



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: 25,904

Catholic Population: 6,548

Catholics make up 25.3 per cent of the total population

Median age of Catholics is 38 years

Total Catholic families: 2,638

624 Catholics live alone

536 Catholics were born overseas

34 Catholics do not speak English well

395 Catholics need assistance with core activities

2,160 Catholics have changed address since 2011



What has changed in your parish since 2011?

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

	Parish in 2011	Parish in 2016
Catholic population	6,881	6,548
Catholics aged 0-14 (%)	23.5	22.0
Catholics aged 65+ (%)	13.2	16.0
Catholics born in NESC ¹ (%)	5.3	5.6
Catholics not proficient in English (%)	0.3	0.5
Catholic families	2,720	2,638
Catholics living alone	614	624
Catholic students attending Catholic schools ² (%)	49.8	47.5
Catholics with university degree (%)	12.2	14.0
Catholic males in labour force (%)	71.9	68.4
Catholic females in labour force (%)	55.7	59.6
Catholic households owning or purchasing dwelling (%)	69.9	69.0

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	25,904	24,385	706,930	23,401,892	2	2
Catholic population	6,548	6,881	154,475	5,291,834	1	1
Per cent Catholic	25.3	28.2	21.9	22.6	2	2
At same address since previous Census (%)	58.2	57.0	56.5	57.3	3	3
Median age ⁴ (years)	38	36	41	40	4	4
Aged 0-14 (%)	22.0	23.5	19.5	19.8	2	2
Aged 65+ (%)	16.0	13.2	18.4	16.6	3	3
Males per 100 females	87.4	89.2	90.8	90.6	5	4

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

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

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

Table 2: Disability

	Parish 2016	Parish 2011	Diocese 2016	Australia 2016	Diocesan Group	Australian Group
Need assistance with core activities (%)	6.0	5.2	6.6	5.8	3	3
Provided unpaid assistance to a person with a disability ⁵ (% of Catholics aged 15+)	13.1	14.0	13.6	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)	28.7	26.9	28.8	34.1	3	4
Workers in 'blue collar' occupations ² (% of those recording an occupation)	34.7	36.5	34.8	29.6	3	2
Men, employed or seeking work ³ (%)	68.4	71.9	64.4	69.7	2	3
Women, employed or seeking work ³ (%)	59.6	55.7	56.9	60.6	2	3
Unemployed at time of Census ⁴ (%)	6.9	4.8	6.6	5.8	3	2
Youth unemployed at time of Census ⁵ (%)	13.7	11.2	13.4	12.2	3	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	2.6	2.7	3.3	5.6	4	4
Born overseas in non-English-speaking country (%)	5.6	5.3	6.7	19.1	3	4
Immigrants from non-English-speaking countries arriving in Census year or previous 3 years	40	36	917	106,428	2	3
Catholics of Australian Indigenous origin	284	211	7,244	133,528	2	1
Speak language other than English at home (%)	4.8	4.3	5.3	20.4	2	4
Not proficient in English ⁷ (%)	0.5	0.3	0.5	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 (%)	14.0	12.2	14.2	20.6	2	3
Aged 15-17 attending an educational institution ²	88.9	89.2	89.4	92.2	3	4
Aged 18-19 attending an educational institution ²	52.0	46.5	54.6	62.9	2	4
Aged 20-24 attending an educational institution ²	29.7	32.3	33.5	38.2	2	4
Catholic primary students attending Catholic schools (%)	46.5	47.1	47.0	53.1	3	4
Catholic primary students attending Government schools (%)	47.2	43.4	47.3	41.0	3	2
Catholic secondary students attending Catholic schools (%)	48.9	53.4	45.7	54.5	3	4
Catholic secondary students attending Government schools (%)	39.2	40.3	45.9	35.1	4	3
Primary students attending Catholic schools who are not Catholic ³ (%)	18.7	9.7	30.2	28.1	5	4
Secondary students attending Catholic schools who are not Catholic ³ (%)	19.8	12.9	34.2	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 (%)	32.6	31.7	32.6	33.3	2	3
Married (%)	47.9	49.5	48.0	49.7	4	4
Divorced or Separated (%)	13.2	12.2	13.0	11.2	3	2
Widowed (%)	6.3	6.5	6.4	5.8	3	3

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

	Parish 2016	Parish 2011	Diocese 2016	Australia 2016	Diocesan Group	Australian Group
Families	2,638	2,720	63,408	1,997,833	2	1
One-parent families	361	361	7,832	231,370	1	1
One-parent families (% of all families)	13.7	13.3	12.4	11.6	2	1
Couples of mixed religions ² (%)	64.8	64.5	66.3	55.9	4	2
De facto couples ³ (%)	17.4	17.2	18.3	17.1	3	3
Median annual family income ⁴ (\$)	90,781	82,699	89,531	100,270	3	3

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

	Parish 2016	Parish 2011	Diocese 2016	Australia 2016	Diocesan Group	Australian Group
Households	3,313	3,418	81,063	2,548,354	2	1
Persons living alone (aged under 35)	76	77	1,458	53,499	1	1
Persons living alone (aged 35+)	548	537	13,358	407,684	2	1
Persons living alone (total)	624	614	14,816	461,183	2	1
Persons living alone (% of all persons)	9.5	8.9	9.6	8.7	3	3
Dwellings owned or being purchased (%)	69.0	69.9	72.2	71.2	5	4
Median monthly housing loan repayment ⁶ (\$)	1,764	1,778	1,802	1,873	3	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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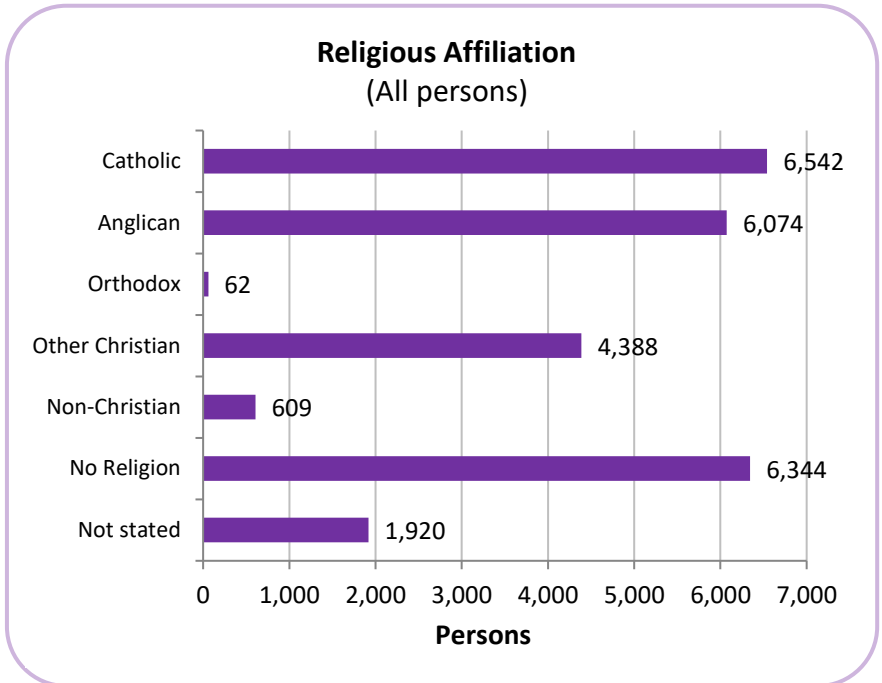
Religious affiliation

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	957	972	712	784	877	820	722	446	252	6,542
Maronite Catholic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Melkite Catholic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ukrainian Catholic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chaldean Catholic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Syro-Malabar Catholic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Catholic	957	972	712	784	877	820	722	446	252	6,542
Per cent Catholic (of total population in age group)	26.6	27.9	22.2	23.4	25.3	25.1	25.9	25.9	23.5	25.2
Anglican	657	680	556	711	825	872	839	581	353	6,074
Orthodox	13	-	4	10	7	17	5	3	3	62
Other Christian	454	530	418	480	601	621	619	394	271	4,388
Non-Christian	97	57	85	160	102	80	20	8	-	609
No Religion	1,178	1,013	1,185	971	810	623	361	149	54	6,344
Not Stated	240	227	241	231	243	232	224	141	141	1,920
Total Population	3,596	3,479	3,201	3,347	3,465	3,265	2,790	1,722	1,074	25,939

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



Age and sex

**Table 10:
Age by sex**

	Males 2016	Females 2016	Total 2016	Total 2011
Age (years)				
0	29	23	52	94
1	31	34	65	100
2	50	42	92	103
3	54	48	102	110
4	58	50	108	136
5	55	56	111	83
6	62	42	104	102
7	64	48	112	106
8	50	59	109	86
9	68	57	125	120
10	47	53	100	96
11	41	51	92	128
12	47	52	99	126
13	50	47	97	121
14	52	40	92	109
15	61	45	106	105
16	54	53	107	103
17	52	53	105	106
18	39	49	88	88
19	43	42	85	82
20-24	182	186	368	418
25-29	151	197	348	399
30-34	175	214	389	421
35-39	181	217	398	428
40-44	183	225	408	513
45-49	217	251	468	472
50-54	187	241	428	430
55-59	177	210	387	405
60-64	168	206	374	380
65-69	153	198	351	269
70-74	96	148	244	214
75-79	85	115	200	183
80+	99	154	253	244
Total	3,061	3,506	6,567	6,880

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.

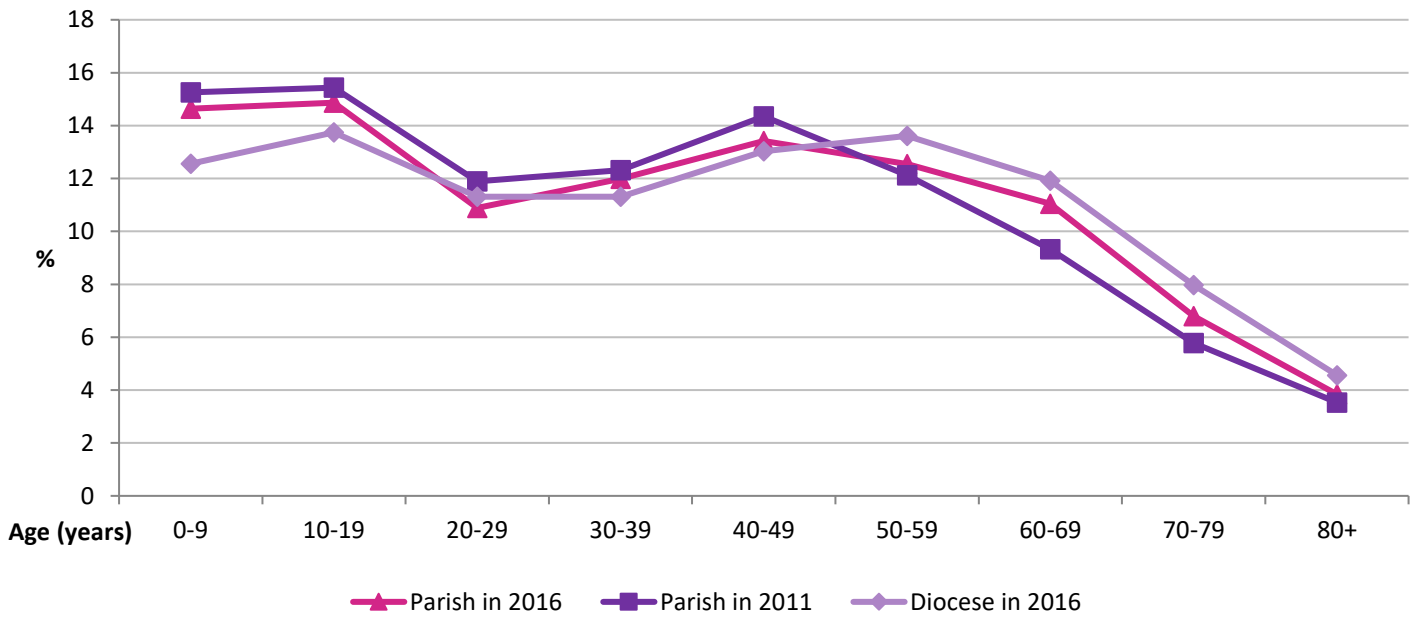
In 2016, among Australian Catholics as a whole, 52 per cent were female and 48 per cent were male. But it is not always like this. Among Catholics aged under 20, males outnumbered females, whereas females accounted for 58 per cent of Catholics aged 75 or more. There are also local factors, such as the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

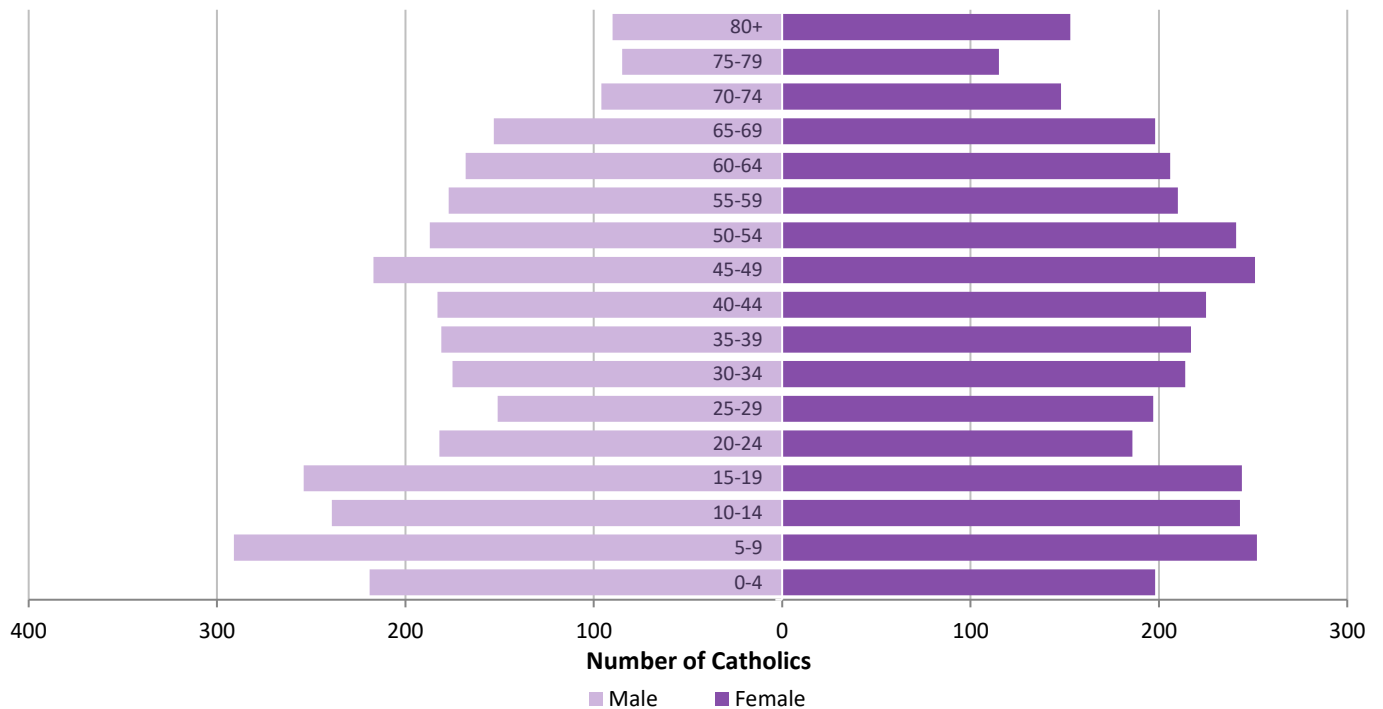


Age and sex

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

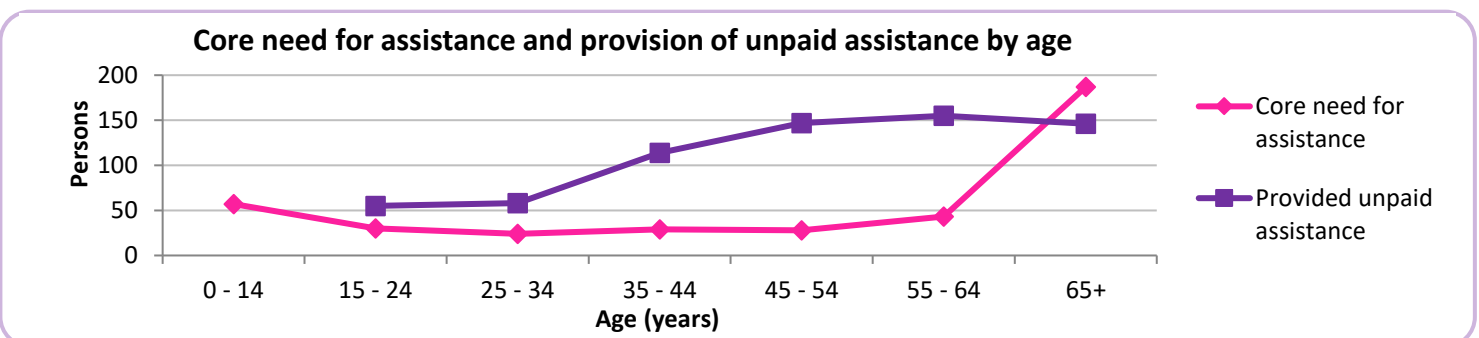
	0-14	15-44	45-64	65-74	75-84	85 and over	Total
Catholics who have need for assistance with core activities							
Family members:							
Males	38	24	27	17	13	13	132
Females	16	34	28	19	20	18	135
Lone Persons:							
Males	-	5	9	3	-	8	25
Females	-	-	7	4	15	18	44
Other non-family members or persons not present in a household on Census night³							
Males	-	8	3	4	10	4	29
Females	-	-	-	-	9	7	16
Total							
Males	38	37	39	24	23	25	186
Females	16	34	35	23	44	43	195

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	19	14	33	50	59	59	234
Females	31	43	73	98	104	86	435

Notes:

1. Australian Bureau of Statistics 2016. *Census Dictionary Australia 2016. Catalogue No. 2901.0.*
2. Australian Bureau of Statistics 2004. *Australian Social Trends 2004. Catalogue No. 4102.0.*
3. Among people aged 75 and over, being in hospital or a nursing home is a major reason for not being in a household on Census night.
4. The Census question asked whether the respondent had provided unpaid assistance to a person with a disability in the two weeks prior to the Census. The question is not applicable to persons aged 0-14.



Marital Status

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

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

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

Table 12: Registered marital status by sex and age

	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75 and over	Total
Catholics aged 15 and over								
Males								
Never married	427	191	93	63	37	15	3	829
Married	-	113	232	255	241	175	121	1,137
Separated/Divorced	3	22	37	81	67	46	22	278
Widowed	-	-	-	4	7	17	35	63
Total	430	326	362	403	352	253	181	2,307
Females								
Never married	413	212	99	69	19	8	12	832
Married	12	164	266	286	272	193	101	1,294
Separated/Divorced	6	32	74	129	93	67	19	420
Widowed	-	8	3	19	25	77	144	276
Total	431	416	442	503	409	345	276	2,822

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

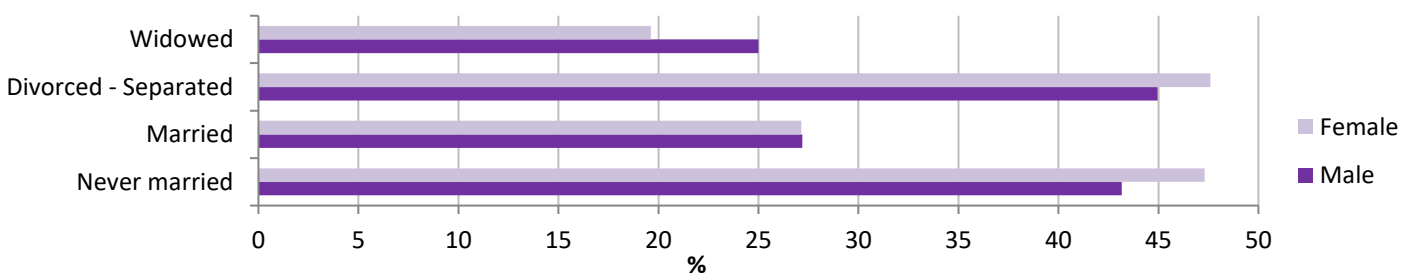


Table 13: Religious affiliation of couple by social marital status

	In a registered marriage	In a de facto marriage	Total couples	% couples in de facto marriages
Both persons Catholic	582	87	669	13.0
One person Catholic, the other non-Catholic Christian	865	149	1,014	14.7
One Catholic, the other not Christian or Not stated	240	120	360	33.3
Total	1,687	356	2,043	17.4



Families

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

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

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

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

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

Table 14: Family composition ¹ by weekly family income	Less than \$500	\$500 - \$799	\$800 - \$1,249	\$1,250 - \$1,999	\$2,000 - \$2,999	\$3,000 - \$3,999	\$4,000 or more	Income not fully stated	Total families	Median Weekly Family Income ² (\$)
Two-parent families with children at home:										
Both parents Catholic	5	7	32	84	109	56	51	36	380	2,403
One parent Catholic, the other Christian, but not Catholic	3	15	41	135	185	83	63	50	575	2,370
One parent Catholic, the other Non-Christian, No Religion or Not stated	7	11	21	59	63	32	21	12	226	2,142
Couple with no children living at home:										
Both persons Catholic	29	63	65	63	42	19	6	10	297	1,156
One person Catholic, the other Christian, but not Catholic	29	73	102	92	96	27	19	15	453	1,372
One person Catholic, the other Non-Christian, No Religion or Not stated	9	14	15	37	34	13	5	5	132	1,766
One-parent families:	46	90	85	70	34	8	-	28	361	961
Parent is Catholic										
Other families where at least one person is Catholic	9	19	36	28	29	4	3	11	139	1,250
Other: Reference person Catholic but spouse temporarily absent ³	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	75	75	-
Total	137	292	397	568	592	242	168	242	2,638	1,741

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	76	31	27	7	-	141
\$500-\$799	173	44	38	19	11	285
\$800-\$1,249	250	60	56	37	10	413
\$1,250-\$1,999	271	93	124	45	20	553
\$2,000-\$2,999	251	117	149	59	21	597
\$3,000-\$3,999	93	52	69	23	3	240
\$4,000 or more	57	37	39	19	3	155
Income not fully stated	136	42	45	16	13	252
Total Families	1,307	476	547	225	81	2,636
Median Weekly Family Income (\$)	1,489	1,911	2,040	1,941	1,737	1,728

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)**

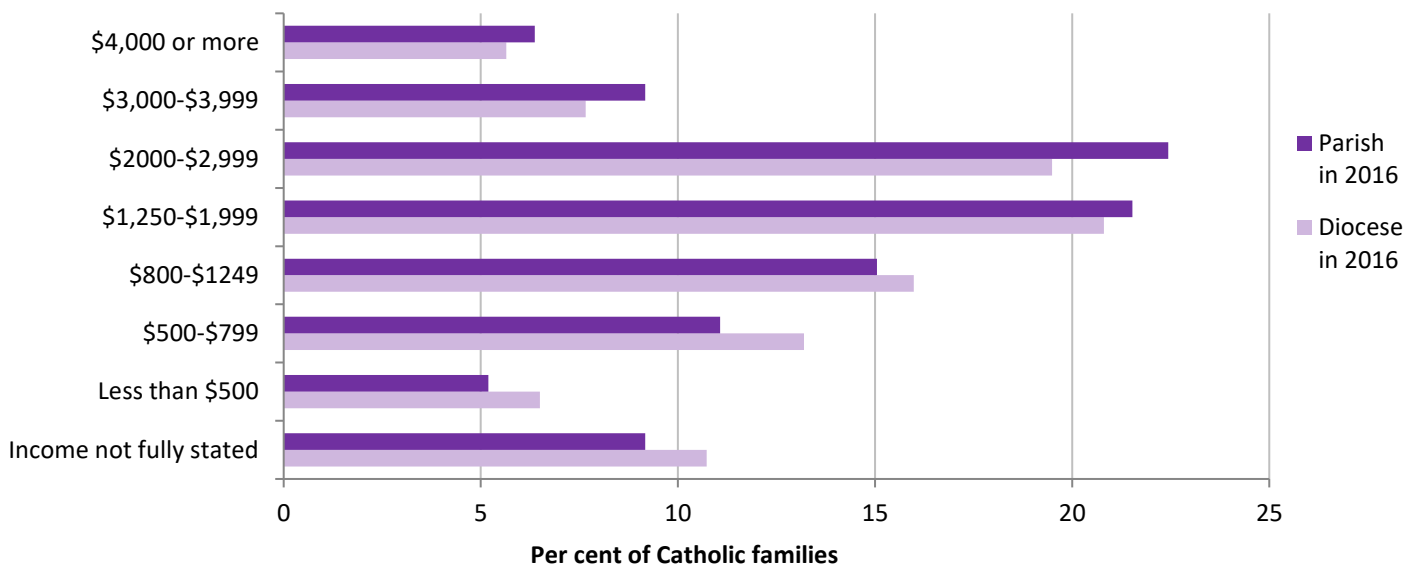


Table 16: Social marital status by number of dependent children

	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)	930	245	365	143	60	1,743
De facto couple family (at least one partner Catholic)	202	72	68	30	10	382
One parent family, parent Catholic	110	115	83	38	11	357
Other families where at least one person is Catholic	67	27	24	15	3	136
Total families	1,309	459	540	226	84	2,618



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	1,912	102	561	47	2,622	72.9
Lone person aged under 35 years	30	-	36	3	69	43.5
Lone person aged 35 years or over	316	79	129	24	548	57.7
Group households	27	5	42	-	74	36.5
Total households	2,285	186	768	74	3,313	69.0

	\$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	53	84	271	409	142	127	1,798
Lone person aged under 35 years	-	-	12	9	-	-	1,525
Lone person aged 35 years or over	15	9	25	17	3	-	1,252
Group households	-	3	3	-	4	3	2,275
Total households	68	96	311	435	149	130	1,764

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

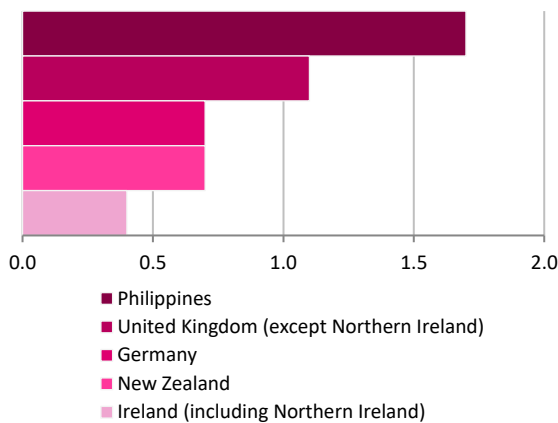
Catholics born overseas, especially those born in non-English-speaking countries, are likely to have different approaches to faith and spirituality, and different experiences and expectations of Church life, from those of Catholics born in Australia.

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)

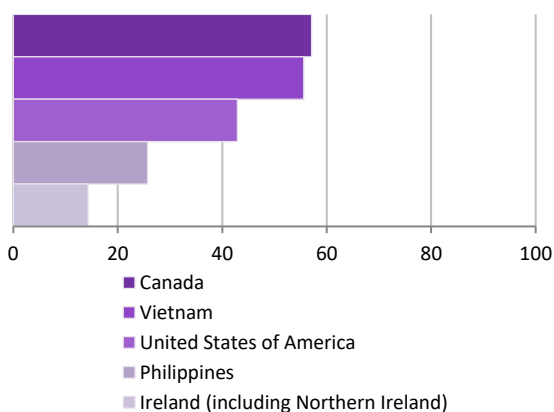


Table 19: Birthplace

	All Catholics	% of Catholics	% recent arrivals ¹
Australia	5,907	90.2	-
New Zealand	46	0.7	-
Other Oceania	7	0.1	-
United Kingdom (except Northern Ireland)	72	1.1	-
Ireland (including Northern Ireland)	27	0.4	14.3
Italy	14	0.2	-
Malta	7	0.1	-
Spain and Portugal	8	0.1	-
France	-	-	-
Netherlands	13	0.2	-
Germany	47	0.7	-
Austria	12	0.2	-
Croatia and other Former Yugoslavia	13	0.2	-
Poland	19	0.3	-
Hungary	-	-	-
Other Eastern Europe, Russian Federation and Baltic States	14	0.2	-
Other Europe NEC	4	0.1	-
Vietnam	14	0.2	55.6
Philippines	109	1.7	25.7
Indonesia	7	0.1	-
Malaysia	3	0.0	-
Singapore	-	-	-
South East Asia NEC	3	0.0	-
India	6	0.1	-
Sri Lanka	-	-	-
China (except Hong Kong and Taiwan)	-	-	-
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	-	-	-
Korea, Republic of (South)	4	0.1	-
Egypt	12	0.2	-
Lebanon	-	-	-
Iraq	-	-	-
Sudan (including South Sudan)	9	0.1	-
Middle East and North Africa NEC	-	-	-
South Africa	6	0.1	-
Mauritius	-	-	-
United States of America	14	0.2	42.9
Canada	4	0.1	57.1
Argentina	4	0.1	-
Brazil	8	0.1	-
Colombia	-	-	-
Chile	6	0.1	-
Central America and South America NEC	17	0.3	-
Other countries	9	0.1	-
Inadequately described/Not stated	101	1.5	-
Total	6,546	100.0	0.9

Notes:

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

NEC = Not Elsewhere Classified



Language

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

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

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

Table 20: Language spoken at home by religious affiliation

	Catholic	Not Catholic (or not stated)	All persons	% Catholics among speakers ²
English only	6,181	17,150	23,331	26.5
Italian	22	12	34	64.7
Maltese	3	-	3	100.0
Spanish	34	18	52	65.4
Croatian	8	-	8	100.0
Polish	26	8	34	76.5
Dutch	-	6	6	-
French	10	15	25	40.0
German	27	15	42	64.3
Portuguese	22	-	22	100.0
Hungarian	3	-	3	100.0
Ukrainian	-	-	-	-
Vietnamese	16	25	41	39.0
Filipino languages	88	23	111	79.3
Chinese languages	11	175	186	5.9
Malayalam	-	32	32	-
Sinhalese	-	12	12	-
Korean	-	12	12	-
Indonesian and Malay	-	15	15	-
Arabic	19	36	55	34.5
Assyrian and Chaldean	-	6	6	-
Oceanic and Papuan languages	11	53	64	17.2
Australian Indigenous languages	-	3	3	-
Other European languages NEC	11	92	103	10.7
Other Asian languages NEC	4	276	280	1.4
Other languages NEC	3	63	66	4.5
Inadequately described/Non-Verbal/Not stated	50	1,311	1,361	3.7
Total	6,549	19,358	25,907	25.3

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	392	700	761	691	1,547	1,113	974	6,178	-
Italian	-	4	4	-	12	-	5	25	19.2
Maltese	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	-
Spanish	4	9	-	-	17	4	6	40	-
Croatian	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	6	33.3
Polish	-	-	-	-	-	9	14	23	12.0
Dutch	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	4	-
French	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	6	-
German	-	-	4	-	6	8	10	28	-
Portuguese	4	-	-	-	4	3	7	18	-
Hungarian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ukrainian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vietnamese	-	-	-	9	5	-	-	14	38.9
Filipino languages	3	7	8	9	32	21	3	83	-
Chinese languages	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	4	-
Malayalam	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sinhalese	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Korean	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Indonesian and Malay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arabic	-	-	-	4	11	-	-	15	26.3
Assyrian and Chaldean	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oceanic and Papuan languages	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	4	-
Australian Indigenous Languages	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other European languages NEC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Asian languages NEC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other languages NEC	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	3	-
Inadequately described/Non-Verbal/Not stated	3	5	5	4	9	4	19	49	11.8
Total	409	725	786	717	1,653	1,169	1,045	6,504	0.4

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?

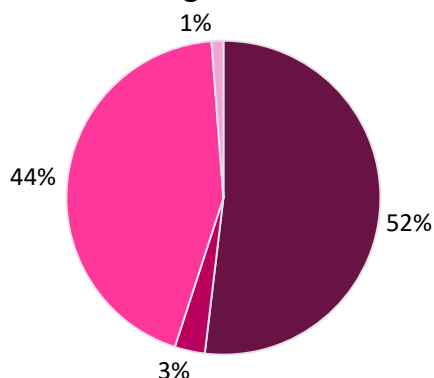
Table 22: Type of educational institution attending by religious affiliation

	Catholic	Not Catholic or not stated	All persons	% Catholic
Infants/Primary – Government	332	1,346	1,678	19.8
Infants/Primary – Catholic	327	75	402	81.3
Infants/Primary – Other Non-Government	44	261	305	14.4
Secondary – Government	211	979	1,190	17.7
Secondary – Catholic	263	65	328	80.2
Secondary – Other Non-Government	64	240	304	21.1
Technical or Further Educational Institution (including TAFE Colleges)	153	413	566	27.0
University or other Tertiary Institutions	193	663	856	22.5
Other (including pre-school)	187	489	676	27.7
Not stated/Not applicable ¹	4,769	14,818	19,587	24.3
Total	6,543	19,349	25,892	25.3

Note:

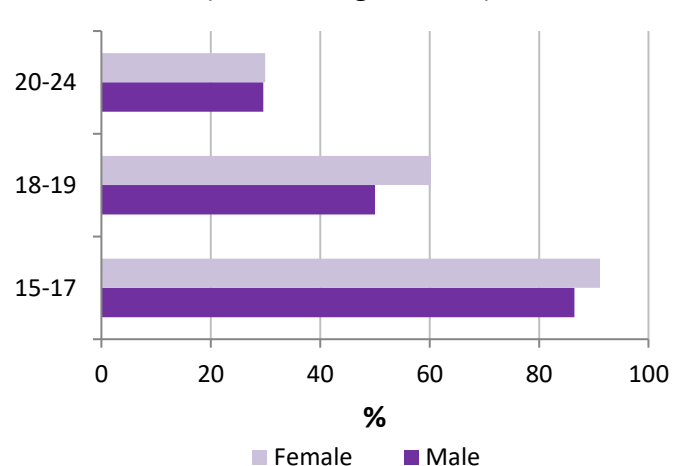
- This table includes the total population of the parish and so there are high numbers for categories where the question about type of educational institutions being attended is not applicable.

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

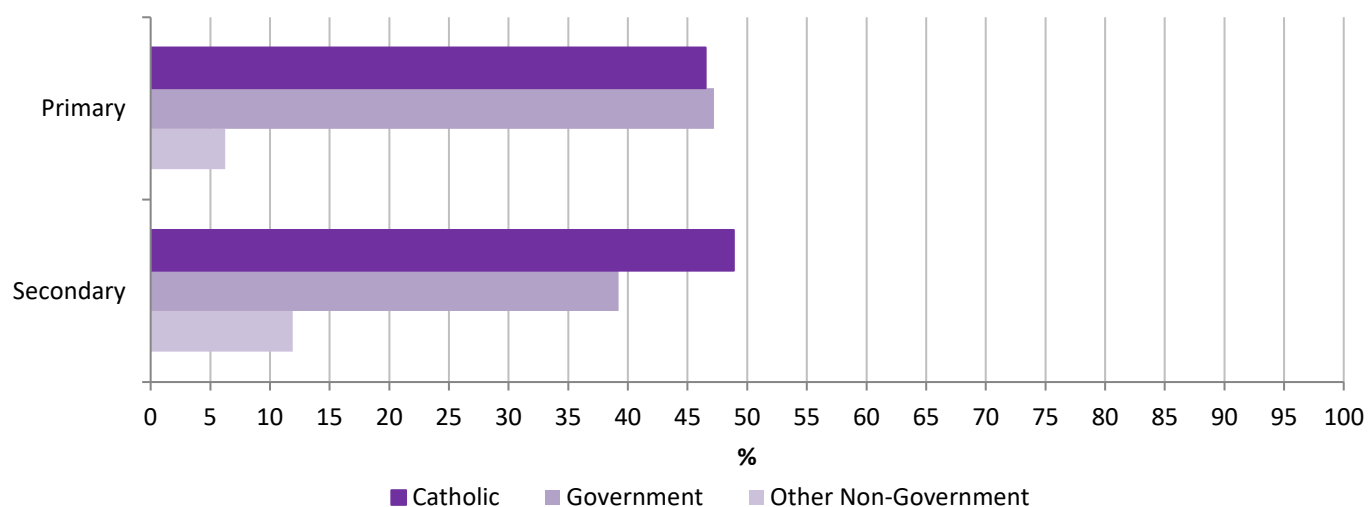
Table 23: Type of educational institution attending by weekly income of student's family¹

	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	25	48	51	98	62	12	8	325	76,326
Infants/Primary – Catholic	11	21	33	49	99	54	22	319	120,324
Infants/Primary – Other Non-Government	3	3	-	5	9	7	13	40	156,403
Secondary – Government	9	34	26	52	34	16	10	203	81,322
Secondary – Catholic	5	9	13	47	70	51	37	253	135,545
Secondary – Other Non-Government	3	-	8	-	15	6	22	59	165,093
TAFE, University or other tertiary institution	3	3	4	12	21	17	18	86	146,471
Other (including pre-school)	-	7	3	12	9	-	3	39	87,965
Not stated/Not applicable	3	7	3	13	11	-	-	45	81,698
Total	62	132	141	288	330	163	133	1,369	104,497

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	12	13	10	7	49
Graduate diploma / bachelor degree	3	37	52	39	28	26	185
Advanced diploma or diploma level	5	29	45	44	35	31	189
Certificate level	62	144	154	156	133	145	794
Inadequately described/Not stated/Not applicable	355	114	111	144	135	226	1,085
Total	425	331	374	396	341	435	2,302
<i>Per cent with degree or higher</i>	<i>0.7</i>	<i>13.3</i>	<i>17.1</i>	<i>13.1</i>	<i>11.1</i>	<i>7.6</i>	<i>10.2</i>
Females							
Postgraduate degree	-	15	15	17	18	6	71
Graduate diploma / bachelor degree	22	114	104	74	53	36	403
Advanced diploma or diploma level	18	47	60	58	52	44	279
Certificate level	83	124	121	122	71	31	552
Inadequately described/Not stated/Not applicable	309	116	150	232	217	503	1,527
Total	432	416	450	503	411	620	2,832
<i>Per cent with degree or higher</i>	<i>5.1</i>	<i>31.0</i>	<i>26.4</i>	<i>18.1</i>	<i>17.3</i>	<i>6.8</i>	<i>16.7</i>
All Catholics							
Postgraduate degree	-	22	27	30	28	13	120
Graduate diploma / bachelor degree	25	151	156	113	81	62	588
Advanced diploma or diploma level	23	76	105	102	87	75	468
Certificate level	145	268	275	278	204	176	1,346
Inadequately described/Not stated/Not applicable	664	230	261	376	352	729	2,612
Total	857	747	824	899	752	1,055	5,134
<i>Per cent with degree or higher</i>	<i>2.9</i>	<i>23.2</i>	<i>22.2</i>	<i>15.9</i>	<i>14.5</i>	<i>7.1</i>	<i>13.8</i>



Employment

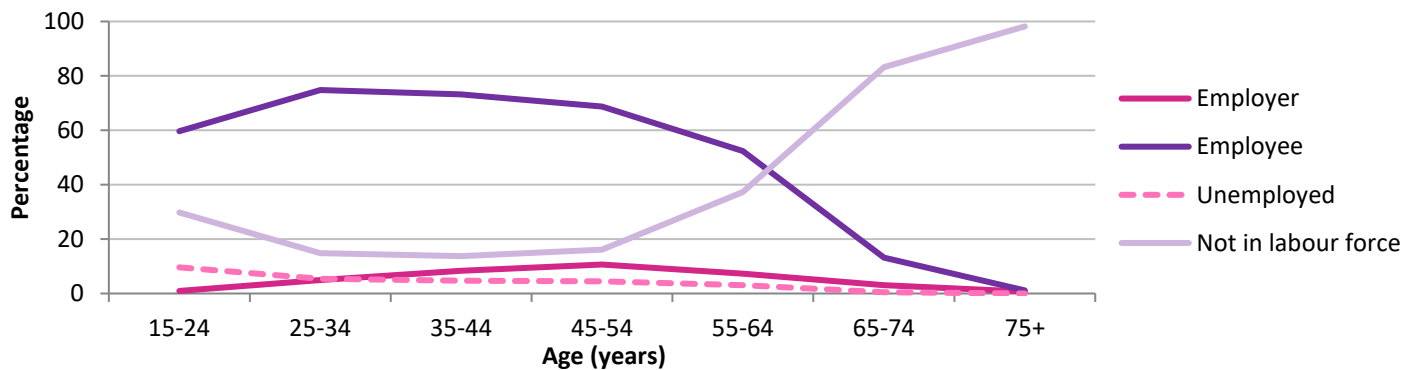
In recent years there have been many changes in society and the workplace that have affected Australian workers. One major change has been the increase in the percentages of workers, especially young people and women, in part-time jobs. Another has been the rise in participation in the labour force by 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	8	61	97	19	185
Employee	230	545	451	37	1,263
Unemployed	47	30	37	3	117
Not in the labour force	141	44	161	364	710
Other/Not stated/Not applicable	3	6	10	7	26
Total	429	686	756	430	2,301
<i>Per cent in labour force²</i>	<i>66.4</i>	<i>92.7</i>	<i>77.4</i>	<i>13.7</i>	<i>68.0</i>
<i>Per cent unemployed³</i>	<i>16.5</i>	<i>4.7</i>	<i>6.3</i>	<i>5.1</i>	<i>7.5</i>
Females					
Employer	6	44	55	4	109
Employee	274	587	556	47	1,464
Unemployed	36	48	20	-	104
Not in the labour force	114	176	268	557	1,115
Other/Not stated/Not applicable	3	-	4	14	21
Total	433	855	903	622	2,806
<i>Per cent in labour force²</i>	<i>73.0</i>	<i>79.4</i>	<i>69.9</i>	<i>8.2</i>	<i>59.6</i>
<i>Per cent unemployed³</i>	<i>11.4</i>	<i>7.1</i>	<i>3.2</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>6.2</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	5	25	51	60	38	10	189
Professionals	12	34	54	47	37	13	197
Technicians & Trade Workers	84	94	78	67	37	3	363
Community & Personal Service Workers	17	17	17	22	10	7	90
Clerical & Administrative Workers	5	11	17	20	14	8	75
Sales Workers	35	12	12	10	14	3	86
Machinery operators & Drivers	16	38	67	62	44	5	232
Labourers	53	40	35	36	27	10	201
ID / NS / NA ¹	191	43	46	87	124	369	860
Total	418	314	377	411	345	428	2,293
<i>Per cent Managers & Professionals²</i>	<i>7.5</i>	<i>21.8</i>	<i>31.7</i>	<i>33.0</i>	<i>33.9</i>	<i>39.0</i>	<i>26.9</i>
<i>Per cent 'blue collar workers'²</i>	<i>67.4</i>	<i>63.5</i>	<i>54.4</i>	<i>50.9</i>	<i>48.9</i>	<i>30.5</i>	<i>55.5</i>
Females							
Managers	7	24	27	31	13	7	109
Professionals	21	88	105	85	60	13	372
Technicians & Trade Workers	15	20	14	21	12	-	82
Community & Personal Service Workers	67	52	48	71	34	8	280
Clerical & Administrative Workers	36	60	82	93	59	16	346
Sales Workers	93	29	34	44	24	7	231
Machinery operators & Drivers	3	5	4	9	3	3	27
Labourers	24	13	26	40	22	3	128
ID / NS / NA ¹	150	118	111	108	191	567	1,245
Total	416	409	451	502	418	624	2,820
<i>Per cent Managers & Professionals²</i>	<i>10.5</i>	<i>38.5</i>	<i>38.8</i>	<i>29.4</i>	<i>32.2</i>	<i>35.1</i>	<i>30.5</i>
<i>Per cent 'blue collar workers'²</i>	<i>15.8</i>	<i>13.1</i>	<i>12.9</i>	<i>17.8</i>	<i>16.3</i>	<i>10.5</i>	<i>15.0</i>
All Catholics							
Managers	12	49	78	91	51	17	298
Professionals	33	122	159	132	97	26	569
Technicians & Trade Workers	99	114	92	88	49	3	445
Community & Personal Service Workers	84	69	65	93	44	15	370
Clerical & Administrative Workers	41	71	99	113	73	24	421
Sales Workers	128	41	46	54	38	10	317
Machinery operators & Drivers	19	43	71	71	47	8	259
Labourers	77	53	61	76	49	13	329
ID / NS / NA ¹	341	161	157	195	315	936	2,105
Total	834	723	828	913	763	1,052	5,113
<i>Per cent Managers & Professionals²</i>	<i>9.1</i>	<i>30.4</i>	<i>35.3</i>	<i>31.1</i>	<i>33.0</i>	<i>37.1</i>	<i>28.8</i>
<i>Per cent 'blue collar workers'²</i>	<i>39.6</i>	<i>37.4</i>	<i>33.4</i>	<i>32.7</i>	<i>32.4</i>	<i>20.7</i>	<i>34.3</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?

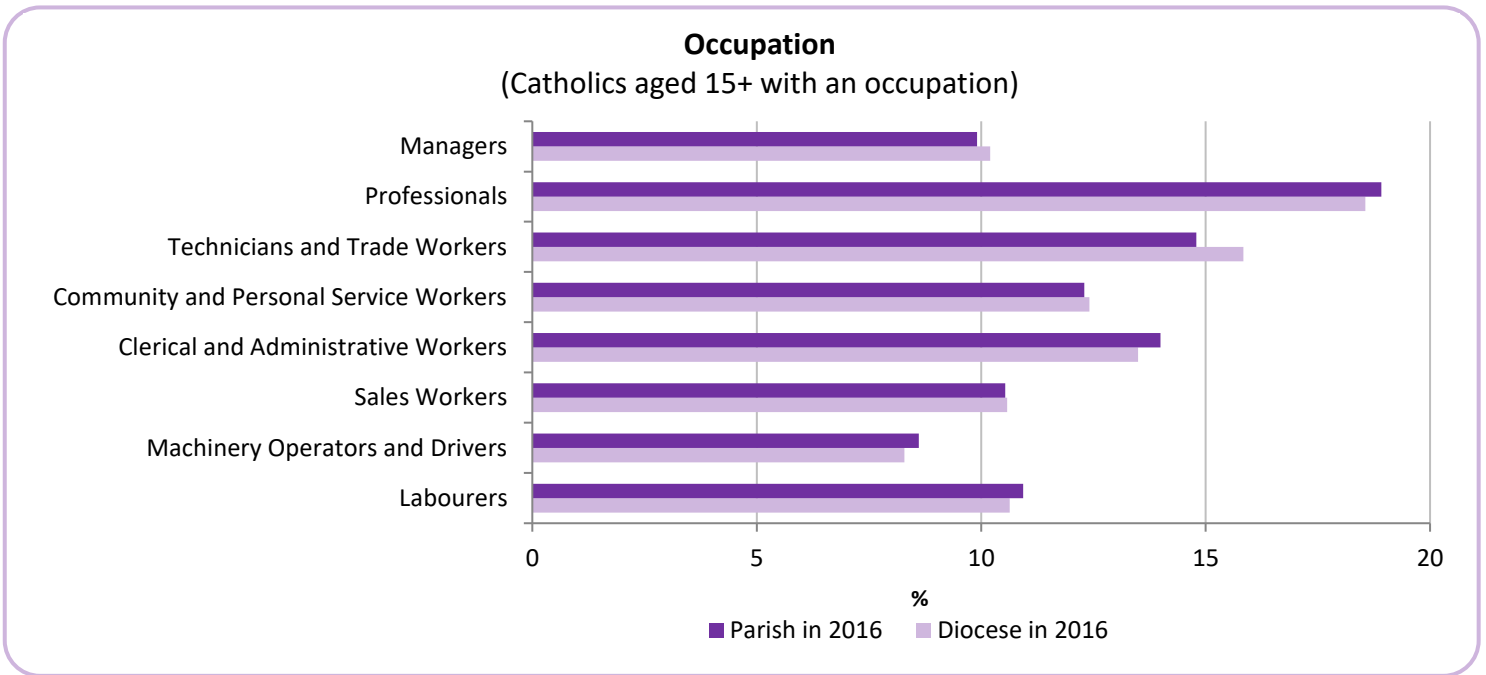
What are the major occupations of younger people? Middle-aged people? Older people? What do you think accounts for differences in occupation between the different age groups?

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	20	21
One parent or lone parent in professional occupation	95	86
Both parents in 'white collar' occupation ¹	34	42
One parent or lone parent in 'white collar' occupation	144	104
Both parents in 'blue collar' occupation	8	7
One parent or lone parent in 'blue collar' occupation	30	20
Not applicable and not stated	72	47
Total	403	327
% with professional parent(s)	28.5	32.7
% with blue collar parent(s)	9.4	8.3

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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