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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: 21,450

Catholic Population: 6,463

Catholics make up 30.1 per cent of the total population

Median age of Catholics is 38 years

Total Catholic families: 2,250

664 Catholics live alone

1,769 Catholics were born overseas

324 Catholics do not speak English well

331 Catholics need assistance with core activities

1,779 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	6,726	6,463
Catholics aged 0-14 (%)	19.3	20.4
Catholics aged 65+ (%)	12.2	14.0
Catholics born in NESC ¹ (%)	24.8	24.2
Catholics not proficient in English (%)	5.9	5.0
Catholic families	2,314	2,250
Catholics living alone	716	664
Catholic students attending Catholic schools ² (%)	68.6	73.9
Catholics with university degree (%)	29.0	34.0
Catholic males in labour force (%)	74.1	73.8
Catholic females in labour force (%)	63.4	65.4
Catholic households owning or purchasing dwelling (%)	69.2	69.3

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	21,450	19,866	4,554,459	23,401,892	2	2
Catholic population	6,463	6,726	1,067,030	5,291,834	2	1
Per cent Catholic	30.1	33.9	23.4	22.6	1	1
At same address since previous Census (%)	59.8	60.2	61.1	57.3	4	3
Median age ⁴ (years)	38	36	40	40	5	4
Aged 0-14 (%)	20.4	19.3	18.6	19.8	2	3
Aged 65+ (%)	14.0	12.2	17.3	16.6	4	4
Males per 100 females	89.2	89.5	89.3	90.6	3	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 (%)	5.1	4.9	6.3	5.8	4	3
Provided unpaid assistance to a person with a disability ⁵ (% of Catholics aged 15+)	13.5	11.9	12.9	12.5	3	2

Notes:

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



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

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

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

Table 3: Employment	Parish 2016	Parish 2011	Diocese 2016	Australia 2016	Diocesan Group	Australian Group
Managers and Professionals ¹ (% of those recording an occupation)	46.5	43.6	36.0	34.1	2	1
Workers in 'blue collar' occupations ² (% of those recording an occupation)	18.2	20.6	27.2	29.6	4	5
Men, employed or seeking work ³ (%)	73.8	74.1	68.5	69.7	2	2
Women, employed or seeking work ³ (%)	65.4	63.4	59.0	60.6	1	2
Unemployed at time of Census ⁴ (%)	5.5	4.7	5.6	5.8	2	3
Youth unemployed at time of Census ⁵ (%)	13.9	8.7	12.8	12.2	2	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	3.3	3.6	4.4	5.6	4	4
Born overseas in non-English-speaking country (%)	24.2	24.8	25.6	19.1	3	2
Immigrants from non-English-speaking countries arriving in Census year or previous 3 years	159	142	25,297	106,428	2	1
Catholics of Australian Indigenous origin	21	12	4,990	133,528	2	4
Speak language other than English at home (%)	32.2	32.7	28.1	20.4	2	1
Not proficient in English ⁷ (%)	5.0	5.9	4.0	2.6	2	1

Notes:

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



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

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

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

Why do you think this is so?

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

Table 5: Education¹

	Parish 2016	Parish 2011	Diocese 2016	Australia 2016	Diocesan Group	Australian Group
Catholics aged 15+ with bachelor degree or higher qualification (%)	34.0	29.0	23.5	20.6	2	1
Aged 15-17 attending an educational institution ²	97.6	90.5	94.5	92.2	2	2
Aged 18-19 attending an educational institution ²	86.4	76.6	74.7	62.9	2	1
Aged 20-24 attending an educational institution ²	50.0	41.3	46.2	38.2	3	2
Catholic primary students attending Catholic schools (%)	79.8	73.3	60.3	53.1	1	1
Catholic primary students attending Government schools (%)	13.9	16.3	34.3	41.0	5	5
Catholic secondary students attending Catholic schools (%)	65.6	62.3	58.7	54.5	2	2
Catholic secondary students attending Government schools (%)	21.9	22.2	30.4	35.1	4	5
Primary students attending Catholic schools who are not Catholic ³ (%)	15.3	19.8	22.9	28.1	4	5
Secondary students attending Catholic schools who are not Catholic ³ (%)	18.1	20.9	30.5	35.7	5	5

Notes:

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



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

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

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

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

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

Table 6: Marital Status of Catholics aged 15+

	Parish 2016	Parish 2011	Diocese 2016	Australia 2016	Diocesan Group	Australian Group
Never married (%)	37.5	38.7	33.4	33.3	1	1
Married (%)	49.0	47.4	50.1	49.7	3	3
Divorced or Separated (%)	8.5	8.4	10.3	11.2	4	5
Widowed (%)	5.1	5.5	6.1	5.8	4	4

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

	Parish 2016	Parish 2011	Diocese 2016	Australia 2016	Diocesan Group	Australian Group
Families	2,250	2,314	388,817	1,997,833	2	2
One-parent families	224	254	45,853	231,370	2	2
One-parent families (% of all families)	10.0	11.0	11.8	11.6	4	3
Couples of mixed religions ² (%)	48.6	47.4	50.0	55.9	4	5
De facto couples ³ (%)	18.3	18.0	15.6	17.1	2	3
Median annual family income ⁴ (\$)	131,713	109,813	102,912	100,270	2	1

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

	Parish 2016	Parish 2011	Diocese 2016	Australia 2016	Diocesan Group	Australian Group
Households	3,099	3,246	500,423	2,548,354	2	1
Persons living alone (aged under 35)	96	121	11,479	53,499	1	1
Persons living alone (aged 35+)	568	595	82,673	407,684	1	1
Persons living alone (total)	664	716	94,152	461,183	1	1
Persons living alone (% of all persons)	10.3	10.6	8.8	8.7	3	3
Dwellings owned or being purchased (%)	69.3	69.2	74.0	71.2	4	4
Median monthly housing loan repayment ⁶ (\$)	2,167	2,117	1,860	1,873	2	2

Notes:

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



Parish Details

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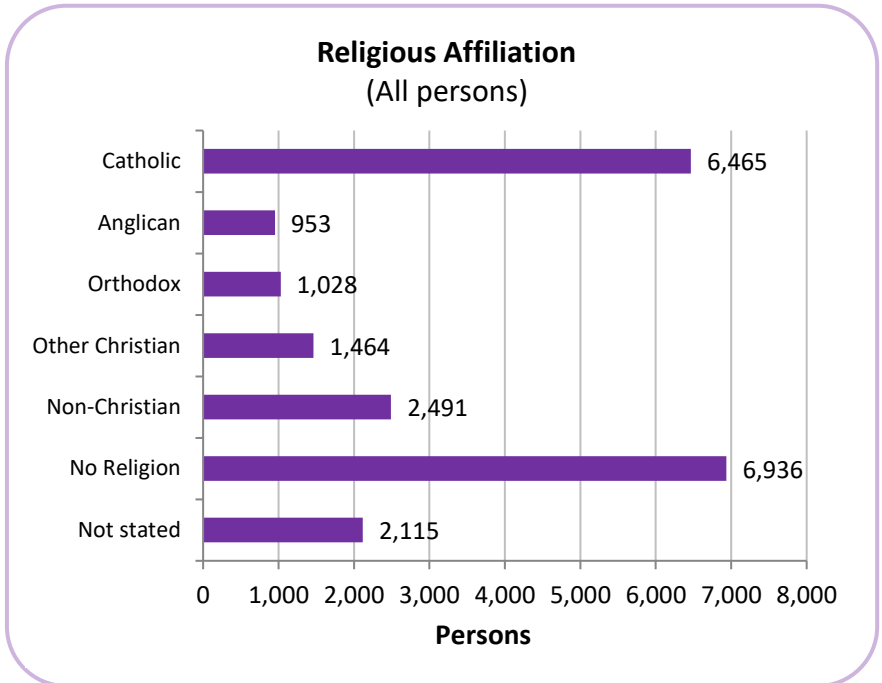
Religious affiliation

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	883	783	783	960	988	845	585	347	273	6,447
Maronite Catholic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Melkite Catholic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ukrainian Catholic	-	-	-	-	4	-	3	4	3	14
Chaldean Catholic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Syro-Malabar Catholic	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Total Catholic	887	783	783	960	992	845	588	351	276	6,465
Per cent Catholic (of total population in age group)	33.5	38.1	20.7	23.8	31.4	32.4	33.9	41.3	47.5	30.1
Anglican	59	60	102	146	184	141	139	72	50	953
Orthodox	129	127	95	139	218	121	59	92	48	1,028
Other Christian	118	110	239	274	191	219	182	76	55	1,464
Non-Christian	330	207	520	604	319	249	160	59	43	2,491
No Religion	822	574	1,688	1,513	906	774	460	138	61	6,936
Not Stated	301	193	364	398	348	257	144	62	48	2,115
Total Population	2,646	2,054	3,791	4,034	3,158	2,606	1,732	850	581	21,452

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	48	33	81	72
1	48	44	92	86
2	37	44	81	104
3	50	36	86	121
4	54	38	92	74
5	54	52	106	106
6	37	37	74	100
7	50	40	90	92
8	63	53	116	77
9	33	48	81	79
10	50	50	100	71
11	44	47	91	86
12	41	46	87	73
13	38	39	77	71
14	38	41	79	86
15	32	37	69	74
16	27	45	72	66
17	31	35	66	82
18	23	48	71	65
19	31	33	64	63
20-24	193	181	374	472
25-29	192	219	411	527
30-34	233	268	501	549
35-39	209	251	460	551
40-44	225	259	484	575
45-49	243	263	506	468
50-54	205	233	438	455
55-59	174	223	397	366
60-64	139	174	313	295
65-69	140	138	278	199
70-74	92	84	176	187
75-79	78	100	178	186
80+	97	181	278	251
Total	3,049	3,420	6,469	6,729

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.

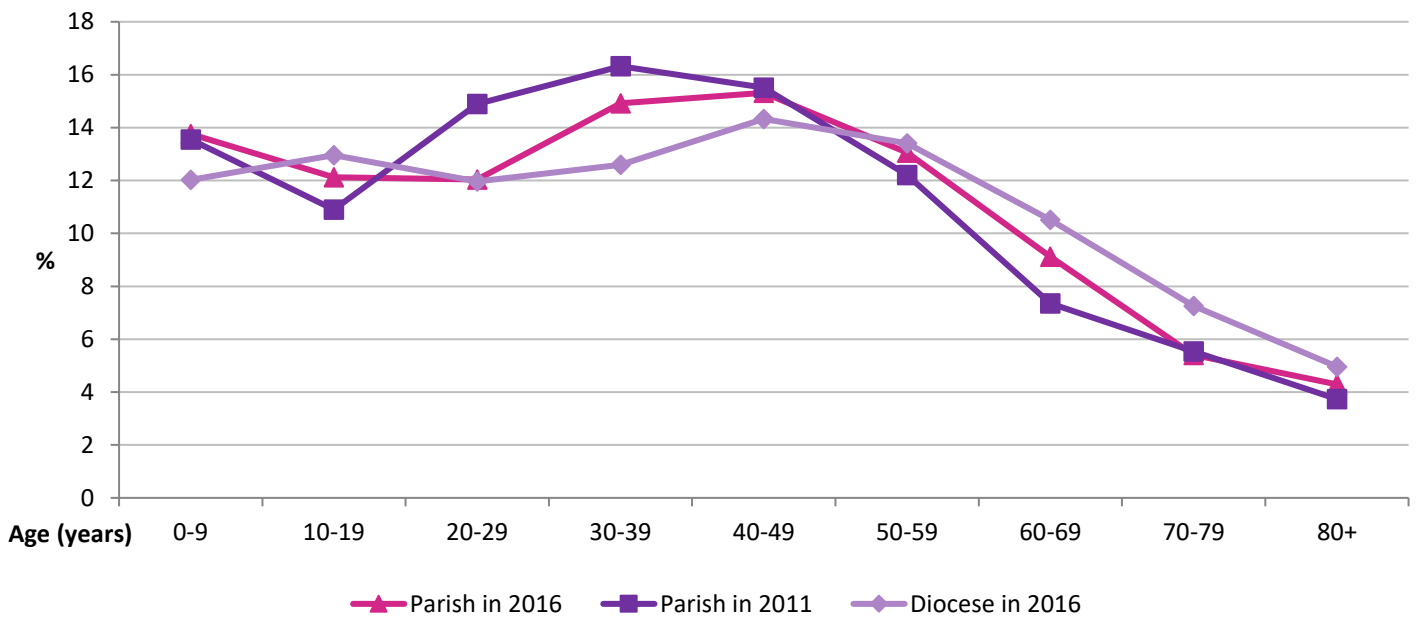
In 2016, among Australian Catholics as a whole, 52 per cent were female and 48 per cent were male. But it is not always like this. Among Catholics aged under 20, males outnumbered females, whereas females accounted for 58 per cent of Catholics aged 75 or more. There are also local factors, such as the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

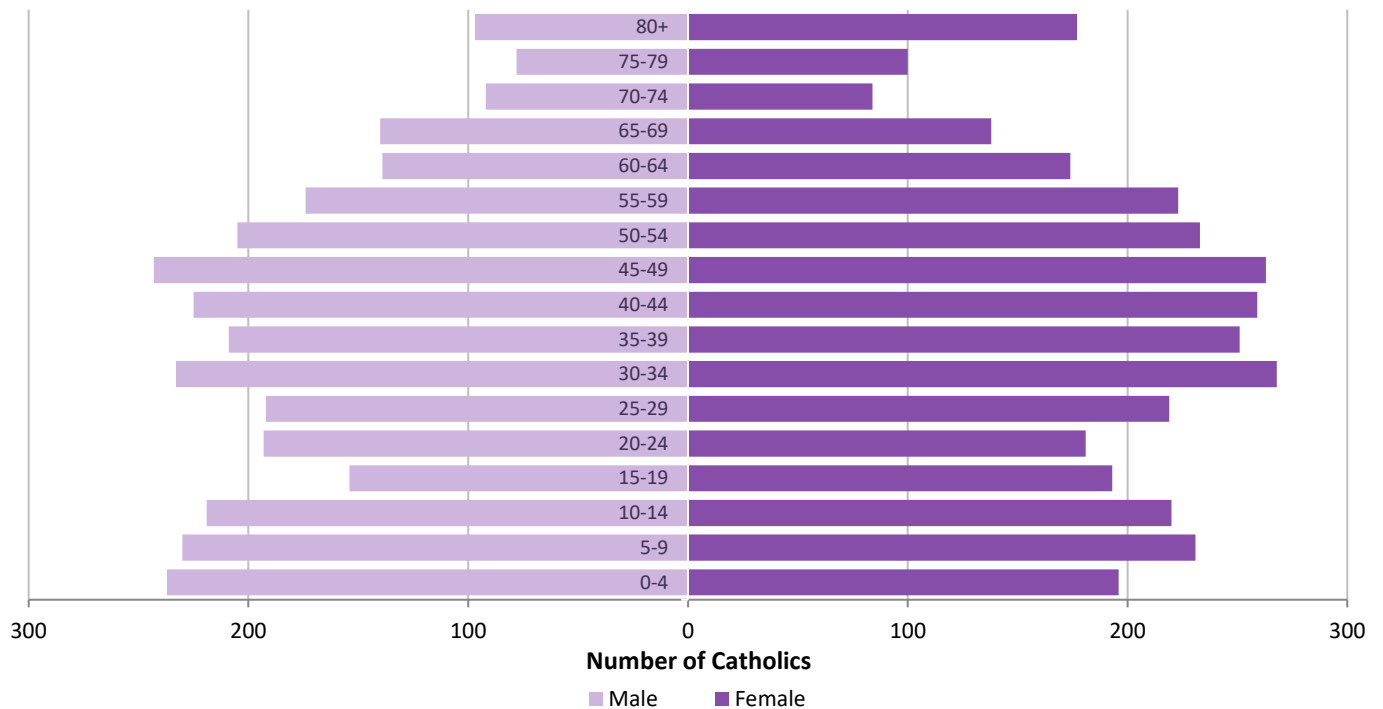


Age and sex

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	8	20	17	16	25	19	105
Females	14	11	18	22	44	23	132
Lone Persons:							
Males	-	5	10	3	4	9	31
Females	-	-	4	4	18	21	47
Other non-family members or persons not present in a household on Census night³							
Males	-	5	3	-	-	6	14
Females	-	-	-	-	3	11	14
Total							
Males	8	30	30	19	29	34	150
Females	14	11	22	26	65	55	193

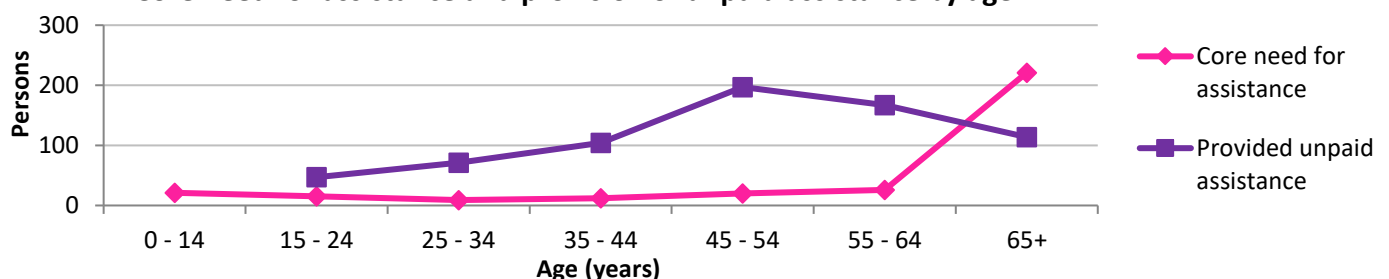
Table 11b: Provision of unpaid assistance by age

	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	17	33	33	69	60	39	251
Females	22	48	66	126	110	72	444

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	346	286	125	92	44	28	19	940
Married	-	131	273	301	225	160	122	1,212
Separated/Divorced	-	4	32	53	45	24	11	169
Widowed	-	-	-	3	-	8	18	29
Total	346	421	430	449	314	220	170	2,350
Females								
Never married	369	283	129	91	59	26	18	975
Married	4	188	331	327	232	132	89	1,303
Separated/Divorced	4	15	44	77	84	33	13	270
Widowed	4	-	3	4	26	33	158	228
Total	381	486	507	499	401	224	278	2,776

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

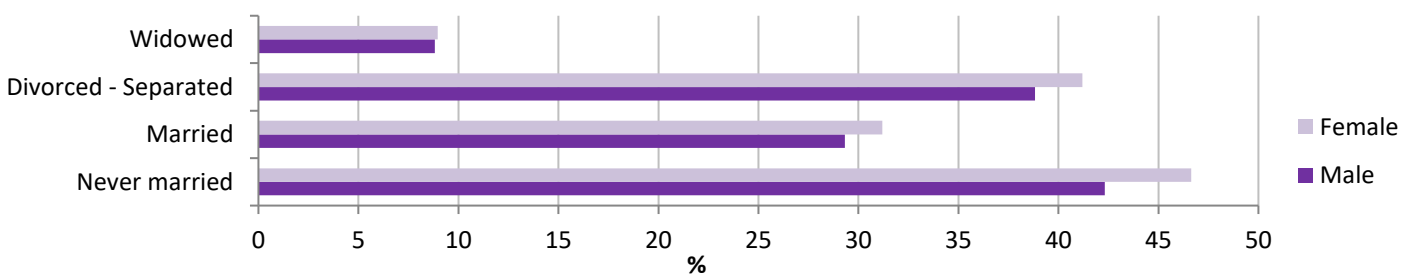


Table 13: Religious affiliation of couple by social marital status

	In a registered marriage	In a de facto marriage	Total couples	% couples in de facto marriages
Both persons Catholic	802	109	911	12.0
One person Catholic, the other non-Catholic Christian	307	76	383	19.8
One Catholic, the other not Christian or Not stated	388	150	538	27.9
Total	1,497	335	1,832	18.3



Families

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

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

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

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

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

Table 14: Family composition ¹ by weekly family income	Less than \$500	\$500 - \$799	\$800 - \$1,249	\$1,250 - \$1,999	\$2,000 - \$2,999	\$3,000 - \$3,999	\$4,000 or more	Income not fully stated	Total families	Median Weekly Family Income ² (\$)
Two-parent families with children at home:										
Both parents Catholic	9	7	38	74	145	98	139	51	561	2,875
One parent Catholic, the other Christian, but not Catholic	-	3	5	16	61	51	78	22	236	3,431
One parent Catholic, the other Non-Christian, No Religion or Not stated	-	4	16	32	79	61	100	14	306	3,245
Couple with no children living at home:										
Both persons Catholic	36	52	47	58	63	43	36	13	348	1,670
One person Catholic, the other Christian, but not Catholic	7	8	23	26	37	26	20	3	150	2,256
One person Catholic, the other Non-Christian, No Religion or Not stated	14	13	14	34	61	49	42	7	234	2,631
One-parent families:										
Parent is Catholic	28	28	46	54	30	7	5	26	224	1,220
Other families where at least one person is Catholic										
Other: Reference person Catholic but spouse temporarily absent ³	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	70	70	-
Total	103	123	213	322	493	349	438	209	2,250	2,526

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	69	10	17	3	3	102
\$500-\$799	92	13	15	-	-	120
\$800-\$1,249	136	32	25	9	-	202
\$1,250-\$1,999	192	62	58	6	3	321
\$2,000-\$2,999	223	112	121	27	3	486
\$3,000-\$3,999	156	72	100	16	3	347
\$4,000 or more	158	77	157	52	6	450
Income not fully stated	94	40	35	16	-	185
Total Families	1,120	418	528	129	18	2,213
Median Weekly Family Income (\$)	2,107	2,642	3,105	3,718	3,000	2,553

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)**

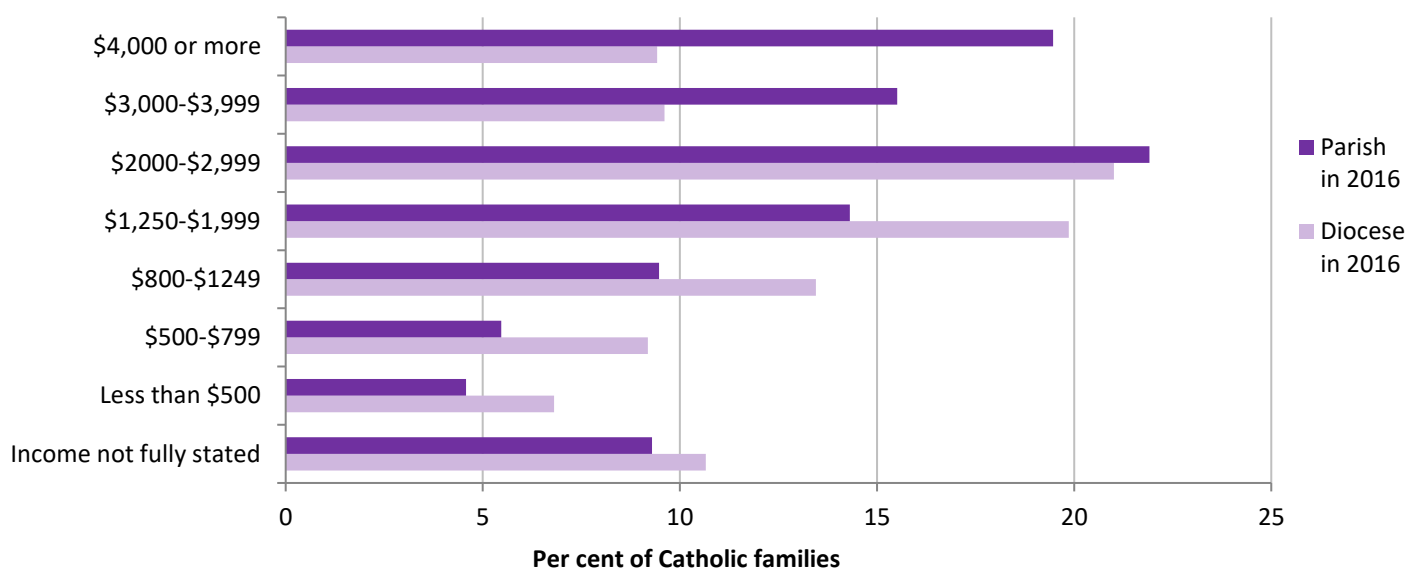


Table 16: Social marital status by number of dependent children

	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)	696	292	424	132	20	1,564
De facto couple family (at least one partner Catholic)	242	44	35	13	-	334
One parent family, parent Catholic	100	67	39	11	5	222
Other families where at least one person is Catholic	59	17	30	3	-	109
Total families	1,097	420	528	159	25	2,229



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	1,707	60	422	61	2,250	75.9
Lone person aged under 35 years	26	4	58	6	94	27.7
Lone person aged 35 years or over	385	60	93	31	569	67.7
Group households	29	3	142	12	186	15.6
Total households	2,147	127	715	110	3,099	69.3

	\$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	46	59	135	208	130	344	2,260
Lone person aged under 35 years	-	-	10	5	3	-	1,540
Lone person aged 35 years or over	9	14	26	24	15	20	1,725
Group households	-	-	3	3	-	4	2,000
Total households	55	73	174	240	148	368	2,167

Notes:

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



Birthplace

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

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

What difference does their presence make to the parish?

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

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



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

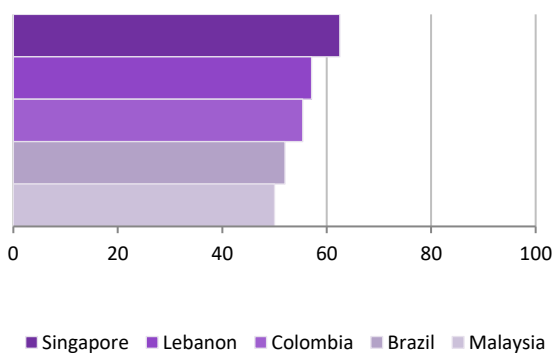


Table 19: Birthplace

	All Catholics	% of Catholics	% recent arrivals ¹
Australia	4,582	70.7	-
New Zealand	36	0.6	16.7
Other Oceania	5	0.1	-
United Kingdom (except Northern Ireland)	64	1.0	14.3
Ireland (including Northern Ireland)	85	1.3	16.9
Italy	439	6.8	4.3
Malta	63	1.0	-
Spain and Portugal	21	0.3	-
France	14	0.2	33.3
Netherlands	10	0.2	-
Germany	16	0.2	-
Austria	8	0.1	-
Croatia and other Former Yugoslavia	76	1.2	-
Poland	39	0.6	-
Hungary	3	0.0	-
Other Eastern Europe, Russian Federation and Baltic States	22	0.3	22.7
Other Europe NEC	4	0.1	-
Vietnam	212	3.3	4.7
Philippines	164	2.5	17.5
Indonesia	13	0.2	-
Malaysia	20	0.3	50.0
Singapore	8	0.1	62.5
South East Asia NEC	18	0.3	-
India	51	0.8	8.2
Sri Lanka	13	0.2	-
China (except Hong Kong and Taiwan)	12	0.2	-
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	9	0.1	-
Korea, Republic of (South)	10	0.2	-
Egypt	14	0.2	-
Lebanon	6	0.1	57.1
Iraq	12	0.2	30.0
Sudan (including South Sudan)	32	0.5	-
Middle East and North Africa NEC	15	0.2	-
South Africa	8	0.1	-
Mauritius	14	0.2	-
United States of America	14	0.2	-
Canada	6	0.1	33.3
Argentina	14	0.2	-
Brazil	22	0.3	52.0
Colombia	58	0.9	55.4
Chile	61	0.9	12.3
Central America and South America NEC	61	0.9	21.0
Other countries	29	0.4	13.3
Inadequately described/Not stated	98	1.5	-
Total	6,481	100.0	2.9

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	4,322	8,520	12,842	33.7
Italian	768	111	879	87.4
Maltese	58	3	61	95.1
Spanish	229	144	373	61.4
Croatian	114	8	122	93.4
Polish	44	10	54	81.5
Dutch	10	18	28	35.7
French	31	40	71	43.7
German	8	46	54	14.8
Portuguese	31	22	53	58.5
Hungarian	3	7	10	30.0
Ukrainian	22	4	26	84.6
Vietnamese	364	685	1,049	34.7
Filipino languages	140	23	163	85.9
Chinese languages	70	1,243	1,313	5.3
Malayalam	13	12	25	52.0
Sinhalese	3	38	41	7.3
Korean	11	52	63	17.5
Indonesian and Malay	12	54	66	18.2
Arabic	42	315	357	11.8
Assyrian and Chaldean	11	5	16	68.8
Oceanic and Papuan languages	-	11	11	-
Australian Indigenous languages	-	-	-	-
Other European languages NEC	32	764	796	4.0
Other Asian languages NEC	25	684	709	3.5
Other languages NEC	33	665	698	4.7
Inadequately described/Non-Verbal/Not stated	65	1,496	1,561	4.2
Total	6,461	14,980	21,441	30.1

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	347	528	475	546	1,318	721	383	4,318	-
Italian	10	18	22	45	189	194	294	772	17.9
Maltese	-	-	-	-	6	17	31	54	-
Spanish	5	8	7	39	92	35	40	226	15.5
Croatian	4	7	-	11	39	20	34	115	10.3
Polish	-	-	-	5	11	8	22	46	-
Dutch	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
French	-	-	-	6	4	7	7	24	-
German	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	6	-
Portuguese	-	-	-	10	20	3	-	33	12.5
Hungarian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ukrainian	-	3	-	-	9	5	10	27	-
Vietnamese	18	40	50	47	102	85	23	365	21.4
Filipino languages	8	5	3	26	41	26	28	137	5.7
Chinese languages	4	3	9	11	24	9	11	71	8.8
Malayalam	5	-	-	-	8	-	-	13	-
Sinhalese	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Korean	-	4	-	-	4	-	3	11	45.5
Indonesian and Malay	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	6	-
Arabic	-	4	-	5	17	4	-	30	13.6
Assyrian and Chaldean	-	4	-	-	5	-	-	9	-
Oceanic and Papuan languages	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Australian Indigenous Languages	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other European languages NEC	4	5	-	-	6	6	9	30	17.1
Other Asian languages NEC	-	3	-	3	8	-	-	14	-
Other languages NEC	5	8	4	3	18	9	-	47	23.5
Inadequately described/Non-Verbal/Not stated	16	5	9	3	8	11	7	59	24.2
Total	426	648	579	760	1,941	1,160	902	6,416	5.0

Notes:

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

NEC = Not Elsewhere Classified



Attendance at Educational Institutions

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

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

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

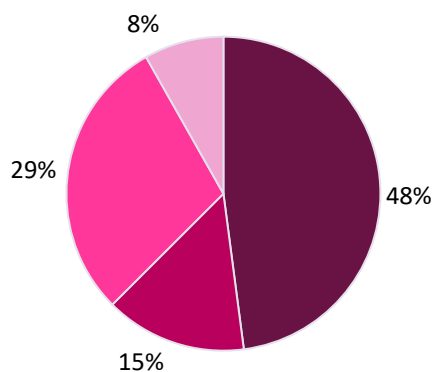
Table 22: Type of educational institution attending by religious affiliation

	Catholic	Not Catholic or not stated	All persons	% Catholic
Infants/Primary – Government	86	607	693	12.4
Infants/Primary – Catholic	493	89	582	84.7
Infants/Primary – Other Non-Government	39	165	204	19.1
Secondary – Government	97	379	476	20.4
Secondary – Catholic	290	64	354	81.9
Secondary – Other Non-Government	55	172	227	24.2
Technical or Further Educational Institution (including TAFE Colleges)	83	288	371	22.4
University or other Tertiary Institutions	393	1,295	1,688	23.3
Other (including pre-school)	235	443	678	34.7
Not stated/Not applicable ¹	4,691	11,481	16,172	29.0
Total	6,462	14,983	21,445	30.1

Note:

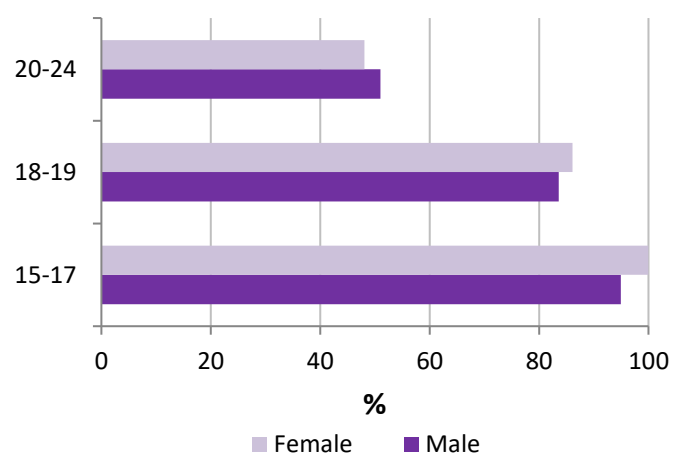
1. This table includes the total population of the parish and so there are high numbers for categories where the question about type of educational institutions being attended is not applicable.

Language background of all students attending Catholic schools



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

Education participation rate (Catholics aged 15-24)



Attendance at Educational Institutions

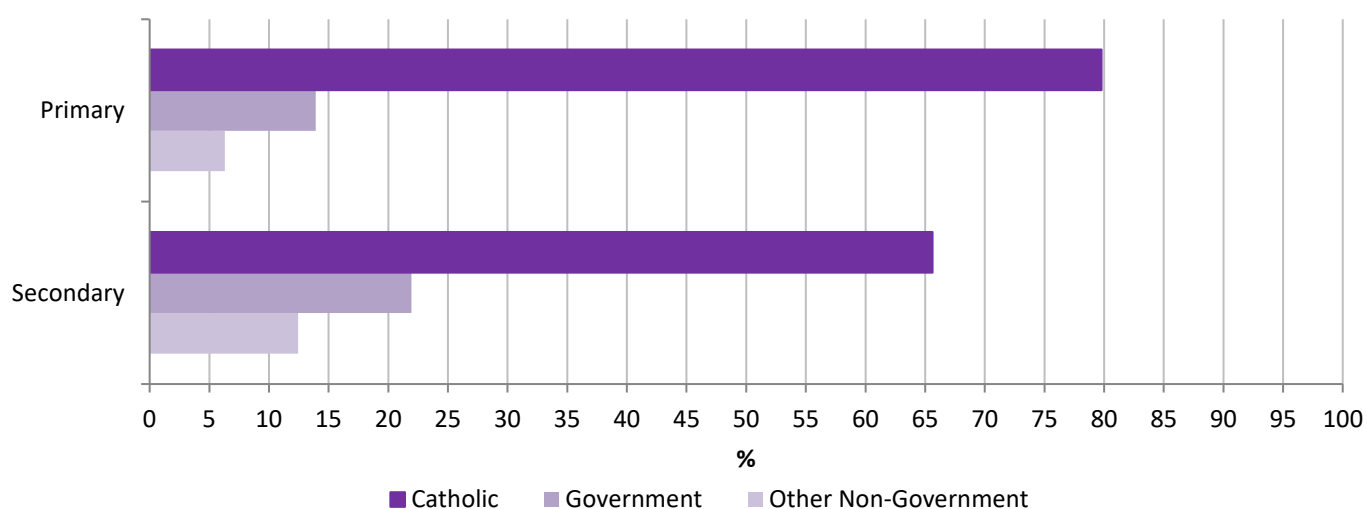
Table 23: Type of educational institution attending by weekly income of student's family¹

	Less than \$500	\$500-\$799	\$800-\$1,249	\$1,250-\$1,999	\$2,000-\$2,999	\$3,000-\$3,999	\$4,000 or more	Total ²	Median annual family income ³ (\$)
Infants/Primary - Government	9	3	3	11	11	12	30	82	167,266
Infants/Primary – Catholic	22	15	31	43	117	86	141	495	156,180
Infants/Primary – Other Non-Government	-	3	8	-	9	10	13	43	164,224
Secondary – Government	10	8	12	15	21	14	10	97	104,260
Secondary – Catholic	13	7	11	39	67	40	70	279	145,896
Secondary – Other Non-Government	-	3	6	3	6	6	16	47	173,783
TAFE, University or other tertiary institution	3	3	7	12	33	17	39	137	154,822
Other (including pre-school)	-	3	8	3	10	13	16	53	166,430
Not stated/Not applicable	9	-	-	-	5	3	7	27	135,545
Total	66	45	86	126	279	201	342	1,260	150,889

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	-	40	44	36	18	5	143
Graduate diploma / bachelor degree	32	154	152	126	84	27	575
Advanced diploma or diploma level	17	42	50	47	37	27	220
Certificate level	36	94	87	100	69	70	456
Inadequately described/Not stated/Not applicable	266	102	101	148	101	262	980
Total	351	432	434	457	309	391	2,374
<i>Per cent with degree or higher</i>	<i>9.1</i>	<i>44.9</i>	<i>45.2</i>	<i>35.4</i>	<i>33.0</i>	<i>8.2</i>	<i>30.2</i>
Females							
Postgraduate degree	3	41	67	40	25	8	184
Graduate diploma / bachelor degree	52	258	226	165	92	43	836
Advanced diploma or diploma level	19	45	81	69	42	24	280
Certificate level	22	42	48	68	33	30	243
Inadequately described/Not stated/Not applicable	272	99	84	153	209	399	1,216
Total	368	485	506	495	401	504	2,759
<i>Per cent with degree or higher</i>	<i>14.9</i>	<i>61.6</i>	<i>57.9</i>	<i>41.4</i>	<i>29.2</i>	<i>10.1</i>	<i>37.0</i>
All Catholics							
Postgraduate degree	3	81	111	76	43	13	327
Graduate diploma / bachelor degree	84	412	378	291	176	70	1,411
Advanced diploma or diploma level	36	87	131	116	79	51	500
Certificate level	58	136	135	168	102	100	699
Inadequately described/Not stated/Not applicable	538	201	185	301	310	661	2,196
Total	719	917	940	952	710	895	5,133
<i>Per cent with degree or higher</i>	<i>12.1</i>	<i>53.8</i>	<i>52.0</i>	<i>38.6</i>	<i>30.8</i>	<i>9.3</i>	<i>33.9</i>



Employment

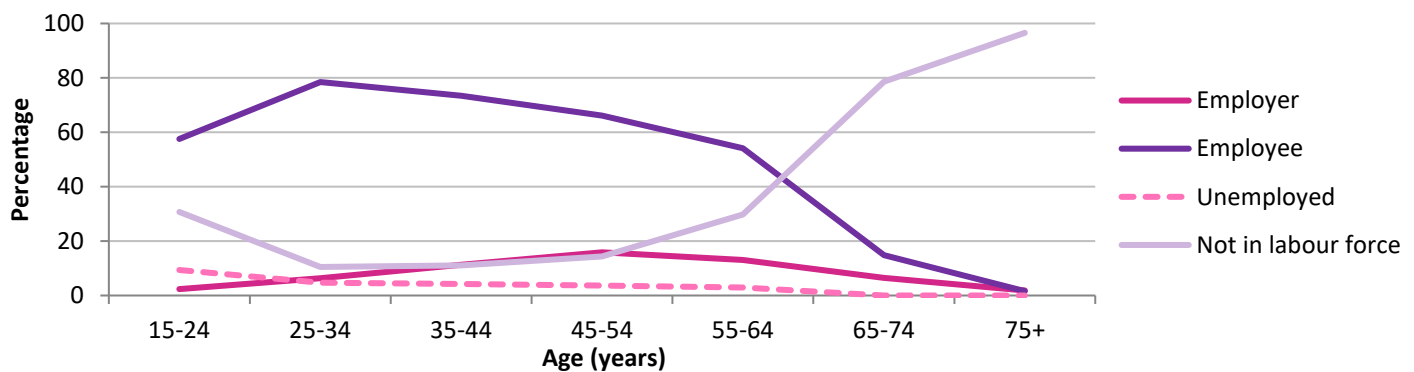
In recent years there have been many changes in society and the workplace that have affected Australian workers. One major change has been the increase in the percentages of workers, especially young people and women, in part-time jobs. Another has been the rise in participation in the labour force by 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	10	105	165	30	310
Employee	202	638	435	43	1,318
Unemployed	30	46	28	-	104
Not in the labour force	111	54	129	312	606
Other/Not stated/Not applicable	-	12	11	14	37
Total	353	855	768	399	2,375
<i>Per cent in labour force²</i>	<i>68.6</i>	<i>92.3</i>	<i>81.8</i>	<i>18.3</i>	<i>72.9</i>
<i>Per cent unemployed³</i>	<i>12.4</i>	<i>5.8</i>	<i>4.5</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>6.0</i>
Females					
Employer	10	53	76	11	150
Employee	220	747	574	36	1,577
Unemployed	40	35	24	-	99
Not in the labour force	114	145	220	451	930
Other/Not stated/Not applicable	-	11	11	12	34
Total	384	991	905	510	2,785
<i>Per cent in labour force²</i>	<i>70.3</i>	<i>84.3</i>	<i>74.5</i>	<i>9.2</i>	<i>65.4</i>
<i>Per cent unemployed³</i>	<i>14.8</i>	<i>4.2</i>	<i>3.6</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>5.4</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	8	51	109	97	54	15	334
Professionals	20	108	127	99	54	14	422
Technicians & Trade Workers	32	71	49	54	29	11	246
Community & Personal Service Workers	45	37	15	21	17	-	135
Clerical & Administrative Workers	10	40	25	27	20	10	132
Sales Workers	53	14	21	24	11	10	133
Machinery operators & Drivers	5	8	13	30	23	5	84
Labourers	36	27	21	17	20	11	132
ID / NS / NA ¹	138	61	55	76	87	328	745
Total	347	417	435	445	315	404	2,363
<i>Per cent Managers & Professionals²</i>	<i>13.4</i>	<i>44.7</i>	<i>62.1</i>	<i>53.1</i>	<i>47.4</i>	<i>38.2</i>	<i>46.7</i>
<i>Per cent 'blue collar workers'²</i>	<i>34.9</i>	<i>29.8</i>	<i>21.8</i>	<i>27.4</i>	<i>31.6</i>	<i>35.5</i>	<i>28.6</i>
Females							
Managers	8	51	74	67	22	7	229
Professionals	18	165	167	123	83	13	569
Technicians & Trade Workers	3	8	11	16	14	3	55
Community & Personal Service Workers	53	47	27	38	25	-	190
Clerical & Administrative Workers	31	55	85	114	77	7	369
Sales Workers	84	44	27	31	19	4	209
Machinery operators & Drivers	-	-	4	6	-	-	10
Labourers	11	11	7	17	8	5	59
ID / NS / NA ¹	153	101	100	102	151	459	1,066
Total	361	482	502	514	399	498	2,756
<i>Per cent Managers & Professionals²</i>	<i>12.5</i>	<i>56.7</i>	<i>60.0</i>	<i>46.1</i>	<i>42.3</i>	<i>51.3</i>	<i>47.2</i>
<i>Per cent 'blue collar workers'²</i>	<i>6.7</i>	<i>5.0</i>	<i>5.5</i>	<i>9.5</i>	<i>8.9</i>	<i>20.5</i>	<i>7.3</i>
All Catholics							
Managers	16	102	183	164	76	22	563
Professionals	38	273	294	222	137	27	991
Technicians & Trade Workers	35	79	60	70	43	14	301
Community & Personal Service Workers	98	84	42	59	42	-	325
Clerical & Administrative Workers	41	95	110	141	97	17	501
Sales Workers	137	58	48	55	30	14	342
Machinery operators & Drivers	5	8	17	36	23	5	94
Labourers	47	38	28	34	28	16	191
ID / NS / NA ¹	291	162	155	178	238	787	1,811
Total	708	899	937	959	714	902	5,119
<i>Per cent Managers & Professionals²</i>	<i>12.9</i>	<i>50.9</i>	<i>61.0</i>	<i>49.4</i>	<i>44.7</i>	<i>42.6</i>	<i>47.0</i>
<i>Per cent 'blue collar workers'²</i>	<i>20.9</i>	<i>17.0</i>	<i>13.4</i>	<i>17.9</i>	<i>19.7</i>	<i>30.4</i>	<i>17.7</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?

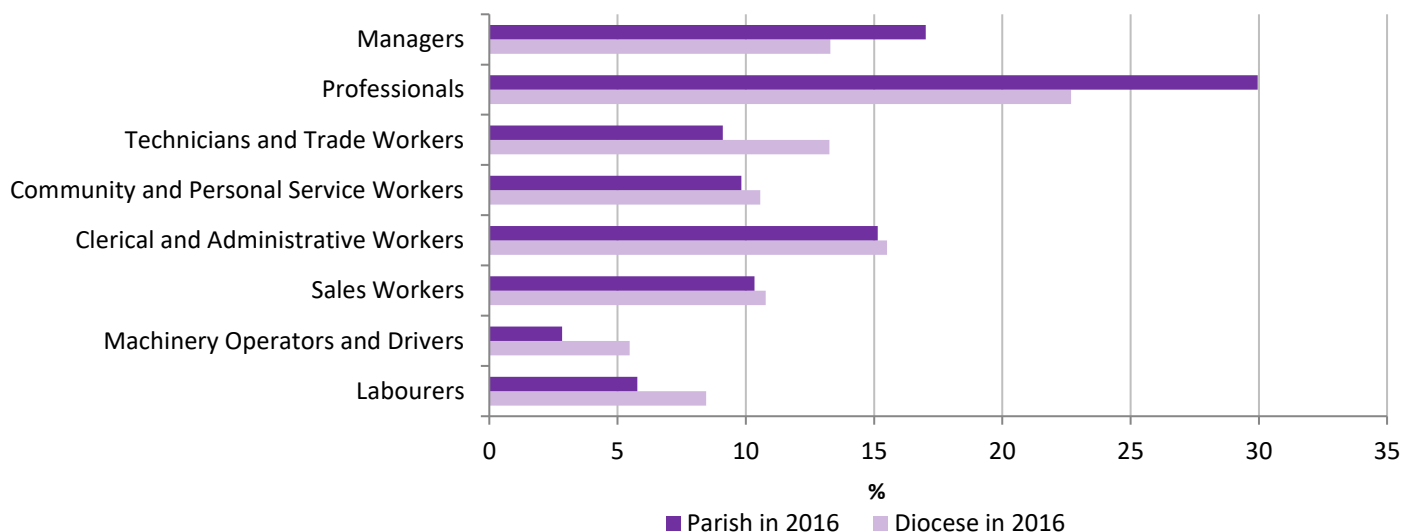
Table 27: Occupation of parents of students attending Catholic schools

	Primary School	Secondary School
Both parents in professional occupation	58	15
One parent or lone parent in professional occupation	191	111
Both parents in 'white collar' occupation ¹	108	65
One parent or lone parent in 'white collar' occupation	117	74
Both parents in 'blue collar' occupation	8	17
One parent or lone parent in 'blue collar' occupation	16	15
Not applicable and not stated	88	57
Total	586	354
% with professional parent(s)	42.5	35.6
% with blue collar parent(s)	4.1	9.0

Note:

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

Occupation
(Catholics aged 15+ with an occupation)



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