



PARISH SOCIAL PROFILE

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Dear readers,

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yours sincerely,

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Your Parish Social Profile

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: 52,731

Catholic Population: 12,783

Catholics make up 24.2 per cent of the total population

Median age of Catholics is 45 years

Total Catholic families: 5,212

1,333 Catholics live alone

1,438 Catholics were born overseas

42 Catholics do not speak English well

952 Catholics need assistance with core activities

5,314 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	12,729	12,783
Catholics aged 0-14 (%)	22.3	20.8
Catholics aged 65+ (%)	19.7	22.9
Catholics born in NESC ¹ (%)	5.5	6.3
Catholics not proficient in English (%)	0.2	0.3
Catholic families	5,152	5,212
Catholics living alone	1,231	1,333
Catholic students attending Catholic schools ² (%)	72.5	71.2
Catholics with university degree (%)	12.8	15.3
Catholic males in labour force (%)	59.1	59.6
Catholic females in labour force (%)	51.4	53.0
Catholic households owning or purchasing dwelling (%)	69.2	70.5

Notes:

1. NESC = 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	52,731	48,522	504,437	23,401,892	1	1
Catholic population	12,783	12,729	104,580	5,291,834	1	1
Per cent Catholic	24.2	26.2	20.7	22.6	1	3
At same address since previous Census (%)	49.6	50.7	57.1	57.3	5	5
Median age ⁴ (years)	45	41	46	40	4	2
Aged 0-14 (%)	20.8	22.3	18.6	19.8	2	2
Aged 65+ (%)	22.9	19.7	22.9	16.6	3	1
Males per 100 females	83.3	85.6	88.8	90.6	5	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 (%)	7.4	6.0	7.3	5.8	3	1
Provided unpaid assistance to a person with a disability ⁵ (% of Catholics aged 15+)	13.0	12.5	13.8	12.5	4	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)	33.3	32.0	29.7	34.1	2	3
Workers in 'blue collar' occupations ² (% of those recording an occupation)	26.7	26.8	32.2	29.6	5	4
Men, employed or seeking work ³ (%)	59.6	59.1	58.3	69.7	3	5
Women, employed or seeking work ³ (%)	53.0	51.4	52.3	60.6	3	5
Unemployed at time of Census ⁴ (%)	5.3	6.8	6.2	5.8	5	3
Youth unemployed at time of Census ⁵ (%)	11.0	13.4	12.5	12.2	4	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	5.0	4.7	3.9	5.6	2	2
Born overseas in non-English-speaking country (%)	6.3	5.5	6.0	19.1	2	4
Immigrants from non-English-speaking countries arriving in Census year or previous 3 years	67	35	623	106,428	1	3
Catholics of Australian Indigenous origin	526	369	5,478	133,528	1	1
Speak language other than English at home (%)	4.5	3.1	4.5	20.4	2	4
Not proficient in English ⁷ (%)	0.3	0.2	0.4	2.6	3	5

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 (%)	15.3	12.8	13.5	20.6	2	3
Aged 15-17 attending an educational institution ²	92.6	90.4	91.1	92.2	2	3
Aged 18-19 attending an educational institution ²	54.4	42.7	50.9	62.9	2	4
Aged 20-24 attending an educational institution ²	30.8	25.2	27.5	38.2	2	3
Catholic primary students attending Catholic schools (%)	66.2	67.5	55.0	53.1	1	1
Catholic primary students attending Government schools (%)	28.0	28.5	40.1	41.0	5	5
Catholic secondary students attending Catholic schools (%)	77.4	78.5	57.9	54.5	1	1
Catholic secondary students attending Government schools (%)	16.3	18.6	35.7	35.1	5	5
Primary students attending Catholic schools who are not Catholic ³ (%)	32.1	28.0	35.4	28.1	4	3
Secondary students attending Catholic schools who are not Catholic ³ (%)	48.4	42.3	43.6	35.7	2	2

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 (%)	26.9	27.3	29.6	33.3	5	5
Married (%)	50.8	50.7	48.6	49.7	2	3
Divorced or Separated (%)	14.7	14.3	14.3	11.2	2	1
Widowed (%)	7.5	7.7	7.5	5.8	3	2

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

	Parish 2016	Parish 2011	Diocese 2016	Australia 2016	Diocesan Group	Australian Group
Families	5,212	5,152	42,989	1,997,833	1	1
One-parent families	557	626	5,223	231,370	1	1
One-parent families (% of all families)	10.7	12.2	12.1	11.6	4	3
Couples of mixed religions ² (%)	64.9	66.0	65.8	55.9	4	2
De facto couples ³ (%)	16.3	15.3	17.8	17.1	4	3
Median annual family income ⁴ (\$)	81,134	63,510	75,543	100,270	2	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	6,777	6,619	56,180	2,548,354	1	1
Persons living alone (aged under 35)	89	102	631	53,499	1	1
Persons living alone (aged 35+)	1,244	1,129	10,520	407,684	1	1
Persons living alone (total)	1,333	1,231	11,151	461,183	1	1
Persons living alone (% of all persons)	10.4	9.7	10.7	8.7	3	3
Dwellings owned or being purchased (%)	70.5	69.2	72.4	71.2	4	4
Median monthly housing loan repayment ⁶ (\$)	1,800	1,785	1,657	1,873	2	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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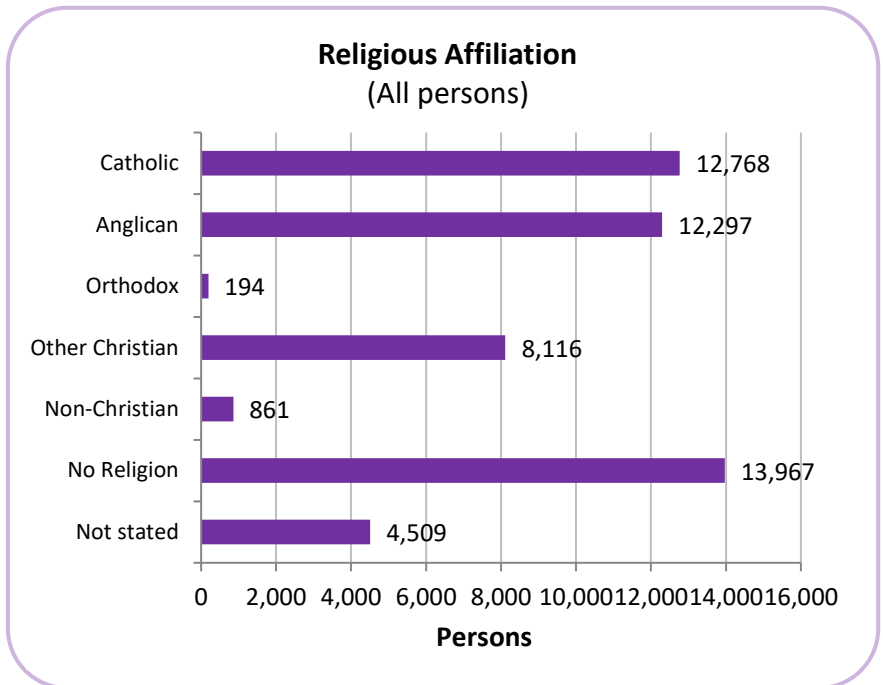
Religious affiliation

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	1,621	1,948	991	1,136	1,607	1,755	1,620	1,280	810	12,768
Maronite Catholic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Melkite Catholic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ukrainian Catholic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chaldean Catholic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Syro-Malabar Catholic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Catholic	1,621	1,948	991	1,136	1,607	1,755	1,620	1,280	810	12,768
Per cent Catholic (of total population in age group)	28.3	31.9	21.9	22.8	25.1	24.5	21.6	20.3	20.2	24.2
Anglican	728	1,052	564	825	1,558	1,817	2,177	2,176	1,400	12,297
Orthodox	25	21	11	20	26	37	29	11	14	194
Other Christian	627	771	499	646	894	1,182	1,340	1,281	876	8,116
Non-Christian	84	95	99	152	134	120	120	37	20	861
No Religion	2,250	1,790	1,914	1,822	1,676	1,646	1,518	874	477	13,967
Not Stated	394	430	446	377	495	594	713	648	412	4,509
Total Population	5,729	6,107	4,524	4,978	6,390	7,151	7,517	6,307	4,009	52,712

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	45	61	106	128
1	57	50	107	132
2	59	66	125	162
3	59	75	134	167
4	83	85	168	183
5	91	92	183	184
6	85	90	175	192
7	113	99	212	193
8	85	113	198	198
9	113	110	223	200
10	106	103	209	187
11	126	80	206	258
12	124	94	218	219
13	101	103	204	209
14	96	102	198	223
15	90	98	188	213
16	133	106	239	246
17	94	109	203	195
18	72	83	155	178
19	63	68	131	124
20-24	252	270	522	527
25-29	206	276	482	461
30-34	230	299	529	533
35-39	268	341	609	672
40-44	347	405	752	861
45-49	381	475	856	931
50-54	378	476	854	884
55-59	397	501	898	771
60-64	327	448	775	783
65-69	385	455	840	699
70-74	318	421	739	614
75-79	235	312	547	498
80+	296	511	807	702
Total	5,815	6,977	12,792	12,727

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.

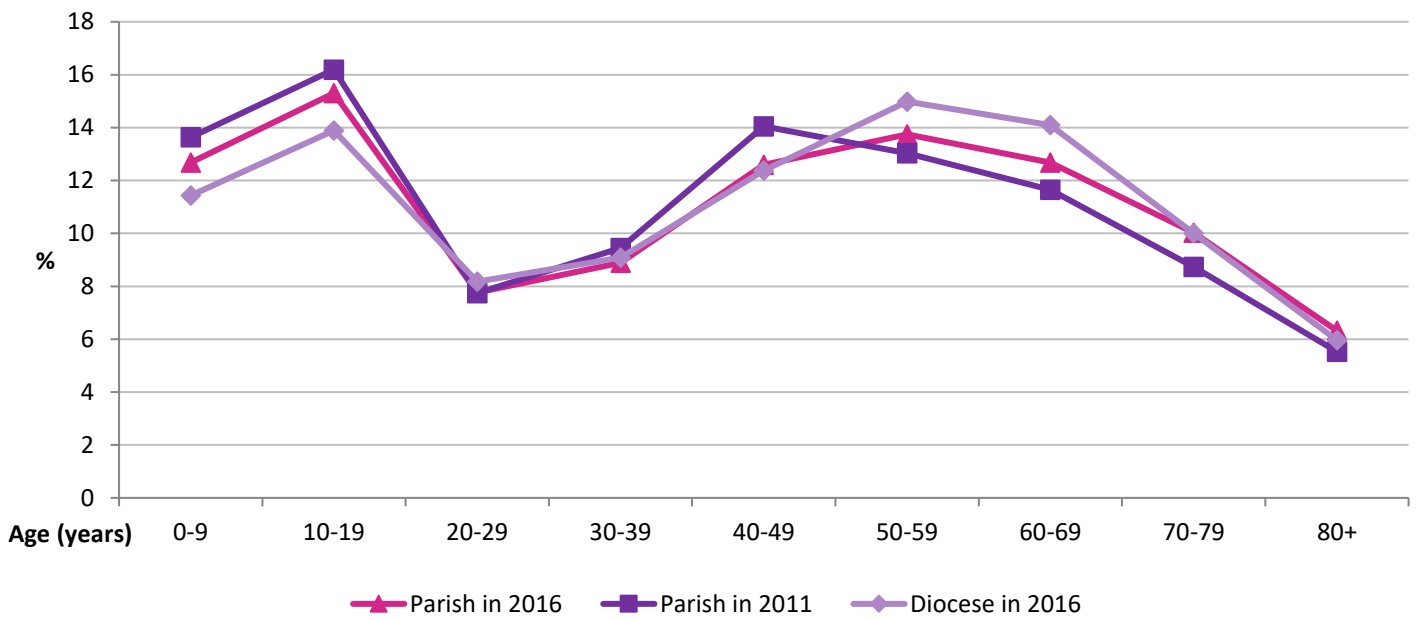
In 2016, among Australian Catholics as a whole, 52 per cent were female and 48 per cent were male. But it is not always like this. Among Catholics aged under 20, males outnumbered females, whereas females accounted for 58 per cent of Catholics aged 75 or more. There are also local factors, such as the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

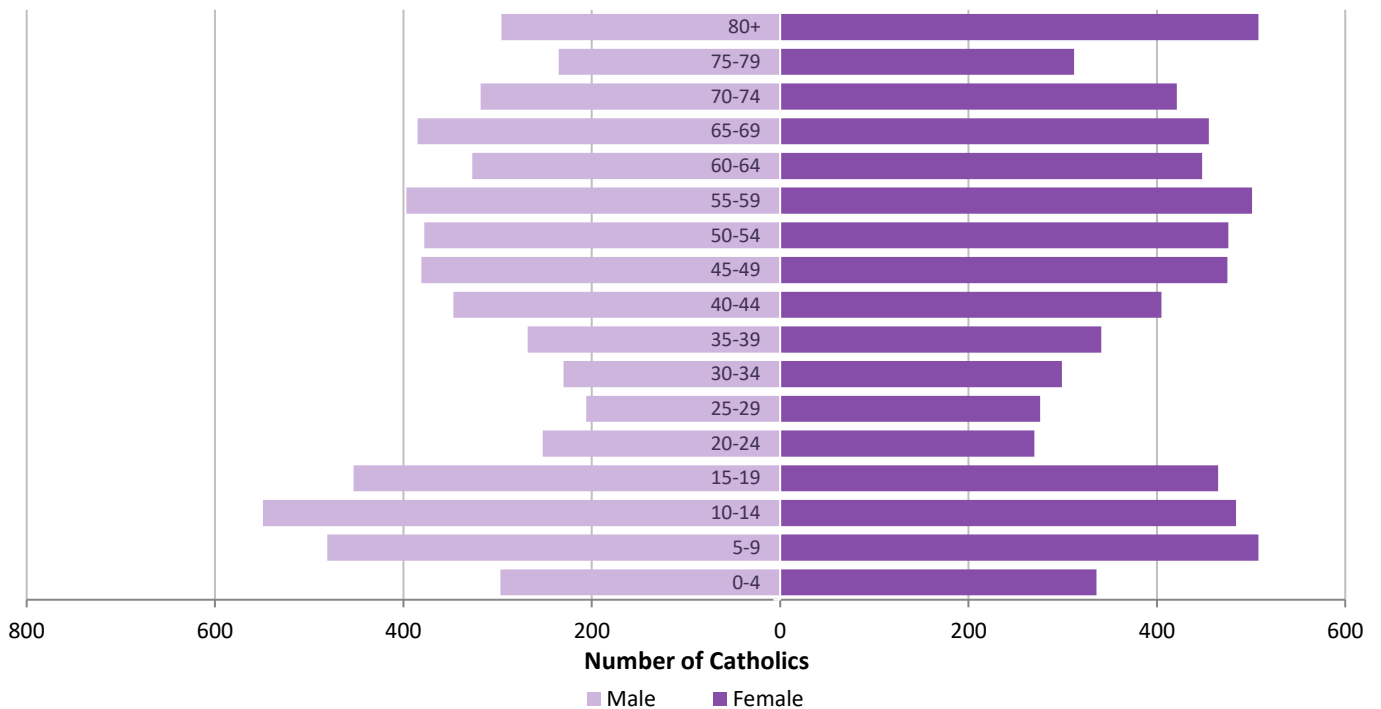


Age and sex

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	55	67	47	66	39	25	299
Females	41	43	55	61	45	30	275
Lone Persons:							
Males	-	7	25	3	9	13	57
Females	-	4	13	7	29	39	92
Other non-family members or persons not present in a household on Census night³							
Males	5	13	19	12	20	22	91
Females	-	5	18	14	28	78	143
Total							
Males	60	87	91	81	68	60	447
Females	41	52	86	82	102	147	510

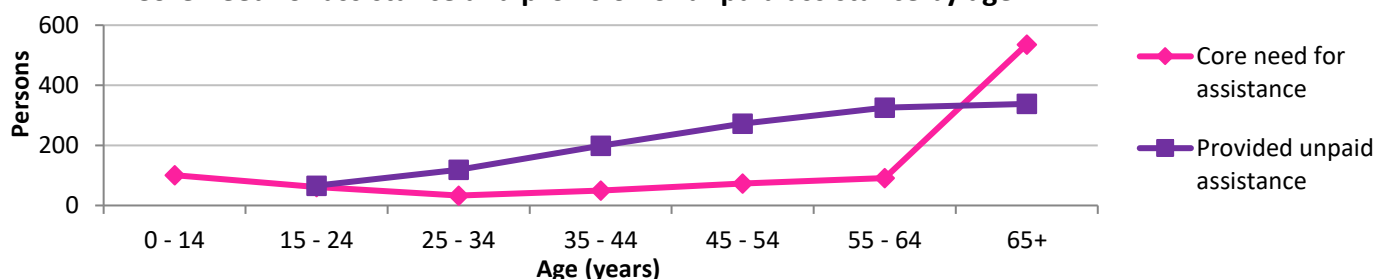
Table 11b: Provision of unpaid assistance by age

	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	24	48	65	77	116	126	456
Females	42	77	135	192	207	213	866

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	687	242	134	133	78	30	26	1,330
Married	14	170	404	467	462	516	369	2,402
Separated/Divorced	-	20	79	146	180	137	54	616
Widowed	-	-	-	7	12	23	87	129
Total	701	432	617	753	732	706	536	4,477
Females								
Never married	716	273	157	128	75	31	24	1,404
Married	13	270	472	567	582	537	300	2,741
Separated/Divorced	4	26	122	237	239	167	83	878
Widowed	-	-	-	24	55	136	414	629
Total	733	569	751	956	951	871	821	5,652

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

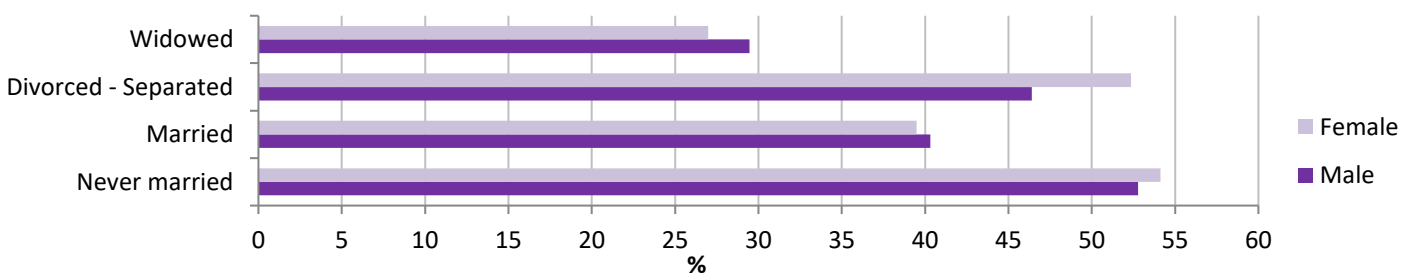


Table 13: Religious affiliation of couple by social marital status

	In a registered marriage	In a de facto marriage	Total couples	% couples in de facto marriages
Both persons Catholic	1,173	179	1,352	13.2
One person Catholic, the other non-Catholic Christian	1,664	288	1,952	14.8
One Catholic, the other not Christian or Not stated	632	209	841	24.9
Total	3,469	676	4,145	16.3



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 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	3	13	78	132	194	74	59	54	607	2,260
One parent Catholic, the other Christian, but not Catholic	12	22	86	217	263	107	67	71	845	2,190
One parent Catholic, the other Non-Christian, No Religion or Not stated	11	15	53	109	123	53	35	27	426	2,093
Couple with no children living at home:										
Both persons Catholic	60	160	167	159	106	37	29	32	750	1,174
One person Catholic, the other Christian, but not Catholic	84	248	243	248	155	48	37	39	1,102	1,169
One person Catholic, the other Non-Christian, No Religion or Not stated	24	67	82	95	82	26	19	16	411	1,443
One-parent families:	61	134	124	109	43	11	6	69	557	977
Parent is Catholic										
Other families where at least one person is Catholic	24	40	79	105	58	26	17	18	367	1,475
Other: Reference person Catholic but spouse temporarily absent ³	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	147	147	-
Total	279	699	912	1,174	1,024	382	269	473	5,212	1,556

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	188	55	20	12	-	275
\$500-\$799	517	89	70	13	5	694
\$800-\$1,249	603	120	129	54	9	915
\$1,250-\$1,999	660	160	225	99	23	1,167
\$2,000-\$2,999	465	184	260	96	37	1,042
\$3,000-\$3,999	157	63	111	53	7	391
\$4,000 or more	115	40	73	29	3	260
Income not fully stated	256	78	99	42	6	481
Total Families	2,961	789	987	398	90	5,225
Median Weekly Family Income (\$)	1,300	1,678	2,000	2,000	2,135	1,563

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)**

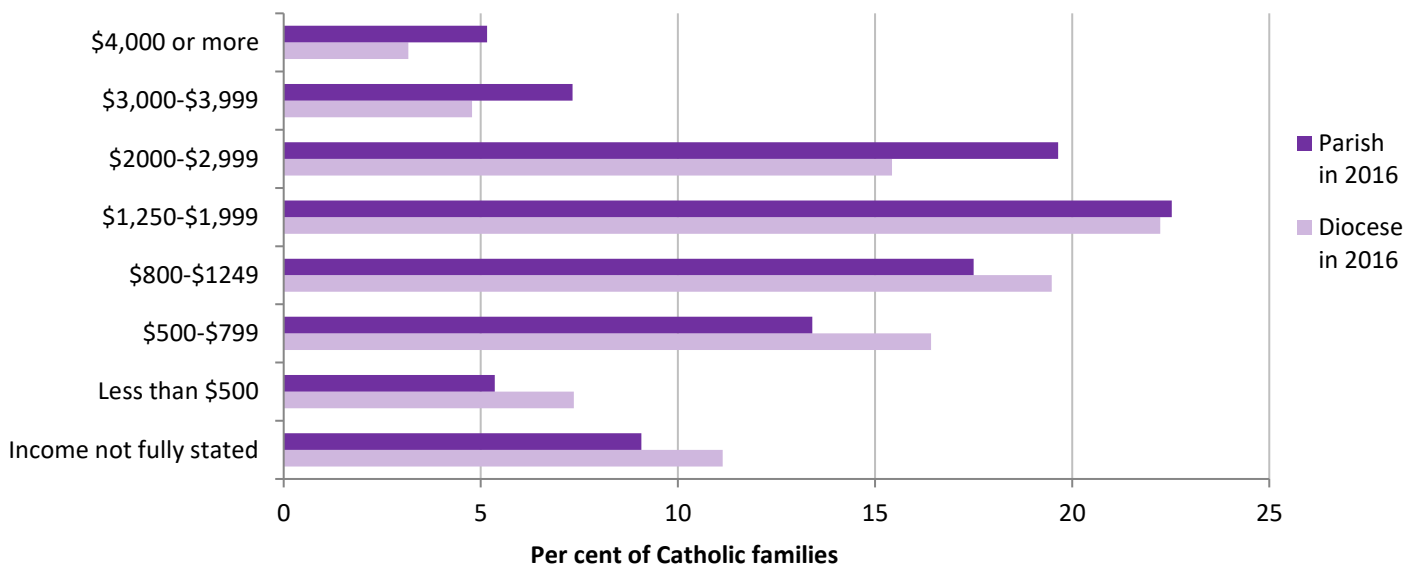


Table 16: Social marital status by number of dependent children

	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)	2,222	387	654	243	76	3,582
De facto couple family (at least one partner Catholic)	436	101	112	47	12	708
One parent family, parent Catholic	188	202	119	37	17	563
Other families where at least one person is Catholic	113	103	105	52	3	376
Total families	2,959	793	990	379	108	5,229



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	3,872	105	1,139	108	5,224	74.1
Lone person aged under 35 years	19	3	61	13	96	19.8
Lone person aged 35 years or over	789	98	250	96	1,233	64.0
Group households	98	5	114	7	224	43.8
Total households	4,778	211	1,564	224	6,777	70.5

	\$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	96	144	434	675	271	252	1,832
Lone person aged under 35 years	-	-	5	10	-	-	1,750
Lone person aged 35 years or over	10	21	56	35	9	7	1,407
Group households	-	7	13	5	4	3	1,415
Total households	106	172	508	725	284	262	1,800

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

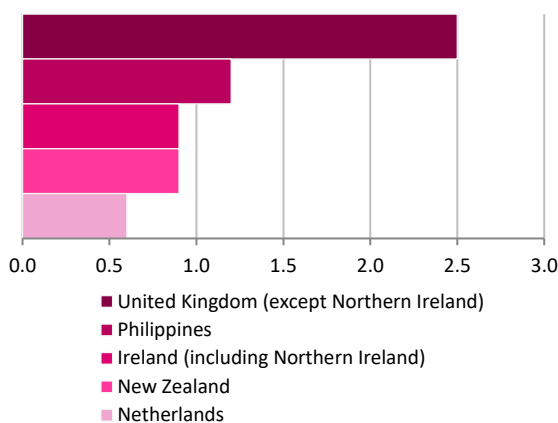
Catholics born overseas, especially those born in non-English-speaking countries, are likely to have different approaches to faith and spirituality, and different experiences and expectations of Church life, from those of Catholics born in Australia.

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)

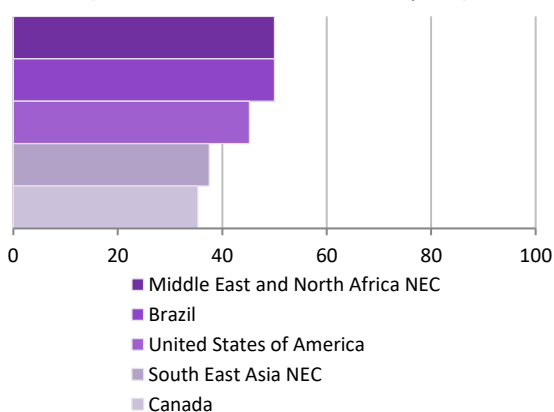


Table 19: Birthplace

	All Catholics	% of Catholics	% recent arrivals ¹
Australia	11,069	86.5	-
New Zealand	114	0.9	2.7
Other Oceania	27	0.2	-
United Kingdom (except Northern Ireland)	326	2.5	5.8
Ireland (including Northern Ireland)	114	0.9	14.0
Italy	66	0.5	-
Malta	45	0.4	-
Spain and Portugal	16	0.1	33.3
France	22	0.2	13.0
Netherlands	71	0.6	-
Germany	57	0.4	7.0
Austria	34	0.3	-
Croatia and other Former Yugoslavia	33	0.3	-
Poland	20	0.2	-
Hungary	20	0.2	-
Other Eastern Europe, Russian Federation and Baltic States	37	0.3	-
Other Europe NEC	19	0.1	-
Vietnam	8	0.1	-
Philippines	149	1.2	16.3
Indonesia	9	0.1	-
Malaysia	15	0.1	-
Singapore	9	0.1	-
South East Asia NEC	5	0.0	37.5
India	47	0.4	23.1
Sri Lanka	4	0.0	-
China (except Hong Kong and Taiwan)	7	0.1	-
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	8	0.1	-
Korea, Republic of (South)	6	0.0	-
Egypt	15	0.1	-
Lebanon	5	0.0	-
Iraq	-	-	-
Sudan (including South Sudan)	-	-	-
Middle East and North Africa NEC	10	0.1	50.0
South Africa	34	0.3	-
Mauritius	5	0.0	-
United States of America	36	0.3	45.2
Canada	18	0.1	35.3
Argentina	5	0.0	-
Brazil	4	0.0	50.0
Colombia	6	0.0	-
Chile	9	0.1	-
Central America and South America NEC	33	0.3	-
Other countries	18	0.1	-
Inadequately described/Not stated	243	1.9	-
Total	12,798	100.0	1.0

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	12,071	35,532	47,603	25.4
Italian	71	36	107	66.4
Maltese	8	-	8	100.0
Spanish	56	72	128	43.8
Croatian	19	4	23	82.6
Polish	17	4	21	81.0
Dutch	32	60	92	34.8
French	52	63	115	45.2
German	30	97	127	23.6
Portuguese	10	27	37	27.0
Hungarian	10	9	19	52.6
Ukrainian	-	9	9	-
Vietnamese	13	53	66	19.7
Filipino languages	110	14	124	88.7
Chinese languages	24	185	209	11.5
Malayalam	51	15	66	77.3
Sinhalese	-	12	12	-
Korean	4	34	38	10.5
Indonesian and Malay	3	10	13	23.1
Arabic	13	48	61	21.3
Assyrian and Chaldean	-	3	3	-
Oceanic and Papuan languages	8	26	34	23.5
Australian Indigenous languages	-	13	13	-
Other European languages NEC	28	202	230	12.2
Other Asian languages NEC	7	267	274	2.6
Other languages NEC	5	58	63	7.9
Inadequately described/Non-Verbal/Not stated	145	3,095	3,240	4.5
Total	12,787	39,948	52,735	24.2

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	597	1,351	1,500	969	2,541	2,412	2,697	12,067	-
Italian	-	-	3	4	14	13	32	66	13.2
Maltese	-	-	-	-	8	-	9	17	-
Spanish	-	3	7	3	25	7	11	56	5.2
Croatian	-	-	-	-	9	4	6	19	-
Polish	-	-	-	-	4	3	9	16	-
Dutch	-	-	-	-	-	5	23	28	-
French	5	5	4	3	18	8	15	58	-
German	-	-	-	-	6	11	24	41	-
Portuguese	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	10	-
Hungarian	-	-	-	-	5	5	6	16	-
Ukrainian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vietnamese	-	-	-	3	10	3	-	16	33.3
Filipino languages	-	5	13	5	47	29	10	109	4.5
Chinese languages	-	4	3	-	6	9	-	22	-
Malayalam	14	8	3	-	28	-	-	53	13.5
Sinhalese	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Korean	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	6	-
Indonesian and Malay	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	3	-
Arabic	-	-	-	-	6	3	-	9	-
Assyrian and Chaldean	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oceanic and Papuan languages	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	5	-
Australian Indigenous Languages	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other European languages NEC	-	7	-	-	9	6	9	31	-
Other Asian languages NEC	-	-	-	-	5	3	-	8	-
Other languages NEC	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	4	-
Inadequately described/Non-Verbal/Not stated	11	10	7	-	15	12	86	141	2.8
Total	627	1,393	1,540	987	2,784	2,533	2,937	12,801	0.3

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?

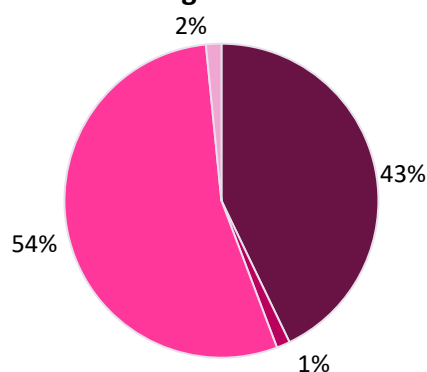
Table 22: Type of educational institution attending by religious affiliation

	Catholic	Not Catholic or not stated	All persons	% Catholic
Infants/Primary – Government	387	1,809	2,196	17.6
Infants/Primary – Catholic	914	433	1,347	67.9
Infants/Primary – Other Non-Government	80	501	581	13.8
Secondary – Government	184	886	1,070	17.2
Secondary – Catholic	874	819	1,693	51.6
Secondary – Other Non-Government	71	478	549	12.9
Technical or Further Educational Institution (including TAFE Colleges)	243	797	1,040	23.4
University or other Tertiary Institutions	308	958	1,266	24.3
Other (including pre-school)	349	867	1,216	28.7
Not stated/Not applicable ¹	9,361	32,397	41,758	22.4
Total	12,771	39,945	52,716	24.2

Note:

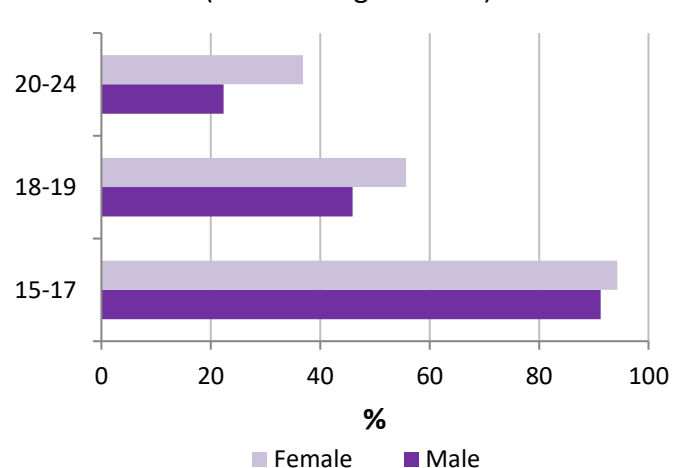
- This table includes the total population of the parish and so there are high numbers for categories where the question about type of educational institutions being attended is not applicable.

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

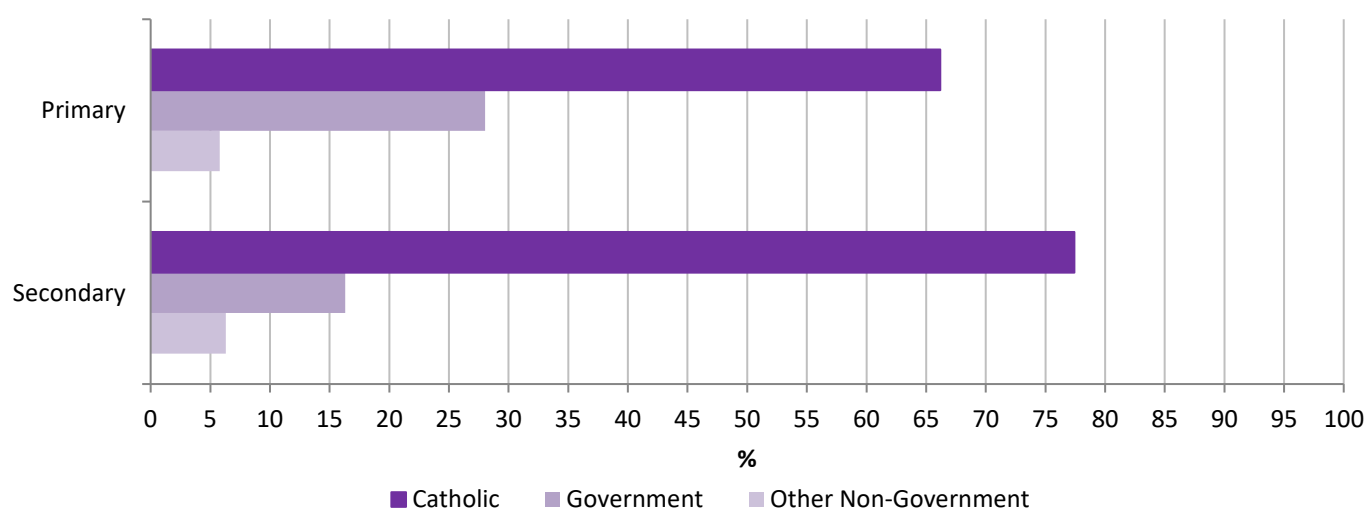
Table 23: Type of educational institution attending by weekly income of student's family¹

	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	14	33	56	102	79	28	13	361	87,965
Infants/Primary – Catholic	19	45	109	205	257	119	84	903	112,578
Infants/Primary – Other Non-Government	3	-	3	24	17	12	8	76	114,995
Secondary – Government	9	29	33	45	30	10	-	176	71,236
Secondary – Catholic	19	42	96	200	234	91	63	853	107,714
Secondary – Other Non-Government	3	3	3	16	11	8	14	71	123,221
TAFE, University or other tertiary institution	-	7	8	9	13	4	12	61	114,287
Other (including pre-school)	-	6	8	14	26	9	4	79	115,290
Not stated/Not applicable	8	3	10	9	18	3	10	78	105,708
Total	75	168	326	624	685	284	208	2,658	103,758

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	3	16	23	21	23	20	106
Graduate diploma / bachelor degree	15	71	114	116	103	97	516
Advanced diploma or diploma level	7	36	77	73	54	80	327
Certificate level	103	157	224	291	275	375	1,425
Inadequately described/Not stated/Not applicable	579	150	173	258	281	674	2,115
Total	707	430	611	759	736	1,246	4,489
<i>Per cent with degree or higher</i>	<i>2.5</i>	<i>20.2</i>	<i>22.4</i>	<i>18.1</i>	<i>17.1</i>	<i>9.4</i>	<i>13.9</i>
Females							
Postgraduate degree	-	17	39	29	32	15	132
Graduate diploma / bachelor degree	22	169	196	185	128	109	809
Advanced diploma or diploma level	29	62	128	145	135	138	637
Certificate level	115	167	184	238	194	163	1,061
Inadequately described/Not stated/Not applicable	573	152	216	359	459	1,268	3,027
Total	739	567	763	956	948	1,693	5,666
<i>Per cent with degree or higher</i>	<i>3.0</i>	<i>32.8</i>	<i>30.8</i>	<i>22.4</i>	<i>16.9</i>	<i>7.3</i>	<i>16.6</i>
All Catholics							
Postgraduate degree	3	33	62	50	55	35	238
Graduate diploma / bachelor degree	37	240	310	301	231	206	1,325
Advanced diploma or diploma level	36	98	205	218	189	218	964
Certificate level	218	324	408	529	469	538	2,486
Inadequately described/Not stated/Not applicable	1,152	302	389	617	740	1,942	5,142
Total	1,446	997	1,374	1,715	1,684	2,939	10,155
<i>Per cent with degree or higher</i>	<i>2.8</i>	<i>27.4</i>	<i>27.1</i>	<i>20.5</i>	<i>17.0</i>	<i>8.2</i>	<i>15.4</i>



Employment

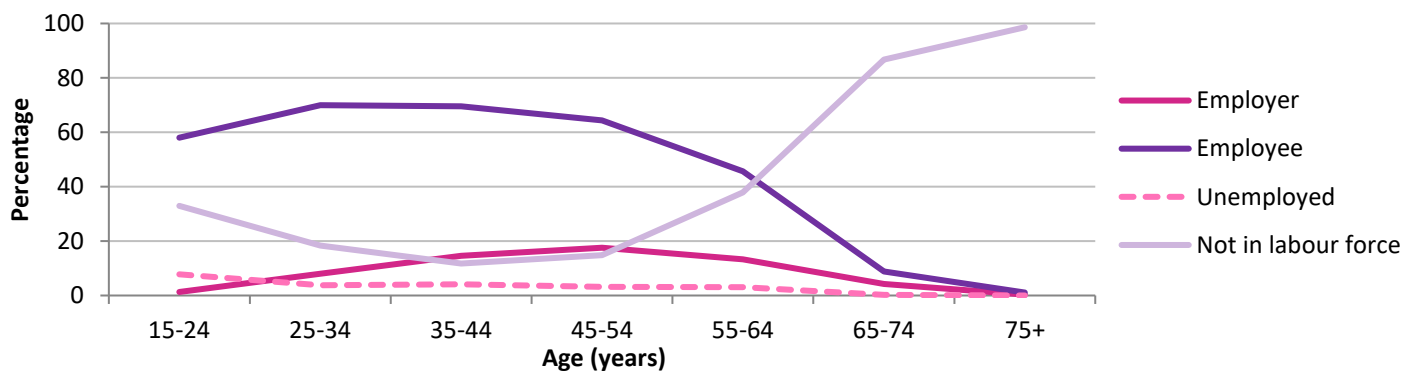
In recent years there have been many changes in society and the workplace that have affected Australian workers. One major change has been the increase in the percentages of workers, especially young people and women, in part-time jobs. Another has been the rise in participation in the labour force by 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	13	174	336	50	573
Employee	378	722	713	81	1,894
Unemployed	62	45	58	4	169
Not in the labour force	242	93	352	1,078	1,765
Other/Not stated/Not applicable	7	13	39	25	84
Total	702	1,047	1,498	1,238	4,485
<i>Per cent in labour force²</i>	<i>64.5</i>	<i>89.9</i>	<i>73.9</i>	<i>10.9</i>	<i>58.8</i>
<i>Per cent unemployed³</i>	<i>13.7</i>	<i>4.8</i>	<i>5.2</i>	<i>3.0</i>	<i>6.4</i>
Females					
Employer	8	100	177	22	307
Employee	441	910	1,127	72	2,550
Unemployed	51	43	46	-	140
Not in the labour force	227	245	534	1,544	2,550
Other/Not stated/Not applicable	12	17	25	55	109
Total	739	1,315	1,909	1,693	5,651
<i>Per cent in labour force²</i>	<i>67.7</i>	<i>80.1</i>	<i>70.7</i>	<i>5.6</i>	<i>53.0</i>
<i>Per cent unemployed³</i>	<i>10.2</i>	<i>4.1</i>	<i>3.4</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>4.7</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	13	43	104	113	63	25	361
Professionals	18	72	108	137	103	24	462
Technicians & Trade Workers	125	105	128	126	80	19	583
Community & Personal Service Workers	46	24	41	46	39	9	205
Clerical & Administrative Workers	7	15	20	37	25	11	115
Sales Workers	78	28	35	30	31	11	213
Machinery operators & Drivers	19	28	44	67	44	22	224
Labourers	77	48	51	56	54	13	299
ID / NS / NA ¹	310	69	82	140	296	1,109	2,006
Total	693	432	613	752	735	1,243	4,468
<i>Per cent Managers & Professionals²</i>	<i>8.1</i>	<i>31.7</i>	<i>39.9</i>	<i>40.8</i>	<i>37.8</i>	<i>36.6</i>	<i>33.4</i>
<i>Per cent 'blue collar workers'²</i>	<i>57.7</i>	<i>49.9</i>	<i>42.0</i>	<i>40.7</i>	<i>40.5</i>	<i>40.3</i>	<i>44.9</i>
Females							
Managers	15	19	64	93	58	9	258
Professionals	26	147	181	195	125	27	701
Technicians & Trade Workers	20	24	36	21	16	8	125
Community & Personal Service Workers	122	88	91	116	89	9	515
Clerical & Administrative Workers	44	56	138	210	140	29	617
Sales Workers	187	46	55	76	59	5	428
Machinery operators & Drivers	3	-	3	4	3	-	13
Labourers	46	22	33	45	42	8	196
ID / NS / NA ¹	273	156	148	180	401	1,601	2,759
Total	736	558	749	940	933	1,696	5,612
<i>Per cent Managers & Professionals²</i>	<i>8.9</i>	<i>41.3</i>	<i>40.8</i>	<i>37.9</i>	<i>34.4</i>	<i>37.9</i>	<i>33.6</i>
<i>Per cent 'blue collar workers'²</i>	<i>14.9</i>	<i>11.4</i>	<i>12.0</i>	<i>9.2</i>	<i>11.5</i>	<i>16.8</i>	<i>11.7</i>
All Catholics							
Managers	28	62	168	206	121	34	619
Professionals	44	219	289	332	228	51	1,163
Technicians & Trade Workers	145	129	164	147	96	27	708
Community & Personal Service Workers	168	112	132	162	128	18	720
Clerical & Administrative Workers	51	71	158	247	165	40	732
Sales Workers	265	74	90	106	90	16	641
Machinery operators & Drivers	22	28	47	71	47	22	237
Labourers	123	70	84	101	96	21	495
ID / NS / NA ¹	583	225	230	320	697	2,710	4,765
Total	1,429	990	1,362	1,692	1,668	2,939	10,080
<i>Per cent Managers & Professionals²</i>	<i>8.5</i>	<i>36.7</i>	<i>40.4</i>	<i>39.2</i>	<i>35.9</i>	<i>37.1</i>	<i>33.5</i>
<i>Per cent 'blue collar workers'²</i>	<i>34.3</i>	<i>29.7</i>	<i>26.1</i>	<i>23.3</i>	<i>24.6</i>	<i>30.6</i>	<i>27.1</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?

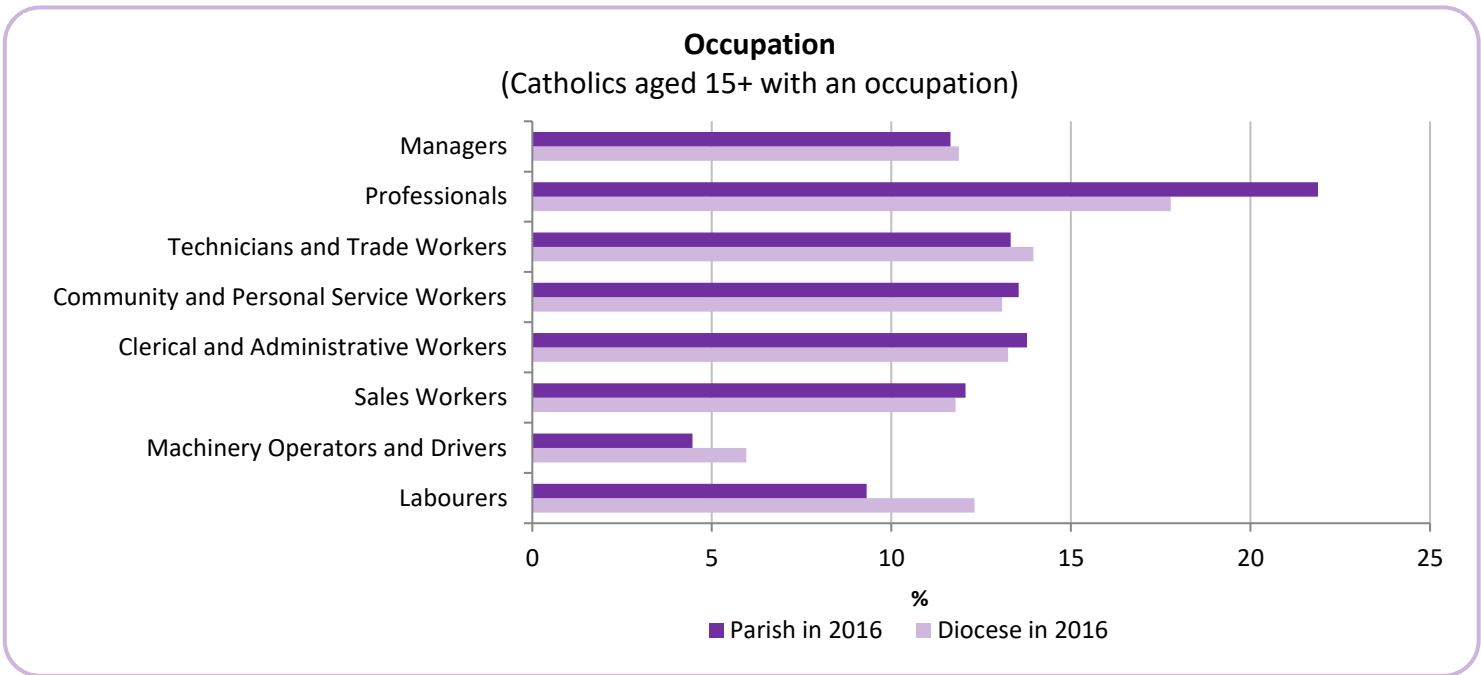
What are the major occupations of younger people? Middle-aged people? Older people? What do you think accounts for differences in occupation between the different age groups?

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	96	115
One parent or lone parent in professional occupation	322	432
Both parents in 'white collar' occupation ¹	226	256
One parent or lone parent in 'white collar' occupation	405	517
Both parents in 'blue collar' occupation	38	42
One parent or lone parent in 'blue collar' occupation	85	103
Not applicable and not stated	184	226
Total	1,356	1,691
% with professional parent(s)	30.8	32.3
% with blue collar parent(s)	9.1	8.6

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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