



# **PARISH SOCIAL PROFILE**

**Based on the 2016 Australian Census**

**Werribee Parish**  
**Archdiocese of Melbourne**

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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

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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: 76,085

Catholic Population: 19,933

Catholics make up 26.2 per cent of the total population

Median age of Catholics is 36 years

Total Catholic families: 7,321

1,367 Catholics live alone

5,595 Catholics were born overseas

559 Catholics do not speak English well

1,203 Catholics need assistance with core activities

5,932 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	19,151	<b>19,933</b>
Catholics aged 0-14 (%)	22.0	<b>21.7</b>
Catholics aged 65+ (%)	10.0	<b>12.1</b>
Catholics born in NESC <sup>1</sup> (%)	19.8	<b>23.3</b>
Catholics not proficient in English (%)	2.8	<b>2.8</b>
Catholic families	7,051	<b>7,321</b>
Catholics living alone	1,379	<b>1,367</b>
Catholic students attending Catholic schools <sup>2</sup> (%)	59.6	<b>62.0</b>
Catholics with university degree (%)	11.6	<b>14.9</b>
Catholic males in labour force (%)	75.0	<b>73.6</b>
Catholic females in labour force (%)	60.7	<b>61.3</b>
Catholic households owning or purchasing dwelling (%)	75.9	<b>75.1</b>

**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: Population<sup>1</sup>**

	Parish 2016	Parish 2011	Diocese 2016	Australia 2016	Diocesan Group <sup>2</sup>	Australian Group <sup>2</sup>
Total population <sup>3</sup>	<b>76,085</b>	59,266	4,554,459	23,401,892	1	1
Catholic population	<b>19,933</b>	19,151	1,067,030	5,291,834	1	1
Per cent Catholic	<b>26.2</b>	32.3	23.4	22.6	2	2
At same address since previous Census (%)	<b>58.4</b>	55.8	61.1	57.3	4	3
Median age <sup>4</sup> (years)	<b>36</b>	33	40	40	5	5
Aged 0-14 (%)	<b>21.7</b>	22.0	18.6	19.8	1	2
Aged 65+ (%)	<b>12.1</b>	10.0	17.3	16.6	5	5
Males per 100 females	<b>90.3</b>	92.3	89.3	90.6	2	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 (%)	<b>6.0</b>	4.5	6.3	5.8	3	3
Provided unpaid assistance to a person with a disability <sup>5</sup> (% of Catholics aged 15+)	<b>12.2</b>	10.9	12.9	12.5	4	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 <sup>1</sup> (% of those recording an occupation)	<b>24.3</b>	22.5	36.0	34.1	5	5
Workers in 'blue collar' occupations <sup>2</sup> (% of those recording an occupation)	<b>36.1</b>	38.0	27.2	29.6	1	2
Men, employed or seeking work <sup>3</sup> (%)	<b>73.6</b>	75.0	68.5	69.7	2	2
Women, employed or seeking work <sup>3</sup> (%)	<b>61.3</b>	60.7	59.0	60.6	3	3
Unemployed at time of Census <sup>4</sup> (%)	<b>7.3</b>	5.6	5.6	5.8	1	1
Youth unemployed at time of Census <sup>5</sup> (%)	<b>15.3</b>	11.4	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 <sup>6</sup>	<b>4.8</b>	4.3	4.4	5.6	3	3
Born overseas in non-English-speaking country (%)	<b>23.3</b>	19.8	25.6	19.1	3	2
Immigrants from non-English-speaking countries arriving in Census year or previous 3 years	<b>417</b>	282	25,297	106,428	1	1
Catholics of Australian Indigenous origin	<b>183</b>	121	4,990	133,528	1	1
Speak language other than English at home (%)	<b>25.3</b>	21.6	28.1	20.4	3	2
Not proficient in English <sup>7</sup> (%)	<b>2.8</b>	2.8	4.0	2.6	3	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<sup>1</sup>**

	Parish 2016	Parish 2011	Diocese 2016	Australia 2016	Diocesan Group	Australian Group
Catholics aged 15+ with bachelor degree or higher qualification (%)	<b>14.9</b>	11.6	23.5	20.6	5	3
Aged 15-17 attending an educational institution <sup>2</sup>	<b>93.4</b>	86.9	94.5	92.2	4	3
Aged 18-19 attending an educational institution <sup>2</sup>	<b>64.0</b>	59.2	74.7	62.9	5	3
Aged 20-24 attending an educational institution <sup>2</sup>	<b>33.3</b>	30.3	46.2	38.2	5	3
Catholic primary students attending Catholic schools (%)	<b>63.6</b>	59.3	60.3	53.1	3	2
Catholic primary students attending Government schools (%)	<b>31.9</b>	35.6	34.3	41.0	3	4
Catholic secondary students attending Catholic schools (%)	<b>59.9</b>	59.9	58.7	54.5	3	2
Catholic secondary students attending Government schools (%)	<b>34.0</b>	32.8	30.4	35.1	2	3
Primary students attending Catholic schools who are not Catholic <sup>3</sup> (%)	<b>26.7</b>	15.2	22.9	28.1	2	3
Secondary students attending Catholic schools who are not Catholic <sup>3</sup> (%)	<b>30.0</b>	24.5	30.5	35.7	3	4

**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 (%)	34.7	36.0	33.4	33.3	2	2
Married (%)	49.2	48.7	50.1	49.7	3	3
Divorced or Separated (%)	11.4	10.9	10.3	11.2	2	3
Widowed (%)	4.7	4.4	6.1	5.8	4	4

**Table 7: Families<sup>1</sup>**

*in which at least one person is Catholic*

	Parish 2016	Parish 2011	Diocese 2016	Australia 2016	Diocesan Group	Australian Group
Families	7,321	7,051	388,817	1,997,833	1	1
One-parent families	1,035	993	45,853	231,370	1	1
One-parent families (% of all families)	14.1	14.1	11.8	11.6	2	1
Couples of mixed religions <sup>2</sup> (%)	49.6	51.7	50.0	55.9	4	5
De facto couples <sup>3</sup> (%)	17.3	17.6	15.6	17.1	2	3
Median annual family income <sup>4</sup> (\$)	92,919	79,987	102,912	100,270	4	3

**Table 8: Households<sup>5</sup>**

*in which at least one person is Catholic*

	Parish 2016	Parish 2011	Diocese 2016	Australia 2016	Diocesan Group	Australian Group
Households	8,813	8,654	500,423	2,548,354	1	1
Persons living alone (aged under 35)	217	285	11,479	53,499	1	1
Persons living alone (aged 35+)	1,150	1,094	82,673	407,684	1	1
Persons living alone (total)	1,367	1,379	94,152	461,183	1	1
Persons living alone (% of all persons)	6.9	7.2	8.8	8.7	4	4
Dwellings owned or being purchased (%)	75.1	75.9	74.0	71.2	3	3
Median monthly housing loan repayment <sup>6</sup> (\$)	1,657	1,708	1,860	1,873	5	4

### 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

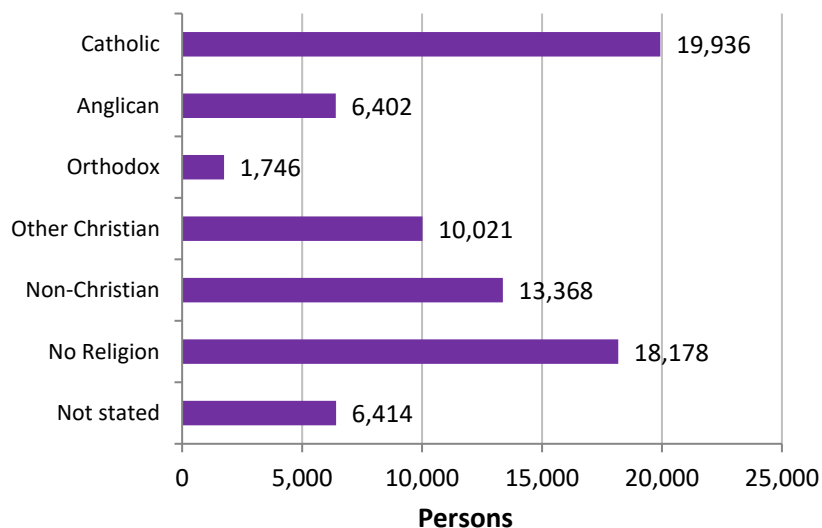
The Census question about religion is optional, and just under ten per cent of people across Australia chose not to answer it. Note that the question is about religious identification rather than religious practice or belief. For the 2016 Census, the ABS moved the 'No Religion' response category to be 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?*

**Religious Affiliation**  
(All persons)



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	2,875	2,816	2,618	2,828	2,814	2,539	1,800	1,013	568	19,871
Maronite Catholic	3	-	-	5	5	-	-	-	-	13
Melkite Catholic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ukrainian Catholic	7	4	-	3	5	-	-	-	-	19
Chaldean Catholic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Syro-Malabar Catholic	9	8	-	4	12	-	-	-	-	33
<b>Total Catholic</b>	<b>2,894</b>	<b>2,828</b>	<b>2,618</b>	<b>2,840</b>	<b>2,836</b>	<b>2,539</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>1,013</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>19,936</b>
<b>Per cent Catholic (of total population in age group)</b>	<b>22.0</b>	<b>29.7</b>	<b>23.8</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>28.3</b>	<b>31.3</b>	<b>31.3</b>	<b>35.8</b>	<b>39.1</b>	<b>26.2</b>
Anglican	658	687	608	693	988	1,042	916	512	298	6,402
Orthodox	265	214	184	302	257	253	164	68	39	1,746
Other Christian	1,554	1,363	1,246	1,505	1,371	1,226	975	515	266	10,021
Non-Christian	3,325	1,205	2,077	4,478	1,268	548	345	95	27	13,368
No Religion	3,384	2,510	3,267	3,238	2,469	1,802	1,014	361	133	18,178
Not Stated	1,069	730	999	1,167	821	710	531	264	123	6,414
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>13,149</b>	<b>9,537</b>	<b>10,999</b>	<b>14,223</b>	<b>10,010</b>	<b>8,120</b>	<b>5,745</b>	<b>2,828</b>	<b>1,454</b>	<b>76,065</b>

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**

	<b>Males 2016</b>	<b>Females 2016</b>	<b>Total 2016</b>	<b>Total 2011</b>
<b>Age (years)</b>				
0	132	114	<b>246</b>	224
1	145	119	<b>264</b>	283
2	126	142	<b>268</b>	263
3	164	166	<b>330</b>	281
4	116	137	<b>253</b>	302
5	136	140	<b>276</b>	303
6	161	154	<b>315</b>	260
7	153	154	<b>307</b>	283
8	146	164	<b>310</b>	277
9	171	147	<b>318</b>	289
10	161	162	<b>323</b>	292
11	145	142	<b>287</b>	272
12	151	135	<b>286</b>	306
13	141	133	<b>274</b>	282
14	142	129	<b>271</b>	293
15	145	139	<b>284</b>	322
16	139	139	<b>278</b>	326
17	145	154	<b>299</b>	281
18	132	136	<b>268</b>	277
19	132	128	<b>260</b>	269
20-24	612	681	<b>1,293</b>	1,336
25-29	612	710	<b>1,322</b>	1,449
30-34	642	815	<b>1,457</b>	1,337
35-39	644	738	<b>1,382</b>	1,480
40-44	626	764	<b>1,390</b>	1,452
45-49	698	743	<b>1,441</b>	1,414
50-54	684	715	<b>1,399</b>	1,227
55-59	529	615	<b>1,144</b>	1,021
60-64	474	496	<b>970</b>	844
65-69	375	457	<b>832</b>	612
70-74	250	321	<b>571</b>	472
75-79	201	247	<b>448</b>	369
80+	225	342	<b>567</b>	459
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,455</b>	<b>10,478</b>	<b>19,933</b>	<b>19,157</b>

**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.

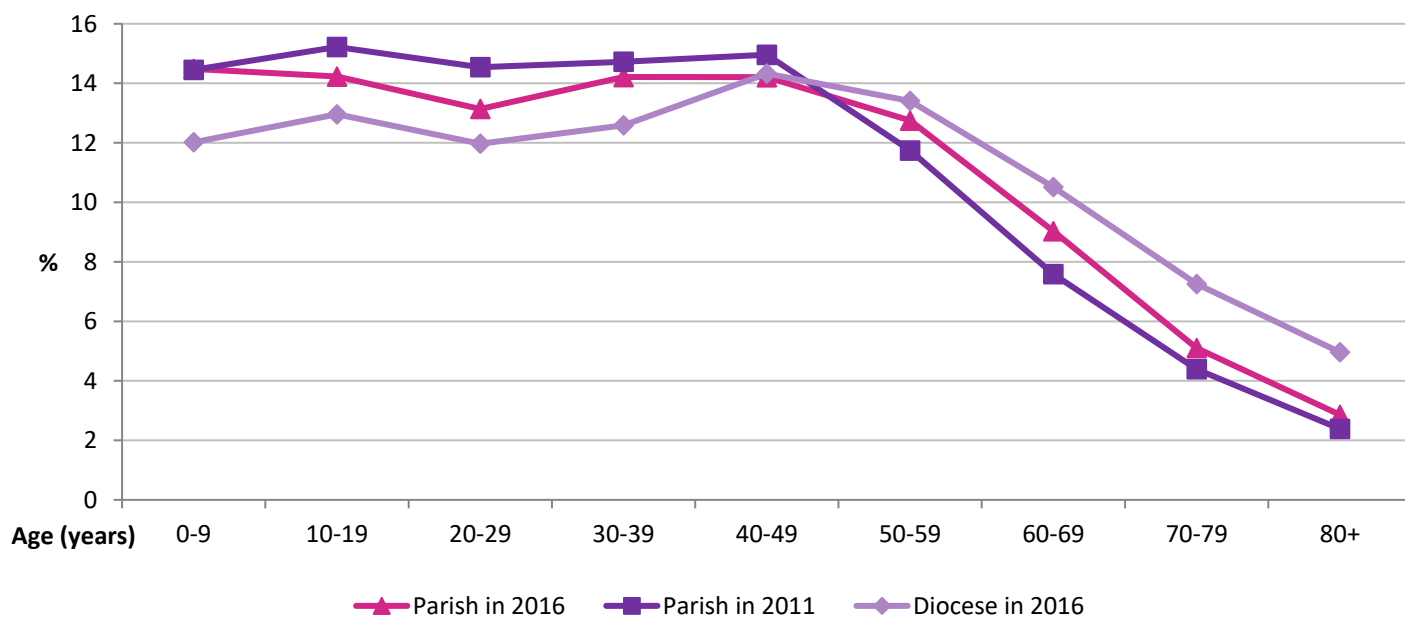
*Take time to study the table. Are there any surprises in it? Is there anything that calls for a new or modified response from the parish? What are the major changes since 2011? Can you get a sense from the table of what the parish age profile might look like in 2021, the year of the next Census?*



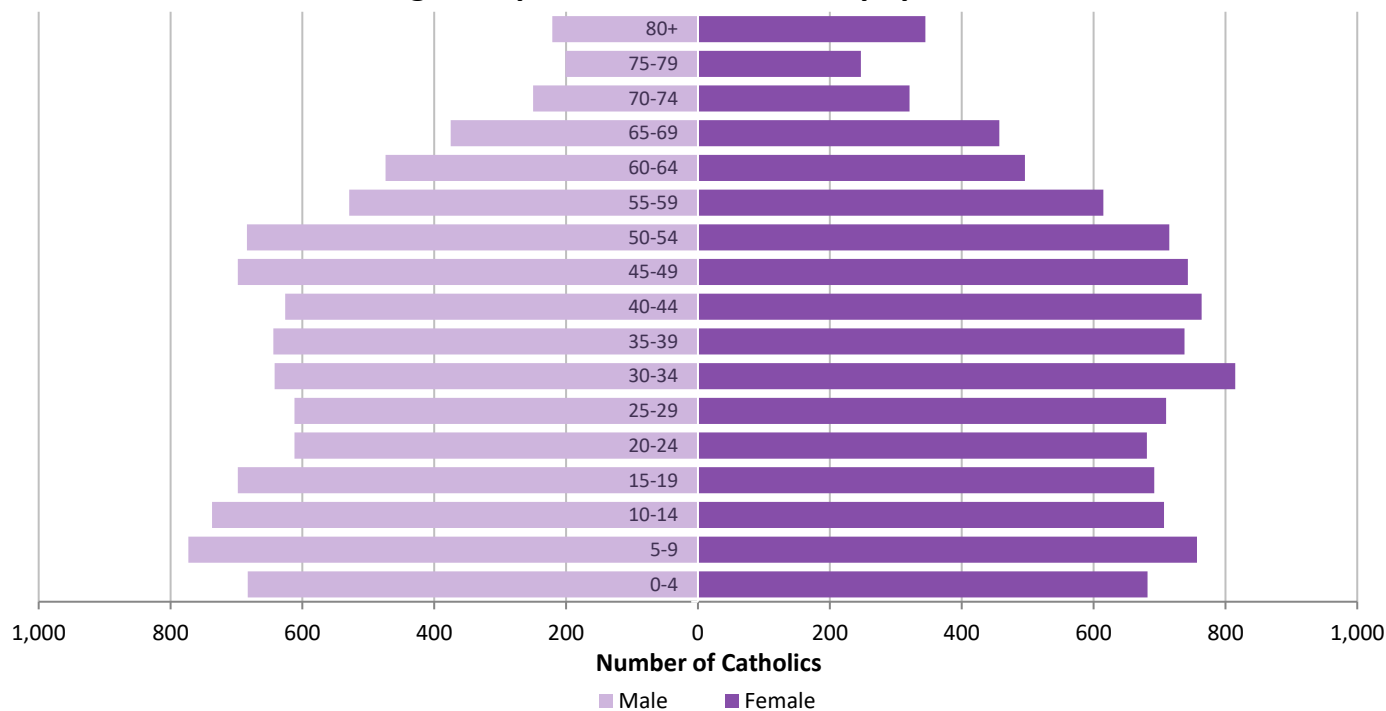


# Age and sex

**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”.<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup>

*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
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**Catholics who have need for assistance with core activities**

**Family members:**

Males	113	83	87	55	58	26	422
Females	55	76	119	70	72	37	429

**Lone Persons:**

Males	-	7	7	14	13	5	46
Females	-	6	13	14	33	24	90

**Other non-family members or persons not present in a household on Census night<sup>3</sup>**

Males	-	4	17	20	28	15	84
Females	3	11	17	23	27	60	141

**Total**

Males	113	94	111	89	99	46	552
Females	58	93	149	107	132	121	660

**Table 11b: Provision of unpaid assistance by age**

	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 and over	Total
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**Catholics who provide unpaid assistance to a person with a disability<sup>4</sup>**

Males	56	88	134	177	127	132	714
Females	92	154	260	292	234	173	1,205

**Notes:**

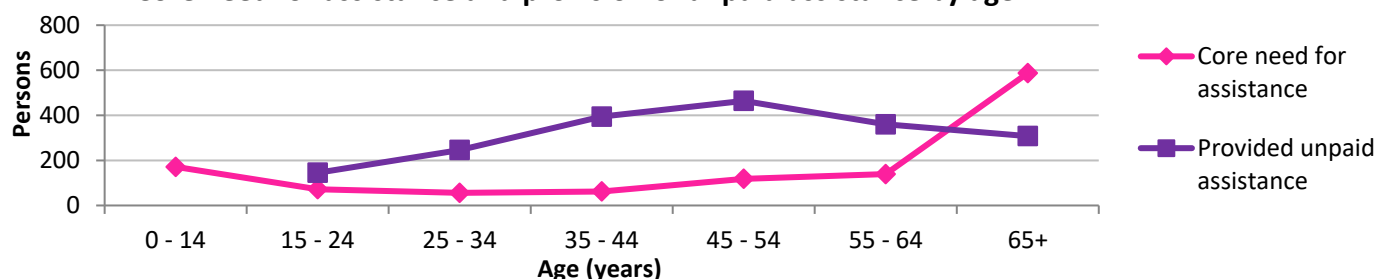
1. Australian Bureau of Statistics 2016. *Census Dictionary Australia 2016*. Catalogue No. 2901.0.

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.

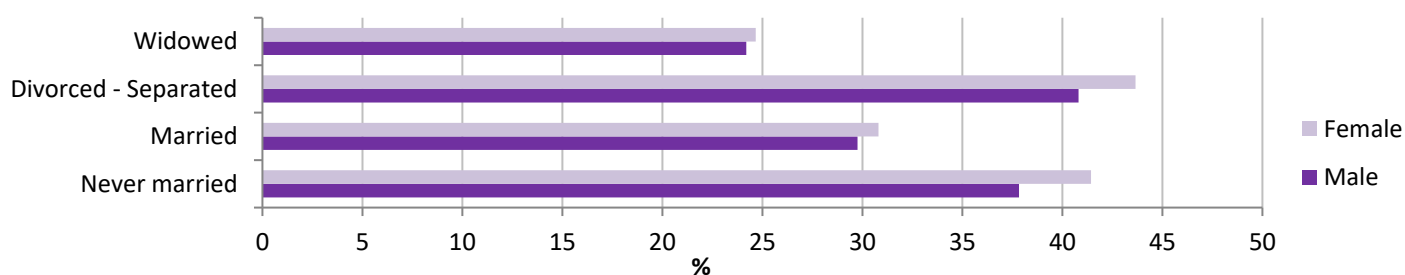
*How might changes in marital status patterns affect the life of the Church in this parish? Do they result in the need for new pastoral services and programs?*

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
<b>Catholics aged 15 and over</b>								
<b>Males</b>								
Never married	1,305	723	345	205	90	39	10	2,717
Married	5	503	813	926	715	455	316	3,733
Separated/Divorced	3	32	114	240	177	109	26	701
Widowed	-	-	3	5	21	26	71	126
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,313</b>	<b>1,258</b>	<b>1,275</b>	<b>1,376</b>	<b>1,003</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>7,277</b>
<b>Females</b>								
Never married	1,330	731	327	195	67	40	20	2,710
Married	32	697	941	908	708	456	201	3,943
Separated/Divorced	6	86	224	322	263	134	42	1,077
Widowed	-	5	11	34	75	146	325	596
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,368</b>	<b>1,519</b>	<b>1,503</b>	<b>1,459</b>	<b>1,113</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>8,326</b>

**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	2,423	371	2,794	13.3
One person Catholic, the other non-Catholic Christian	1,263	238	1,501	15.9
One Catholic, the other not Christian or Not stated	1,046	380	1,426	26.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,732</b>	<b>989</b>	<b>5,721</b>	<b>17.3</b>



# 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<sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>2</sup> (\$)
<b>Two-parent families with children at home:</b>										
Both parents Catholic	39	53	201	457	548	196	113	157	1,764	2,097
One parent Catholic, the other Christian, but not Catholic	8	22	94	215	288	127	82	71	907	2,274
One parent Catholic, the other Non-Christian, No Religion or Not stated	8	22	77	276	280	113	58	68	902	2,121
<b>Couple with no children living at home:</b>										
Both persons Catholic	111	178	158	240	211	58	21	53	1,030	1,379
One person Catholic, the other Christian, but not Catholic	35	77	98	143	156	48	16	27	600	1,651
One person Catholic, the other Non-Christian, No Religion or Not stated	19	41	55	143	161	54	21	25	519	1,942
<b>One-parent families:</b>	154	194	255	202	90	23	3	114	1,035	998
Parent is Catholic										
<b>Other families</b> where at least one person is Catholic	34	42	75	80	84	25	12	33	385	1,484
<b>Other:</b> Reference person Catholic but spouse temporarily absent <sup>3</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	179	179	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>1,013</b>	<b>1,756</b>	<b>1,818</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>7,321</b>	<b>1,782</b>

## 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.



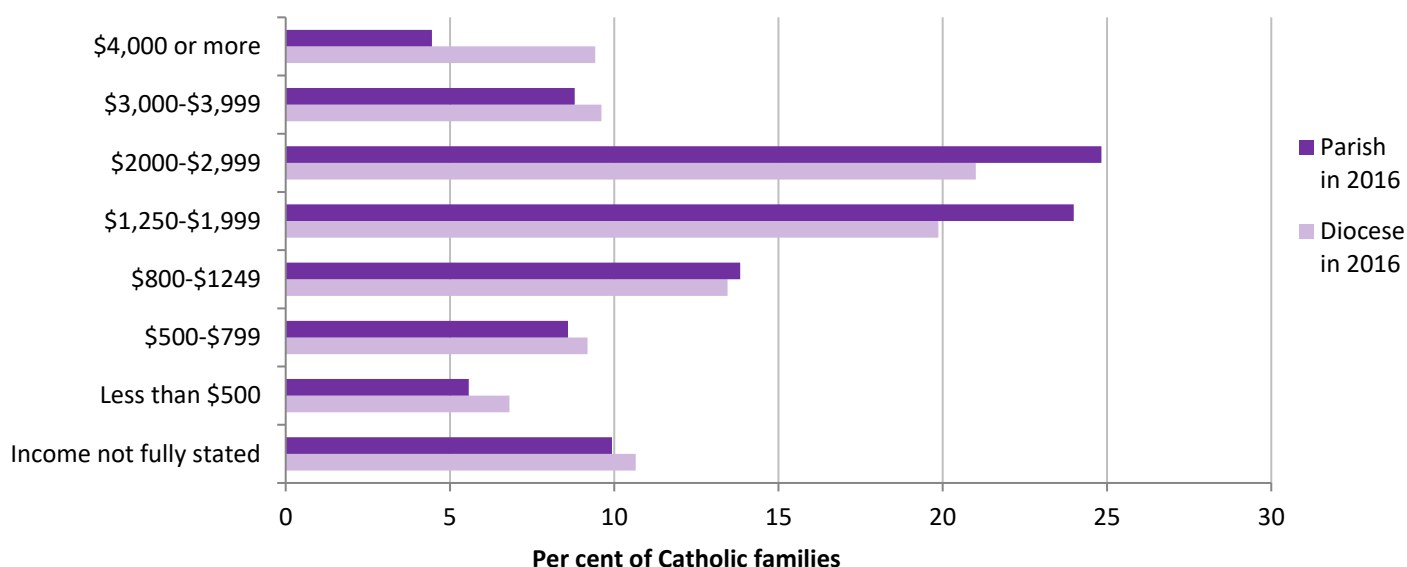
# Families

**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	200	80	71	30	22	403
\$500-\$799	374	94	88	47	18	621
\$800-\$1,249	486	213	210	79	32	1,020
\$1,250-\$1,999	751	364	418	165	48	1,746
\$2,000-\$2,999	831	381	445	138	27	1,822
\$3,000-\$3,999	298	146	145	45	9	643
\$4,000 or more	150	70	84	18	7	329
Income not fully stated	387	111	130	53	30	711
<b>Total Families</b>	<b>3,477</b>	<b>1,459</b>	<b>1,591</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>7,295</b>
<b>Median Weekly Family Income (\$)</b>	<b>1,734</b>	<b>1,841</b>	<b>1,898</b>	<b>1,727</b>	<b>1,398</b>	<b>1,786</b>

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
<b>Family Composition:</b>						
Married couple family (at least one partner Catholic)	2,404	874	1,091	388	111	4,868
De facto couple family (at least one partner Catholic)	555	189	189	72	28	1,033
One parent family, parent Catholic	351	299	242	91	45	1,028
Other families where at least one person is Catholic	173	82	98	38	17	408
<b>Total families</b>	<b>3,483</b>	<b>1,444</b>	<b>1,620</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>7,337</b>



# 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.<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup>

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?*

**Table 17: Household composition by tenure type**

	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	5,578	54	1,433	168	7,233	77.1
Lone person aged under 35 years	125	3	84	6	218	57.3
Lone person aged 35 years or over	805	29	237	74	1,145	70.3
Group households	111	9	79	18	217	51.2
<b>Total households</b>	<b>6,619</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>1,833</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>8,813</b>	<b>75.1</b>

**Table 18: Household composition by monthly housing loan repayment**

	\$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	173	298	1,083	1,264	372	280	1,685
Lone person aged under 35 years	-	12	38	34	9	3	1,568
Lone person aged 35 years or over	28	44	97	56	12	9	1,315
Group households	3	13	15	22	6	3	1,600
<b>Total households</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>1,233</b>	<b>1,376</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>1,657</b>

**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

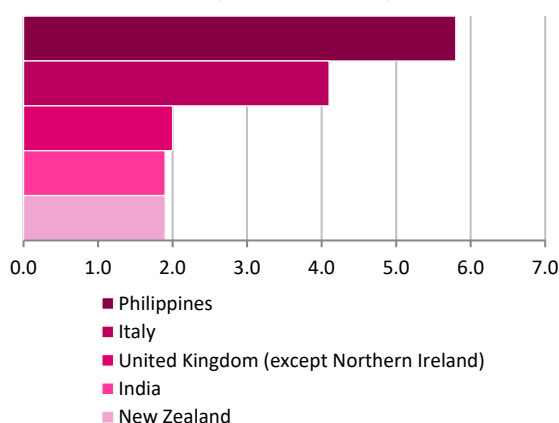
Catholics born overseas, especially those born in non-English-speaking countries, are likely to have different approaches to faith and spirituality, and different experiences and expectations of Church life, from those of Catholics born in Australia.

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

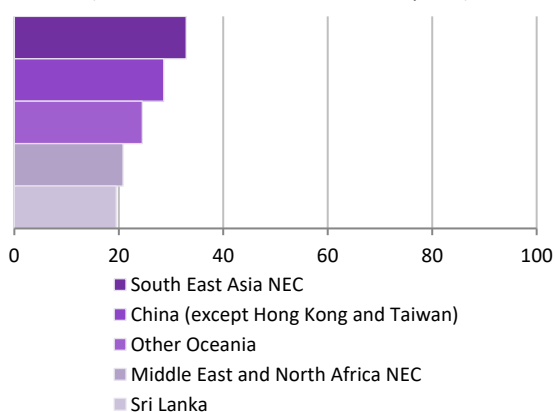
*What difference does their presence make to the parish?*

*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 <sup>1</sup>
Australia	13,981	70.2	-
New Zealand	372	1.9	17.7
Other Oceania	94	0.5	24.5
United Kingdom (except Northern Ireland)	399	2.0	4.8
Ireland (including Northern Ireland)	94	0.5	4.4
Italy	819	4.1	2.7
Malta	343	1.7	1.7
Spain and Portugal	65	0.3	4.5
France	11	0.1	-
Netherlands	53	0.3	-
Germany	64	0.3	-
Austria	16	0.1	-
Croatia and other Former Yugoslavia	133	0.7	-
Poland	140	0.7	6.3
Hungary	29	0.1	-
Other Eastern Europe, Russian Federation and Baltic States	71	0.4	9.1
Other Europe NEC	17	0.1	-
Vietnam	61	0.3	11.7
Philippines	1,152	5.8	13.1
Indonesia	46	0.2	6.5
Malaysia	60	0.3	9.8
Singapore	46	0.2	-
South East Asia NEC	79	0.4	32.9
India	380	1.9	15.4
Sri Lanka	130	0.7	19.5
China (except Hong Kong and Taiwan)	18	0.1	28.6
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	6	0.0	-
Korea, Republic of (South)	18	0.1	16.7
Egypt	36	0.2	-
Lebanon	17	0.1	-
Iraq	16	0.1	-
Sudan (including South Sudan)	229	1.1	2.6
Middle East and North Africa NEC	46	0.2	20.8
South Africa	35	0.2	-
Mauritius	64	0.3	13.1
United States of America	29	0.1	13.0
Canada	17	0.1	-
Argentina	31	0.2	17.1
Brazil	11	0.1	-
Colombia	27	0.1	13.9
Chile	73	0.4	4.2
Central America and South America NEC	94	0.5	4.3
Other countries	153	0.8	20.0
Inadequately described/Not stated	342	1.7	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,917</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.5</b>

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.<sup>1</sup>

*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 <sup>2</sup>
English only	14,643	32,555	47,198	31.0
Italian	1,346	124	1,470	91.6
Maltese	346	43	389	88.9
Spanish	306	219	525	58.3
Croatian	135	22	157	86.0
Polish	168	34	202	83.2
Dutch	17	22	39	43.6
French	75	105	180	41.7
German	39	61	100	39.0
Portuguese	67	48	115	58.3
Hungarian	40	27	67	59.7
Ukrainian	9	5	14	64.3
Vietnamese	93	318	411	22.6
Filipino languages	1,030	429	1,459	70.6
Chinese languages	84	932	1,016	8.3
Malayalam	153	172	325	47.1
Sinhalese	97	415	512	18.9
Korean	30	52	82	36.6
Indonesian and Malay	55	357	412	13.3
Arabic	130	727	857	15.2
Assyrian and Chaldean	9	10	19	47.4
Oceanic and Papuan languages	150	775	925	16.2
Australian Indigenous languages	-	6	6	-
Other European languages NEC	74	1,485	1,559	4.7
Other Asian languages NEC	233	10,775	11,008	2.1
Other languages NEC	364	1,925	2,289	15.9
Inadequately described/Non-Verbal/Not stated	237	4,517	4,754	5.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,930</b>	<b>56,160</b>	<b>76,090</b>	<b>26.2</b>

**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.<sup>1</sup>

*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	1,115	1,766	1,793	2,115	3,971	2,506	1,372	14,638	-
Italian	19	19	25	41	262	373	614	1,353	14.3
Maltese	6	5	-	21	100	100	122	354	6.3
Spanish	10	16	22	34	117	68	43	310	12.2
Croatian	4	4	11	14	31	32	38	134	14.1
Polish	6	10	4	18	48	49	40	175	13.8
Dutch	-	-	-	-	-	9	10	19	-
French	4	8	-	9	31	11	10	73	-
German	3	-	4	-	9	5	18	39	-
Portuguese	-	5	3	3	28	6	13	58	10.9
Hungarian	4	4	4	-	10	14	9	45	7.5
Ukrainian	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	5	-
Vietnamese	-	16	14	20	34	8	4	96	24.0
Filipino languages	27	79	112	125	484	165	39	1,031	2.1
Chinese languages	9	9	9	6	42	3	7	85	6.0
Malayalam	13	22	16	14	74	8	-	147	8.6
Sinhalese	10	8	5	12	47	12	3	97	5.1
Korean	6	9	10	3	11	3	3	45	32.3
Indonesian and Malay	5	10	3	8	32	5	-	63	5.4
Arabic	3	12	25	26	49	10	9	134	10.5
Assyrian and Chaldean	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	-
Oceanic and Papuan languages	4	18	10	25	51	26	7	141	6.0
Australian Indigenous Languages	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other European languages NEC	4	6	3	12	19	18	14	76	8.5
Other Asian languages NEC	21	19	21	39	106	19	9	234	21.3
Other languages NEC	36	69	102	48	85	20	-	360	14.1
Inadequately described/Non-Verbal/Not stated	54	29	26	28	35	31	41	244	17.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,363</b>	<b>2,143</b>	<b>2,222</b>	<b>2,621</b>	<b>5,681</b>	<b>3,504</b>	<b>2,425</b>	<b>19,959</b>	<b>2.8</b>

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?*

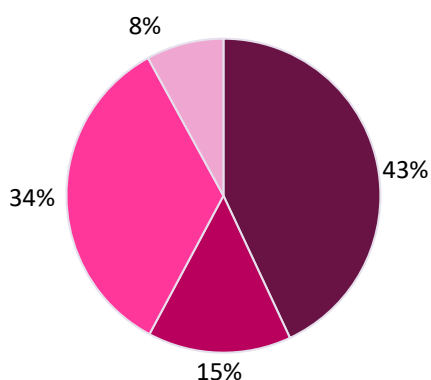
**Table 22: Type of educational institution attending by religious affiliation**

	Catholic	Not Catholic or not stated	All persons	% Catholic
Infants/Primary – Government	659	4,088	4,747	13.9
Infants/Primary – Catholic	1,315	478	1,793	73.3
Infants/Primary – Other Non-Government	95	786	881	10.8
Secondary – Government	524	2,428	2,952	17.8
Secondary – Catholic	923	395	1,318	70.0
Secondary – Other Non-Government	94	494	588	16.0
Technical or Further Educational Institution (including TAFE Colleges)	332	1,065	1,397	23.8
University or other Tertiary Institutions	769	2,134	2,903	26.5
Other (including pre-school)	499	1,908	2,407	20.7
Not stated/Not applicable <sup>1</sup>	14,718	42,383	57,101	25.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,928</b>	<b>56,159</b>	<b>76,087</b>	<b>26.2</b>

Note:

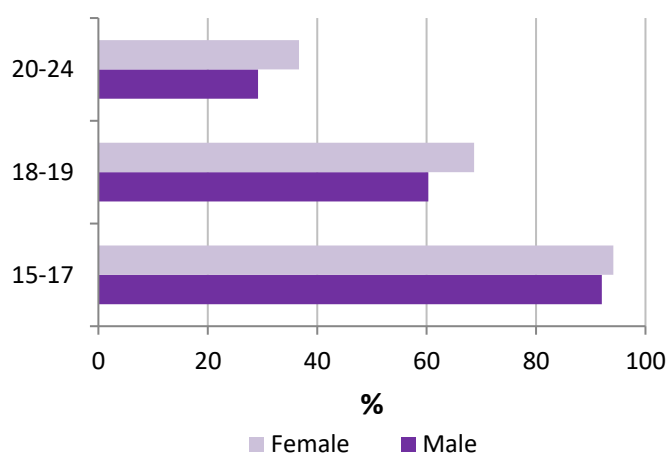
1. This table includes the total population of the parish and so there are high numbers for categories where the question about type of educational institutions being attended is not applicable.

**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
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**Education participation rate (Catholics aged 15-24)**



# Attendance at Educational Institutions

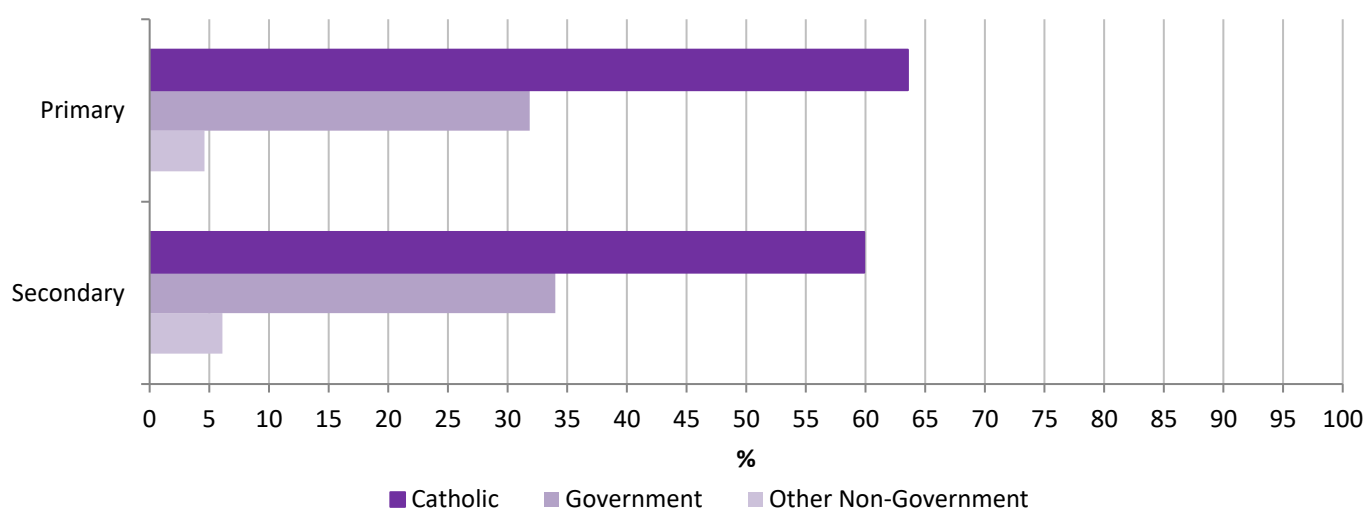
**Table 23: Type of educational institution attending by weekly income of student's family<sup>1</sup>**

	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 <sup>2</sup>	Median annual family income <sup>3</sup> (\$)
Infants/Primary - Government	57	75	121	173	104	23	24	631	73,177
Infants/Primary – Catholic	74	93	161	337	357	120	53	1,296	96,427
Infants/Primary – Other Non-Government	7	-	3	18	25	13	16	86	131,374
Secondary – Government	38	51	83	130	81	30	13	482	77,486
Secondary – Catholic	46	52	96	186	242	107	71	889	108,569
Secondary – Other Non-Government	3	-	17	14	34	10	12	99	121,129
TAFE, University or other tertiary institution	10	17	49	89	113	62	44	442	116,719
Other (including pre-school)	4	8	15	36	21	8	3	108	87,422
Not stated/Not applicable	14	17	26	41	28	11	3	163	77,552
<b>Total</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>571</b>	<b>1,024</b>	<b>1,005</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>4,196</b>	<b>94,082</b>

**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.<sup>1</sup> 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
<b>Catholics aged 15+</b>							
<b>Males</b>							
Postgraduate degree	4	39	57	36	23	8	167
Graduate diploma / bachelor degree	38	192	194	153	71	45	693
Advanced diploma or diploma level	39	130	138	107	82	44	540
Certificate level	233	470	401	484	353	220	2,161
Inadequately described/Not stated/Not applicable	997	425	484	596	468	724	3,694
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,311</b>	<b>1,256</b>	<b>1,274</b>	<b>1,376</b>	<b>997</b>	<b>1,041</b>	<b>7,255</b>
<i>Per cent with degree or higher</i>	<i>3.2</i>	<i>18.4</i>	<i>19.7</i>	<i>13.7</i>	<i>9.4</i>	<i>5.1</i>	<i>11.9</i>
<b>Females</b>							
Postgraduate degree	6	55	49	29	14	8	161
Graduate diploma / bachelor degree	99	414	395	224	109	61	1,302
Advanced diploma or diploma level	94	239	226	176	133	45	913
Certificate level	190	345	325	280	144	78	1,362
Inadequately described/Not stated/Not applicable	981	467	506	749	708	1,177	4,588
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,370</b>	<b>1,520</b>	<b>1,501</b>	<b>1,458</b>	<b>1,108</b>	<b>1,369</b>	<b>8,326</b>
<i>Per cent with degree or higher</i>	<i>7.7</i>	<i>30.9</i>	<i>29.6</i>	<i>17.4</i>	<i>11.1</i>	<i>5.0</i>	<i>17.6</i>
<b>All Catholics</b>							
Postgraduate degree	10	94	106	65	37	16	328
Graduate diploma / bachelor degree	137	606	589	377	180	106	1,995
Advanced diploma or diploma level	133	369	364	283	215	89	1,453
Certificate level	423	815	726	764	497	298	3,523
Inadequately described/Not stated/Not applicable	1,978	892	990	1,345	1,176	1,901	8,282
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,681</b>	<b>2,776</b>	<b>2,775</b>	<b>2,834</b>	<b>2,105</b>	<b>2,410</b>	<b>15,581</b>
<i>Per cent with degree or higher</i>	<i>5.5</i>	<i>25.2</i>	<i>25.0</i>	<i>15.6</i>	<i>10.3</i>	<i>5.1</i>	<i>14.9</i>

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# Employment

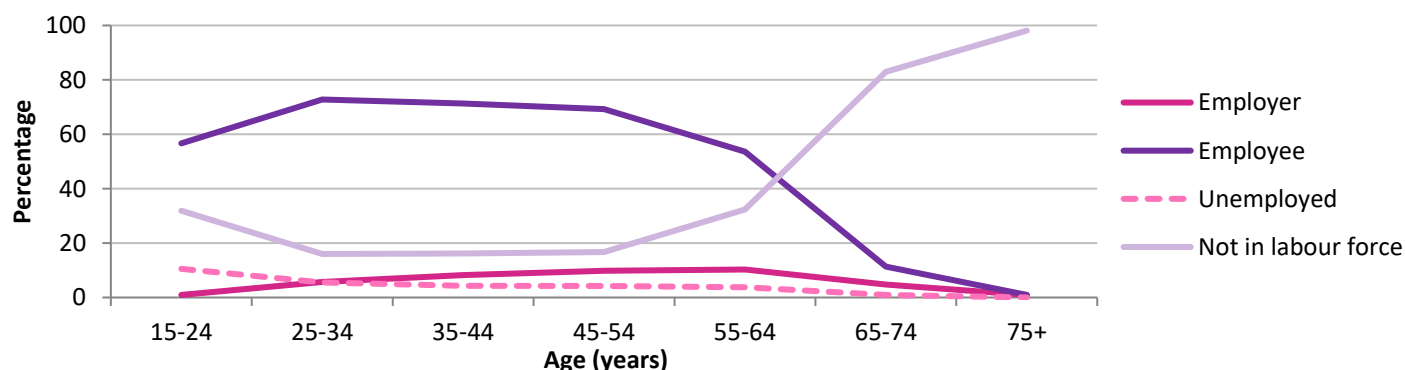
In recent years there have been many changes in society and the workplace that have affected Australian workers. One major change has been the increase in the percentages of workers, especially young people and women, in part-time jobs. Another has been the rise in participation in the labour force by 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.<sup>1</sup> 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
<b>Catholics aged 15+</b>					
<b>Males</b>					
Employer	21	270	354	63	708
Employee	685	1,911	1,530	89	4,215
Unemployed	145	116	105	3	369
Not in the labour force	441	193	357	854	1,845
Other/Not stated/Not applicable	14	42	43	38	137
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,306</b>	<b>2,532</b>	<b>2,389</b>	<b>1,047</b>	<b>7,274</b>
<i>Per cent in labour force<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>65.2</i>	<i>90.7</i>	<i>83.3</i>	<i>14.8</i>	<i>72.8</i>
<i>Per cent unemployed<sup>3</sup></i>	<i>17.0</i>	<i>5.1</i>	<i>5.3</i>	<i>1.9</i>	<i>7.0</i>
<b>Females</b>					
Employer	8	109	131	10	258
Employee	816	2,039	1,523	77	4,455
Unemployed	131	158	94	7	390
Not in the labour force	401	685	778	1,217	3,081
Other/Not stated/Not applicable	17	29	42	59	147
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,373</b>	<b>3,020</b>	<b>2,568</b>	<b>1,370</b>	<b>8,333</b>
<i>Per cent in labour force<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>69.6</i>	<i>76.4</i>	<i>68.1</i>	<i>6.9</i>	<i>61.3</i>
<i>Per cent unemployed<sup>3</sup></i>	<i>13.7</i>	<i>6.9</i>	<i>5.4</i>	<i>7.4</i>	<i>7.6</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
<b>Catholics aged 15+</b>							
<b>Males</b>							
Managers	22	120	170	168	108	24	612
Professionals	32	131	150	101	88	17	519
Technicians & Trade Workers	228	311	266	268	165	30	1,268
Community & Personal Service Workers	59	58	48	74	34	8	281
Clerical & Administrative Workers	27	75	87	96	48	14	347
Sales Workers	131	74	48	61	28	10	352
Machinery operators & Drivers	61	186	218	223	170	28	886
Labourers	144	118	117	138	113	19	649
ID / NS / NA <sup>1</sup>	614	169	171	249	265	895	2,363
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,318</b>	<b>1,242</b>	<b>1,275</b>	<b>1,378</b>	<b>1,019</b>	<b>1,045</b>	<b>7,277</b>
<i>Per cent Managers &amp; Professionals<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>7.7</i>	<i>23.4</i>	<i>29.0</i>	<i>23.8</i>	<i>26.0</i>	<i>27.3</i>	<i>23.0</i>
<i>Per cent 'blue collar workers'<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>61.5</i>	<i>57.3</i>	<i>54.4</i>	<i>55.7</i>	<i>59.4</i>	<i>51.3</i>	<i>57.0</i>
<b>Females</b>							
Managers	16	73	96	83	40	4	312
Professionals	64	274	259	171	94	16	878
Technicians & Trade Workers	36	63	53	39	15	3	209
Community & Personal Service Workers	175	167	193	169	87	7	798
Clerical & Administrative Workers	118	289	302	371	199	37	1,316
Sales Workers	325	126	95	89	63	11	709
Machinery operators & Drivers	25	27	26	37	24	4	143
Labourers	62	40	55	92	67	12	328
ID / NS / NA <sup>1</sup>	544	460	425	400	525	1,273	3,627
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,365</b>	<b>1,519</b>	<b>1,504</b>	<b>1,451</b>	<b>1,114</b>	<b>1,367</b>	<b>8,320</b>
<i>Per cent Managers &amp; Professionals<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>9.7</i>	<i>32.8</i>	<i>32.9</i>	<i>24.2</i>	<i>22.8</i>	<i>21.3</i>	<i>25.4</i>
<i>Per cent 'blue collar workers'<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>15.0</i>	<i>12.3</i>	<i>12.4</i>	<i>16.0</i>	<i>18.0</i>	<i>20.2</i>	<i>14.5</i>
<b>All Catholics</b>							
Managers	38	193	266	251	148	28	924
Professionals	96	405	409	272	182	33	1,397
Technicians & Trade Workers	264	374	319	307	180	33	1,477
Community & Personal Service Workers	234	225	241	243	121	15	1,079
Clerical & Administrative Workers	145	364	389	467	247	51	1,663
Sales Workers	456	200	143	150	91	21	1,061
Machinery operators & Drivers	86	213	244	260	194	32	1,029
Labourers	206	158	172	230	180	31	977
ID / NS / NA <sup>1</sup>	1,158	629	596	649	790	2,168	5,990
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,683</b>	<b>2,761</b>	<b>2,779</b>	<b>2,829</b>	<b>2,133</b>	<b>2,412</b>	<b>15,597</b>
<i>Per cent Managers &amp; Professionals<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>8.8</i>	<i>28.0</i>	<i>30.9</i>	<i>24.0</i>	<i>24.6</i>	<i>25.0</i>	<i>24.2</i>
<i>Per cent 'blue collar workers'<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>36.5</i>	<i>34.9</i>	<i>33.7</i>	<i>36.6</i>	<i>41.3</i>	<i>39.3</i>	<i>36.3</i>

**Notes:**

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

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

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# 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?*

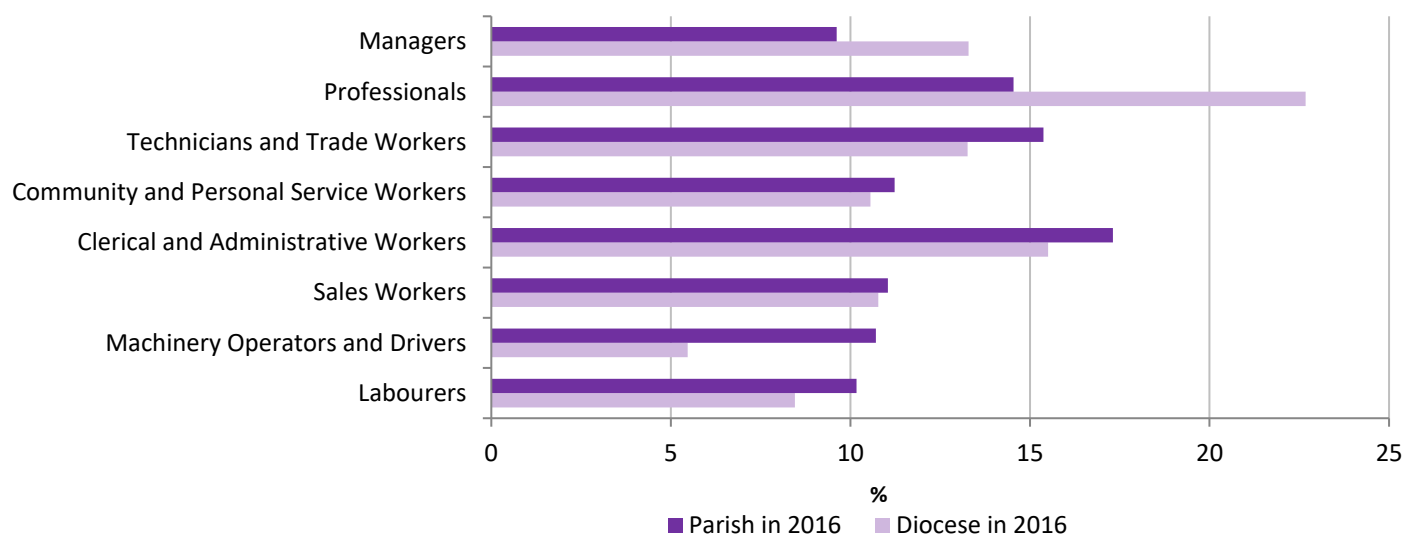
**Table 27: Occupation of parents of students attending Catholic schools**

	Primary School	Secondary School
Both parents in professional occupation	48	37
One parent or lone parent in professional occupation	385	251
Both parents in 'white collar' occupation <sup>1</sup>	228	203
One parent or lone parent in 'white collar' occupation	528	451
Both parents in 'blue collar' occupation	65	38
One parent or lone parent in 'blue collar' occupation	237	126
Not applicable and not stated	302	209
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,793</b>	<b>1,315</b>
% with professional parent(s)	24.1	21.9
% with blue collar parent(s)	16.8	12.5

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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