



# **PARISH SOCIAL PROFILE**

**Based on the 2016 Australian Census**

**Coomera Parish**

**Archdiocese of Brisbane**

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Dear readers,

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yours sincerely,

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# Your Parish Social Profile

## At a Glance (pages 2 and 3)

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

## Parish Overview (pages 4-7)

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

## Parish Details (pages 9-25)

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

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# Your parish community in 2016

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

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

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

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

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

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

## A SNAPSHOT OF YOUR PARISH (2016)

Total Population: 89,702

Catholic Population: 17,175

Catholics make up 19.1 per cent of the total population

Median age of Catholics is 34 years

Total Catholic families: 7,351

592 Catholics live alone

4,323 Catholics were born overseas

114 Catholics do not speak English well

821 Catholics need assistance with core activities

7,887 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	15,677	<b>17,175</b>
Catholics aged 0-14 (%)	25.3	<b>24.8</b>
Catholics aged 65+ (%)	7.2	<b>9.3</b>
Catholics born in NESCS <sup>1</sup> (%)	10.3	<b>11.6</b>
Catholics not proficient in English (%)	0.7	<b>0.7</b>
Catholic families	6,742	<b>7,351</b>
Catholics living alone	599	<b>592</b>
Catholic students attending Catholic schools <sup>2</sup> (%)	31.5	<b>32.1</b>
Catholics with university degree (%)	12.8	<b>14.9</b>
Catholic males in labour force (%)	79.4	<b>79.3</b>
Catholic females in labour force (%)	67.1	<b>67.8</b>
Catholic households owning or purchasing dwelling (%)	64.8	<b>64.5</b>

**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: 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>89,702</b>	72,575	3,418,901	23,401,892	1	1
Catholic population	<b>17,175</b>	15,677	708,701	5,291,834	1	1
Per cent Catholic	<b>19.1</b>	21.6	20.7	22.6	4	4
At same address since previous Census (%)	<b>41.0</b>	35.7	51.4	57.3	5	5
Median age <sup>4</sup> (years)	<b>34</b>	32	39	40	5	5
Aged 0-14 (%)	<b>24.8</b>	25.3	20.2	19.8	1	1
Aged 65+ (%)	<b>9.3</b>	7.2	15.8	16.6	5	5
Males per 100 females	<b>89.8</b>	89.6	88.5	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 (%)	<b>4.8</b>	3.2	5.5	5.8	3	4
Provided unpaid assistance to a person with a disability <sup>5</sup> (% of Catholics aged 15+)	<b>10.4</b>	9.1	12.0	12.5	5	5

**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>28.1</b>	28.2	34.1	34.1	4	4
Workers in 'blue collar' occupations <sup>2</sup> (% of those recording an occupation)	<b>32.3</b>	32.8	28.4	29.6	2	3
Men, employed or seeking work <sup>3</sup> (%)	<b>79.3</b>	79.4	70.0	69.7	1	1
Women, employed or seeking work <sup>3</sup> (%)	<b>67.8</b>	67.1	62.0	60.6	2	1
Unemployed at time of Census <sup>4</sup> (%)	<b>6.7</b>	6.6	6.5	5.8	2	2
Youth unemployed at time of Census <sup>5</sup> (%)	<b>17.5</b>	15.7	13.7	12.2	1	1

**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>13.6</b>	14.8	8.3	5.6	1	1
Born overseas in non-English-speaking country (%)	<b>11.6</b>	10.3	13.9	19.1	3	3
Immigrants from non-English-speaking countries arriving in Census year or previous 3 years	<b>167</b>	160	12,772	106,428	1	1
Catholics of Australian Indigenous origin	<b>396</b>	254	15,397	133,528	1	1
Speak language other than English at home (%)	<b>10.7</b>	9.3	12.7	20.4	3	3
Not proficient in English <sup>7</sup> (%)	<b>0.7</b>	0.7	1.4	2.6	4	4

**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>	12.8	21.5	20.6	4	3
Aged 15-17 attending an educational institution <sup>2</sup>	<b>91.0</b>	85.2	91.9	92.2	4	4
Aged 18-19 attending an educational institution <sup>2</sup>	<b>50.7</b>	40.9	58.2	62.9	4	4
Aged 20-24 attending an educational institution <sup>2</sup>	<b>28.8</b>	22.8	37.3	38.2	4	4
Catholic primary students attending Catholic schools (%)	<b>34.3</b>	34.5	48.6	53.1	5	5
Catholic primary students attending Government schools (%)	<b>53.1</b>	52.8	43.3	41.0	2	2
Catholic secondary students attending Catholic schools (%)	<b>28.9</b>	26.9	47.6	54.5	5	5
Catholic secondary students attending Government schools (%)	<b>56.7</b>	54.7	38.3	35.1	1	2
Primary students attending Catholic schools who are not Catholic <sup>3</sup> (%)	<b>33.4</b>	31.2	28.7	28.1	2	2
Secondary students attending Catholic schools who are not Catholic <sup>3</sup> (%)	<b>44.1</b>	39.5	38.4	35.7	2	2

**Notes:**

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



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

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

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

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

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

**Table 6: Marital Status of Catholics aged 15+**

	Parish 2016	Parish 2011	Diocese 2016	Australia 2016	Diocesan Group	Australian Group
Never married (%)	32.8	33.4	33.4	33.3	4	3
Married (%)	52.3	52.3	48.7	49.7	2	2
Divorced or Separated (%)	12.1	11.6	12.7	11.2	3	2
Widowed (%)	2.9	2.6	5.2	5.8	5	5

**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	7,351	6,742	281,392	1,997,833	1	1
One-parent families	855	701	32,197	231,370	1	1
One-parent families (% of all families)	11.6	10.4	11.4	11.6	2	2
Couples of mixed religions <sup>2</sup> (%)	65.0	68.7	62.0	55.9	2	2
De facto couples <sup>3</sup> (%)	20.6	20.9	19.0	17.1	2	2
Median annual family income <sup>4</sup> (\$)	100,166	88,539	99,484	100,270	3	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	8,209	7,633	357,345	2,548,354	1	1
Persons living alone (aged under 35)	77	120	6,526	53,499	2	1
Persons living alone (aged 35+)	515	479	51,876	407,684	2	1
Persons living alone (total)	592	599	58,402	461,183	2	1
Persons living alone (% of all persons)	3.4	3.8	8.2	8.7	5	5
Dwellings owned or being purchased (%)	64.5	64.8	67.9	71.2	4	4
Median monthly housing loan repayment <sup>6</sup> (\$)	2,058	2,310	1,912	1,873	3	2

## Notes:

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



# Parish Details

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# Religious affiliation

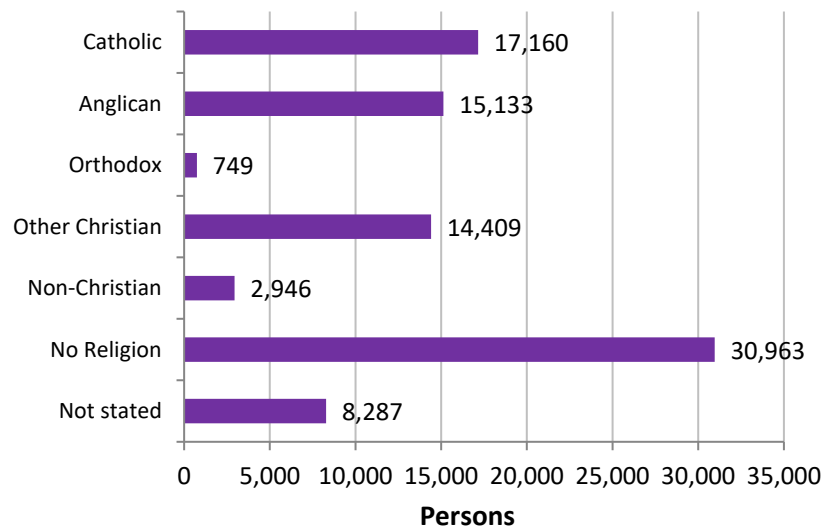
The Census question about religion is optional, and just under ten per cent of people across Australia chose not to answer it. Note that the question is about religious identification rather than religious practice or belief. For the 2016 Census, the ABS moved the 'No Religion' response category to be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

*How does the number of Catholics in the 0-9 age group compare with the number of children baptised in the parish in the period 2007-2016?*

*What are the largest non-Catholic religious groups? What involvement does the parish have in ecumenical and interfaith activities and programs?*

*What challenges to the parish are associated with the increase in the number of people who report that they have no religion?*

**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	2,861	2,632	1,983	2,626	2,802	1,922	1,367	688	271	17,152
Maronite Catholic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Melkite Catholic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ukrainian Catholic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chaldean Catholic	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Syro-Malabar Catholic	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
<b>Total Catholic</b>	<b>2,861</b>	<b>2,640</b>	<b>1,983</b>	<b>2,626</b>	<b>2,802</b>	<b>1,922</b>	<b>1,367</b>	<b>688</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>17,160</b>
<b>Per cent Catholic (of total population in age group)</b>	<b>18.8</b>	<b>19.3</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>19.8</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>19.8</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>19.1</b>
Anglican	1,814	2,144	1,218	1,851	2,727	2,092	1,757	1,042	488	15,133
Orthodox	103	116	86	94	134	103	60	39	14	749
Other Christian	2,088	2,163	1,463	1,955	2,270	1,884	1,418	810	358	14,409
Non-Christian	435	338	449	628	469	332	202	67	26	2,946
No Religion	6,576	5,085	5,101	5,312	4,416	2,501	1,260	513	199	30,963
Not Stated	1,363	1,204	1,089	1,327	1,349	925	593	314	123	8,287
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>15,240</b>	<b>13,690</b>	<b>11,389</b>	<b>13,793</b>	<b>14,167</b>	<b>9,759</b>	<b>6,657</b>	<b>3,473</b>	<b>1,479</b>	<b>89,647</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**

	Males 2016	Females 2016	Total 2016	Total 2011
<b>Age (years)</b>				
0	99	96	195	225
1	107	132	239	272
2	130	136	266	285
3	135	135	270	268
4	152	138	290	314
5	147	152	299	289
6	163	162	325	275
7	165	162	327	256
8	164	153	317	268
9	155	173	328	254
10	154	140	294	279
11	156	140	296	254
12	145	139	284	220
13	160	133	293	263
14	128	129	257	238
15	140	153	293	240
16	128	126	254	268
17	148	117	265	227
18	107	116	223	232
19	94	101	195	196
20-24	450	491	941	936
25-29	446	593	1,039	1,137
30-34	565	666	1,231	1,254
35-39	633	767	1,400	1,363
40-44	653	788	1,441	1,362
45-49	654	715	1,369	1,137
50-54	516	557	1,073	856
55-59	372	481	853	741
60-64	318	408	726	640
65-69	312	316	628	451
70-74	233	210	443	289
75-79	108	136	244	177
80+	90	174	264	207
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,127</b>	<b>9,035</b>	<b>17,162</b>	<b>15,673</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.

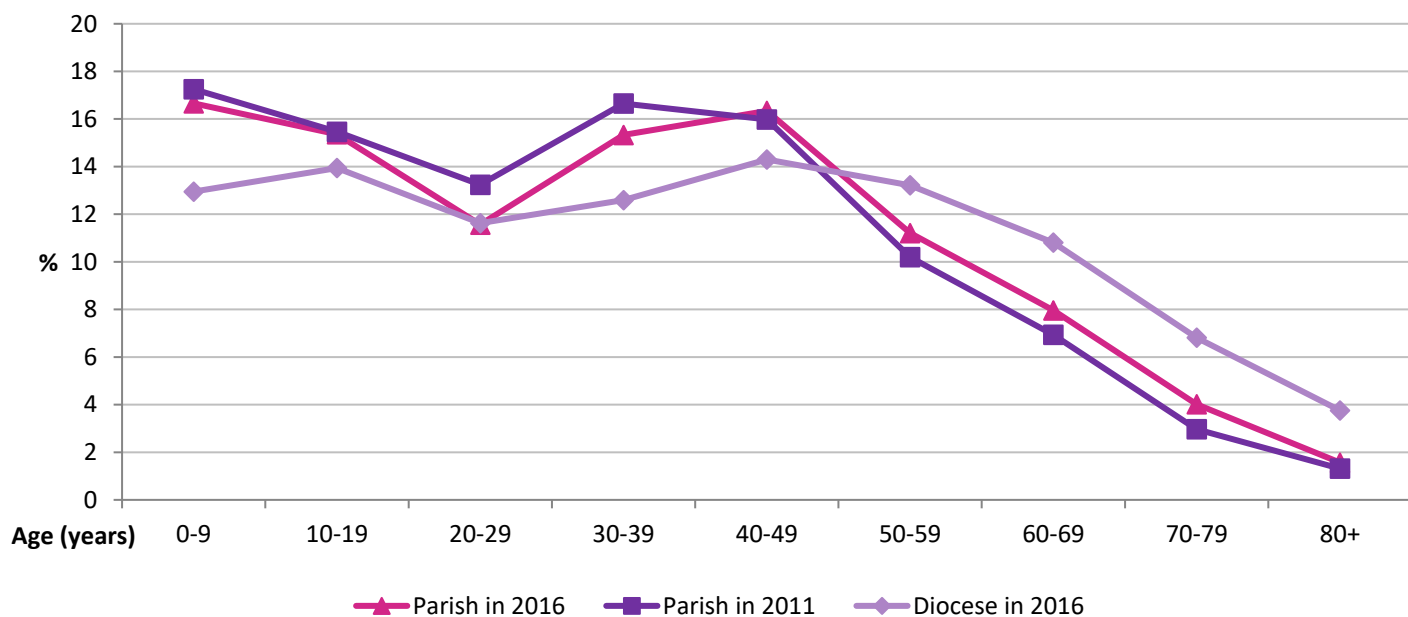
*Take time to study the table. Are there any surprises in it? Is there anything that calls for a new or modified response from the parish? What are the major changes since 2011? Can you get a sense from the table of what the parish age profile might look like in 2021, the year of the next Census?*



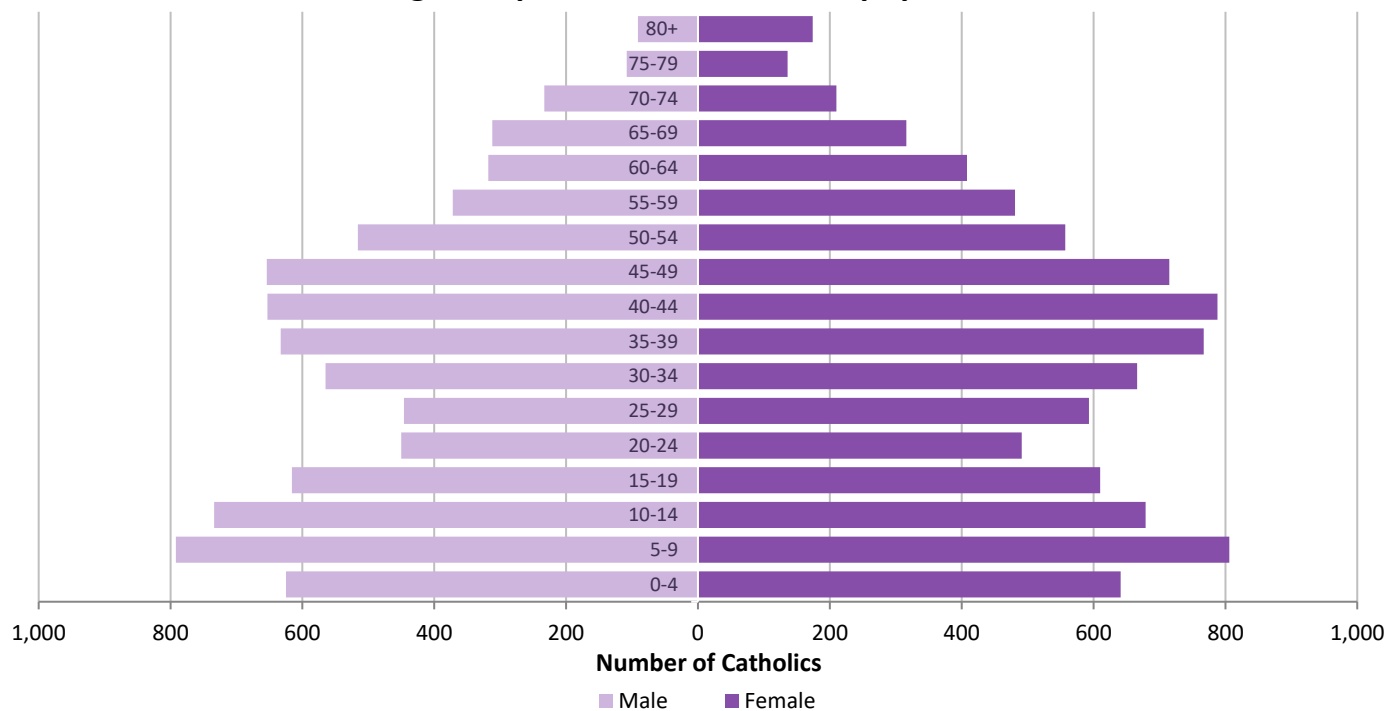


# Age and sex

**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	106	65	49	59	33	14	326
Females	47	70	85	49	48	27	326

**Lone Persons:**

Males	-	3	3	5	-	-	11
Females	-	-	8	3	12	10	33

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

Males	4	4	16	9	9	7	49
Females	-	6	15	3	13	23	60

<b>Total</b>							
Males	110	72	68	73	42	21	386
Females	47	76	108	55	73	60	419

**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	38	66	100	100	72	87	463
Females	49	151	216	186	156	119	877

**Notes:**

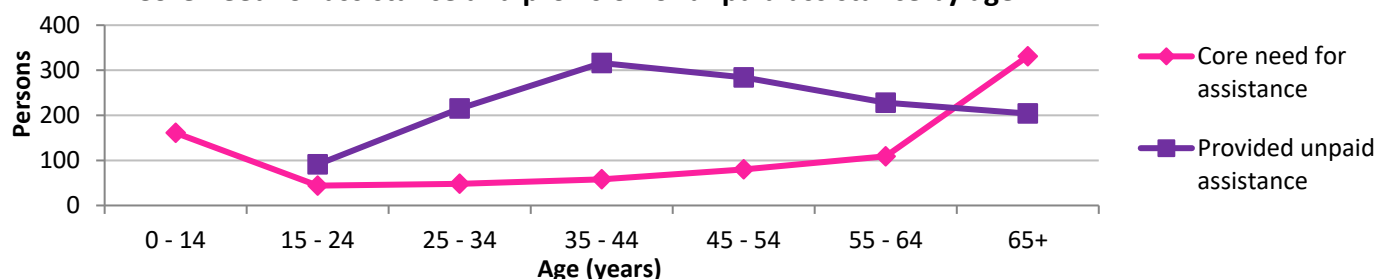
1. Australian Bureau of Statistics 2016. *Census Dictionary Australia 2016*. Catalogue No. 2901.0.

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.

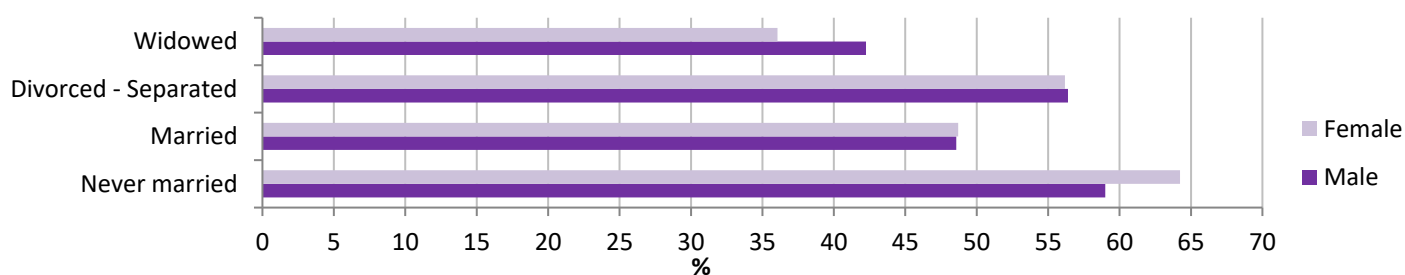
*How might changes in marital status patterns affect the life of the Church in this parish? Do they result in the need for new pastoral services and programs?*

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	1,045	580	279	146	43	14	4	2,111
Married	16	404	880	815	512	421	152	3,200
Separated/Divorced	5	29	126	192	129	90	19	590
Widowed	-	-	3	11	17	21	25	77
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,066</b>	<b>1,013</b>	<b>1,288</b>	<b>1,164</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>5,978</b>
<b>Females</b>								
Never married	1,070	598	264	135	47	6	-	2,120
Married	33	599	1,059	833	564	346	120	3,554
Separated/Divorced	5	67	230	290	230	107	32	961
Widowed	-	6	3	8	55	71	163	306
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,108</b>	<b>1,270</b>	<b>1,556</b>	<b>1,266</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>6,941</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	1,556	323	1,879	17.2
One person Catholic, the other non-Catholic Christian	2,044	451	2,495	18.1
One Catholic, the other not Christian or Not stated	1,042	433	1,475	29.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,642</b>	<b>1,207</b>	<b>5,849</b>	<b>20.6</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	18	29	104	326	367	175	109	74	1,202	2,237
One parent Catholic, the other Christian, but not Catholic	8	23	109	378	513	249	151	106	1,537	2,384
One parent Catholic, the other Non-Christian, No Religion or Not stated	10	21	82	256	331	119	98	61	978	2,270
<b>Couple with no children living at home:</b>										
Both persons Catholic	48	112	91	148	158	54	26	34	671	1,592
One person Catholic, the other Christian, but not Catholic	52	145	167	245	221	63	40	10	943	1,563
One person Catholic, the other Non-Christian, No Religion or Not stated	15	38	46	144	159	45	28	21	496	1,971
<b>One-parent families:</b>	109	180	198	178	77	14	11	88	855	1,014
Parent is Catholic										
<b>Other families</b> where at least one person is Catholic	20	52	70	96	91	32	18	31	410	1,621
<b>Other:</b> Reference person Catholic but spouse temporarily absent <sup>3</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	259	259	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>867</b>	<b>1,771</b>	<b>1,917</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>7,351</b>	<b>1,921</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.



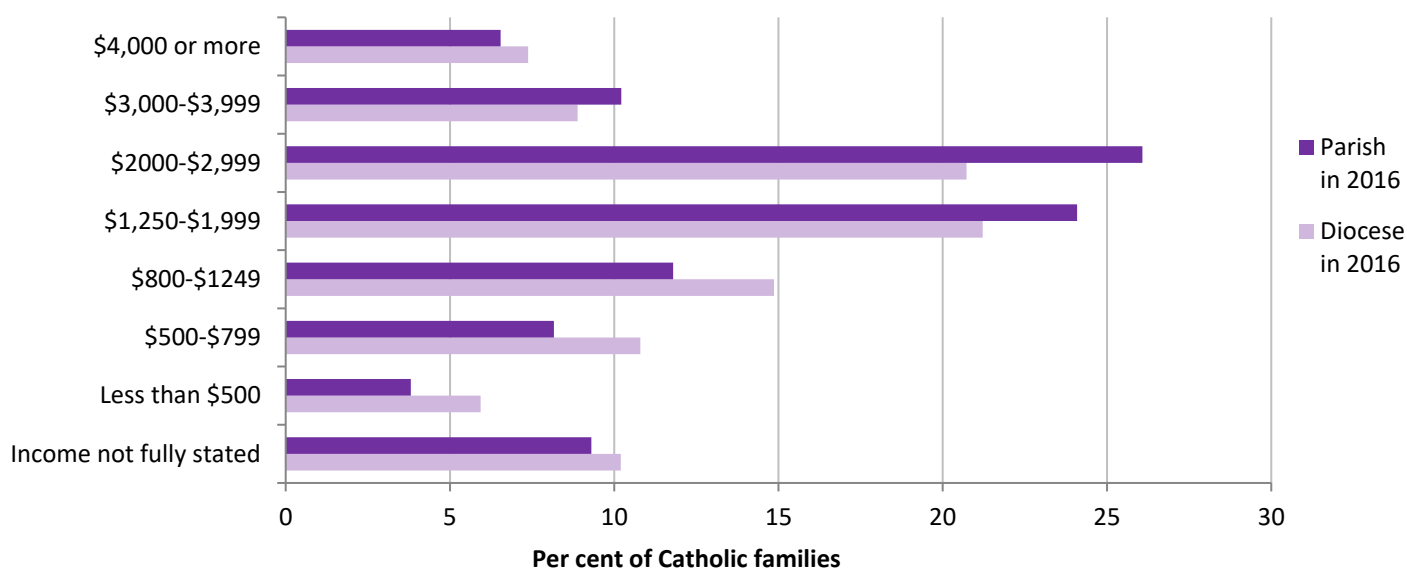
# Families

**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	131	66	53	24	7	281
\$500-\$799	324	105	103	44	16	592
\$800-\$1,249	406	174	177	86	21	864
\$1,250-\$1,999	752	334	466	171	52	1,775
\$2,000-\$2,999	739	378	558	178	48	1,901
\$3,000-\$3,999	264	159	253	70	14	760
\$4,000 or more	166	97	136	60	9	468
Income not fully stated	306	151	149	57	27	690
<b>Total Families</b>	<b>3,088</b>	<b>1,464</b>	<b>1,895</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>7,331</b>
<b>Median Weekly Family Income (\$)</b>	<b>1,778</b>	<b>1,949</b>	<b>2,132</b>	<b>1,962</b>	<b>1,819</b>	<b>1,919</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)	2,078	857	1,297	468	141	4,841
De facto couple family (at least one partner Catholic)	632	244	267	78	43	1,264
One parent family, parent Catholic	237	280	230	89	19	855
Other families where at least one person is Catholic	140	97	110	49	3	399
<b>Total families</b>	<b>3,087</b>	<b>1,478</b>	<b>1,904</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>7,359</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	4,795	49	2,349	132	7,325	65.5
Lone person aged under 35 years	40	-	33	3	76	52.6
Lone person aged 35 years or over	367	4	113	34	518	70.8
Group households	96	3	184	7	290	33.1
<b>Total households</b>	<b>5,298</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>2,679</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>8,209</b>	<b>64.5</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	118	180	528	1,130	802	705	2,080
Lone person aged under 35 years	-	3	5	16	12	-	1,975
Lone person aged 35 years or over	13	15	42	34	20	3	1,507
Group households	3	3	15	21	8	9	1,842
<b>Total households</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>1,201</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>717</b>	<b>2,058</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

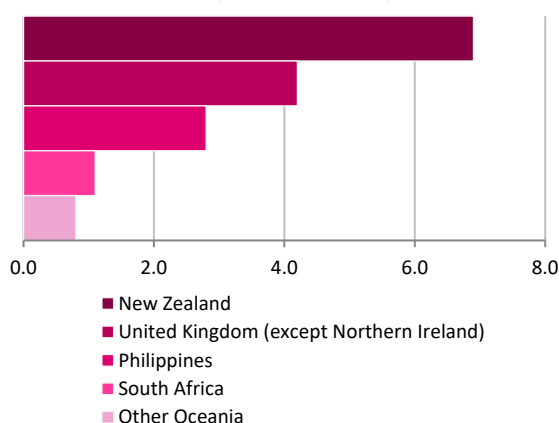
Catholics born overseas, especially those born in non-English-speaking countries, are likely to have different approaches to faith and spirituality, and different experiences and expectations of Church life, from those of Catholics born in Australia.

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

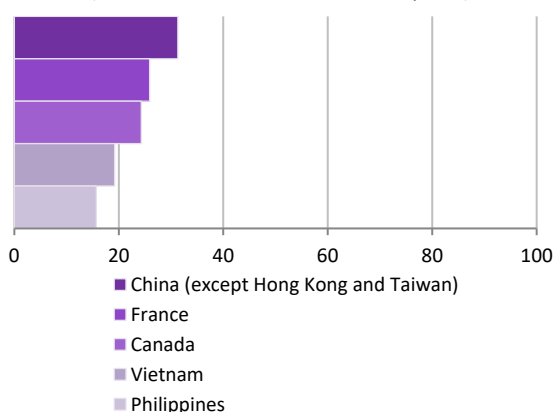
*What difference does their presence make to the parish?*

*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	12,632	73.6	-
New Zealand	1,191	6.9	11.1
Other Oceania	144	0.8	12.0
United Kingdom (except Northern Ireland)	728	4.2	6.0
Ireland (including Northern Ireland)	142	0.8	9.1
Italy	89	0.5	-
Malta	48	0.3	-
Spain and Portugal	42	0.2	-
France	32	0.2	25.9
Netherlands	60	0.3	-
Germany	89	0.5	-
Austria	23	0.1	-
Croatia and other Former Yugoslavia	91	0.5	-
Poland	86	0.5	12.4
Hungary	47	0.3	8.5
Other Eastern Europe, Russian Federation and Baltic States	84	0.5	3.7
Other Europe NEC	33	0.2	-
Vietnam	25	0.1	19.2
Philippines	479	2.8	15.7
Indonesia	40	0.2	11.9
Malaysia	37	0.2	8.3
Singapore	29	0.2	-
South East Asia NEC	11	0.1	-
India	69	0.4	5.6
Sri Lanka	17	0.1	-
China (except Hong Kong and Taiwan)	14	0.1	31.3
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	21	0.1	-
Korea, Republic of (South)	57	0.3	-
Egypt	6	0.0	-
Lebanon	17	0.1	-
Iraq	6	0.0	-
Sudan (including South Sudan)	-	-	-
Middle East and North Africa NEC	30	0.2	-
South Africa	187	1.1	15.1
Mauritius	50	0.3	-
United States of America	51	0.3	5.9
Canada	38	0.2	24.3
Argentina	27	0.2	-
Brazil	19	0.1	15.0
Colombia	29	0.2	-
Chile	24	0.1	-
Central America and South America NEC	74	0.4	8.3
Other countries	64	0.4	6.5
Inadequately described/Not stated	187	1.1	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,169</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.3</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	15,209	60,420	75,629	20.1
Italian	153	66	219	69.9
Maltese	33	3	36	91.7
Spanish	214	182	396	54.0
Croatian	99	26	125	79.2
Polish	85	35	120	70.8
Dutch	28	94	122	23.0
French	98	100	198	49.5
German	77	220	297	25.9
Portuguese	47	42	89	52.8
Hungarian	62	66	128	48.4
Ukrainian	3	8	11	27.3
Vietnamese	34	87	121	28.1
Filipino languages	360	83	443	81.3
Chinese languages	55	1,193	1,248	4.4
Malayalam	33	59	92	35.9
Sinhalese	8	61	69	11.6
Korean	77	426	503	15.3
Indonesian and Malay	32	107	139	23.0
Arabic	32	200	232	13.8
Assyrian and Chaldean	-	4	4	-
Oceanic and Papuan languages	119	567	686	17.3
Australian Indigenous languages	4	4	8	50.0
Other European languages NEC	112	1,249	1,361	8.2
Other Asian languages NEC	40	1,442	1,482	2.7
Other languages NEC	27	321	348	7.8
Inadequately described/Non-Verbal/Not stated	128	5,448	5,576	2.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,169</b>	<b>72,513</b>	<b>89,682</b>	<b>19.1</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	1,159	2,038	1,896	1,830	4,704	2,291	1,296	15,214	-
Italian	-	9	8	8	49	45	39	158	5.2
Maltese	-	-	3	-	8	9	16	36	-
Spanish	23	20	19	11	96	31	12	212	6.9
Croatian	-	8	-	13	27	31	15	94	9.2
Polish	4	3	6	4	35	15	19	86	3.5
Dutch	-	-	-	-	3	13	14	30	-
French	4	3	14	9	35	16	17	98	3.1
German	-	3	5	3	19	24	21	75	-
Portuguese	-	5	8	7	18	7	6	51	-
Hungarian	-	-	-	3	23	9	23	58	6.5
Ukrainian	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3	-
Vietnamese	-	3	7	11	13	-	-	34	23.1
Filipino languages	9	24	27	33	157	81	35	366	4.7
Chinese languages	3	4	8	4	21	13	11	64	13.8
Malayalam	6	6	4	-	19	4	5	44	9.1
Sinhalese	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	-
Korean	10	19	11	5	31	3	-	79	13.9
Indonesian and Malay	-	-	-	6	16	5	6	33	-
Arabic	-	-	4	-	12	7	6	29	8.6
Assyrian and Chaldean	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oceanic and Papuan languages	7	19	12	14	49	11	7	119	6.6
Australian Indigenous Languages	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other European languages NEC	9	10	9	11	36	25	22	122	2.7
Other Asian languages NEC	4	3	3	3	13	6	-	32	-
Other languages NEC	3	-	-	4	13	6	-	26	-
Inadequately described/Non-Verbal/Not stated	20	9	14	12	37	12	20	124	11.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,261</b>	<b>2,186</b>	<b>2,058</b>	<b>1,994</b>	<b>5,434</b>	<b>2,664</b>	<b>1,594</b>	<b>17,191</b>	<b>0.6</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?*

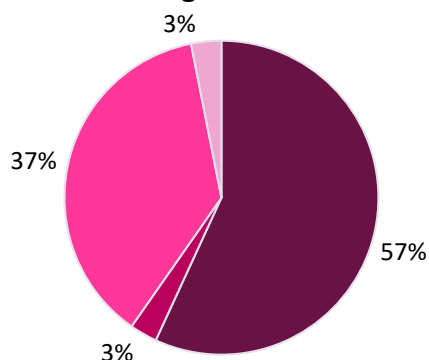
**Table 22: Type of educational institution attending by religious affiliation**

	Catholic	Not Catholic or not stated	All persons	% Catholic
Infants/Primary – Government	1,126	6,038	7,164	15.7
Infants/Primary – Catholic	727	364	1,091	66.6
Infants/Primary – Other Non-Government	268	1,415	1,683	15.9
Secondary – Government	824	3,992	4,816	17.1
Secondary – Catholic	420	332	752	55.9
Secondary – Other Non-Government	209	1,239	1,448	14.4
Technical or Further Educational Institution (including TAFE Colleges)	330	1,352	1,682	19.6
University or other Tertiary Institutions	633	2,450	3,083	20.5
Other (including pre-school)	487	1,915	2,402	20.3
Not stated/Not applicable <sup>1</sup>	12,145	53,426	65,571	18.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,169</b>	<b>72,523</b>	<b>89,692</b>	<b>19.1</b>

Note:

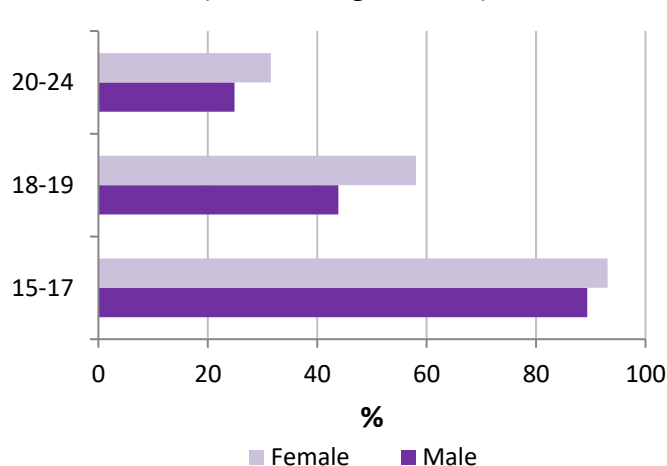
1. This table includes the total population of the parish and so there are high numbers for categories where the question about type of educational institutions being attended is not applicable.

**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

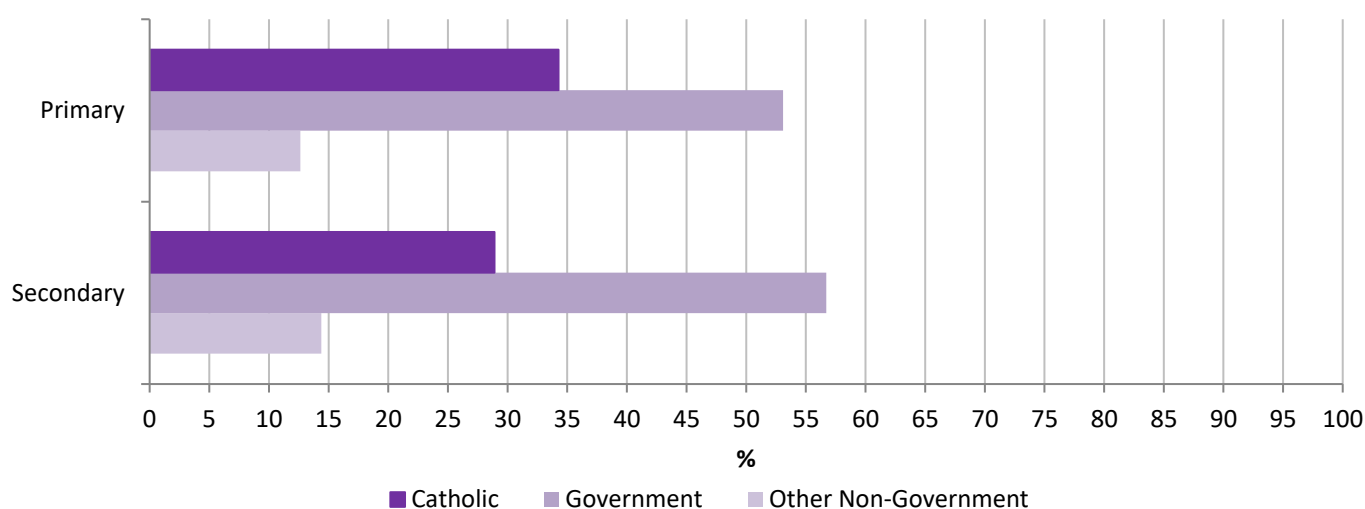
**Table 23: Type of educational institution attending by weekly income of student's family<sup>1</sup>**

	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	52	120	136	293	248	92	45	1,099	89,845
Infants/Primary – Catholic	15	28	43	155	248	111	72	722	124,234
Infants/Primary – Other Non-Government	9	5	20	45	59	45	49	252	136,959
Secondary – Government	28	63	101	209	180	68	30	781	92,752
Secondary – Catholic	11	22	33	63	131	65	51	413	127,744
Secondary – Other Non-Government	3	13	16	35	51	27	30	197	125,219
TAFE, University or other tertiary institution	9	12	28	41	92	46	37	299	128,347
Other (including pre-school)	3	-	12	12	18	10	7	71	115,847
Not stated/Not applicable	11	12	13	24	26	13	-	115	87,150
<b>Total</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>877</b>	<b>1,053</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>3,949</b>	<b>108,122</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	-	31	33	43	13	8	128
Graduate diploma / bachelor degree	24	127	180	124	73	58	586
Advanced diploma or diploma level	36	77	137	134	78	54	516
Certificate level	200	442	536	444	261	236	2,119
Inadequately described/Not stated/Not applicable	803	336	390	416	260	395	2,600
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,063</b>	<b>1,013</b>	<b>1,276</b>	<b>1,161</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>5,949</b>
<i>Per cent with degree or higher</i>	<i>2.3</i>	<i>15.6</i>	<i>16.7</i>	<i>14.4</i>	<i>12.6</i>	<i>8.8</i>	<i>12.0</i>
<b>Females</b>							
Postgraduate degree	-	46	62	29	11	3	151
Graduate diploma / bachelor degree	69	300	356	181	103	62	1,071
Advanced diploma or diploma level	49	213	291	206	106	69	934
Certificate level	224	328	361	299	145	64	1,421
Inadequately described/Not stated/Not applicable	762	372	491	557	529	642	3,353
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,104</b>	<b>1,259</b>	<b>1,561</b>	<b>1,272</b>	<b>894</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>6,930</b>
<i>Per cent with degree or higher</i>	<i>6.3</i>	<i>27.5</i>	<i>26.8</i>	<i>16.5</i>	<i>12.8</i>	<i>7.7</i>	<i>17.6</i>
<b>All Catholics</b>							
Postgraduate degree	-	77	95	72	24	11	279
Graduate diploma / bachelor degree	93	427	536	305	176	120	1,657
Advanced diploma or diploma level	85	290	428	340	184	123	1,450
Certificate level	424	770	897	743	406	300	3,540
Inadequately described/Not stated/Not applicable	1,565	708	881	973	789	1,037	5,953
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,167</b>	<b>2,272</b>	<b>2,837</b>	<b>2,433</b>	<b>1,579</b>	<b>1,591</b>	<b>12,879</b>
<i>Per cent with degree or higher</i>	<i>4.3</i>	<i>22.2</i>	<i>22.2</i>	<i>15.5</i>	<i>12.7</i>	<i>8.2</i>	<i>15.0</i>

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# Employment

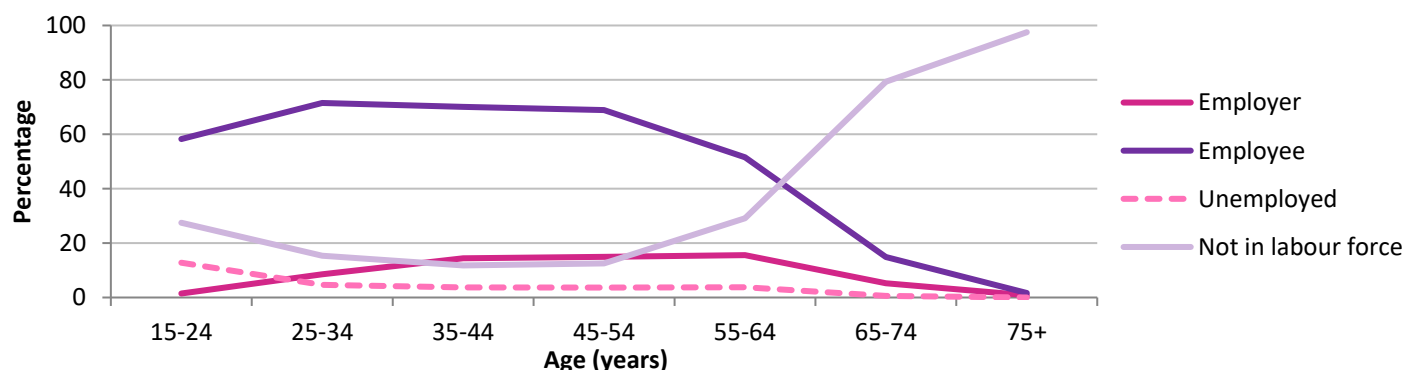
In recent years there have been many changes in society and the workplace that have affected Australian workers. One major change has been the increase in the percentages of workers, especially young people and women, in part-time jobs. Another has been the rise in participation in the labour force by 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	19	371	398	44	832
Employee	605	1,718	1,157	89	3,569
Unemployed	143	82	59	4	288
Not in the labour force	282	108	223	590	1,203
Other/Not stated/Not applicable	13	20	24	22	79
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,062</b>	<b>2,299</b>	<b>1,861</b>	<b>749</b>	<b>5,971</b>
<i>Per cent in labour force<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>72.2</i>	<i>94.4</i>	<i>86.7</i>	<i>18.3</i>	<i>78.5</i>
<i>Per cent unemployed<sup>3</sup></i>	<i>18.6</i>	<i>3.8</i>	<i>3.7</i>	<i>2.9</i>	<i>6.1</i>
<b>Females</b>					
Employer	9	225	205	17	456
Employee	652	1,875	1,308	75	3,910
Unemployed	126	130	84	5	345
Not in the labour force	310	575	534	733	2,152
Other/Not stated/Not applicable	9	21	30	25	85
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,106</b>	<b>2,826</b>	<b>2,161</b>	<b>855</b>	<b>6,947</b>
<i>Per cent in labour force<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>71.2</i>	<i>78.9</i>	<i>73.9</i>	<i>11.3</i>	<i>67.8</i>
<i>Per cent unemployed<sup>3</sup></i>	<i>16.0</i>	<i>5.8</i>	<i>5.3</i>	<i>5.2</i>	<i>7.3</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	23	119	231	207	81	21	682
Professionals	22	107	167	125	71	27	519
Technicians & Trade Workers	164	299	331	253	130	26	1,203
Community & Personal Service Workers	64	52	65	64	21	4	270
Clerical & Administrative Workers	20	51	65	57	35	7	235
Sales Workers	122	63	75	76	31	9	376
Machinery operators & Drivers	47	99	118	119	95	25	503
Labourers	152	116	113	97	61	24	563
ID / NS / NA <sup>1</sup>	439	106	115	169	156	606	1,591
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,053</b>	<b>1,012</b>	<b>1,280</b>	<b>1,167</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>749</b>	<b>5,942</b>
<i>Per cent Managers &amp; Professionals<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>7.3</i>	<i>24.9</i>	<i>34.2</i>	<i>33.3</i>	<i>29.0</i>	<i>33.6</i>	<i>27.6</i>
<i>Per cent 'blue collar workers'<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>59.1</i>	<i>56.7</i>	<i>48.2</i>	<i>47.0</i>	<i>54.5</i>	<i>52.4</i>	<i>52.1</i>
<b>Females</b>							
Managers	25	86	134	106	43	7	401
Professionals	50	220	295	184	85	22	856
Technicians & Trade Workers	38	52	49	40	12	3	194
Community & Personal Service Workers	168	163	202	171	82	4	790
Clerical & Administrative Workers	86	220	335	282	142	27	1,092
Sales Workers	230	108	120	121	75	17	671
Machinery operators & Drivers	12	13	11	18	11	4	69
Labourers	41	29	52	65	70	11	268
ID / NS / NA <sup>1</sup>	448	375	361	281	372	751	2,588
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,098</b>	<b>1,266</b>	<b>1,559</b>	<b>1,268</b>	<b>892</b>	<b>846</b>	<b>6,929</b>
<i>Per cent Managers &amp; Professionals<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>11.5</i>	<i>34.3</i>	<i>35.8</i>	<i>29.4</i>	<i>24.6</i>	<i>30.5</i>	<i>29.0</i>
<i>Per cent 'blue collar workers'<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>14.0</i>	<i>10.5</i>	<i>9.3</i>	<i>12.5</i>	<i>17.9</i>	<i>18.9</i>	<i>12.2</i>
<b>All Catholics</b>							
Managers	48	205	365	313	124	28	1,083
Professionals	72	327	462	309	156	49	1,375
Technicians & Trade Workers	202	351	380	293	142	29	1,397
Community & Personal Service Workers	232	215	267	235	103	8	1,060
Clerical & Administrative Workers	106	271	400	339	177	34	1,327
Sales Workers	352	171	195	197	106	26	1,047
Machinery operators & Drivers	59	112	129	137	106	29	572
Labourers	193	145	165	162	131	35	831
ID / NS / NA <sup>1</sup>	887	481	476	450	528	1,357	4,179
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,151</b>	<b>2,278</b>	<b>2,839</b>	<b>2,435</b>	<b>1,573</b>	<b>1,595</b>	<b>12,871</b>
<i>Per cent Managers &amp; Professionals<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>9.5</i>	<i>29.6</i>	<i>35.0</i>	<i>31.3</i>	<i>26.8</i>	<i>32.4</i>	<i>28.3</i>
<i>Per cent 'blue collar workers'<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>35.9</i>	<i>33.8</i>	<i>28.5</i>	<i>29.8</i>	<i>36.3</i>	<i>39.1</i>	<i>32.2</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?*

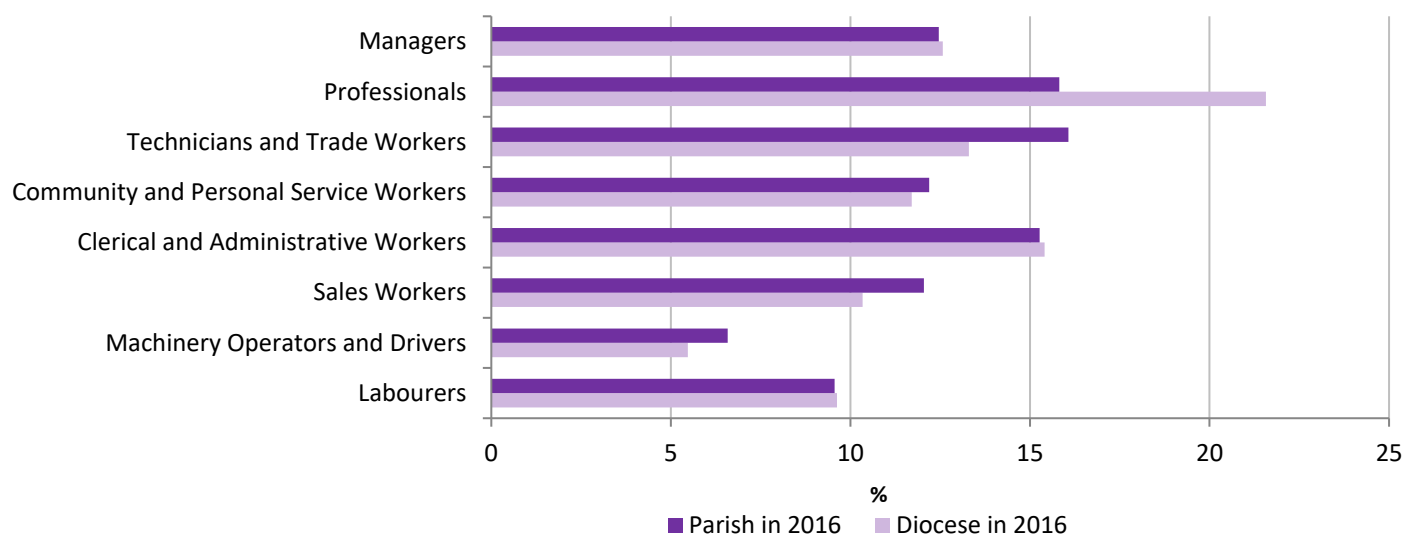
**Table 27: Occupation of parents of students attending Catholic schools**

	Primary School	Secondary School
Both parents in professional occupation	74	35
One parent or lone parent in professional occupation	270	157
Both parents in 'white collar' occupation <sup>1</sup>	190	144
One parent or lone parent in 'white collar' occupation	340	239
Both parents in 'blue collar' occupation	21	15
One parent or lone parent in 'blue collar' occupation	62	37
Not applicable and not stated	128	111
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,085</b>	<b>738</b>
% with professional parent(s)	31.7	26.0
% with blue collar parent(s)	7.6	7.0

Note:

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

**Occupation**  
(Catholics aged 15+ with an occupation)



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