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Dear readers,

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yours sincerely,

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Your Parish Social Profile

At a Glance (pages 2 and 3)

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

Parish Overview (pages 4-7)

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

Parish Details (pages 9-25)

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

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Your parish community in 2016

Pastoral planning is the process of a Catholic community organising itself to carry out the mission of the Church in its own locality. It is a process built upon a parish's knowledge in three areas:

- Knowing its vision—its aspiration for itself.
- Knowing what sort of people make up the Catholic community and the general community.
- Knowing the resources (strengths, gifts and circumstances) available to the diocese to realise the vision.

This Parish Social Profile has been developed as a resource for pastoral planning, and it focuses on the second two of these three areas of knowledge.

The Church strongly encourages pastoral planning. As Pope John Paul II said:

"I earnestly exhort the Pastors of the particular Churches, with the help of all sectors of God's People, confidently to plan the stages of the journey ahead, harmonising the choices of each diocesan community with those of neighbouring Churches and of the universal Church ... It is not a matter of inventing a 'new program'. The program already exists: it is the plan found in the Gospel and in the living Tradition."

Novo Millennio Ineunte #29

By giving a clear picture of the parish's demographic reality, this profile helps the parish leaders name its strengths and shortcomings and better understand how it might use the resources it has to pursue the mission of the Church.

A SNAPSHOT OF YOUR PARISH (2016)

Total Population: 67,194

Catholic Population: 21,629

Catholics make up 32.2 per cent of the total population

Median age of Catholics is 39 years

Total Catholic families: 7,510

1,076 Catholics live alone

6,131 Catholics were born overseas

811 Catholics do not speak English well

1,400 Catholics need assistance with core activities

4,936 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	22,972	21,629
Catholics aged 0-14 (%)	22.1	19.1
Catholics aged 65+ (%)	8.2	12.2
Catholics born in NESCS ¹ (%)	23.7	26.2
Catholics not proficient in English (%)	3.4	3.7
Catholic families	7,812	7,510
Catholics living alone	991	1,076
Catholic students attending Catholic schools ² (%)	62.3	66.7
Catholics with university degree (%)	13.0	16.3
Catholic males in labour force (%)	75.9	74.0
Catholic females in labour force (%)	63.1	62.6
Catholic households owning or purchasing dwelling (%)	82.0	81.2

Notes:

1. NESCS = Non-English-Speaking Country as defined by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.
2. The percentage of all students who are Catholic attending Catholic schools.

Note on comparability with 2011 figures:

The boundaries of some parishes changed between 2011 and 2016. These boundary changes mean that, in these parishes, figures for 2011 and 2016 may not be comparable.

Where parishes have been amalgamated between 2011 and 2016, the 2016 figures in this profile refer to the overall figures for the parishes involved.



Parish Overview

Table 1: Population (for more details on Population and Religion see page 9).

The Parish Profile begins by looking at the total population living within the parish boundaries, and the percentage who identified as Catholic. The rest of the figures in this overview refer only to these Catholics, except where otherwise indicated.

How has the make-up of the parish population changed over the last five years? Of the changes identified here, which do you think have been particularly significant for the life of the parish?

Table 1: Population¹

	Parish 2016	Parish 2011	Diocese 2016	Australia 2016	Diocesan Group ²	Australian Group ²
Total population ³	67,194	62,765	4,554,459	23,401,892	1	1
Catholic population	21,629	22,972	1,067,030	5,291,834	1	1
Per cent Catholic	32.2	36.6	23.4	22.6	1	1
At same address since previous Census (%)	67.4	62.7	61.1	57.3	2	1
Median age ⁴ (years)	39	34	40	40	4	4
Aged 0-14 (%)	19.1	22.1	18.6	19.8	3	3
Aged 65+ (%)	12.2	8.2	17.3	16.6	5	5
Males per 100 females	89.9	90.9	89.3	90.6	3	3

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 (%)	6.5	4.4	6.3	5.8	3	2
Provided unpaid assistance to a person with a disability ⁵ (% of Catholics aged 15+)	12.0	11.1	12.9	12.5	5	4

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)	26.9	24.8	36.0	34.1	5	4
Workers in 'blue collar' occupations ² (% of those recording an occupation)	31.1	32.8	27.2	29.6	2	3
Men, employed or seeking work ³ (%)	74.0	75.9	68.5	69.7	1	2
Women, employed or seeking work ³ (%)	62.6	63.1	59.0	60.6	2	2
Unemployed at time of Census ⁴ (%)	5.5	3.7	5.6	5.8	2	3
Youth unemployed at time of Census ⁵ (%)	12.0	8.4	12.8	12.2	3	3

Table 4: Birthplace and Language (for more details on Birthplace and Language see pages 17-19).

This table begins to explore the ethnic balance of the parish's Catholic community, which in itself may raise issues of communication and inclusiveness.

How does the cultural mix of the parish compare to that of the rest of the diocese and of Australia as a whole?

Table 4: Birthplace, Indigenous Status & Language	Parish 2016	Parish 2011	Diocese 2016	Australia 2016	Diocesan Group	Australian Group
Born overseas in English-speaking country ⁶	2.2	2.0	4.4	5.6	5	5
Born overseas in non-English-speaking country (%)	26.2	23.7	25.6	19.1	3	2
Immigrants from non-English-speaking countries arriving in Census year or previous 3 years	357	365	25,297	106,428	1	1
Catholics of Australian Indigenous origin	136	122	4,990	133,528	1	2
Speak language other than English at home (%)	33.6	31.8	28.1	20.4	2	1
Not proficient in English ⁷ (%)	3.7	3.4	4.0	2.6	2	2

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: Education ¹	Parish 2016	Parish 2011	Diocese 2016	Australia 2016	Diocesan Group	Australian Group
Catholics aged 15+ with bachelor degree or higher qualification (%)	16.3	13.0	23.5	20.6	4	3
Aged 15-17 attending an educational institution ²	94.8	89.7	94.5	92.2	3	2
Aged 18-19 attending an educational institution ²	70.7	61.0	74.7	62.9	4	2
Aged 20-24 attending an educational institution ²	40.6	32.8	46.2	38.2	4	3
Catholic primary students attending Catholic schools (%)	67.0	62.4	60.3	53.1	2	1
Catholic primary students attending Government schools (%)	31.3	35.8	34.3	41.0	3	4
Catholic secondary students attending Catholic schools (%)	66.4	62.2	58.7	54.5	2	2
Catholic secondary students attending Government schools (%)	31.3	34.9	30.4	35.1	3	4
Primary students attending Catholic schools who are not Catholic ³ (%)	28.7	21.3	22.9	28.1	2	3
Secondary students attending Catholic schools who are not Catholic ³ (%)	39.2	31.0	30.5	35.7	2	3

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 (%)	32.0	32.5	33.4	33.3	3	3
Married (%)	53.1	54.0	50.1	49.7	2	2
Divorced or Separated (%)	9.6	9.4	10.3	11.2	3	4
Widowed (%)	5.2	4.1	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	7,510	7,812	388,817	1,997,833	1	1
One-parent families	932	1,011	45,853	231,370	1	1
One-parent families (% of all families)	12.4	12.9	11.8	11.6	2	2
Couples of mixed religions ² (%)	39.6	39.1	50.0	55.9	5	5
De facto couples ³ (%)	11.9	10.6	15.6	17.1	4	5
Median annual family income ⁴ (\$)	97,664	84,993	102,912	100,270	4	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	8,696	8,923	500,423	2,548,354	1	1
Persons living alone (aged under 35)	142	170	11,479	53,499	1	1
Persons living alone (aged 35+)	934	821	82,673	407,684	1	1
Persons living alone (total)	1,076	991	94,152	461,183	1	1
Persons living alone (% of all persons)	5.0	4.3	8.8	8.7	5	5
Dwellings owned or being purchased (%)	81.2	82.0	74.0	71.2	2	1
Median monthly housing loan repayment ⁶ (\$)	1,757	1,772	1,860	1,873	4	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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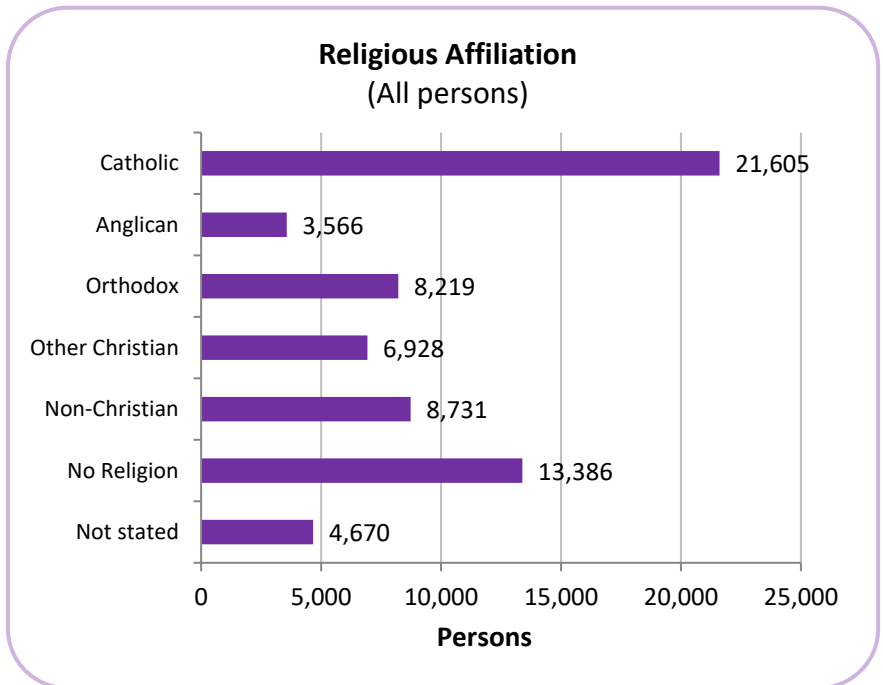
Religious affiliation

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	2,475	3,112	2,732	2,529	3,282	3,224	1,965	1,045	733	21,097
Maronite Catholic	25	21	15	21	13	14	4	-	-	113
Melkite Catholic	7	7	12	9	6	15	13	-	-	69
Ukrainian Catholic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chaldean Catholic	24	22	19	17	16	18	8	6	6	136
Syro-Malabar Catholic	52	44	9	31	46	5	3	-	-	190
Total Catholic	2,583	3,206	2,787	2,607	3,363	3,276	1,993	1,051	739	21,605
Per cent Catholic (of total population in age group)	29.6	35.3	27.2	26.7	34.2	36.9	34.5	36.4	38.4	32.2
Anglican	247	331	337	324	552	631	523	338	283	3,566
Orthodox	1,034	1,222	942	946	1,500	1,128	816	414	217	8,219
Other Christian	728	870	888	883	986	1,030	774	457	312	6,928
Non-Christian	1,485	1,127	1,541	1,988	1,064	794	495	156	81	8,731
No Religion	2,030	1,745	2,940	2,319	1,743	1,387	788	286	148	13,386
Not Stated	616	579	819	681	631	629	389	184	142	4,670
Total Population	8,723	9,080	10,254	9,748	9,839	8,875	5,778	2,886	1,922	67,105

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	102	114	216	280
1	115	111	226	316
2	88	126	214	319
3	139	109	248	321
4	121	132	253	336
5	140	127	267	353
6	136	148	284	314
7	130	154	284	346
8	157	130	287	339
9	154	166	320	357
10	175	141	316	370
11	136	147	283	327
12	151	148	299	337
13	167	145	312	393
14	159	181	340	378
15	159	148	307	371
16	163	169	332	366
17	158	143	301	390
18	189	182	371	387
19	176	170	346	364
20-24	786	778	1,564	1,681
25-29	583	644	1,227	1,482
30-34	603	640	1,243	1,471
35-39	640	720	1,360	1,695
40-44	695	830	1,525	2,031
45-49	866	978	1,844	1,986
50-54	776	977	1,753	1,634
55-59	706	815	1,521	1,267
60-64	557	592	1,149	877
65-69	371	469	840	574
70-74	261	313	574	466
75-79	209	272	481	358
80+	268	475	743	487
Total	10,236	11,394	21,630	22,973

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.

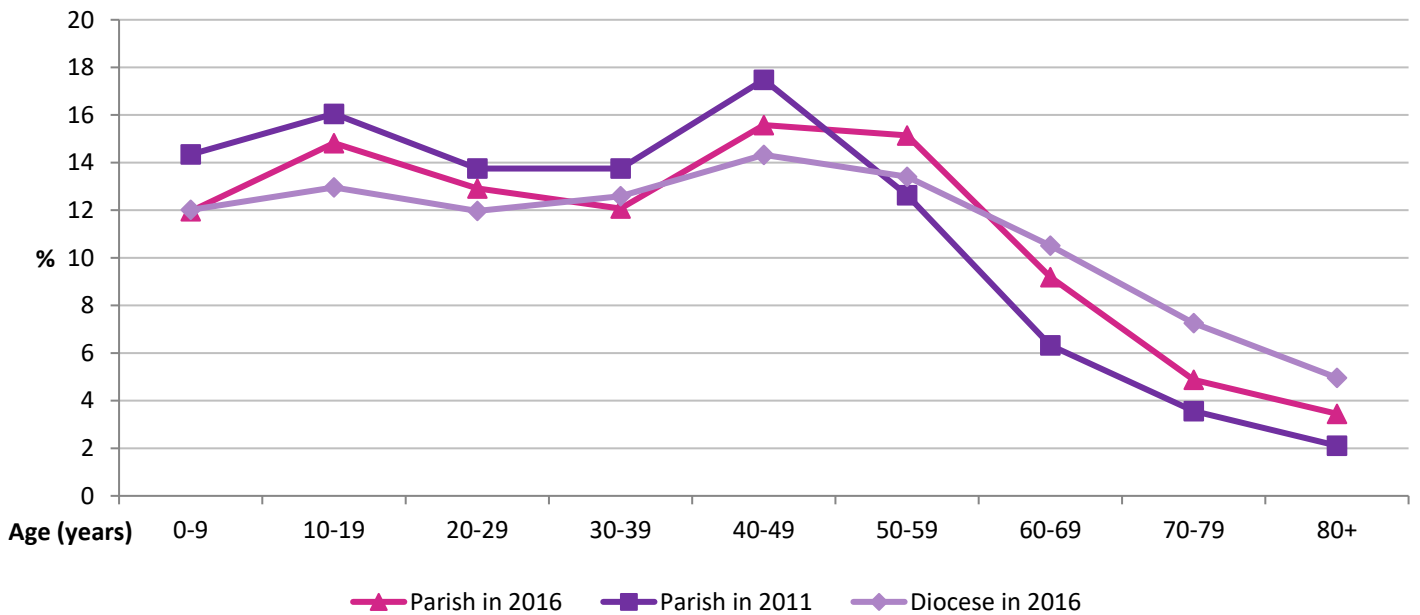
In 2016, among Australian Catholics as a whole, 52 per cent were female and 48 per cent were male. But it is not always like this. Among Catholics aged under 20, males outnumbered females, whereas females accounted for 58 per cent of Catholics aged 75 or more. There are also local factors, such as the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

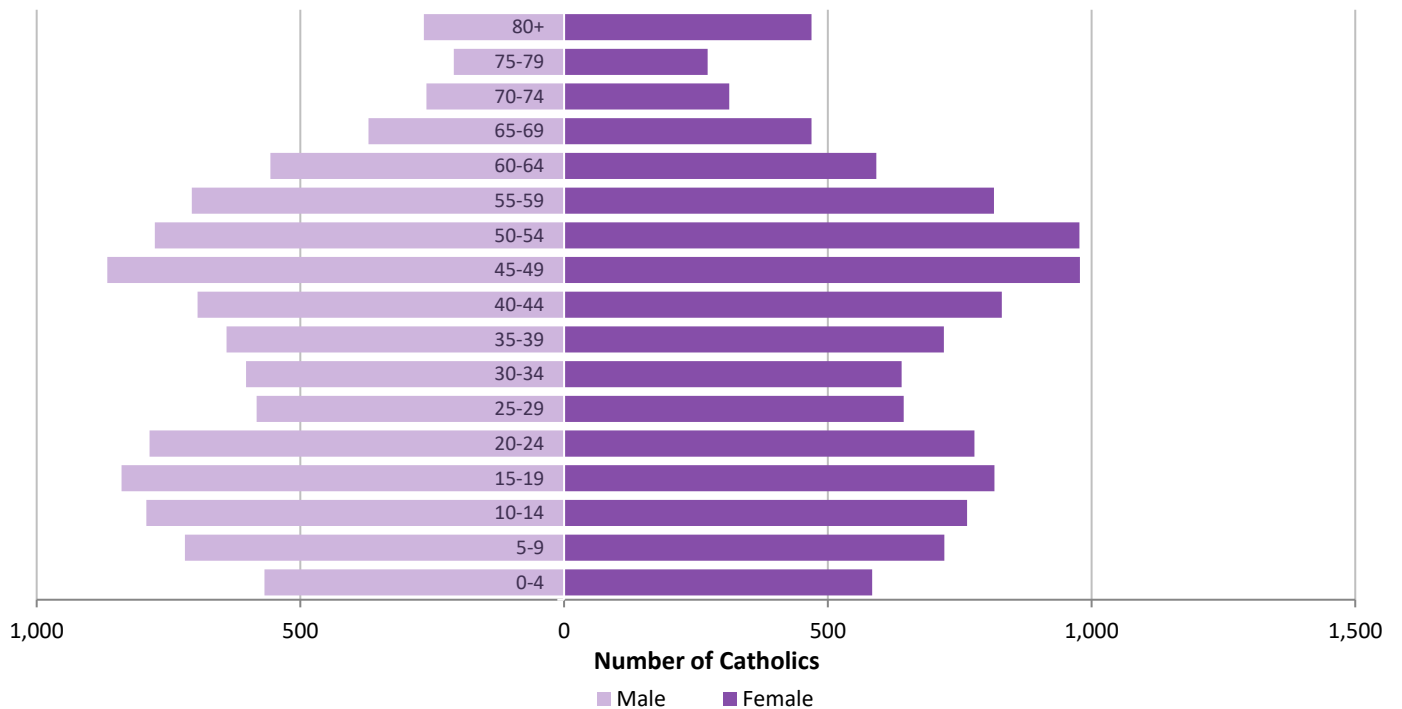


Age and sex

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

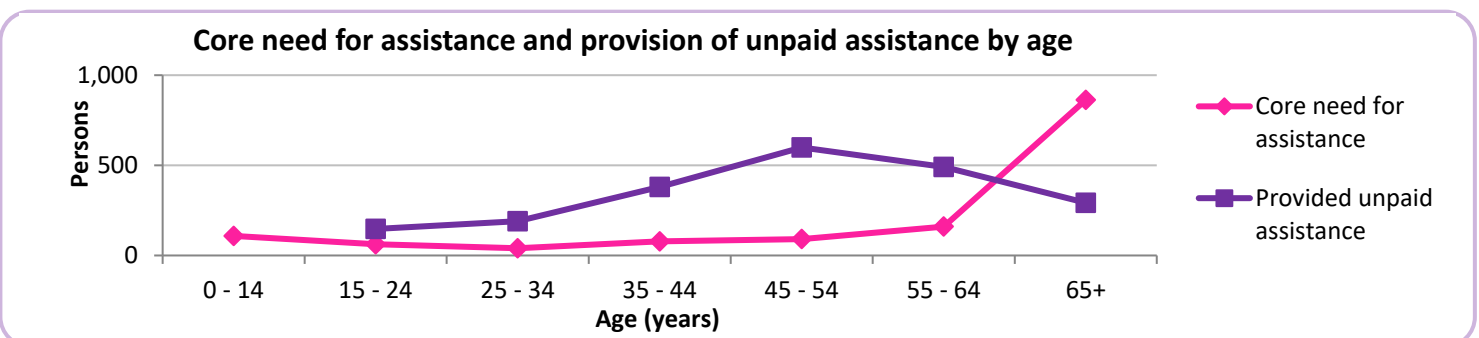
	0-14	15-44	45-64	65-74	75-84	85 and over	Total
Catholics who have need for assistance with core activities							
Family members:							
Males	68	76	69	74	65	24	376
Females	34	77	116	87	86	37	437
Lone Persons:							
Males	-	3	8	5	7	3	26
Females	-	3	15	14	40	14	86
Other non-family members or persons not present in a household on Census night³							
Males	-	20	22	21	53	69	185
Females	-	9	25	31	107	135	307
Total							
Males	68	99	99	100	125	96	587
Females	34	89	156	132	233	186	830

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	69	71	128	201	169	125	763
Females	74	122	249	396	318	170	1,329

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	1,608	735	262	156	62	28	11	2,862
Married	5	422	963	1,283	1,002	501	330	4,506
Separated/Divorced	3	25	111	188	180	75	31	613
Widowed	-	-	-	9	25	28	108	170
Total	1,616	1,182	1,336	1,636	1,269	632	480	8,151
Females								
Never married	1,559	663	263	143	66	28	12	2,734
Married	37	574	1,094	1,416	974	479	212	4,786
Separated/Divorced	-	52	185	370	290	129	42	1,068
Widowed	-	-	10	32	73	145	482	742
Total	1,596	1,289	1,552	1,961	1,403	781	748	9,330

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

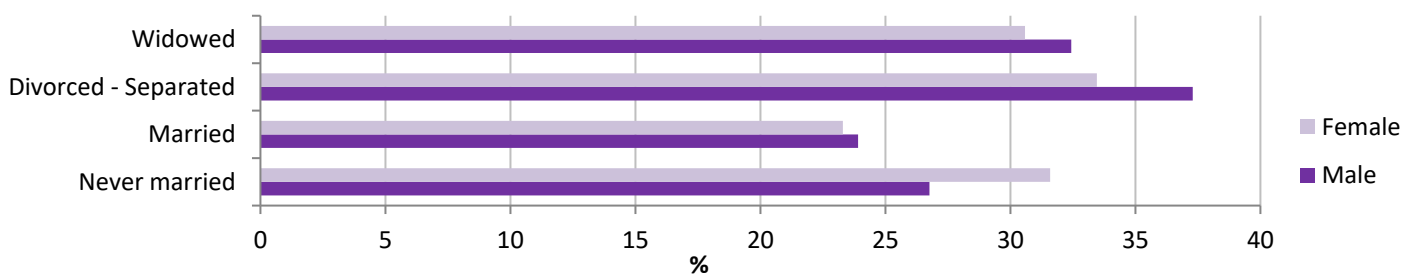


Table 13: Religious affiliation of couple by social marital status

	In a registered marriage	In a de facto marriage	Total couples	% couples in de facto marriages
Both persons Catholic	3,360	253	3,613	7.0
One person Catholic, the other non-Catholic Christian	1,204	216	1,420	15.2
One Catholic, the other not Christian or Not stated	806	259	1,065	24.3
Total	5,370	728	6,098	11.9



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	37	65	238	594	806	347	206	236	2,529	2,263
One parent Catholic, the other Christian, but not Catholic	15	22	91	246	312	122	73	94	975	2,213
One parent Catholic, the other Non-Christian, No Religion or Not stated	12	24	66	179	234	96	48	52	711	2,207
Couple with no children living at home:										
Both persons Catholic	127	229	173	240	201	63	15	43	1,091	1,236
One person Catholic, the other Christian, but not Catholic	21	64	73	114	111	30	14	13	440	1,615
One person Catholic, the other Non-Christian, No Religion or Not stated	18	29	47	87	114	33	14	14	356	1,913
One-parent families: Parent is Catholic	106	138	178	245	117	27	10	111	932	1,220
Other families where at least one person is Catholic	22	31	61	90	57	20	7	24	312	1,500
Other: Reference person Catholic but spouse temporarily absent ³	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	164	164	-
Total	358	602	927	1,795	1,952	738	387	751	7,510	1,873

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	212	61	56	14	9	352
\$500-\$799	396	92	84	38	3	613
\$800-\$1,249	445	187	208	61	19	920
\$1,250-\$1,999	761	341	511	137	30	1,780
\$2,000-\$2,999	825	392	539	177	25	1,958
\$3,000-\$3,999	326	168	173	52	3	722
\$4,000 or more	186	85	89	29	-	389
Income not fully stated	387	145	157	47	9	745
Total Families	3,538	1,471	1,817	555	98	7,479
Median Weekly Family Income (\$)	1,764	1,960	1,957	2,022	1,587	1,874

Note: Table population is Catholic families. Dependent children include all children aged 0-14 and dependent students aged 15-24. Some figures may differ from figures in other similar tables (i.e. Table 14) due to the randomisation process used by the ABS – see note at the bottom of page 10.

**Weekly Family Income
(Catholic families)**

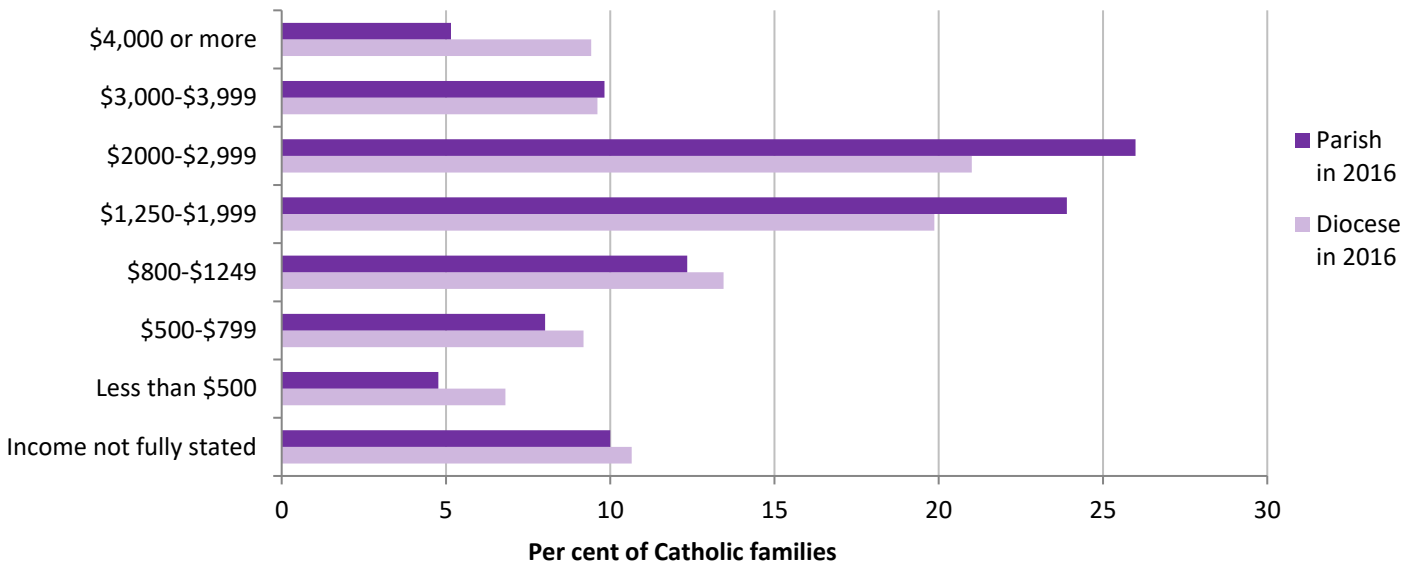


Table 16: Social marital status by number of dependent children

	0 dependent children	1 dependent child	2 dependent children	3 dependent children	4 or more	Total
Family Composition:						
Married couple family (at least one partner Catholic)	2,516	992	1,464	469	77	5,518
De facto couple family (at least one partner Catholic)	446	144	124	35	7	756
One parent family, parent Catholic	422	265	169	57	18	931
Other families where at least one person is Catholic	158	63	67	17	-	305
Total families	3,542	1,464	1,824	578	102	7,510



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	6,144	52	1,069	155	7,420	82.8
Lone person aged under 35 years	92	-	44	7	143	64.3
Lone person aged 35 years or over	730	30	122	54	936	78.0
Group households	91	7	99	-	197	46.2
Total households	7,057	89	1,334	216	8,696	81.2

	\$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	245	308	856	1,200	470	465	1,781
Lone person aged under 35 years	-	3	24	28	4	-	1,653
Lone person aged 35 years or over	42	29	72	70	13	11	1,395
Group households	6	3	14	22	7	4	1,736
Total households	293	343	966	1,320	494	480	1,757

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

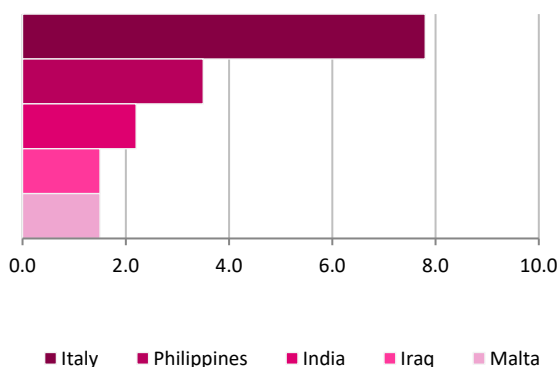
Catholics born overseas, especially those born in non-English-speaking countries, are likely to have different approaches to faith and spirituality, and different experiences and expectations of Church life, from those of Catholics born in Australia.

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)

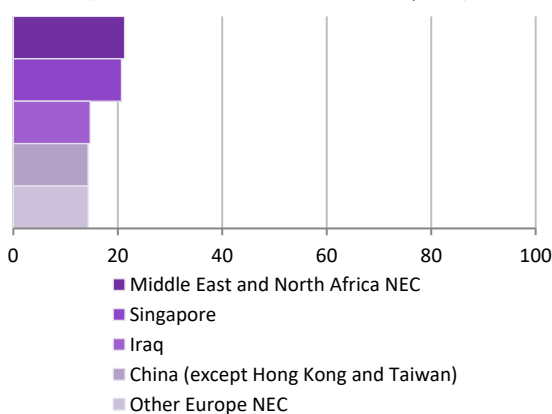


Table 19: Birthplace

	All Catholics	% of Catholics	% recent arrivals ¹
Australia	15,064	69.7	-
New Zealand	97	0.4	11.9
Other Oceania	40	0.2	-
United Kingdom (except Northern Ireland)	194	0.9	6.2
Ireland (including Northern Ireland)	112	0.5	10.3
Italy	1,678	7.8	1.4
Malta	316	1.5	1.0
Spain and Portugal	107	0.5	-
France	18	0.1	-
Netherlands	22	0.1	-
Germany	35	0.2	-
Austria	11	0.1	-
Croatia and other Former Yugoslavia	250	1.2	2.8
Poland	91	0.4	5.6
Hungary	19	0.1	-
Other Eastern Europe, Russian Federation and Baltic States	48	0.2	-
Other Europe NEC	21	0.1	14.3
Vietnam	129	0.6	14.1
Philippines	765	3.5	11.6
Indonesia	47	0.2	6.8
Malaysia	77	0.4	9.2
Singapore	32	0.1	20.7
South East Asia NEC	50	0.2	12.2
India	470	2.2	11.2
Sri Lanka	291	1.3	10.5
China (except Hong Kong and Taiwan)	48	0.2	14.3
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	29	0.1	-
Korea, Republic of (South)	31	0.1	-
Egypt	79	0.4	-
Lebanon	198	0.9	2.5
Iraq	319	1.5	14.7
Sudan (including South Sudan)	7	0.0	-
Middle East and North Africa NEC	88	0.4	21.3
South Africa	37	0.2	12.5
Mauritius	80	0.4	-
United States of America	13	0.1	-
Canada	16	0.1	-
Argentina	31	0.1	-
Brazil	9	0.0	-
Colombia	42	0.2	-
Chile	52	0.2	-
Central America and South America NEC	62	0.3	10.9
Other countries	89	0.4	14.8
Inadequately described/Not stated	410	1.9	-
Total	21,624	100.0	1.8

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	14,157	22,991	37,148	38.1
Italian	3,054	317	3,371	90.6
Maltese	286	11	297	96.3
Spanish	256	118	374	68.4
Croatian	288	29	317	90.9
Polish	101	10	111	91.0
Dutch	4	17	21	19.0
French	57	25	82	69.5
German	30	47	77	39.0
Portuguese	85	11	96	88.5
Hungarian	9	18	27	33.3
Ukrainian	6	13	19	31.6
Vietnamese	218	596	814	26.8
Filipino languages	693	107	800	86.6
Chinese languages	218	2,797	3,015	7.2
Malayalam	393	292	685	57.4
Sinhalese	170	518	688	24.7
Korean	39	93	132	29.5
Indonesian and Malay	52	199	251	20.7
Arabic	492	2,132	2,624	18.8
Assyrian and Chaldean	354	46	400	88.5
Oceanic and Papuan languages	57	209	266	21.4
Australian Indigenous languages	-	-	-	-
Other European languages NEC	114	6,769	6,883	1.7
Other Asian languages NEC	194	4,070	4,264	4.5
Other languages NEC	82	1,364	1,446	5.7
Inadequately described/Non-Verbal/Not stated	215	2,759	2,974	7.2
Total	21,624	45,558	67,182	32.2

Notes:

1. Australian Bureau of Statistics 1999. *Australian Social Trends 1999. Catalogue No. 4102.0, p.11.*

2. *The percentage of Catholics among the speakers of these languages in Australia.*

NEC = Not Elsewhere Classified



Language

Why does the proportion of people not speaking English well vary for different languages spoken at home? Part of the explanation lies in differences in average period of residence of the various language groups. Another factor is 'cultural distance': the more people from a particular culture share the customs, beliefs and lifestyles with the majority Australian culture, the easier it will be for them to overcome language barriers. A third factor is the size of the language group and the pattern of settlement. The concentration of large numbers of speakers in a region tends to reinforce the use of that language.¹

What are the most commonly spoken languages other than English among the Catholics of this parish? Are speakers of some languages more likely than others to have difficulty with English? Can you see the influence of the three factors outlined above reflected in the figures on this page?

Table 21: Language spoken at home by age

	0-4	5-11	12-19	20-29	30-49	50-64	65 and over	Total	% who do not speak English well
English	876	1,659	2,129	2,144	3,706	2,560	1,081	14,155	-
Italian	34	66	103	157	926	900	862	3,048	12.2
Maltese	3	-	6	11	42	95	125	282	7.0
Spanish	23	16	8	17	104	42	53	263	12.5
Croatian	8	9	10	22	72	76	97	294	12.8
Polish	4	4	-	11	28	35	18	100	10.5
Dutch	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
French	-	3	3	7	15	15	12	55	9.4
German	-	-	-	5	3	4	15	27	-
Portuguese	-	5	5	3	18	31	19	81	14.3
Hungarian	-	-	-	-	-	9	7	16	30.0
Ukrainian	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	-
Vietnamese	11	24	25	43	58	37	16	214	17.1
Filipino languages	9	23	56	88	239	197	81	693	2.4
Chinese languages	11	10	15	30	70	55	25	216	7.8
Malayalam	48	77	48	18	172	23	6	392	8.5
Sinhalese	6	8	21	23	69	41	-	168	4.1
Korean	-	4	-	3	18	7	-	32	28.2
Indonesian and Malay	10	9	3	-	26	5	5	58	-
Arabic	15	35	41	81	121	128	74	495	11.8
Assyrian and Chaldean	32	42	55	53	97	42	29	350	15.2
Oceanic and Papuan languages	5	4	6	7	23	7	8	60	5.0
Australian Indigenous Languages	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other European languages NEC	12	3	10	8	34	19	29	115	10.8
Other Asian languages NEC	6	11	8	30	54	47	26	182	8.2
Other languages NEC	-	3	7	9	40	14	11	84	10.1
Inadequately described/Non-Verbal/Not stated	43	13	20	23	34	37	41	211	20.4
Total	1,156	2,028	2,579	2,793	5,969	4,426	2,643	21,594	3.7

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?

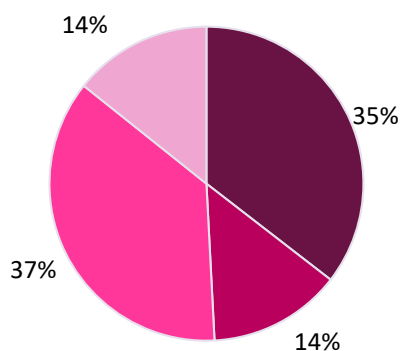
Table 22: Type of educational institution attending by religious affiliation

	Catholic	Not Catholic or not stated	All persons	% Catholic
Infants/Primary – Government	627	3,018	3,645	17.2
Infants/Primary – Catholic	1,343	540	1,883	71.3
Infants/Primary – Other Non-Government	35	271	306	11.4
Secondary – Government	562	1,964	2,526	22.2
Secondary – Catholic	1,193	768	1,961	60.8
Secondary – Other Non-Government	43	261	304	14.1
Technical or Further Educational Institution (including TAFE Colleges)	379	837	1,216	31.2
University or other Tertiary Institutions	987	3,013	4,000	24.7
Other (including pre-school)	495	1,174	1,669	29.7
Not stated/Not applicable ¹	15,968	33,722	49,690	32.1
Total	21,632	45,568	67,200	32.2

Note:

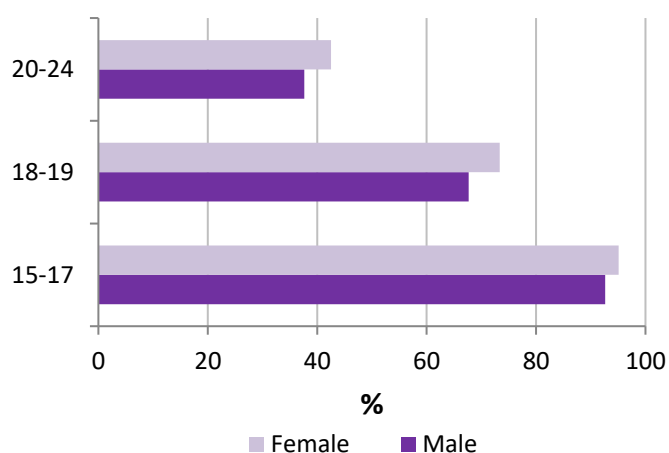
1. This table includes the total population of the parish and so there are high numbers for categories where the question about type of educational institutions being attended is not applicable.

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

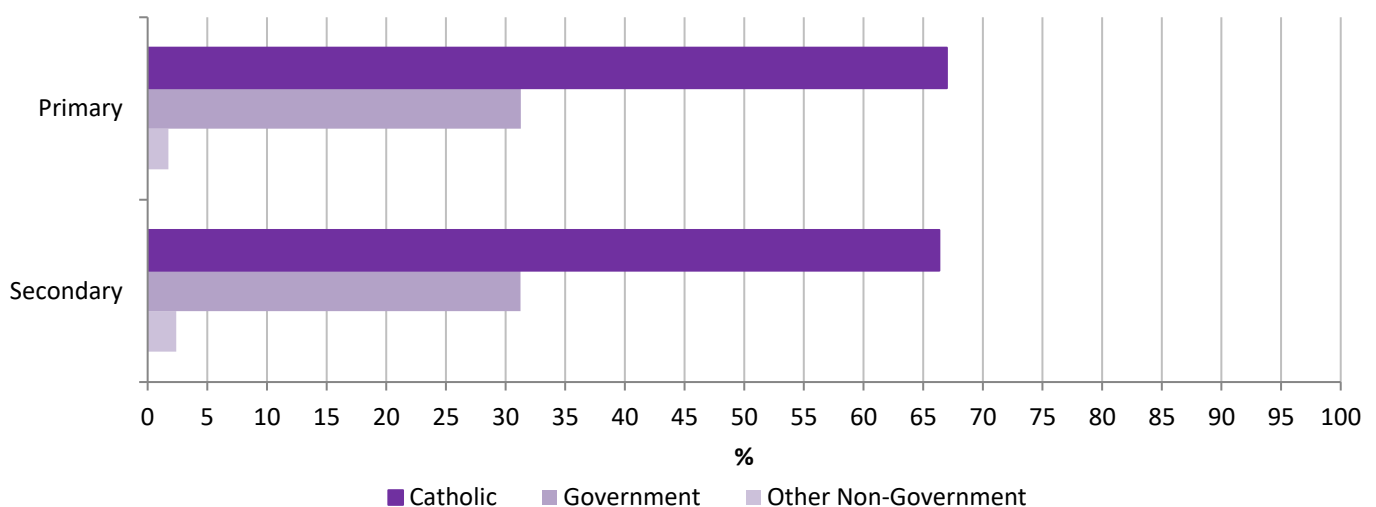
Table 23: Type of educational institution attending by weekly income of student's family¹

	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	40	67	90	184	134	36	6	604	82,474
Infants/Primary – Catholic	27	67	125	373	455	143	59	1,322	107,984
Infants/Primary – Other Non-Government	-	4	3	7	4	6	5	32	110,778
Secondary – Government	30	52	86	136	116	28	7	527	82,262
Secondary – Catholic	32	51	136	277	358	145	66	1,170	109,576
Secondary – Other Non-Government	-	-	3	7	6	5	4	31	125,986
TAFE, University or other tertiary institution	11	18	45	135	184	118	63	654	126,364
Other (including pre-school)	7	4	18	40	36	12	4	130	95,949
Not stated/Not applicable	7	5	28	37	29	6	-	132	82,064
Total	154	268	534	1,196	1,322	499	214	4,602	102,347

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	5	38	61	34	44	9	191
Graduate diploma / bachelor degree	100	250	225	198	143	64	980
Advanced diploma or diploma level	58	114	154	167	102	60	655
Certificate level	227	427	419	544	391	206	2,214
Inadequately described/Not stated/Not applicable	1,224	357	477	700	595	773	4,126
Total	1,614	1,186	1,336	1,643	1,275	1,112	8,166
<i>Per cent with degree or higher</i>	<i>6.5</i>	<i>24.3</i>	<i>21.4</i>	<i>14.1</i>	<i>14.7</i>	<i>6.6</i>	<i>14.3</i>
Females							
Postgraduate degree	10	64	47	47	11	3	182
Graduate diploma / bachelor degree	165	456	401	260	134	84	1,500
Advanced diploma or diploma level	101	211	290	205	131	63	1,001
Certificate level	168	237	276	369	228	70	1,348
Inadequately described/Not stated/Not applicable	1,159	318	538	1,078	897	1,297	5,287
Total	1,603	1,286	1,552	1,959	1,401	1,517	9,318
<i>Per cent with degree or higher</i>	<i>10.9</i>	<i>40.4</i>	<i>28.9</i>	<i>15.7</i>	<i>10.3</i>	<i>5.7</i>	<i>18.1</i>
All Catholics							
Postgraduate degree	15	102	108	81	55	12	373
Graduate diploma / bachelor degree	265	706	626	458	277	148	2,480
Advanced diploma or diploma level	159	325	444	372	233	123	1,656
Certificate level	395	664	695	913	619	276	3,562
Inadequately described/Not stated/Not applicable	2,383	675	1,015	1,778	1,492	2,070	9,413
Total	3,217	2,472	2,888	3,602	2,676	2,629	17,484
<i>Per cent with degree or higher</i>	<i>8.7</i>	<i>32.7</i>	<i>25.4</i>	<i>15.0</i>	<i>12.4</i>	<i>6.1</i>	<i>16.3</i>



Employment

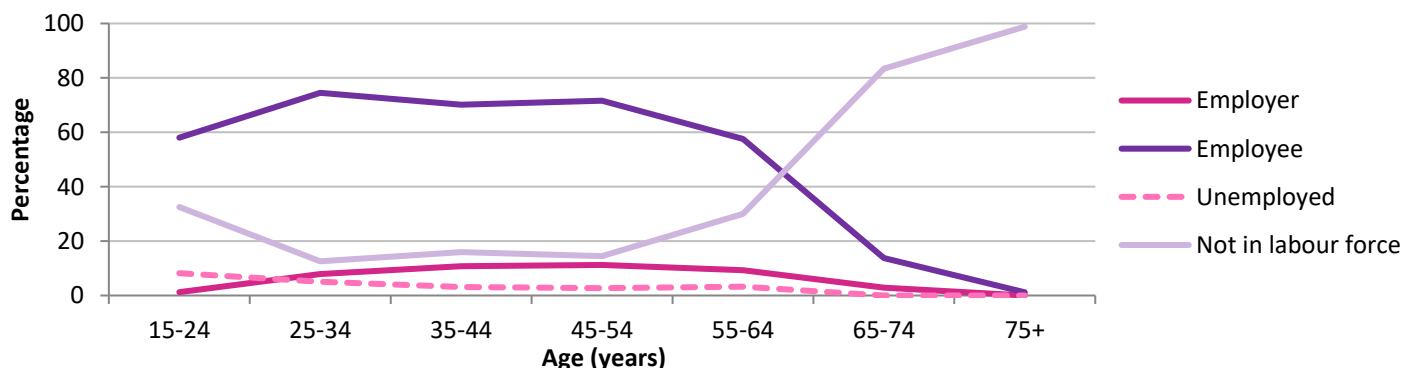
In recent years there have been many changes in society and the workplace that have affected Australian workers. One major change has been the increase in the percentages of workers, especially young people and women, in part-time jobs. Another has been the rise in participation in the labour force by 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	34	368	476	33	911
Employee	881	1,839	1,908	108	4,736
Unemployed	142	97	92	-	331
Not in the labour force	546	181	399	951	2,077
Other/Not stated/Not applicable	22	33	42	31	128
Total	1,625	2,518	2,917	1,123	8,183
<i>Per cent in labour force²</i>	<i>65.0</i>	<i>91.5</i>	<i>84.9</i>	<i>12.6</i>	<i>73.1</i>
<i>Per cent unemployed³</i>	<i>13.4</i>	<i>4.2</i>	<i>3.7</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>5.5</i>
Females					
Employer	7	127	165	3	302
Employee	968	1,990	2,156	93	5,207
Unemployed	116	113	89	3	321
Not in the labour force	494	579	905	1,385	3,363
Other/Not stated/Not applicable	16	26	44	35	121
Total	1,601	2,835	3,359	1,519	9,321
<i>Per cent in labour force²</i>	<i>68.1</i>	<i>78.7</i>	<i>71.7</i>	<i>6.5</i>	<i>62.6</i>
<i>Per cent unemployed³</i>	<i>10.6</i>	<i>5.1</i>	<i>3.7</i>	<i>3.0</i>	<i>5.5</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	27	114	223	270	142	18	794
Professionals	51	183	189	162	99	10	694
Technicians & Trade Workers	270	330	283	336	205	24	1,448
Community & Personal Service Workers	77	55	53	67	56	14	322
Clerical & Administrative Workers	45	79	82	128	97	4	435
Sales Workers	207	75	76	93	40	12	503
Machinery operators & Drivers	58	79	153	201	165	28	684
Labourers	167	94	131	172	137	30	731
ID / NS / NA ¹	711	164	147	208	326	970	2,526
Total	1,613	1,173	1,337	1,637	1,267	1,110	8,137
<i>Per cent Managers & Professionals²</i>	<i>8.6</i>	<i>29.4</i>	<i>34.6</i>	<i>30.2</i>	<i>25.6</i>	<i>20.0</i>	<i>26.5</i>
<i>Per cent 'blue collar workers'²</i>	<i>54.9</i>	<i>49.9</i>	<i>47.6</i>	<i>49.6</i>	<i>53.9</i>	<i>58.6</i>	<i>51.0</i>
Females							
Managers	25	83	104	110	56	-	378
Professionals	97	353	316	224	110	16	1,116
Technicians & Trade Workers	45	47	41	63	21	6	223
Community & Personal Service Workers	172	138	180	212	164	30	896
Clerical & Administrative Workers	139	243	309	559	266	28	1,544
Sales Workers	445	97	116	201	125	-	984
Machinery operators & Drivers	3	8	22	29	12	-	74
Labourers	41	17	42	92	90	15	297
ID / NS / NA ¹	629	303	431	465	574	1,427	3,829
Total	1,596	1,289	1,561	1,955	1,418	1,522	9,341
<i>Per cent Managers & Professionals²</i>	<i>12.6</i>	<i>44.2</i>	<i>37.2</i>	<i>22.4</i>	<i>19.7</i>	<i>16.8</i>	<i>27.1</i>
<i>Per cent 'blue collar workers'²</i>	<i>9.2</i>	<i>7.3</i>	<i>9.3</i>	<i>12.3</i>	<i>14.6</i>	<i>22.1</i>	<i>10.8</i>
All Catholics							
Managers	52	197	327	380	198	18	1,172
Professionals	148	536	505	386	209	26	1,810
Technicians & Trade Workers	315	377	324	399	226	30	1,671
Community & Personal Service Workers	249	193	233	279	220	44	1,218
Clerical & Administrative Workers	184	322	391	687	363	32	1,979
Sales Workers	652	172	192	294	165	12	1,487
Machinery operators & Drivers	61	87	175	230	177	28	758
Labourers	208	111	173	264	227	45	1,028
ID / NS / NA ¹	1,340	467	578	673	900	2,397	6,355
Total	3,209	2,462	2,898	3,592	2,685	2,632	17,478
<i>Per cent Managers & Professionals²</i>	<i>10.7</i>	<i>36.7</i>	<i>35.9</i>	<i>26.2</i>	<i>22.8</i>	<i>18.7</i>	<i>26.8</i>
<i>Per cent 'blue collar workers'²</i>	<i>31.2</i>	<i>28.8</i>	<i>29.0</i>	<i>30.6</i>	<i>35.3</i>	<i>43.8</i>	<i>31.1</i>

Notes:

1. ID = Inadequately described; NS = Not stated; NA = Not applicable.

2. See Notes 1 and 2 on page 5 for the type of occupations covered by the terms 'Managers & Professionals' and 'blue collar'.



Occupation

Occupation, like qualifications, is an indicator of socioeconomic status. It can also indicate the types of skills and interests that parishioners have.

What are the major occupations for male and female Catholics in this parish? What do you think accounts for differences in occupation between the sexes?

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

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

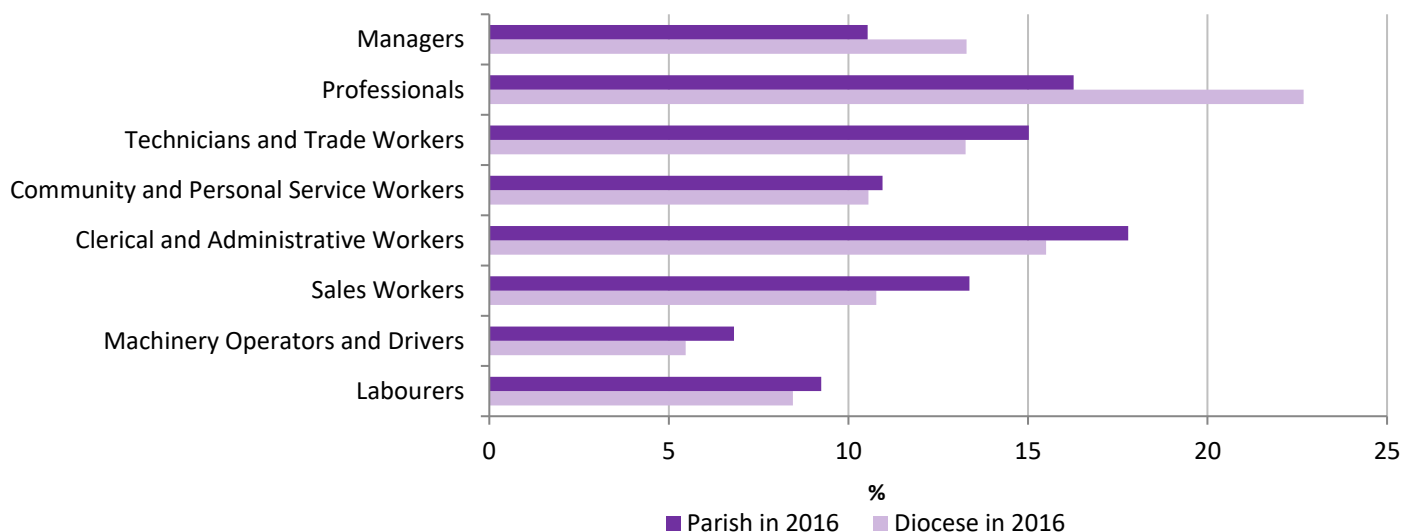
Table 27: Occupation of parents of students attending Catholic schools

	Primary School	Secondary School
Both parents in professional occupation	91	56
One parent or lone parent in professional occupation	513	430
Both parents in 'white collar' occupation ¹	316	389
One parent or lone parent in 'white collar' occupation	527	654
Both parents in 'blue collar' occupation	42	70
One parent or lone parent in 'blue collar' occupation	212	159
Not applicable and not stated	194	196
Total	1,895	1,954
% with professional parent(s)	31.9	24.9
% with blue collar parent(s)	13.4	11.7

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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