	886	1,479
Other/Not stated/Not applicable	7	17	15	31	70
Total	605	1,079	1,332	1,023	4,039
<i>Per cent in labour force²</i>	<i>67.4</i>	<i>89.6</i>	<i>75.8</i>	<i>10.4</i>	<i>61.6</i>
<i>Per cent unemployed³</i>	<i>12.5</i>	<i>4.3</i>	<i>5.1</i>	<i>3.8</i>	<i>5.9</i>
Females					
Employer	-	79	103	21	203
Employee	384	813	953	89	2,239
Unemployed	59	68	49	3	179
Not in the labour force	176	282	494	1,296	2,248
Other/Not stated/Not applicable	14	11	22	70	117
Total	633	1,253	1,621	1,479	4,979
<i>Per cent in labour force²</i>	<i>70.0</i>	<i>76.6</i>	<i>68.2</i>	<i>7.6</i>	<i>52.6</i>
<i>Per cent unemployed³</i>	<i>13.3</i>	<i>7.1</i>	<i>4.4</i>	<i>2.7</i>	<i>6.8</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	9	45	80	110	57	16	317
Professionals	16	47	60	66	73	21	283
Technicians & Trade Workers	104	140	154	137	79	13	627
Community & Personal Service Workers	32	33	53	39	25	3	185
Clerical & Administrative Workers	5	15	31	36	22	7	116
Sales Workers	80	18	30	37	29	16	210
Machinery operators & Drivers	25	36	49	62	78	16	266
Labourers	90	72	52	68	40	12	334
ID / NS / NA ¹	242	77	71	157	237	924	1,708
Total	603	483	580	712	640	1,028	4,046
<i>Per cent Managers & Professionals²</i>	6.9	22.7	27.5	31.7	32.3	35.6	25.7
<i>Per cent 'blue collar workers'²</i>	60.7	61.1	50.1	48.1	48.9	39.4	52.5
Females							
Managers	13	34	40	52	41	7	187
Professionals	22	126	120	130	94	30	522
Technicians & Trade Workers	18	21	18	24	24	4	109
Community & Personal Service Workers	106	89	65	103	81	12	456
Clerical & Administrative Workers	45	77	132	157	111	31	553
Sales Workers	155	34	62	81	65	12	409
Machinery operators & Drivers	4	3	3	9	3	3	25
Labourers	27	14	44	41	32	11	169
ID / NS / NA ¹	241	174	189	198	390	1,369	2,561
Total	631	572	673	795	841	1,479	4,991
<i>Per cent Managers & Professionals²</i>	9.0	40.2	33.1	30.5	29.9	33.6	29.2
<i>Per cent 'blue collar workers'²</i>	12.6	9.5	13.4	12.4	13.1	16.4	12.5
All Catholics							
Managers	22	79	120	162	98	23	504
Professionals	38	173	180	196	167	51	805
Technicians & Trade Workers	122	161	172	161	103	17	736
Community & Personal Service Workers	138	122	118	142	106	15	641
Clerical & Administrative Workers	50	92	163	193	133	38	669
Sales Workers	235	52	92	118	94	28	619
Machinery operators & Drivers	29	39	52	71	81	19	291
Labourers	117	86	96	109	72	23	503
ID / NS / NA ¹	483	251	260	355	627	2,293	4,269
Total	1,234	1,055	1,253	1,507	1,481	2,507	9,037
<i>Per cent Managers & Professionals²</i>	8.0	31.3	30.2	31.1	31.0	34.6	27.5
<i>Per cent 'blue collar workers'²</i>	35.7	35.6	32.2	29.6	30.0	27.6	32.1

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?

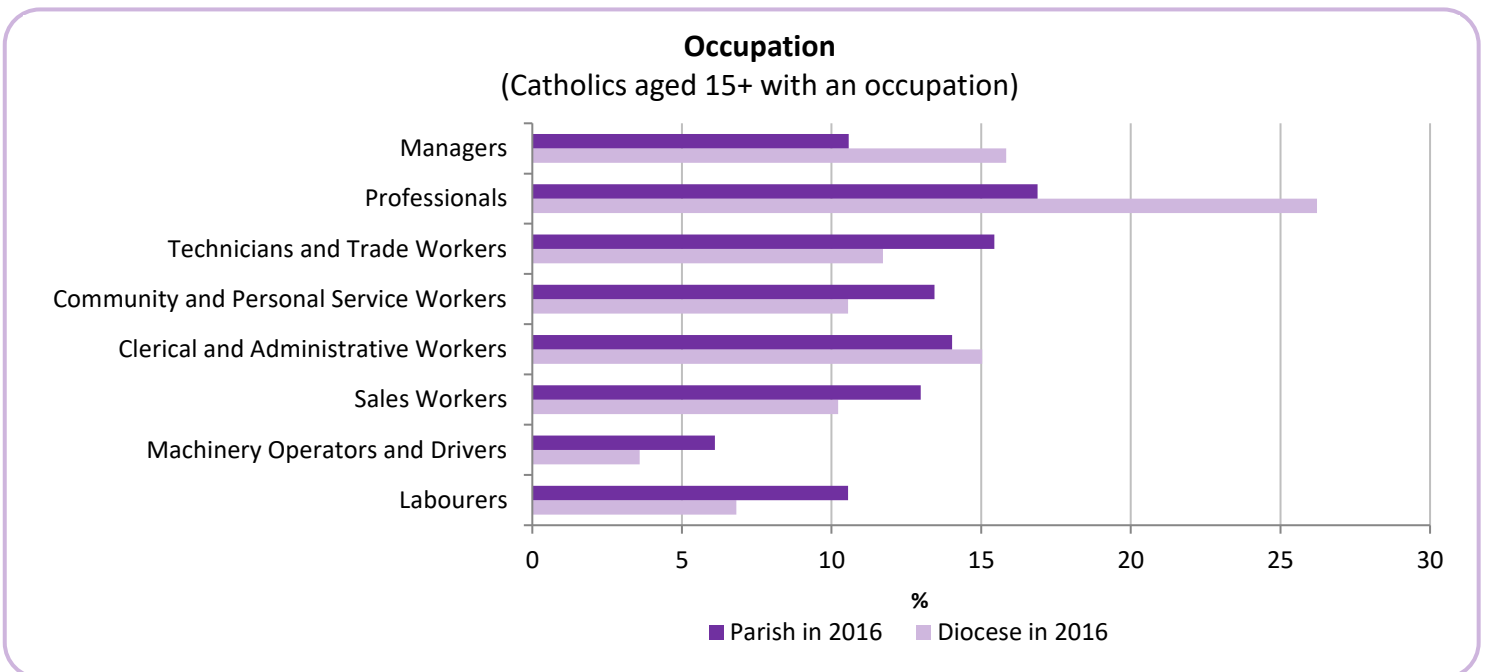
Are there any figures that strike you as being unexpectedly large or small? How can this information help the parish connect more effectively with parishioners?

Table 27: Occupation of parents of students attending Catholic schools

	Primary School	Secondary School
Both parents in professional occupation	21	11
One parent or lone parent in professional occupation	171	104
Both parents in 'white collar' occupation ¹	97	91
One parent or lone parent in 'white collar' occupation	161	118
Both parents in 'blue collar' occupation	23	7
One parent or lone parent in 'blue collar' occupation	44	20
Not applicable and not stated	52	50
Total	569	401
% with professional parent(s)	33.7	28.7
% with blue collar parent(s)	11.8	6.7

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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