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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 2021 Census, but some comparisons are provided with 2016 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 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

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 parish to realise the vision.

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

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

"I earnestly exhort the Pastors of the particular Churches, with the help of all sectors of God's People, confidently to plan the stages of the journey ahead, harmonising the choices of each diocesan community with those of neighbouring Churches and of the universal Church ... It is not a matter of inventing a 'new program'. The program already exists: it is the plan found in the Gospel and in the living Tradition." Novo Millennio Ineunte #29

Pope Francis reminds that all renewal must be grounded in:

"... a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channelled for the evangelisation of today's world rather than for her self-preservation." Evangelii Gaudium #27

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 (2021)

Total Population: 113,250

Catholic Population: 16,044

Catholics make up 14.2 per cent of the total population

Median age of Catholics is 41 years

Total Catholic families: 7,187

1,381 Catholics live alone

4,376 Catholics were born overseas

191 Catholics do not speak English well

1,318 Catholics need assistance with core activities

8,911 Catholics have changed address since 2016



What has changed in your parish since 2016?

This chart will help you identify at a glance changes in some of the key indicators for Catholics in the parish between 2016 and 2021, and may alert you to possible trends that are occurring. The 2016 and 2021 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 2016	Parish in 2021
Catholic population	15,504	16,044
Catholics aged 0-14 (%)	21.6	18.8
Catholics aged 65+ (%)	14.6	18.7
Catholics born in NES ¹ (%)	12.0	15.8
Catholics not proficient in English (%)	1.2	1.2
Catholic families	6,533	7,187
Catholics living alone	1,071	1,381
Catholic students attending Catholic schools ² (%)	29.5	33.3
Catholics with university degree (%)	10.4	14.8
Catholic males in labour force (%)	71.3	67.9
Catholic females in labour force (%)	59.6	59.6
Catholic households owning or purchasing dwelling (%)	60.7	64.9

Notes:

1. NES¹ = 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 2016 FIGURES:

The boundaries of some parishes changed between 2016 and 2021. These boundary changes mean that, in these parishes, figures for 2016 and 2021 may not be comparable. Where parishes have been amalgamated between 2016 and 2021, the 2021 figures in this profile refer to the overall figures for the parishes involved. Prior to 2021, persons living on Australian Defence Force bases were excluded from the Parish Social Profiles figures and were counted within the Military Ordinariate of Australia figures. For 2021, such persons have been included in the geographical parish in which the military base is located. The overall result of inclusion in 2021 figures is negligible.



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 ¹	Parish 2021	Parish 2016	Diocese 2021	Australia 2021	Diocesan Group ²	Australian Group ²
Total population ³	113,250	86,736	3,815,443	25,422,788	1	1
Catholic population	16,044	15,504	684,423	5,075,910	1	1
Per cent Catholic	14.2	17.9	17.9	20.0	5	5
At same address since previous Census (%)	44.5	45.1	52.8	59.4	5	5
Median age ⁴ (years)	41	36	43	43	3	4
Aged 0-14 (%)	18.8	21.6	17.9	17.9	3	2
Aged 65+ (%)	18.7	14.6	19.6	19.9	3	4
Males per 100 females	85.6	91.0	86.6	89.1	4	4

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

Table 2 shows the percentage of Catholics living with a disability 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 living with some form of disability.

In what particular ways does the parish support people living with disabilities and their carers?

Table 2: Disability	Parish 2021	Parish 2016	Diocese 2021	Australia 2021	Diocesan Group	Australian Group
Need assistance with core activities (%)	8.2	6.3	6.7	6.7	1	2
Provided unpaid assistance to a person with a disability ⁵ (% of Catholics aged 15+)	12.5	11.8	13.0	13.5	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 2021	Parish 2016	Diocese 2021	Australia 2021	Diocesan Group	Australian Group
Managers and Professionals ¹ (% of those recording an occupation)	26.0	23.0	37.4	37.1	5	5
Workers in 'blue collar' occupations ² (% of those recording an occupation)	36.6	39.5	26.8	28.1	1	2
Men, employed or seeking work ³ (%)	67.6	71.3	67.5	66.5	4	3
Women, employed or seeking work ³ (%)	59.4	59.6	61.4	59.7	4	3
Unemployed at time of Census ⁴ (%)	5.4	7.8	4.6	4.2	1	1
Youth unemployed at time of Census ⁵ (%)	12.4	16.4	9.7	8.9	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 may highlight greater needs related to communication and inclusiveness.

Is there a need for the parish to review the way it addresses the needs of recently arrived Catholic migrants? 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 2021	Parish 2016	Diocese 2021	Australia 2021	Diocesan Group	Australian Group
Born overseas in English-speaking country ⁶ (%)	11.3	11.0	8.2	5.5	1	1
Born overseas in non-English-speaking country (%)	15.8	12.0	16.7	21.4	2	3
Immigrants from non-English-speaking countries arriving in Census year or previous 3 years	195	161	13,384	97,457	1	1
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders	582	470	16,474	135,686	1	1
Speak language other than English at home (%)	13.8	10.7	15.0	21.5	3	3
Not proficient in English ⁷ (%)	1.2	1.2	1.5	2.7	3	3

Notes:

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



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

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

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

Why do you think this is so?

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

Table 5: Education ¹	Parish 2021	Parish 2016	Diocese 2021	Australia 2021	Diocesan Group	Australian Group
Catholics aged 15+ with bachelor degree or higher qualification (%)	14.8	10.4	25.9	24.6	5	4
Catholics attending an educational institution (% of all Catholics in each age group)						
Aged 15-17	91.3	86.2	95.7	94.9	5	4
Aged 18-19	51.3	41.0	65.0	67.2	5	4
Aged 20-24	27.6	21.6	42.9	43.4	5	4
Catholic primary students attending Catholic schools (%)	34.4	28.4	51.4	55.5	5	5
Catholic primary students attending Government schools (%)	49.8	59.7	40.2	38.4	1	2
Catholic secondary students attending Catholic schools (%)	32.4	31.3	48.9	55.3	5	5
Catholic secondary students attending Government schools (%)	50.9	53.0	36.3	33.4	2	2
Primary students attending Catholic schools who are not Catholic ² (%)	51.2	32.3	38.8	36.6	1	1
Secondary students attending Catholic schools who are not Catholic ² (%)	61.5	56.7	44.0	41.3	1	1

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. '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 2021, 84 per cent of Australia's Catholics lived in a family setting, with a further ten per cent living alone. The most common type of Catholic family was a couple family with children (44 per cent of all families where at least one person was a Catholic), followed by couple families without children (38%) and one-parent families (parent Catholic, 11%).

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?

	Parish 2021	Parish 2016	Diocese 2021	Australia 2021	Diocesan Group	Australian Group
Never married (%)	32.2	34.7	32.4	32.9	3	3
Married (%)	46.8	46.1	48.9	49.3	4	4
Divorced or Separated (%)	15.0	14.2	13.1	11.7	1	1
Widowed (%)	6.1	5.1	5.6	6.1	2	3

	Parish 2021	Parish 2016	Diocese 2021	Australia 2021	Diocesan Group	Australian Group
Families	7,187	6,533	285,557	1,995,658	1	1
One-parent families	974	910	31,606	225,180	1	1
One-parent families (% of all families)	13.6	13.9	11.1	11.3	1	1
Couples of mixed religions ² (%)	67.6	64.8	64.6	58.1	2	2
De facto couples ³ (%)	24.2	24.9	19.1	17.7	1	1
Median annual family income ⁴ (\$)	104,807	89,216	119,564	120,943	4	4

	Parish 2021	Parish 2016	Diocese 2021	Australia 2021	Diocesan Group	Australian Group
Households	8,813	7,873	364,726	2,567,362	1	1
Persons living alone (aged under 35)	129	120	6,225	51,145	1	1
Persons living alone (aged 35+)	1,252	951	57,258	442,080	1	1
Persons living alone (total)	1,381	1,071	63,483	493,225	1	1
Persons living alone (% of all persons)	8.6	6.9	9.3	9.7	3	4
Dwellings owned or being purchased (%)	64.9	60.7	70.8	73.0	4	5
Median monthly housing loan repayment ⁶ (\$)	1,833	1,839	1,948	1,948	4	3

Notes:

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



Parish Details

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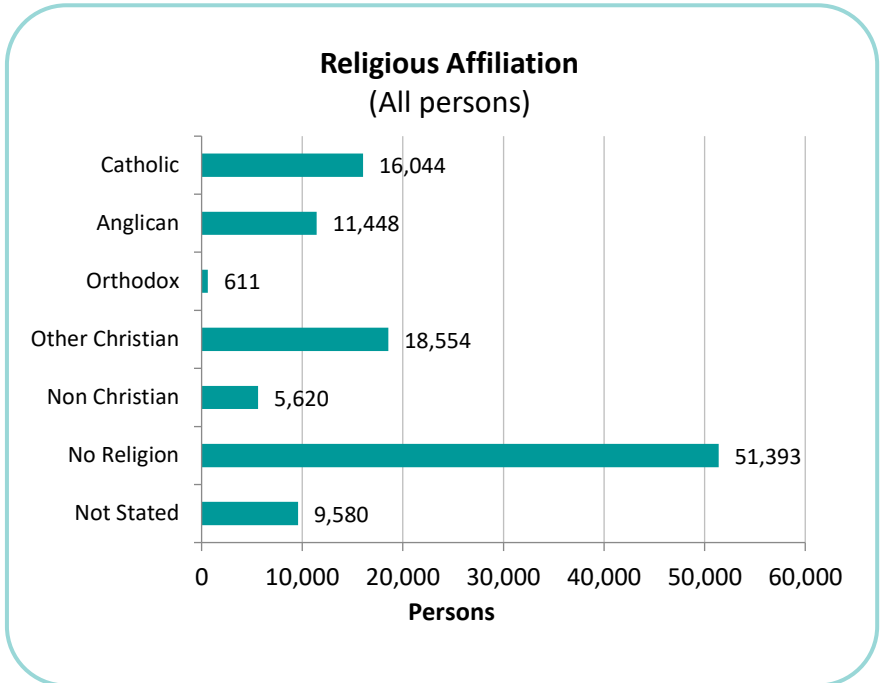
Religious Affiliation

The Census question about religion is optional, and just under seven 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 2012-2021?

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

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



Notes: No Religion also includes Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation

Not Stated also includes Inadequately Described.

Table 9: Religious affiliation by age

	0-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80+	Total
Western (Latin Rite) Catholic	1,859	1,980	1,749	2,166	2,291	2,089	1,735	1,424	726	16,019
Maronite Catholic	-	5	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	11
Melkite Catholic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ukrainian Catholic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chaldean Catholic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Syro-Malabar Catholic	7	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	14
Total Catholic	1,866	1,985	1,749	2,173	2,297	2,089	1,735	1,424	726	16,044
Per cent Catholic (of total population in age group)	10.7	13.1	10.5	12.3	16.5	17.6	18.5	19.2	20.4	14.2
Anglican	788	1,028	772	1,050	1,539	1,852	1,731	1,792	896	11,448
Orthodox	59	69	66	94	92	87	65	56	23	611
Other Christian	2,501	2,379	1,891	2,363	2,259	2,204	2,168	1,895	894	18,554
Non-Christian	1,024	546	921	1,592	714	396	254	130	43	5,620
No Religion	9,701	7,818	9,746	8,813	5,884	4,318	2,823	1,645	645	51,393
Not Stated	1,567	1,358	1,573	1,596	1,168	914	603	471	330	9,580
Total Population	17,506	15,183	16,718	17,681	13,953	11,860	9,379	7,413	3,557	113,250

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 2021	Females 2021	Total 2021	Total 2016
Age (years)				
0	75	80	155	191
1	77	70	147	213
2	60	80	140	192
3	98	73	171	224
4	91	103	194	230
5	85	109	194	262
6	132	99	231	246
7	97	109	206	237
8	101	120	221	243
9	110	106	216	254
10	117	115	232	232
11	109	116	225	221
12	125	104	229	208
13	124	111	235	215
14	123	109	232	182
15	97	94	191	199
16	85	91	176	190
17	98	95	193	196
18	76	72	148	179
19	65	67	132	190
20-24	370	445	815	984
25-29	398	535	933	1,027
30-34	436	610	1,046	1,121
35-39	508	628	1,136	1,096
40-44	522	603	1,125	1,102
45-49	583	582	1,165	1,044
50-54	502	589	1,091	973
55-59	464	533	997	829
60-64	396	494	890	756
65-69	364	491	855	767
70-74	355	479	834	570
75-79	269	331	600	458
80+	301	425	726	452
Total	7,413	8,668	16,081	15,483

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 randomisation 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 be taken in interpreting small counts in tables. Note that figures below three are not reported.

The table on this page shows the number of Catholics in this parish in 2021, by age and sex, and compares the total number of Catholics in each age group with the figure in 2016.

In 1996, the median age of Catholics in Australia was 33 years; by 2021, this had risen to 43 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.

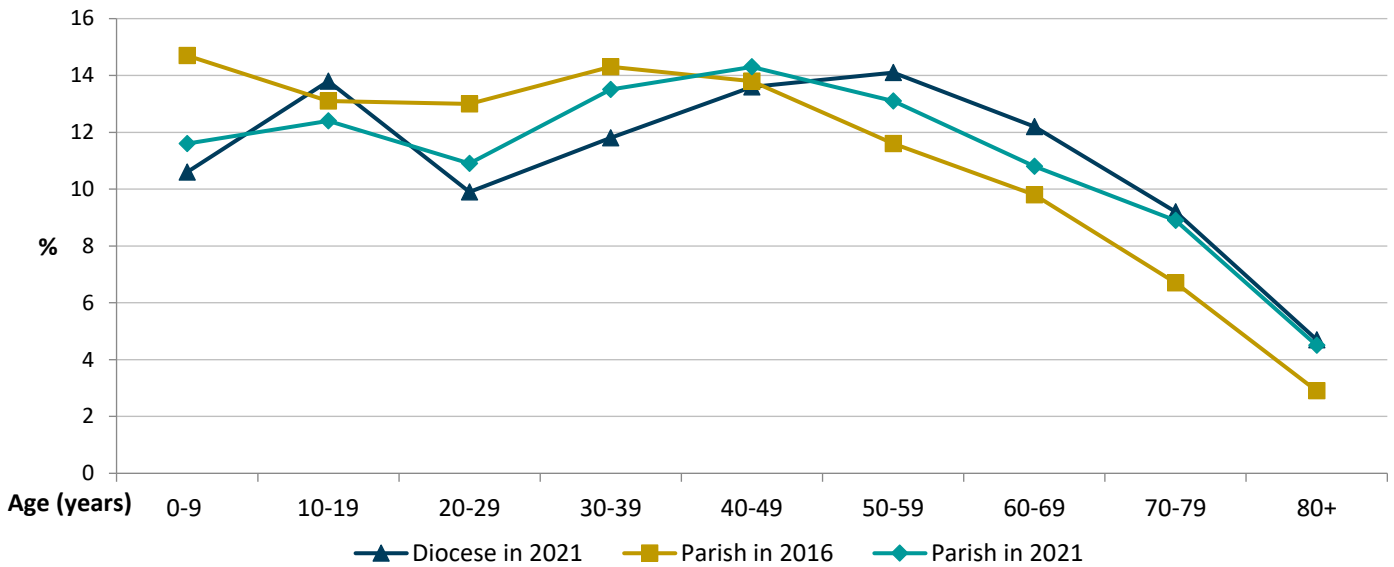
In 2021, among Australian Catholics as a whole, 53 per cent were female and 47 per cent were male. But it is not always like this. Among Catholics aged under 20, males slightly outnumbered females, whereas females accounted for 58 per cent of Catholics aged 75 or more. There are also local factors, such 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 2016? Can you get a sense from the table of what the parish age profile might look like in 2026, the year of the next Census?

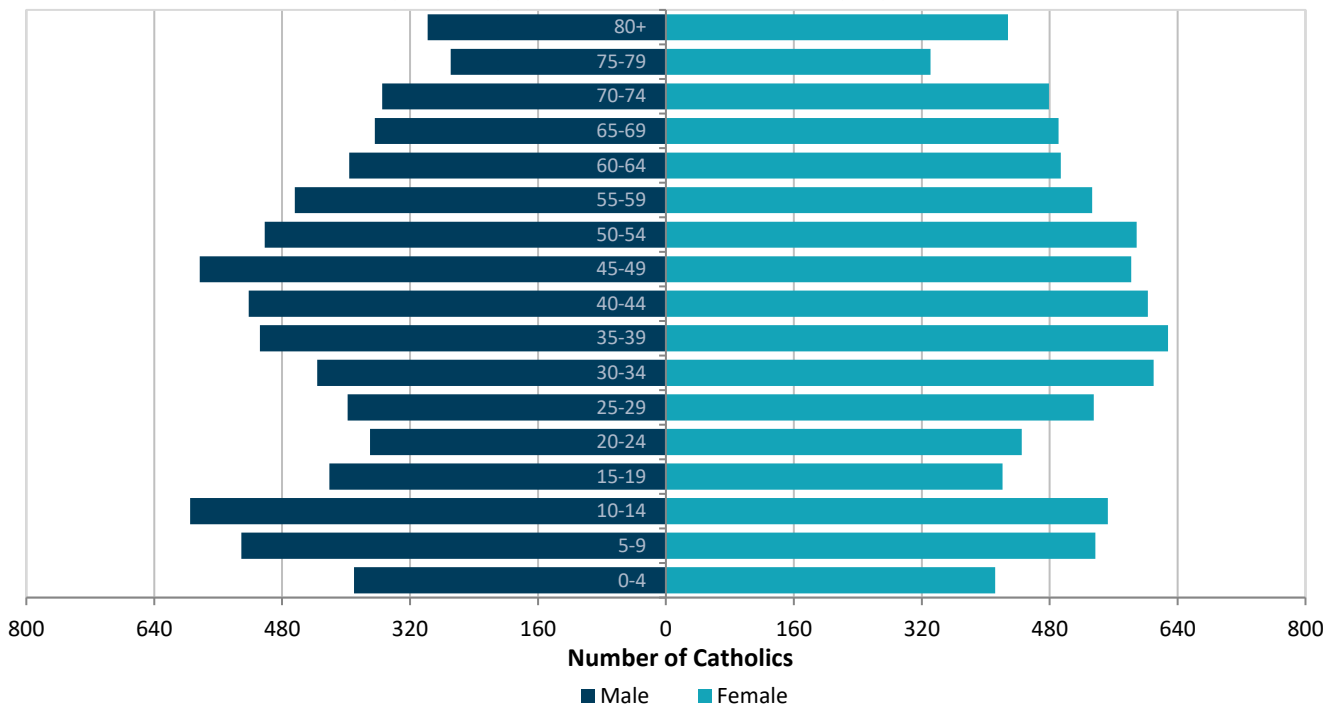


Age and Sex

Age profile of the Catholic population, 2016 & 2021



Age-sex profile of the Catholic population, 2021



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 living with a profound or severe disability. The ABS defines this population as: “those people needing help or assistance in one or more of the three core activity areas of self-care, mobility and communication, because of a long-term health condition (lasting six months or more), a disability (lasting six months or more), or old age”.¹ Most people who need assistance with core activities live either in a family or in a place such as a nursing home, where the care they need is provided. But many live alone. Often people with a disability report have fewer opportunities for social interaction.²

How many Catholics in your parish require assistance with core activities? How many of these live alone? How many are in the younger age groups? How many of your parishioners provide unpaid assistance to people living with a disability?

How might the parish respond pastorally to this information?

Table 11a: Need for assistance with core activities by age

	0-14	15-44	45-64	65-74	75-84	85 and over	Total
Catholics who have need for assistance with core activities							
Family members:							
Males	103	94	70	70	78	26	441
Females	46	62	119	92	92	42	453
Lone Persons:							
Males	-	9	26	11	11	12	69
Females	-	3	25	16	47	35	126
Other non-family members or persons not present in a household on Census night³							
Males	3	8	15	25	24	30	105
Females	-	8	20	19	49	44	140
Total							
Males	106	111	111	106	113	68	615
Females	46	73	164	127	188	121	719

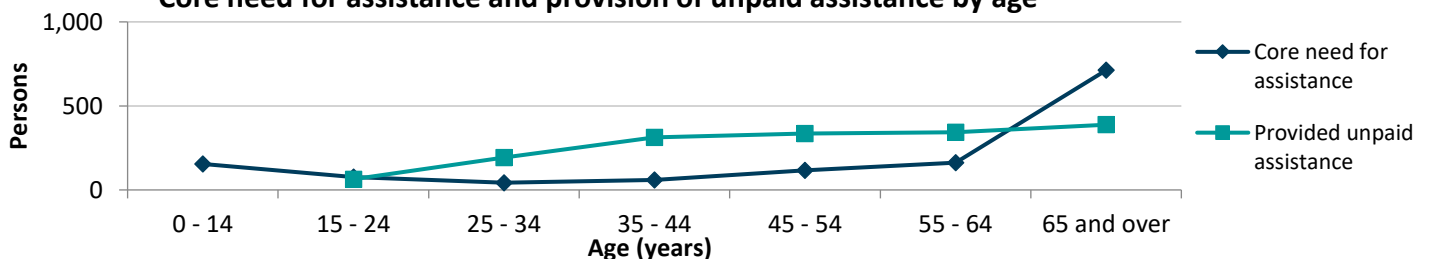
Table 11b: Provision of unpaid assistance by age

	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 and over	Total
Catholics who provide unpaid assistance to a person with a disability⁴							
Males	29	57	99	113	120	161	579
Females	35	138	207	224	214	225	1,043

Notes:

1. Australian Bureau of Statistics 2021. *Census of Population and Housing: Census Dictionary*.
2. Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2022. *People with disability in Australia /Social Inclusion*. <https://www.aihw.gov.au>
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 noticeably over the last two decades. At the time of the 1991 Census, 31 per cent of Australian Catholics aged 15 and over had never been married, 55 per cent were married, seven per cent were separated or divorced and six per cent were widowed. By the 2021 Census, these figures were respectively 33 per cent, 49 per cent, 12 per cent and six per cent. Since 1991, there has been a decline in the percentage of married Catholics and a rise in the percentage of those never married and those separated or 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 below shows, for each marital status, the percentage of Catholic men and women aged 15 years and older who lived in the parish at the time of the 2021 Census and who had changed address in the previous five years. Across Australia in 2021, 35 per cent of Catholics aged 15 and over had changed address since the previous Census.

Table 12: Registered marital status by sex and age

	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75 and over	Total
Catholics aged 15 and over								
Males								
Never married	784	544	328	236	109	42	19	2,062
Married	6	273	594	627	525	491	374	2,890
Separated or Divorced	-	25	106	217	205	144	78	775
Widowed	-	-	-	5	19	36	89	149
Total	790	842	1,028	1,085	858	713	560	5,876
Females								
Never married	854	618	314	209	89	35	12	2,131
Married	16	432	710	659	560	564	281	3,222
Separated or Divorced	-	89	194	287	306	196	104	1,176
Widowed	-	-	15	20	71	165	360	631
Total	870	1,139	1,233	1,175	1,026	960	757	7,160

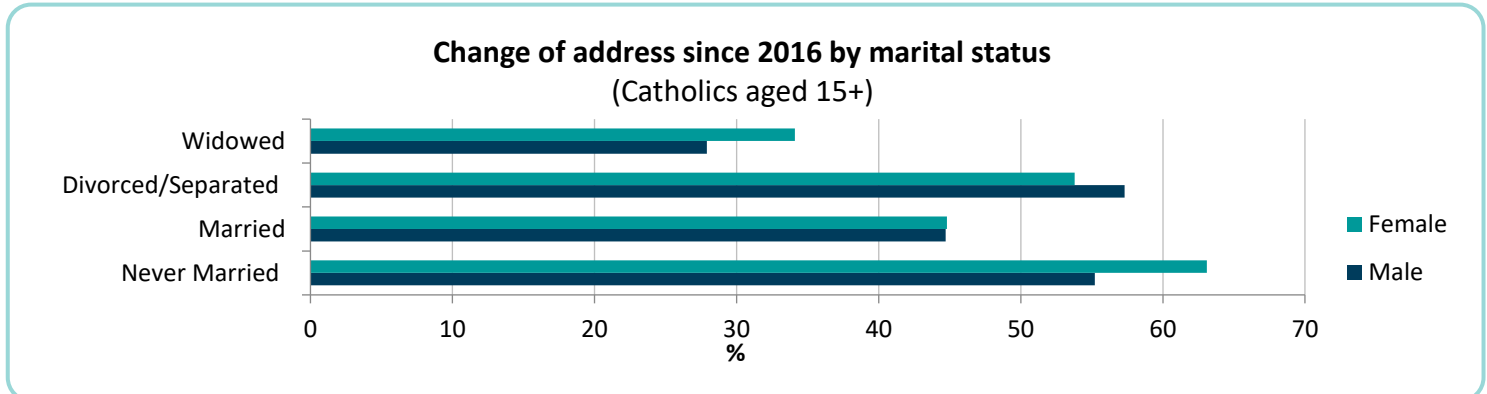


Table 13: Religious affiliation of couple by social marital status

	In a registered marriage	In a de facto marriage	Total couples	% couples in de facto marriages
Both persons Catholic	1,434	300	1,734	17.3
One person Catholic, the other non-Catholic Christian	1,656	382	2,038	18.7
One Catholic, the other not Christian, not stated or temporarily absent	1,296	716	2,012	35.6
Total	4,386	1,398	5,784	24.2



Families

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

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

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

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

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

Table 14: Family composition ¹ by weekly family income	Less than \$500	\$500 - \$799	\$800 - \$1,249	\$1,250 - \$1,999	\$2,000 - \$2,999	\$3,000 - \$3,999	\$4,000 or more	Income not fully stated	Total families	Median Weekly Family Income ² (\$)
Two-parent families with children at home:										
Both parents Catholic	4	25	44	201	339	193	111	47	964	2,544
One parent Catholic, the other Christian, but not Catholic	11	15	56	173	307	218	167	53	1,000	2,711
One parent Catholic, the other Non-Christian, No Religion or Not stated	8	20	51	231	367	195	131	58	1,061	2,521
Couple with no children living at home:										
Both partners Catholic	49	150	147	148	160	59	31	17	761	1,381
One partner Catholic, the other Christian, but not Catholic	67	185	216	215	222	74	47	27	1,053	1,406
One partner Catholic, the other Non-Christian, No Religion or Not stated	27	71	87	192	263	90	55	13	798	2,058
One-parent families:										
Parent is Catholic	70	168	216	278	126	32	10	74	974	1,241
Other families where at least one person is Catholic										
Other: Reference person Catholic but spouse temporarily absent ³	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	151	151	-
Total	254	671	877	1,540	1,894	909	579	463	7,187	2,010

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	167	36	26	5	-	234
\$500-\$799	437	97	83	30	10	657
\$800-\$1,249	575	136	101	36	20	868
\$1,250-\$1,999	810	297	264	127	38	1,536
\$2,000-\$2,999	895	356	425	148	54	1,878
\$3,000-\$3,999	381	191	242	85	27	926
\$4,000 or more	246	98	163	59	18	584
Income not fully stated	215	89	78	36	27	445
Total Families	3,726	1,300	1,382	526	194	7,128
Median Weekly Family Income (\$)	1,783	2,110	2,418	2,317	2,287	2,010

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

**Weekly Family Income
(Catholic families)**

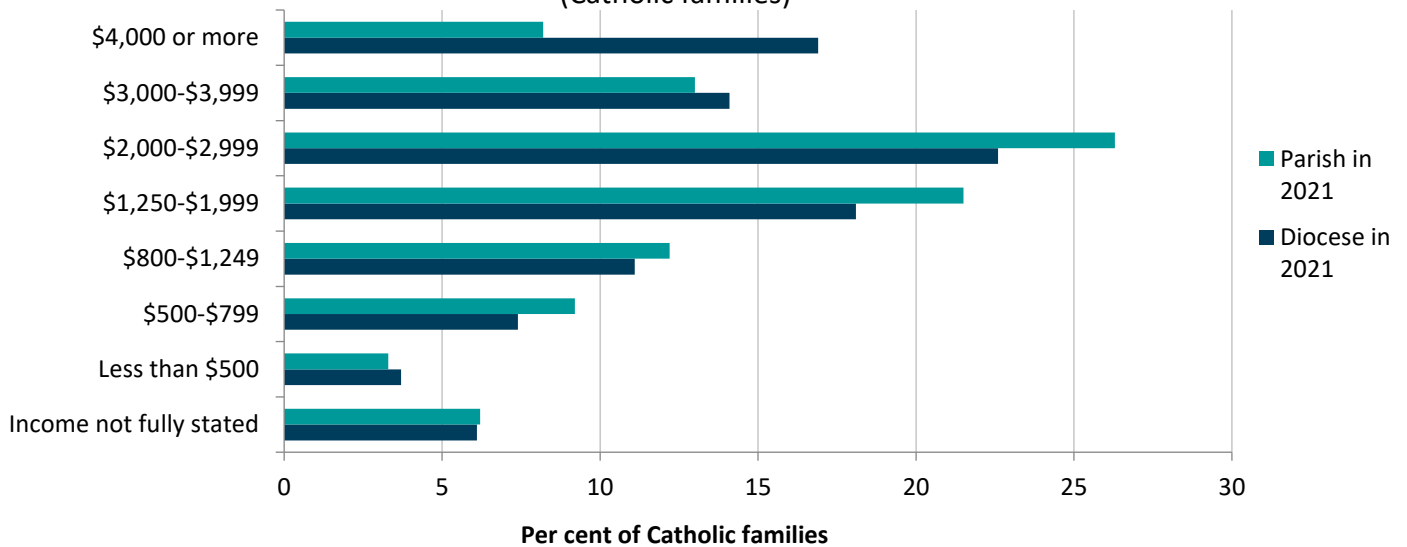


Table 16: Social marital status by number of dependent children

	0 dependent children	1 dependent child	2 dependent children	3 dependent children	4 or more	Total
Family Composition:						
Married couple family (at least one partner Catholic)	2,468	622	885	317	94	4,386
De facto couple family (at least one partner Catholic)	772	271	212	98	43	1,396
One parent family, parent Catholic	330	306	214	89	26	965
Other families where at least one person is Catholic	175	81	91	46	20	413
Total families	3,745	1,280	1,402	550	183	7,160



Households

The Australian Bureau of Statistics defines a household as one or more persons, at least one of whom is at least 15 years of age, usually resident in the same private dwelling.¹ Non-private dwellings such as motels, guest houses, prisons, religious institutions and nursing homes are not included in household statistics. A household can consist of one or more families, non-family groups or persons living alone.

The figures on this page refer to households in which at least one person is Catholic.²

There were 9,808,428 households in Australia in 2021. At least one Catholic person lived in 2,567,352 households, or 26 per cent of all households. Seventy-seven per cent of these Catholic households were family households and, of the Catholic family households, 77 per cent were occupied dwellings that were owned or being purchased.

What is the current housing situation in this parish? For example, is there a sufficient stock of rental properties available? Are there areas with large numbers of new houses? Are families under stress to pay rent or meet mortgage repayments? What aspects of the parish's pastoral strategies relate to housing issues?

	Fully owned or being purchased	Rented from State or Territory Housing Authority	Rented from other landlord, or landlord not stated	Other households	Total households	Per cent owned or being purchased
Family households	4,792	97	2,161	88	7,138	67.1
Lone person aged under 35 years	56	-	66	7	129	43.4
Lone person aged 35 years or over	758	67	373	54	1,252	60.5
Group households	114	14	159	7	294	38.8
Total households	5,720	178	2,759	156	8,813	64.9

	\$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	114	191	676	1,120	477	377	1,865
Lone person aged under 35 years	-	5	23	11	7	3	1,508
Lone person aged 35 years or over	30	31	71	49	6	17	1,346
Group households	3	5	17	21	11	-	1,700
Total households	147	232	787	1,201	501	397	1,833

Notes:

1. Australian Bureau of Statistics 2021. *Census of Population and Housing: Census Dictionary*.
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?

Table 19: Birthplace

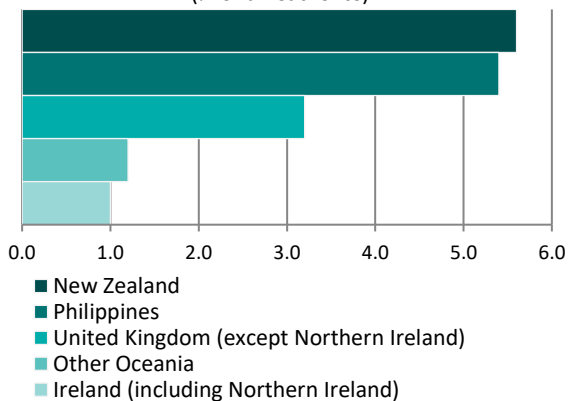
	All Catholics	% of Catholics	% recent arrivals ¹
Australia	11,553	71.9	-
New Zealand	901	5.6	5.9
Other Oceania	198	1.2	3.5
United Kingdom (except Northern Ireland)	518	3.2	3.3
Ireland (including Northern Ireland)	156	1.0	2.6
Italy	73	0.5	-
Malta	49	0.3	7.1
Spain and Portugal	47	0.3	-
France	25	0.2	-
Netherlands	76	0.5	-
Germany	72	0.4	-
Austria	22	0.1	-
Croatia and other Former Yugoslavia	71	0.4	-
Poland	112	0.7	-
Hungary	50	0.3	-
Other Eastern Europe, Russian Federation and Baltic States	67	0.4	5.6
Other Europe NEC	31	0.2	-
Vietnam	50	0.3	-
Philippines	864	5.4	13.0
Indonesia	23	0.1	12.5
Malaysia	21	0.1	-
Singapore	17	0.1	-
South East Asia NEC	21	0.1	-
India	97	0.6	19.3
Sri Lanka	56	0.3	7.0
China (except Hong Kong and Taiwan)	12	0.1	-
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	13	0.1	-
Korea, Republic of (South)	47	0.3	12.2
Egypt	4	0.0	-
Lebanon	16	0.1	-
Iraq	4	0.0	-
Sudan (including South Sudan)	17	0.1	-
Middle East and North Africa NEC	14	0.1	-
South Africa	155	1.0	8.4
Mauritius	26	0.2	-
United States of America	45	0.3	-
Canada	36	0.2	9.8
Argentina	23	0.1	-
Brazil	82	0.5	12.8
Colombia	30	0.2	-
Chile	9	0.1	-
Central America and South America NEC	90	0.6	-
Other countries	136	0.8	17.5
Inadequately described/Not stated	129	0.8	-
Total	16,058	100.0	1.8

Notes:

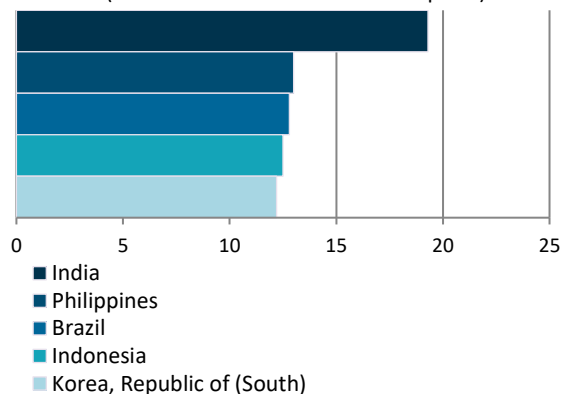
1. % recent arrivals = the percentage of Catholics who were born in the named country and who arrived in Australia between 2018 and 2021 inclusive.

NEC = Not Elsewhere Classified

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)



Language

In 2021, around 22 per cent of Australia's Catholics spoke a language other than English at home, and three per cent were not proficient in English. People who do not speak English well can face practical problems in education, employment and access to services. On the other hand, it is important to many people from a non-English-speaking background to maintain and promote, for reasons of cultural continuity and identity, the use of their home language.¹

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

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

Table 20: Language spoken at home by religious affiliation

	Catholic	Not Catholic (or not stated)	All persons	% Catholics among speakers ²
English only	13,677	79,120	92,797	14.7
Italian	86	69	155	55.5
Maltese	28	3	31	90.3
Spanish	192	275	467	41.1
Croatian	53	23	76	69.7
Polish	117	44	161	72.7
Dutch	18	82	100	18.0
French	59	97	156	37.8
German	52	164	216	24.1
Portuguese	124	134	258	48.1
Hungarian	58	63	121	47.9
Ukrainian	7	22	29	24.1
Vietnamese	62	161	223	27.8
Filipino languages	672	218	890	75.5
Chinese languages	59	1,120	1,179	5.0
Malayalam	81	69	150	54.0
Sinhalese	25	75	100	25.0
Korean	55	333	388	14.2
Indonesian and Malay	11	95	106	10.4
Arabic	34	196	230	14.8
Assyrian and Chaldean	-	13	13	-
Oceanic and Papuan languages	185	1,185	1,370	13.5
Australian Indigenous languages	11	82	93	11.8
Other European languages NEC	98	1,446	1,544	6.3
Other Asian languages NEC	40	3,272	3,312	1.2
Other languages NEC	93	1,270	1,363	6.8
Inadequately described/Non-Verbal/Not stated	146	7,588	7,734	1.9
Total	16,043	97,219	113,262	14.2

Notes:

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

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

NEC = Not Elsewhere Classified



Language

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

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

Table 21: Language spoken at home by age

	0-4	5-11	12-19	20-29	30-49	50-64	65 and over	Total	% who do not speak English well
English	678	1,375	1,366	1,523	3,635	2,535	2,570	13,682	-
Italian	3	3	-	-	29	25	31	91	9.0
Maltese	-	-	-	4	6	7	15	32	-
Spanish	8	12	8	16	64	42	42	192	7.4
Croatian	-	3	-	-	6	9	26	44	8.9
Polish	9	8	3	8	33	19	44	124	6.6
Dutch	-	-	-	-	3	-	15	18	-
French	-	4	7	9	10	21	13	64	12.5
German	-	3	-	3	8	7	30	51	-
Portuguese	15	6	8	11	55	16	13	124	17.1
Hungarian	-	4	-	-	20	18	20	62	8.5
Ukrainian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vietnamese	5	3	9	18	24	8	-	67	31.3
Filipino languages	22	29	60	83	287	129	60	670	2.7
Chinese languages	3	6	-	3	16	9	19	56	18.6
Malayalam	14	9	4	6	50	-	-	83	7.3
Sinhalese	-	3	-	3	21	4	-	31	-
Korean	3	9	4	4	20	11	-	51	28.6
Indonesian and Malay	-	-	-	-	3	5	3	11	-
Arabic	-	3	8	3	10	6	7	37	-
Assyrian and Chaldean	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oceanic and Papuan languages	7	18	26	21	64	32	23	191	3.3
Australian Indigenous Languages	-	3	-	4	3	4	-	14	22.2
Other European languages NEC	3	-	5	12	34	22	26	102	5.1
Other Asian languages NEC	3	7	-	3	19	-	11	43	-
Other languages NEC	9	6	16	14	40	10	4	99	18.1
Inadequately described/Non-Verbal/Not stated	15	15	7	11	21	32	48	149	11.1
Total	797	1,529	1,531	1,759	4,481	2,971	3,020	16,088	1.2

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 2021 Census, more than 767,800 Australians attended Catholic schools, accounting for almost 21 per cent of all school students in Australia. In 2021, there were 847,500 Catholic students—almost one in six of all Catholics—attending Government, Catholic, and other non-Government schools. A further 326,700 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.

The pie-chart below shows the language background of all primary and secondary school students in your parish, both Catholic and non-Catholic, attending Catholic schools. Nationally, around 17 per cent of all students in Catholic schools speak a language other than English at home. The adjacent bar-chart shows the educational participation rate of Catholic males and females in each of the three age groups.

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

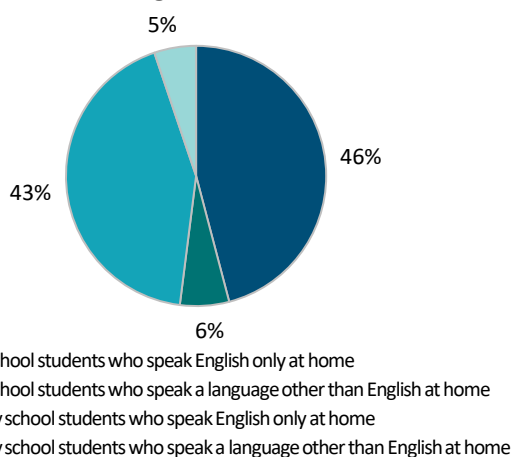
Table 22: Type of educational institution attending by religious affiliation

	Catholic	Not Catholic or not stated	All persons	% Catholic
Infants/Primary – Government	737	6,844	7,581	9.7
Infants/Primary – Catholic	509	534	1,043	48.8
Infants/Primary – Other Non-Government	235	1,893	2,128	11.0
Secondary – Government	583	4,691	5,274	11.1
Secondary – Catholic	371	593	964	38.5
Secondary – Other Non-Government	191	1,481	1,672	11.4
Technical or Further Educational Institution (including TAFE Colleges)	380	2,356	2,736	13.9
University or other Tertiary Institutions	449	2,953	3,402	13.2
Other (including pre-school)	437	3,254	3,691	11.8
Not stated/Not applicable ¹	12,161	72,623	84,784	14.3
Total	16,053	97,222	113,275	14.2

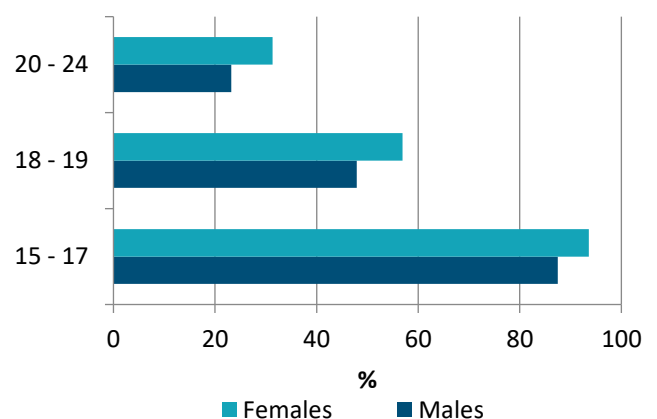
Note:

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

Language background of all students attending Catholic schools



Education participation rate (Catholics aged 15-24)



Attendance at Educational Institutions

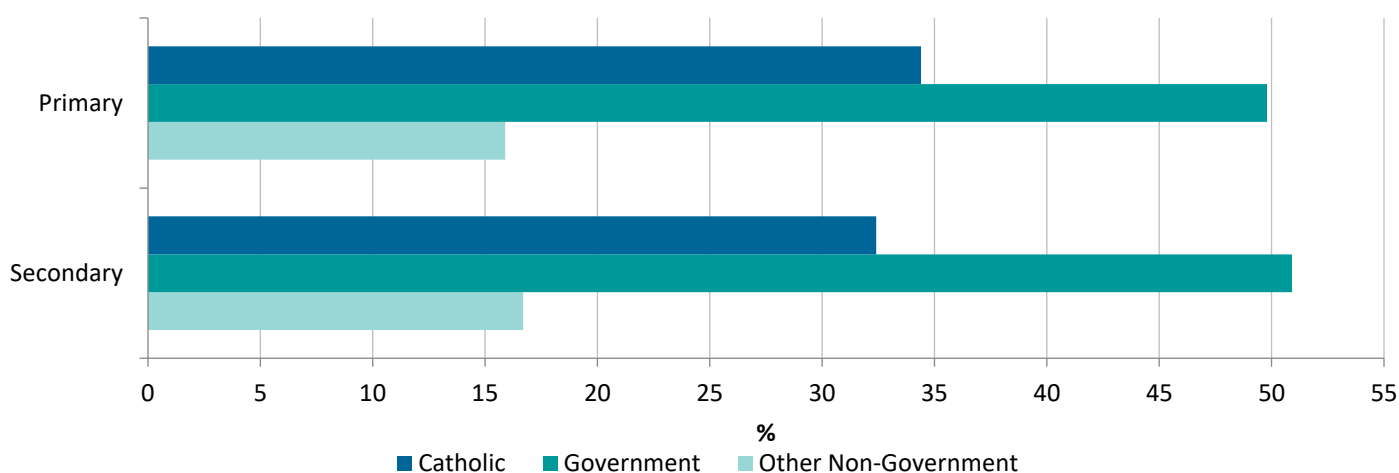
Table 23: Type of educational institution attending by weekly income of student's family¹

	Less than \$500	\$500 - \$799	\$800 - \$1,249	\$1,250 - \$1,999	\$2,000 - \$2,999	\$3,000 - \$3,999	\$4,000 or more	Total ²	Median annual family income ³ (\$)
Infants/Primary - Government	21	70	90	175	211	84	41	740	102,044
Infants/Primary – Catholic	15	25	42	79	135	118	50	504	131,661
Infants/Primary – Other Non-Government	3	3	10	35	76	48	40	229	143,028
Secondary – Government	15	44	56	101	172	86	48	566	117,895
Secondary – Catholic	10	8	29	59	80	79	48	338	137,188
Secondary – Other Non-Government	5	10	11	22	48	38	35	190	143,914
TAFE, University or other tertiary institution	-	3	10	20	27	40	32	146	164,250
Other (including pre-school)	-	4	5	9	16	16	11	64	145,009
Not stated/Not applicable	3	9	3	3	9	-	-	39	53,446
Total	72	176	256	503	774	509	305	2,816	123,839

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 2021, that figure had reached 25 per cent. Among Catholics aged 15 to 34 years in 2021, 30 per cent of women had a degree compared to 19 per cent of men. In contrast, among Catholics aged 55 and over, just under 17 per cent of both men and women had degrees.

To what extent has participation in higher education in theology and related fields kept pace in this parish with participation in higher education in general? What new challenges and opportunities are presented to the parish as a result of the increase in the number of Catholics with a university education?

The increased level of participation in higher education by women is a reflection of significant changes in women's roles and responsibilities in society.¹ How have women's roles and responsibilities in the parish changed in the last two decades?

Table 24: Highest qualification attained by age and sex

	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 and over	Total
Catholics aged 15+							
Males							
Postgraduate degree	-	39	34	26	11	20	130
Graduate diploma / bachelor degree	19	113	137	123	56	79	527
Advanced diploma or diploma level	29	65	100	106	78	71	449
Certificate level	180	347	413	417	322	360	2,039
Inadequately described/Not stated/Not applicable	563	274	341	414	387	745	2,724
Total	791	838	1,025	1,086	854	1,275	5,869
<i>Per cent with degree or higher</i>	<i>2.4</i>	<i>18.1</i>	<i>16.7</i>	<i>13.7</i>	<i>7.8</i>	<i>7.8</i>	<i>11.2</i>
Females							
Postgraduate degree	-	27	53	30	26	13	149
Graduate diploma / bachelor degree	68	309	290	211	122	115	1,115
Advanced diploma or diploma level	80	171	233	203	133	109	929
Certificate level	163	299	302	309	191	180	1,444
Inadequately described/Not stated/Not applicable	556	330	356	416	557	1,298	3,513
Total	867	1,136	1,234	1,169	1,029	1,715	7,150
<i>Per cent with degree or higher</i>	<i>7.8</i>	<i>29.6</i>	<i>27.8</i>	<i>20.6</i>	<i>14.4</i>	<i>7.5</i>	<i>17.7</i>
All Catholics							
Postgraduate degree	-	66	87	56	37	33	279
Graduate diploma / bachelor degree	87	422	427	334	178	194	1,642
Advanced diploma or diploma level	109	236	333	309	211	180	1,378
Certificate level	343	646	715	726	513	540	3,483
Inadequately described/Not stated/Not applicable	1,119	604	697	830	944	2,043	6,237
Total	1,658	1,974	2,259	2,255	1,883	2,990	13,019
<i>Per cent with degree or higher</i>	<i>5.2</i>	<i>24.7</i>	<i>22.8</i>	<i>17.3</i>	<i>11.4</i>	<i>7.6</i>	<i>14.8</i>

Note:

1. Australian Bureau of Statistics 1999. *Australian Social Trends 1999. Catalogue No. 4102.0, p.83.*



Employment

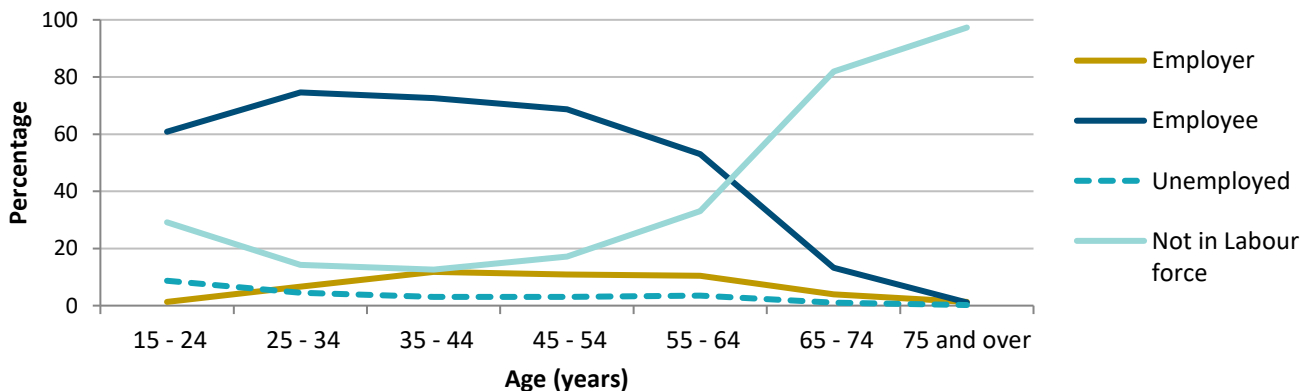
In recent years there have been many changes in society and the workplace that have affected Australian workers. One major change has been the increase in the percentages of workers, especially young people and women, in part-time jobs. Another has been the rise in participation in the labour force by women. A third major change has been the rise in participation in the labour force by older workers, following the removal of incentives to early retirement and resulting in the continuing availability of their skills, experience and maturity in the workplace.¹ Changes in labour force participation also influence the availability and size of the volunteer workforce, and can both reduce and change the pattern of workers' leisure time.

Have any of the changes described above had a noticeable impact on Catholic life in this parish?

Table 25: Labour force status by age and sex

	15-24	25-44	45-64	65 and over	Total
Catholics aged 15+					
Males					
Employer	13	236	289	60	598
Employee	435	1,393	1,210	109	3,147
Unemployed	79	72	69	13	233
Not in the labour force	244	151	360	1,079	1,834
Other/Not stated/Not applicable	9	19	17	24	69
Total	780	1,871	1,945	1,285	5,881
<i>Per cent in labour force²</i>	67.6	90.9	80.6	14.2	67.6
<i>Per cent unemployed³</i>	15.0	4.2	4.4	7.1	5.9
Females					
Employer	8	153	146	23	330
Employee	558	1,704	1,315	118	3,695
Unemployed	61	84	65	7	217
Not in the labour force	226	407	641	1,518	2,792
Other/Not stated/Not applicable	7	18	25	62	112
Total	860	2,366	2,192	1,728	7,146
<i>Per cent in labour force²</i>	72.9	82.0	69.6	8.6	59.4
<i>Per cent unemployed³</i>	9.7	4.3	4.3	4.7	5.1

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; 39 per cent of Catholic women and 35 per cent of Catholic men aged 15 and over who reported their occupation in the 2021 Census worked as managers or professionals. But men were much more likely than women—45 per cent compared to 12 per cent—to have a ‘blue collar’ occupation. The largest occupational category for Catholic men in Australia is Technicians and Trades Workers. For women, it is Professionals.

Table 26: Occupation by age and sex	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 and over	Total
Catholics aged 15+							
Males							
Managers	18	67	134	149	100	21	489
Professionals	14	89	141	93	41	19	397
Technicians & Trade Workers	135	236	238	226	133	44	1,012
Community & Personal Service Workers	30	44	46	46	35	7	208
Clerical & Administrative Workers	17	36	59	60	36	7	215
Sales Workers	77	37	39	35	34	10	232
Machinery operators & Drivers	45	106	123	148	135	35	592
Labourers	124	111	104	109	82	20	550
ID / NS / NA ¹	339	122	146	207	257	1,128	2,199
Total	799	848	1,030	1,073	853	1,291	5,894
<i>Per cent Managers & Professionals²</i>	<i>7.0</i>	<i>21.5</i>	<i>31.1</i>	<i>27.9</i>	<i>23.7</i>	<i>24.5</i>	<i>24.0</i>
<i>Per cent ‘blue collar workers’²</i>	<i>66.1</i>	<i>62.4</i>	<i>52.6</i>	<i>55.8</i>	<i>58.7</i>	<i>60.7</i>	<i>58.3</i>
Females							
Managers	22	82	98	99	53	10	364
Professionals	49	203	231	158	88	23	752
Technicians & Trade Workers	30	54	54	39	15	7	199
Community & Personal Service Workers	137	183	173	177	117	19	806
Clerical & Administrative Workers	62	189	247	233	183	48	962
Sales Workers	191	76	66	56	46	16	451
Machinery operators & Drivers	18	27	23	21	9	4	102
Labourers	56	38	88	85	74	14	355
ID / NS / NA ¹	309	290	253	297	453	1,581	3,183
Total	874	1,142	1,233	1,165	1,038	1,722	7,174
<i>Per cent Managers & Professionals²</i>	<i>12.6</i>	<i>33.5</i>	<i>33.6</i>	<i>29.6</i>	<i>24.1</i>	<i>23.4</i>	<i>28.0</i>
<i>Per cent ‘blue collar workers’²</i>	<i>18.4</i>	<i>14.0</i>	<i>16.8</i>	<i>16.7</i>	<i>16.8</i>	<i>17.7</i>	<i>16.4</i>
All Catholics							
Managers	40	149	232	248	153	31	853
Professionals	63	292	372	251	129	42	1,149
Technicians & Trade Workers	165	290	292	265	148	51	1,211
Community & Personal Service Workers	167	227	219	223	152	26	1,014
Clerical & Administrative Workers	79	225	306	293	219	55	1,177
Sales Workers	268	113	105	91	80	26	683
Machinery operators & Drivers	63	133	146	169	144	39	694
Labourers	180	149	192	194	156	34	905
ID / NS / NA ¹	648	412	399	504	710	2,709	5,382
Total	1,673	1,990	2,263	2,238	1,891	3,013	13,068
<i>Per cent Managers & Professionals²</i>	<i>10.0</i>	<i>27.9</i>	<i>32.4</i>	<i>28.8</i>	<i>23.9</i>	<i>24.0</i>	<i>26.0</i>
<i>Per cent ‘blue collar workers’²</i>	<i>39.8</i>	<i>36.2</i>	<i>33.8</i>	<i>36.2</i>	<i>37.9</i>	<i>40.8</i>	<i>36.6</i>

Notes:

1. ID = Inadequately described; NS = Not stated; NA = Not applicable.
2. See Notes 1 and 2 on page 5 for the type of occupations covered by the terms ‘Managers & Professionals’ and ‘blue collar’.



Occupation

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

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

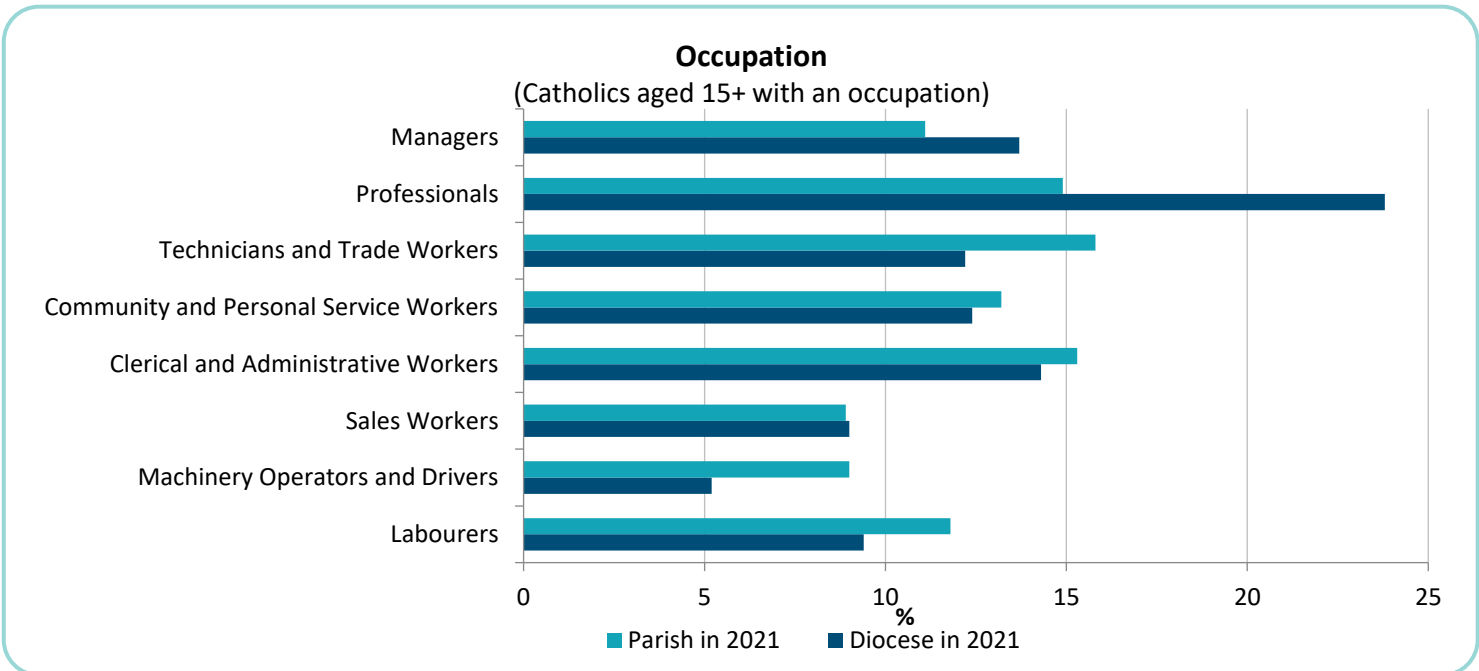
What are the major occupations of younger people? Middle-aged people? Older people? What do you think accounts for differences in occupation between the different age groups?

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

Table 27: Occupation of parents of students attending Catholic schools

	Primary School (%)	Secondary School (%)
Both parents in professional occupation	36	24
One parent or lone parent in professional occupation	243	202
Both parents in 'white collar' occupation ¹	119	130
One parent or lone parent in 'white collar' occupation	372	326
Both parents in 'blue collar' occupation ²	27	39
One parent or lone parent in 'blue collar' occupation	78	84
Not applicable and not stated	164	147
Total	1,039	952
% with professional parent(s)	26.9	23.7
% with blue collar parent(s)	10.1	12.9

- Note:
1. 'White collar' includes occupations such as managers, community and personal service workers, clerical and administrative workers and sales workers.
 2. See Note 2 on page 5 for the type of occupations covered by the term 'blue collar'.



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