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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: 106,289

Catholic Population: 17,567

Catholics make up 16.5 per cent of the total population

Median age of Catholics is 38 years

Total Catholic families: 7,890

713 Catholics live alone

4,834 Catholics were born overseas

174 Catholics do not speak English well

1,052 Catholics need assistance with core activities

9,483 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	17,175	17,567
Catholics aged 0-14 (%)	24.8	21.8
Catholics aged 65+ (%)	9.3	12.7
Catholics born in NESC ¹ (%)	11.6	14.7
Catholics not proficient in English (%)	0.7	0.9
Catholic families	7,351	7,890
Catholics living alone	592	713
Catholic students attending Catholic schools ² (%)	32.1	36.2
Catholics with university degree (%)	14.9	19.2
Catholic males in labour force (%)	79.3	74.7
Catholic females in labour force (%)	67.8	68.3
Catholic households owning or purchasing dwelling (%)	64.5	71.7

Notes:

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

NOTE ON COMPARABILITY WITH 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	106,289	89,702	3,815,443	25,422,788	1	1
Catholic population	17,567	17,175	684,423	5,075,910	1	1
Per cent Catholic	16.5	19.1	17.9	20.0	4	4
At same address since previous Census (%)	46.0	41.0	52.8	59.4	5	5
Median age ⁴ (years)	38	34	43	43	4	5
Aged 0-14 (%)	21.8	24.8	17.9	17.9	1	1
Aged 65+ (%)	12.7	9.3	19.6	19.9	5	5
Males per 100 females	86.6	89.8	86.6	89.1	3	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 (%)	6.0	4.8	6.7	6.7	3	3
Provided unpaid assistance to a person with a disability ⁵ (% of Catholics aged 15+)	12.1	10.4	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)	30.8	28.1	37.4	37.1	5	4
Workers in 'blue collar' occupations ² (% of those recording an occupation)	30.3	32.3	26.8	28.1	2	3
Men, employed or seeking work ³ (%)	74.3	79.3	67.5	66.5	2	1
Women, employed or seeking work ³ (%)	68.0	67.8	61.4	59.7	2	1
Unemployed at time of Census ⁴ (%)	5.2	6.7	4.6	4.2	2	1
Youth unemployed at time of Census ⁵ (%)	11.4	17.5	9.7	8.9	2	2

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

This table begins to explore the ethnic balance of the parish's Catholic community, which 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 (%)	12.6	13.6	8.2	5.5	1	1
Born overseas in non-English-speaking country (%)	14.7	11.6	16.7	21.4	3	3
Immigrants from non-English-speaking countries arriving in Census year or previous 3 years	137	167	13,384	97,457	2	1
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders	501	396	16,474	135,686	1	1
Speak language other than English at home (%)	13.6	10.7	15.0	21.5	3	3
Not proficient in English ⁷ (%)	0.9	0.7	1.5	2.7	3	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 ¹	Parish 2021	Parish 2016	Diocese 2021	Australia 2021	Diocesan Group	Australian Group
Catholics aged 15+ with bachelor degree or higher qualification (%)	19.2	14.9	25.9	24.6	4	3
Catholics attending an educational institution (% of all Catholics in each age group)						
Aged 15-17	94.4	91.0	95.7	94.9	4	4
Aged 18-19	57.8	50.7	65.0	67.2	4	4
Aged 20-24	36.4	28.8	42.9	43.4	4	4
Catholic primary students attending Catholic schools (%)	40.2	34.3	51.4	55.5	5	5
Catholic primary students attending Government schools (%)	48.2	53.1	40.2	38.4	2	2
Catholic secondary students attending Catholic schools (%)	31.5	28.9	48.9	55.3	5	5
Catholic secondary students attending Government schools (%)	52.7	56.7	36.3	33.4	1	2
Primary students attending Catholic schools who are not Catholic ² (%)	45.6	33.4	38.8	36.6	2	2
Secondary students attending Catholic schools who are not Catholic ² (%)	49.5	44.1	44.0	41.3	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. '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 (%)	32.5	32.8	32.4	32.9	3	3
Married (%)	51.9	52.3	48.9	49.3	2	2
Divorced or Separated (%)	12.3	12.1	13.1	11.7	3	2
Widowed (%)	3.3	2.9	5.6	6.1	5	5

	Parish 2021	Parish 2016	Diocese 2021	Australia 2021	Diocesan Group	Australian Group
Families	7,890	7,351	285,557	1,995,658	1	1
One-parent families	880	855	31,606	225,180	1	1
One-parent families (% of all families)	11.2	11.6	11.1	11.3	2	3
Couples of mixed religions ² (%)	66.9	65.0	64.6	58.1	2	2
De facto couples ³ (%)	19.4	20.6	19.1	17.7	3	2
Median annual family income ⁴ (\$)	119,355	100,166	119,564	120,943	3	3

	Parish 2021	Parish 2016	Diocese 2021	Australia 2021	Diocesan Group	Australian Group
Households	8,772	8,209	364,726	2,567,362	1	1
Persons living alone (aged under 35)	76	77	6,225	51,145	2	1
Persons living alone (aged 35+)	637	515	57,258	442,080	2	1
Persons living alone (total)	713	592	63,483	493,225	2	1
Persons living alone (% of all persons)	4.1	3.4	9.3	9.7	5	5
Dwellings owned or being purchased (%)	71.7	64.5	70.8	73.0	3	4
Median monthly housing loan repayment ⁶ (\$)	2,015	2,058	1,948	1,948	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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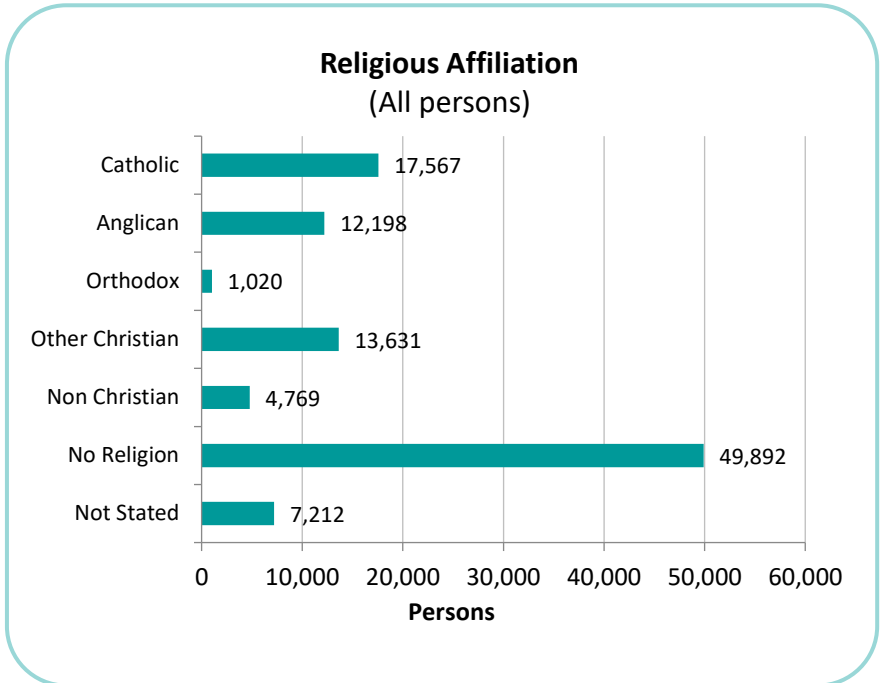
Religious Affiliation

The Census question about religion is optional, and just under 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	2,266	2,817	1,760	2,346	2,865	2,379	1,612	1,146	329	17,520
Maronite Catholic	-	5	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	8
Melkite Catholic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ukrainian Catholic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chaldean Catholic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Syro-Malabar Catholic	9	8	-	10	9	3	-	-	-	39
Total Catholic	2,275	2,830	1,760	2,356	2,877	2,382	1,612	1,146	329	17,567
Per cent Catholic (of total population in age group)	14.3	17.2	13.0	14.8	18.0	18.5	19.3	21.4	16.4	16.5
Anglican	947	1,586	814	1,023	1,965	2,160	1,754	1,353	596	12,198
Orthodox	142	141	96	128	161	160	96	63	33	1,020
Other Christian	1,591	1,892	1,335	1,604	2,113	2,026	1,532	1,111	427	13,631
Non-Christian	695	540	676	1,105	800	447	305	152	49	4,769
No Religion	8,989	8,400	7,834	8,456	6,996	5,007	2,574	1,252	384	49,892
Not Stated	1,217	1,055	1,069	1,195	1,028	723	467	268	190	7,212
Total Population	15,856	16,444	13,584	15,867	15,940	12,905	8,340	5,345	2,008	106,289

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	88	76	164	195
1	76	82	158	239
2	95	86	181	266
3	98	90	188	270
4	119	107	226	290
5	123	127	250	299
6	123	137	260	325
7	136	126	262	327
8	146	152	298	317
9	144	149	293	328
10	165	133	298	294
11	154	143	297	296
12	152	167	319	284
13	165	149	314	293
14	151	150	301	257
15	158	144	302	293
16	122	125	247	254
17	146	125	271	265
18	128	134	262	223
19	97	115	212	195
20-24	476	476	952	941
25-29	350	461	811	1,039
30-34	427	615	1,042	1,231
35-39	558	759	1,317	1,400
40-44	653	810	1,463	1,441
45-49	665	745	1,410	1,369
50-54	608	696	1,304	1,073
55-59	501	577	1,078	853
60-64	344	495	839	726
65-69	313	453	766	628
70-74	323	377	700	443
75-79	215	237	452	244
80+	137	195	332	264
Total	8,156	9,413	17,569	17,162

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.

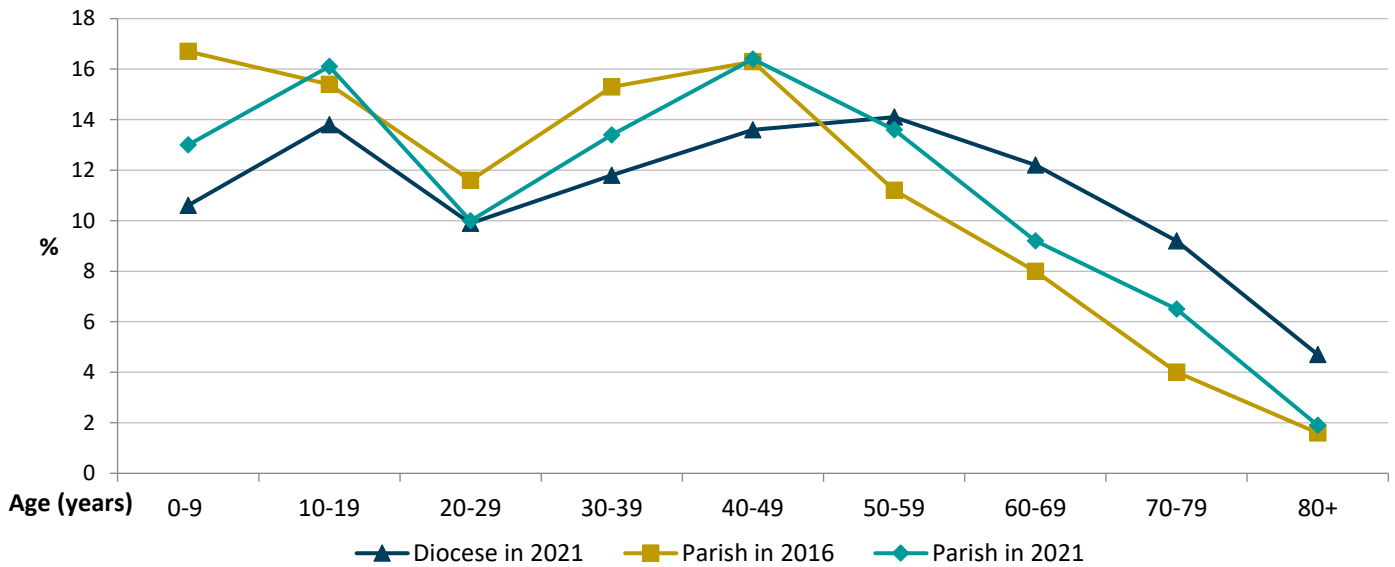
In 2021, among Australian Catholics as a whole, 53 per cent were female and 47 per cent were male. But it is not always like this. Among Catholics aged under 20, males slightly outnumbered females, whereas females accounted for 58 per cent of Catholics aged 75 or more. There are also local factors, such 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?

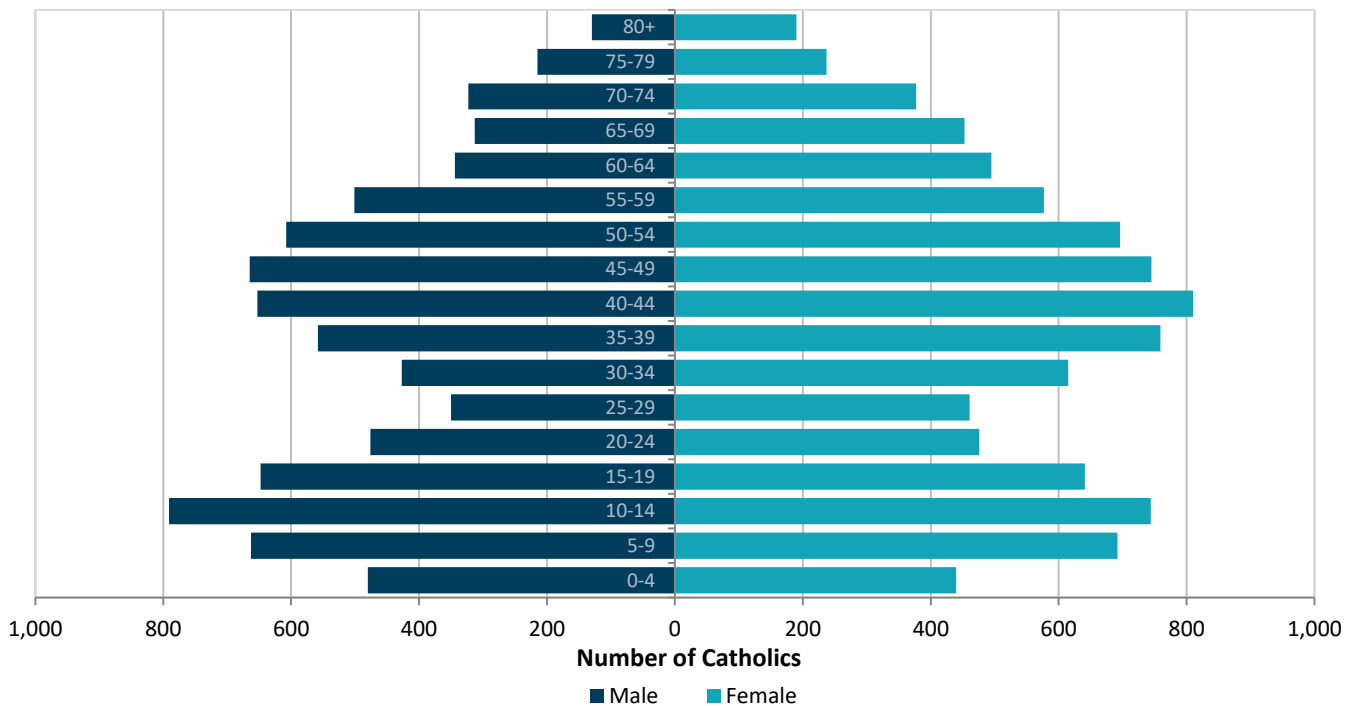


Age and Sex

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	113	103	71	88	60	15	450
Females	78	82	77	87	64	46	434
Lone Persons:							
Males	-	3	5	4	4	4	20
Females	-	-	7	13	17	11	48
Other non-family members or persons not present in a household on Census night³							
Males	-	9	14	6	8	3	40
Females	-	13	8	7	10	17	55
Total							
Males	113	115	90	98	72	22	510
Females	78	95	92	107	91	74	537

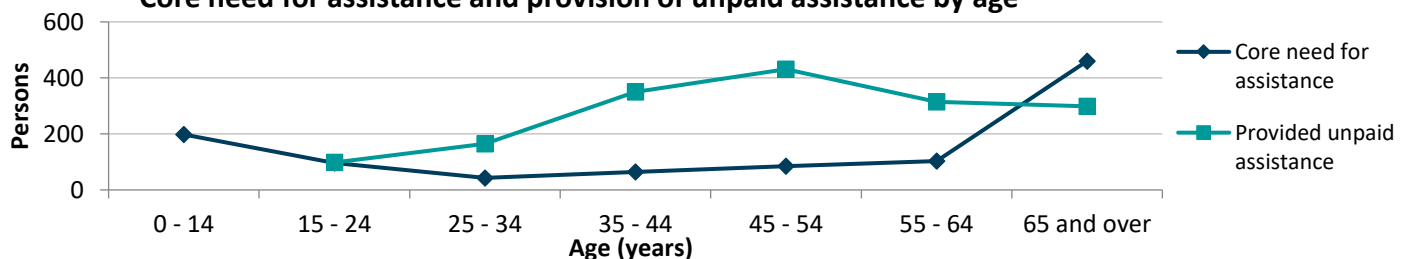
Table 11b: Provision of unpaid assistance by age

	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	35	51	113	148	93	125	565
Females	63	114	240	277	215	178	1,087

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	1,115	503	298	183	68	26	9	2,202
Married	8	248	782	903	615	469	252	3,277
Separated or Divorced	3	18	130	187	152	122	45	657
Widowed	-	-	-	5	10	20	48	83
Total	1,126	769	1,210	1,278	845	637	354	6,219
Females								
Never married	1,104	588	306	173	72	26	6	2,275
Married	13	426	1,060	956	699	513	190	3,857
Separated or Divorced	-	53	193	288	262	178	63	1,037
Widowed	-	3	4	29	39	111	174	360
Total	1,117	1,070	1,563	1,446	1,072	828	433	7,529

Change of address since 2016 by marital status (Catholics aged 15+)

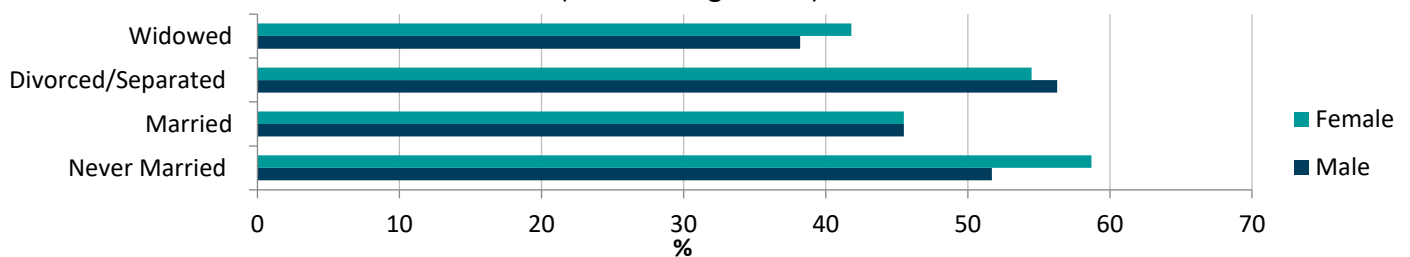


Table 13: Religious affiliation of couple by social marital status

	In a registered marriage	In a de facto marriage	Total couples	% couples in de facto marriages
Both persons Catholic	1,696	281	1,977	14.2
One person Catholic, the other non-Catholic Christian	1,854	347	2,201	15.8
One Catholic, the other not Christian, not stated or temporarily absent	1,693	632	2,325	27.2
Total	5,243	1,260	6,503	19.4



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	11	18	48	226	404	258	235	64	1,264	2,735
One parent Catholic, the other Christian, but not Catholic	6	15	41	190	417	290	257	72	1,288	2,853
One parent Catholic, the other Non-Christian, No Religion or Not stated	12	24	68	262	445	311	225	64	1,411	2,691
Couple with no children living at home:										
Both partners Catholic	63	104	134	144	165	60	37	15	722	1,523
One partner Catholic, the other Christian, but not Catholic	59	129	155	179	214	81	59	21	897	1,648
One partner Catholic, the other Non-Christian, No Religion or Not stated	26	54	78	166	239	98	69	22	752	2,171
One-parent families:										
Parent is Catholic	66	128	185	230	148	36	20	67	880	1,339
Other families where at least one person is Catholic										
Other: Reference person Catholic but spouse temporarily absent ³	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	164	164	-
Total	257	511	776	1,516	2,158	1,197	956	519	7,890	2,289

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	165	48	24	5	7	249
\$500-\$799	332	72	74	24	3	505
\$800-\$1,249	481	109	112	53	20	775
\$1,250-\$1,999	740	289	339	114	44	1,526
\$2,000-\$2,999	897	459	560	178	54	2,148
\$3,000-\$3,999	427	241	378	127	23	1,196
\$4,000 or more	321	200	307	94	27	949
Income not fully stated	247	104	90	53	15	509
Total Families	3,610	1,522	1,884	648	193	7,857
Median Weekly Family Income (\$)	1,963	2,416	2,621	2,570	2,277	2,289

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)**

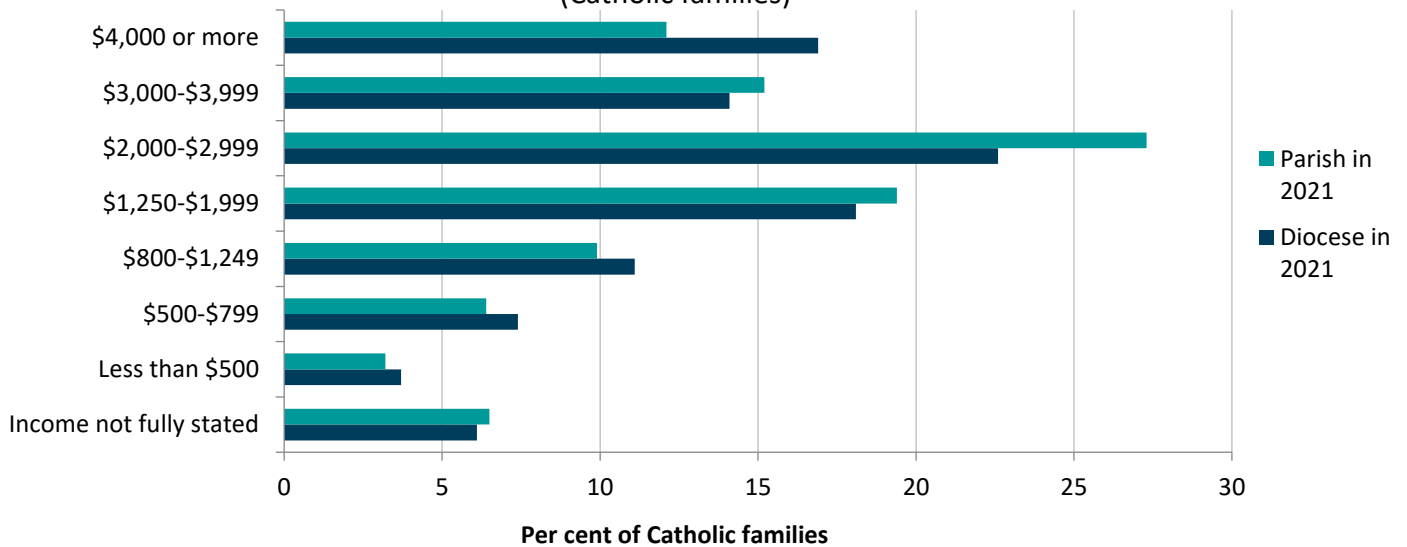


Table 16: Social marital status by number of dependent children

	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)	2,445	884	1,322	453	126	5,230
De facto couple family (at least one partner Catholic)	675	266	216	83	30	1,270
One parent family, parent Catholic	284	265	241	64	29	883
Other families where at least one person is Catholic	202	125	118	39	20	504
Total families	3,606	1,540	1,897	639	205	7,887



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	5,669	24	2,048	65	7,806	72.6
Lone person aged under 35 years	45	-	27	4	76	59.2
Lone person aged 35 years or over	454	4	155	24	637	71.3
Group households	119	3	127	4	253	47.0
Total households	6,287	31	2,357	97	8,772	71.7

	\$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	116	177	636	1,374	749	800	2,035
Lone person aged under 35 years	-	-	14	11	5	-	1,654
Lone person aged 35 years or over	9	21	45	34	21	15	1,566
Group households	5	8	17	23	9	3	1,665
Total households	130	206	712	1,442	784	818	2,015

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?

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



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

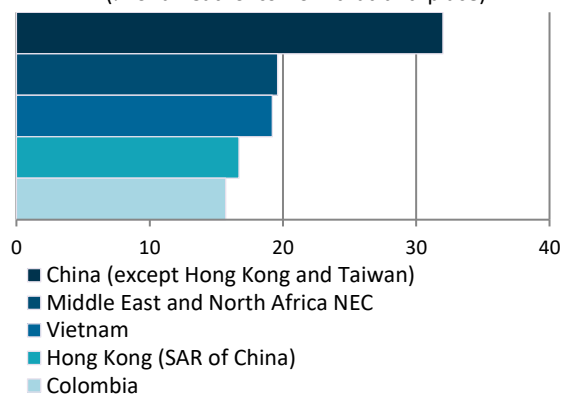


Table 19: Birthplace

	All Catholics	% of Catholics	% recent arrivals ¹
Australia	12,643	72.0	-
New Zealand	1,022	5.8	4.6
Other Oceania	132	0.8	3.7
United Kingdom (except Northern Ireland)	692	3.9	4.9
Ireland (including Northern Ireland)	167	1.0	1.8
Italy	109	0.6	4.5
Malta	54	0.3	-
Spain and Portugal	57	0.3	-
France	36	0.2	12.2
Netherlands	53	0.3	-
Germany	90	0.5	-
Austria	25	0.1	-
Croatia and other Former Yugoslavia	115	0.7	-
Poland	98	0.6	-
Hungary	58	0.3	-
Other Eastern Europe, Russian Federation and Baltic States	68	0.4	-
Other Europe NEC	19	0.1	-
Vietnam	49	0.3	19.1
Philippines	715	4.1	6.6
Indonesia	52	0.3	6.7
Malaysia	32	0.2	-
Singapore	29	0.2	-
South East Asia NEC	18	0.1	-
India	156	0.9	8.8
Sri Lanka	30	0.2	-
China (except Hong Kong and Taiwan)	19	0.1	32.0
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	31	0.2	16.7
Korea, Republic of (South)	88	0.5	-
Egypt	-	-	-
Lebanon	13	0.1	-
Iraq	-	-	-
Sudan (including South Sudan)	-	-	-
Middle East and North Africa NEC	43	0.2	19.6
South Africa	221	1.3	6.3
Mauritius	60	0.3	-
United States of America	75	0.4	7.8
Canada	27	0.2	-
Argentina	29	0.2	-
Brazil	55	0.3	5.4
Colombia	69	0.4	15.7
Chile	39	0.2	-
Central America and South America NEC	92	0.5	4.4
Other countries	97	0.6	9.4
Inadequately described/Not stated	88	0.5	-
Total	17,565	100.0	1.4

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



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	15,069	72,364	87,433	17.2
Italian	154	63	217	71.0
Maltese	36	3	39	92.3
Spanish	283	308	591	47.9
Croatian	135	34	169	79.9
Polish	113	55	168	67.3
Dutch	25	87	112	22.3
French	96	133	229	41.9
German	65	201	266	24.4
Portuguese	100	109	209	47.8
Hungarian	76	128	204	37.3
Ukrainian	4	16	20	20.0
Vietnamese	61	150	211	28.9
Filipino languages	520	198	718	72.4
Chinese languages	79	2,304	2,383	3.3
Malayalam	153	153	306	50.0
Sinhalese	8	93	101	7.9
Korean	111	693	804	13.8
Indonesian and Malay	28	160	188	14.9
Arabic	32	286	318	10.1
Assyrian and Chaldean	-	11	11	-
Oceanic and Papuan languages	112	728	840	13.3
Australian Indigenous languages	11	55	66	16.7
Other European languages NEC	79	1,593	1,672	4.7
Other Asian languages NEC	63	2,896	2,959	2.1
Other languages NEC	44	628	672	6.5
Inadequately described/Non-Verbal/Not stated	125	5,285	5,410	2.3
Total	17,582	88,734	106,316	16.5

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	780	1,783	2,068	1,577	4,261	2,755	1,831	15,055	-
Italian	3	6	6	11	43	43	42	154	6.4
Maltese	-	-	-	-	10	16	13	39	-
Spanish	13	36	17	19	118	42	33	278	5.3
Croatian	6	6	12	13	32	23	42	134	10.4
Polish	9	6	7	7	37	21	36	123	8.6
Dutch	-	-	-	-	-	11	4	15	-
French	4	8	6	3	39	14	19	93	3.0
German	4	4	-	3	14	16	23	64	-
Portuguese	9	11	8	9	42	16	8	103	3.1
Hungarian	3	-	4	3	23	11	30	74	10.4
Ukrainian	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	-
Vietnamese	4	3	9	10	27	6	6	65	21.1
Filipino languages	11	13	26	42	248	121	53	514	1.4
Chinese languages	5	12	10	4	23	8	19	81	15.4
Malayalam	17	23	19	5	75	3	-	142	7.1
Sinhalese	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	-
Korean	4	21	15	9	35	23	3	110	22.9
Indonesian and Malay	-	-	-	4	9	7	11	31	-
Arabic	-	3	3	5	18	-	4	33	-
Assyrian and Chaldean	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oceanic and Papuan languages	3	14	8	3	43	28	6	105	3.6
Australian Indigenous Languages	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	8	-
Other European languages NEC	-	7	3	-	31	12	20	73	12.0
Other Asian languages NEC	10	-	4	4	30	6	5	59	-
Other languages NEC	-	6	3	3	19	4	4	39	19.0
Inadequately described/Non-Verbal/Not stated	20	4	5	9	38	22	23	121	7.9
Total	905	1,966	2,233	1,743	5,223	3,211	2,239	17,520	0.9

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?

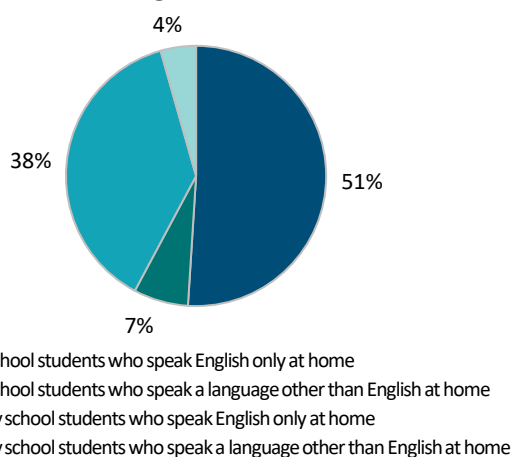
Table 22: Type of educational institution attending by religious affiliation

	Catholic	Not Catholic or not stated	All persons	% Catholic
Infants/Primary – Government	924	6,923	7,847	11.8
Infants/Primary – Catholic	771	645	1,416	54.4
Infants/Primary – Other Non-Government	221	1,565	1,786	12.4
Secondary – Government	877	5,104	5,981	14.7
Secondary – Catholic	524	513	1,037	50.5
Secondary – Other Non-Government	262	1,683	1,945	13.5
Technical or Further Educational Institution (including TAFE Colleges)	407	2,233	2,640	15.4
University or other Tertiary Institutions	676	3,413	4,089	16.5
Other (including pre-school)	539	3,014	3,553	15.2
Not stated/Not applicable ¹	12,365	63,643	76,008	16.3
Total	17,566	88,736	106,302	16.5

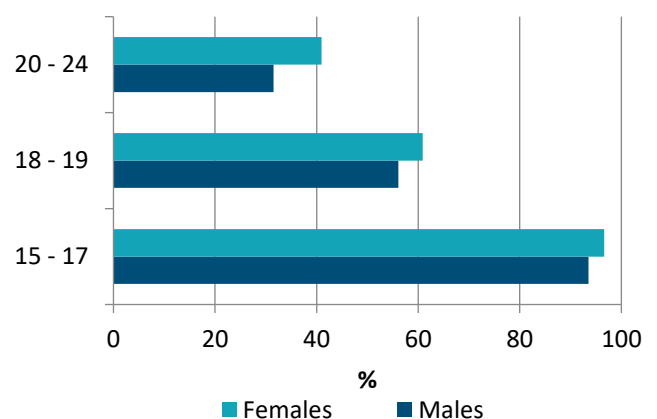
Note:

- 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

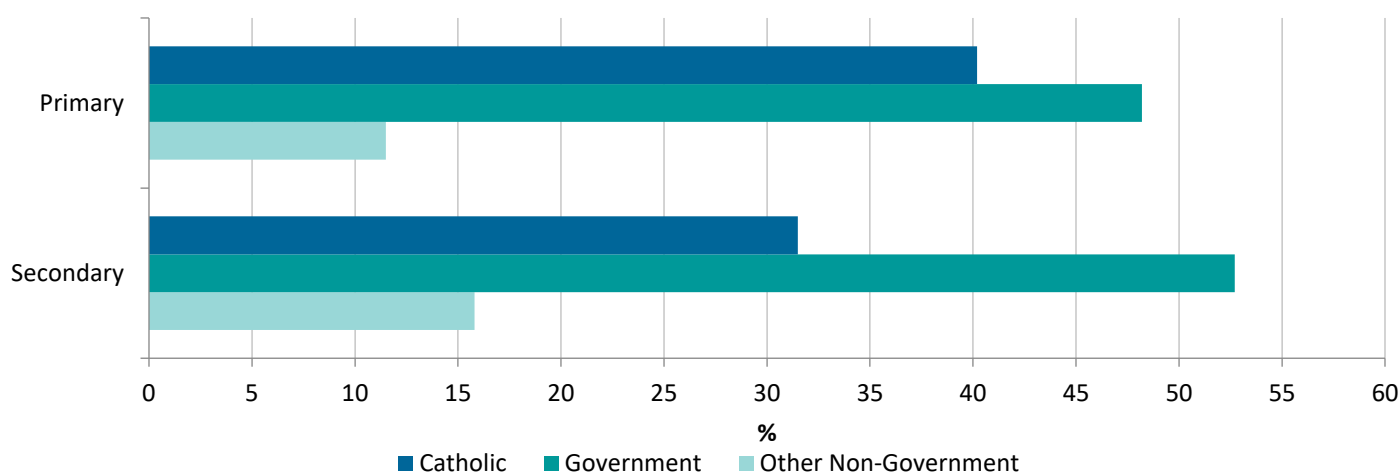
Table 23: Type of educational institution attending by weekly income of student's family¹

	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	33	56	87	180	279	146	80	911	118,208
Infants/Primary – Catholic	8	24	50	113	219	174	138	770	144,279
Infants/Primary – Other Non-Government	-	8	10	25	53	48	60	217	162,946
Secondary – Government	32	51	77	152	237	125	107	851	121,545
Secondary – Catholic	7	11	34	72	128	111	104	508	148,868
Secondary – Other Non-Government	3	4	5	39	74	53	54	253	150,067
TAFE, University or other tertiary institution	3	13	14	37	80	76	90	335	162,946
Other (including pre-school)	4	7	7	28	22	20	15	110	117,321
Not stated/Not applicable	-	-	-	-	7	9	4	25	173,792
Total	90	174	284	646	1,099	762	652	3,980	135,571

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	-	23	65	55	26	23	192
Graduate diploma / bachelor degree	54	114	214	201	89	82	754
Advanced diploma or diploma level	60	58	158	185	109	81	651
Certificate level	214	328	469	444	313	337	2,105
Inadequately described/Not stated/Not applicable	799	255	298	396	310	471	2,529
Total	1,127	778	1,204	1,281	847	994	6,231
<i>Per cent with degree or higher</i>	<i>4.8</i>	<i>17.6</i>	<i>23.2</i>	<i>20.0</i>	<i>13.6</i>	<i>10.6</i>	<i>15.2</i>
Females							
Postgraduate degree	3	51	98	64	22	13	251
Graduate diploma / bachelor degree	85	345	479	295	139	98	1,441
Advanced diploma or diploma level	99	182	263	290	167	110	1,111
Certificate level	208	239	354	342	230	162	1,535
Inadequately described/Not stated/Not applicable	719	259	367	449	515	879	3,188
Total	1,114	1,076	1,561	1,440	1,073	1,262	7,526
<i>Per cent with degree or higher</i>	<i>7.9</i>	<i>36.8</i>	<i>37.0</i>	<i>24.9</i>	<i>15.0</i>	<i>8.8</i>	<i>22.5</i>
All Catholics							
Postgraduate degree	3	74	163	119	48	36	443
Graduate diploma / bachelor degree	139	459	693	496	228	180	2,195
Advanced diploma or diploma level	159	240	421	475	276	191	1,762
Certificate level	422	567	823	786	543	499	3,640
Inadequately described/Not stated/Not applicable	1,518	514	665	845	825	1,350	5,717
Total	2,241	1,854	2,765	2,721	1,920	2,256	13,757
<i>Per cent with degree or higher</i>	<i>6.3</i>	<i>28.7</i>	<i>31.0</i>	<i>22.6</i>	<i>14.4</i>	<i>9.6</i>	<i>19.2</i>

Note:

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



Employment

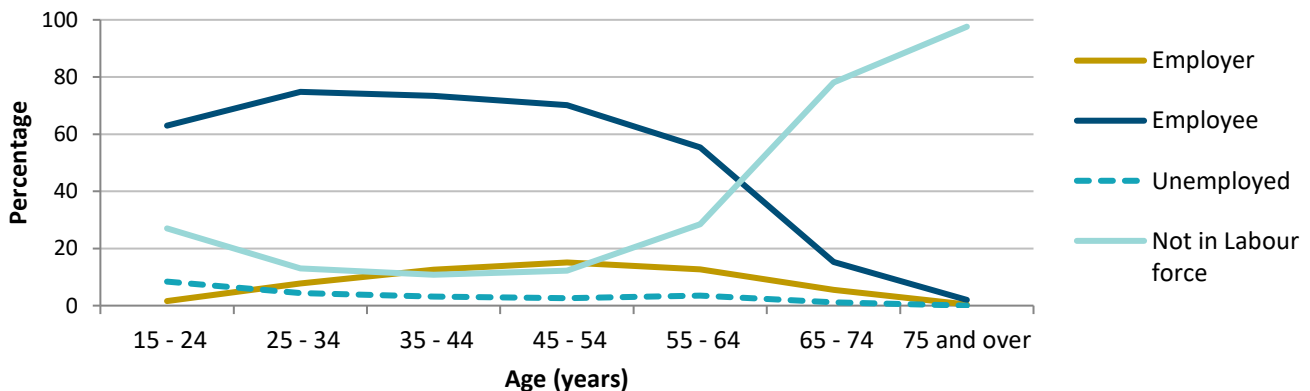
In recent years there have been many changes in society and the workplace that have affected Australian workers. One major change has been the increase in the percentages of workers, especially young people and women, in part-time jobs. Another has been the rise in participation in the labour force by 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	20	288	415	59	782
Employee	671	1,457	1,342	109	3,579
Unemployed	107	80	69	8	264
Not in the labour force	326	144	276	794	1,540
Other/Not stated/Not applicable	5	16	23	16	60
Total	1,129	1,985	2,125	986	6,225
<i>Per cent in labour force²</i>	70.7	91.9	85.9	17.8	74.3
<i>Per cent unemployed³</i>	13.4	4.4	3.8	4.5	5.7
Females					
Employer	15	202	233	25	475
Employee	733	1,931	1,600	130	4,394
Unemployed	79	91	69	3	242
Not in the labour force	274	391	594	1,066	2,325
Other/Not stated/Not applicable	10	20	19	30	79
Total	1,111	2,635	2,515	1,254	7,515
<i>Per cent in labour force²</i>	74.4	84.4	75.6	12.6	68.0
<i>Per cent unemployed³</i>	9.6	4.1	3.6	1.9	4.7

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	11	75	215	250	103	37	691
Professionals	38	90	174	155	88	19	564
Technicians & Trade Workers	173	224	297	273	145	27	1,139
Community & Personal Service Workers	52	51	71	60	46	3	283
Clerical & Administrative Workers	24	34	58	74	29	12	231
Sales Workers	142	43	51	64	36	10	346
Machinery operators & Drivers	64	54	91	139	116	23	487
Labourers	177	88	99	99	61	28	552
ID / NS / NA ¹	445	118	152	154	223	824	1,916
Total	1,126	777	1,208	1,268	847	983	6,209
<i>Per cent Managers & Professionals²</i>	<i>7.2</i>	<i>25.0</i>	<i>36.8</i>	<i>36.4</i>	<i>30.6</i>	<i>35.2</i>	<i>29.2</i>
<i>Per cent ‘blue collar workers’²</i>	<i>60.8</i>	<i>55.5</i>	<i>46.1</i>	<i>45.9</i>	<i>51.6</i>	<i>49.1</i>	<i>50.7</i>
Females							
Managers	27	78	174	128	60	5	472
Professionals	68	250	369	261	116	19	1,083
Technicians & Trade Workers	35	42	49	46	27	8	207
Community & Personal Service Workers	180	169	220	205	124	34	932
Clerical & Administrative Workers	89	165	304	308	178	38	1,082
Sales Workers	281	72	89	119	74	30	665
Machinery operators & Drivers	14	6	13	20	10	4	67
Labourers	54	29	65	77	65	18	308
ID / NS / NA ¹	374	248	288	287	409	1,108	2,714
Total	1,122	1,059	1,571	1,451	1,063	1,264	7,530
<i>Per cent Managers & Professionals²</i>	<i>12.7</i>	<i>40.4</i>	<i>42.3</i>	<i>33.4</i>	<i>26.9</i>	<i>15.4</i>	<i>32.3</i>
<i>Per cent ‘blue collar workers’²</i>	<i>13.8</i>	<i>9.5</i>	<i>9.9</i>	<i>12.3</i>	<i>15.6</i>	<i>19.2</i>	<i>12.1</i>
All Catholics							
Managers	38	153	389	378	163	42	1,163
Professionals	106	340	543	416	204	38	1,647
Technicians & Trade Workers	208	266	346	319	172	35	1,346
Community & Personal Service Workers	232	220	291	265	170	37	1,215
Clerical & Administrative Workers	113	199	362	382	207	50	1,313
Sales Workers	423	115	140	183	110	40	1,011
Machinery operators & Drivers	78	60	104	159	126	27	554
Labourers	231	117	164	176	126	46	860
ID / NS / NA ¹	819	366	440	441	632	1,932	4,630
Total	2,248	1,836	2,779	2,719	1,910	2,247	13,739
<i>Per cent Managers & Professionals²</i>	<i>10.1</i>	<i>33.5</i>	<i>39.8</i>	<i>34.9</i>	<i>28.7</i>	<i>25.4</i>	<i>30.8</i>
<i>Per cent ‘blue collar workers’²</i>	<i>36.2</i>	<i>30.1</i>	<i>26.3</i>	<i>28.7</i>	<i>33.2</i>	<i>34.3</i>	<i>30.3</i>

Notes:

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



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?

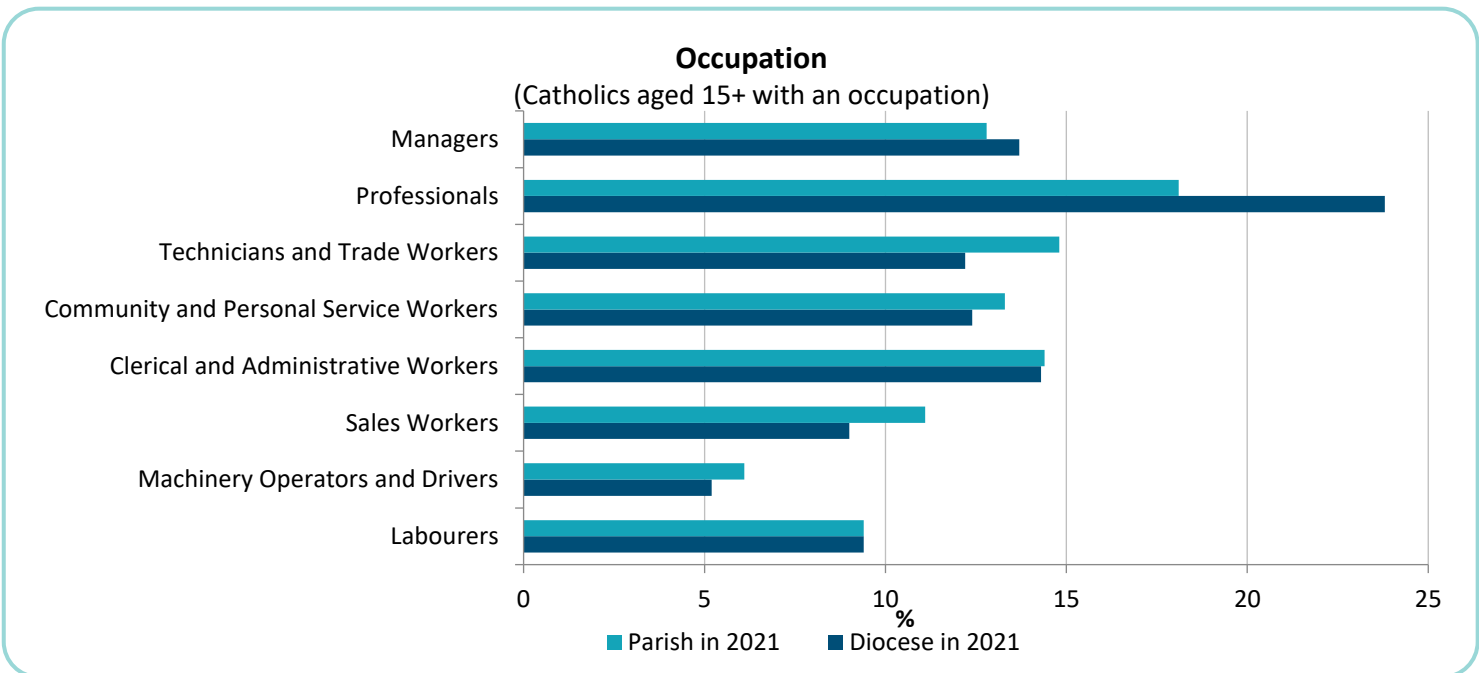
What are the major occupations of younger people? Middle-aged people? Older people? What do you think accounts for differences in occupation between the different age groups?

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	77	39
One parent or lone parent in professional occupation	387	279
Both parents in 'white collar' occupation ¹	242	153
One parent or lone parent in 'white collar' occupation	443	336
Both parents in 'blue collar' occupation ²	42	17
One parent or lone parent in 'blue collar' occupation	77	69
Not applicable and not stated	137	139
Total	1,405	1,032
% with professional parent(s)	33.0	30.8
% with blue collar parent(s)	8.5	8.3

- 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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