

Mass attenders' faith and future involvement in the Catholic Church

A Report to the Office for Youth

On questions included in the 2016 National Church Life Survey

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Background to the National Church Life Survey

In late 2016, more than a quarter of a million church-going Australians took part in the National Church Life Survey (NCLS) by completing a questionnaire on their faith, their involvement in church life, and a variety of other topics. These people came from over 3,000 parishes and local congregations representing more than 20 denominations and independent churches across the country.

Catholic parishes have participated in the last four National Church Life Surveys, in 2001, 2006, 2011 and 2016. A parallel project, the Catholic Church Life Survey (CCLS), was conducted in 1996.

The national random sample

This report is based on questionnaires completed by Mass attenders in a national random sample of 193 parishes, selected so as to ensure there was a representative sample of parishes from each diocese. Once the national sample had been chosen, all other parishes were invited to take part in the survey, and 162 did so, meaning that a total of 355 Catholic parishes participated in the 2016 survey. These additional parishes received a report on their results, but as they are not part of the statistical sample their results are not included here.

Since the national random sample is statistically representative of all Catholic Church attenders in Australia, the findings of the survey can confidently be regarded as applying, with a high level of probability, to the whole Church in Australia.

Weighting

Because the structure of the sample does not exactly match that of the dioceses from which it comes, the results have been modified by applying a corrective 'weight' to each diocese, so that they better reflect the distribution of Mass-attending Catholics across Australia.

How the survey was conducted

All people aged 15 and over at Mass (or, in some places, services in the absence of a priest) on the day of the survey were invited to complete a questionnaire. The total number of completed questionnaires received from the parishes in the national sample was around 37,350.

In addition to the adult questionnaire, parishes could order optional questionnaires for children aged 8 to 14 years, a revised and shorter version of the adult survey. In total, 2,164 children completed the children's survey. However, results from the children's survey are not included in this report.

Questionnaire versions

This extremely large sample meant that the project could investigate a wide variety of topics without making questionnaires unduly long. This was done by using a number of different versions of the questionnaire, distributed at random to the people at Mass on the Sunday of the survey. Questionnaire AC, which formed the basis of the report prepared for each parish, was completed by 67 per cent of respondents in each parish, while the remaining 33 per cent of respondents completed one of 20 other versions, each dealing with a different topic. Most of these versions were distributed to attenders of all denominations but two, Questionnaires S3 and X, were designed for use only in Catholic parishes.

The questions commissioned by the ACBC Office for Youth were included in Questionnaire X, which was completed by 1,728 attenders.

Contents of this report

The following elements make up this report:

- This introduction, containing background information about the survey.
- A demographic profile of the Mass attenders who answered the questions.
- The frequencies of other questions used in the cross-tabulations.
- The number and percentages of attenders who selected each response in the commissioned questions, that is, Questions 17, 18 and 20 in Questionnaire X.
- Cross-tabulations of the questions with age, sex and other key variables, with indicators of statistical significance.
- A copy of Questionnaire X.

A note on statistical significance

Each cross-tabulation in this report is marked as significant or not significant and the level of significance is also indicated.

To say that a result is statistically significant is to say that it is highly probable that the result shows an actual difference, not one that has arisen by chance. For example, if in a sample we find that 60 per cent of men and 40 per cent of women believe Statement A is true, this can either be due to chance factors which determined the make-up of our sample, or to an actual difference between what men and women believe. A statistically significant result is one where the likelihood of the result arising by chance is below a specified level of probability.

Statistical significance is usually reported at 0.05, 0.01 or 0.001 level, meaning that there is a less than five in one hundred chance, one in a hundred chance, or one in a thousand chance, respectively, that the result under discussion has arisen by chance. In the example above, a 0.001 level of statistical significance means that there is less than one chance in a thousand that the

observed difference between men and women has arisen by chance. In other words, the observed difference is highly likely to reflect a real difference in what men and women believe.

However, it is important to note that saying a result is statistically significant is not the same as saying it is important. It may be that the difference between men and women in their belief about Statement A is not at all important or that it is not substantial. The importance of a result cannot be determined statistically. Rather, it is a matter for the judgement of those interpreting the results.

Non-Catholic attenders

Not all Mass attenders in Catholic parishes are Catholics. About 1.9 per cent of Questionnaire X respondents were not Catholic.

Analysis of the data

People are complex, and the data set used in this report is complex, too. Neither univariate analysis (e.g., the frequencies) nor bivariate analysis (e.g., cross-tabulations) tells the full story. This is because most, if not all, of the variables included in a bivariate analysis with the questions commissioned by the ACBC Office for Youth are correlated with other variables such as age and sex. Marital status provides a good example. Are differences in the opinions or practices of those who have never married and those who have been widowed a result of their marital status or their age, given that most of the former are young and most of the latter are much older? The best way to sort out such interrelationships is to use some form of multivariate analysis. This type of analysis is beyond the scope of this basic report, but can be carried out if required.

Demographic profile of respondents to Questionnaire X

Unweighted (actual) figures - All responses

Questionnaire X completed by 1,728 respondents in national random sample parishes.

NOTE: Not all respondents to Questionnaire X answered every question. Older people (those aged 60 and over) were over-represented among non-respondents. Statistical tests show the effect of this non-response on the results reported here to be negligible.

Age	Number	Per cent
15-29 years	135	8
30-49 years	349	21
50-69 years	566	34
70 years and over	607	37
Total	1,657	100

Sex	Number	Per cent
Female	1,066	64
Male	604	36
Total	1,670	100

State or Territory	Number	Per cent
NSW & ACT	860	50
Vic & Tas	350	20
Qld	311	18
SA & NT	107	6
WA	100	6
Total	1,728	100

Marital status	Number	Per cent
Never married	245	15
In first marriage	1,037	63
Remarried after divorce	54	3
Remarried after death of spouse	13	1
In a defacto relationship	20	1
Separated but not divorced	26	2
Divorced and not remarried	59	4
Widowed	201	12
Total	1,655	100

Type of primary school attended	Number	Per cent
Catholic	1,020	69
Government	418	28
Other	48	3
Total	1,486	100

Type of secondary school attended	Number	Per cent
Catholic	1,069	71
Government	363	24
Other	81	5
Total	1,513	100

Level of education	Number	Per cent
Primary school	89	5
Some secondary school	218	13
Completed secondary school	361	22
Trade certificate	151	9
Diploma or associate diploma	228	14
Bachelor degree	370	22
Post graduate degree or diploma	240	15
Total	1,657	100

Birthplace	Number	Per cent
Australia	966	58
NZ & Pacific Islands	28	2
Britain	47	3
Ireland (incl. Northern Ireland)	22	1
Italy	42	3
Malta	22	1
Other Europe	57	3
Vietnam	24	1
Philippines	221	13
India & Sri Lanka	104	6
Other Asia	63	4
Other	74	4
Total	1,670	100

Mother's birthplace	Number	Per cent
Australia	822	51
Other English speaking country	120	7
Non-English speaking country (NESC)	686	42
Total	1,628	100

Father's birthplace	Number	Per cent
Australia	767	48
Other English speaking country	150	9
Non-English speaking country (NESC)	698	43
Total	1,615	100

Both parents born in NESC	Number	Per cent
Yes	723	45
No	898	55
Total	1,621	100

Language spoken at home	Number	Per cent
English only	1,142	68
English plus other language(s)	501	30
Non-English language(s) only	35	2
Total	1,678	100

When did you become Catholic?	Number	Per cent
Infancy	1,454	87
Childhood	44	3
Teenage years	17	1
Adulthood	134	8
Not a Catholic	32	2
Total	1,681	100

Spouse or partner Catholic?	Number	Per cent
Yes	960	61
No	230	15
Not applicable	391	25
Total	1,581	100

Other questions from Questionnaire X used in this report

Percentages have been weighted so that they better reflect the distribution of Mass attenders across Australia.

For each question, the actual (unweighted) number of respondents is shown as 'N = '

Totals for Questions 1, 2 and 5 exceed 100% because respondents could choose more than one response.

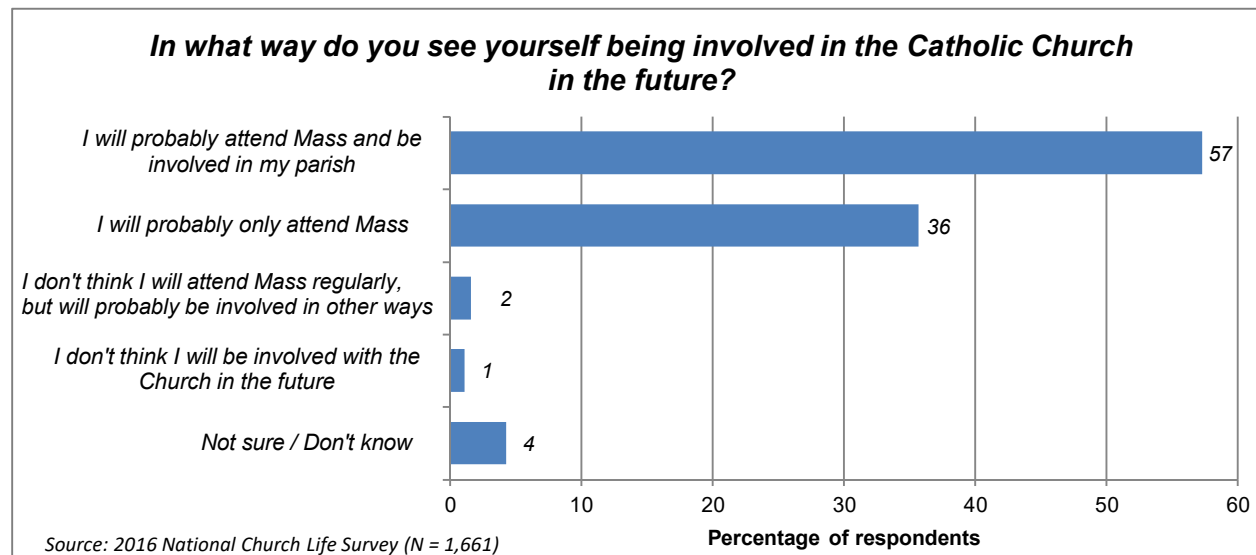
No. Question	
1 Involvement in parish groups	Per cent
Yes, in small prayer, discussion or Bible study groups	15
Yes, in clubs, social groups or other types of groups	22
No, we have no such groups	9
No, I am not regularly involved	59
Total	105
N = 1,604	
2 Involvement in parish outreach activities	Per cent
Evangelisation, spreading the Gospel	6
Welfare activities, helping non-parishoners	11
Wider community service	17
Promotion of social justice	6
Not regularly involved	71
Total	111
N = 1,582	
3 Sense of belonging	Per cent
Strong and growing	42
Strong and stable	30
Weakening	9
Not a strong sense of belonging	16
Don't know or not applicable	3
Total	100
N = 1,604	
4 Importance of parish community	Per cent
Very / extremely important	58
Quite important	29
A little / not important	13
Total	100
N = 1,635	
5 Leadership role in parish	Per cent
Reader or special minister of the Eucharist	19
Music ministry	8
Member of liturgy planning group	2
Preparing adults for sacraments (eg, RCIA, marriage preparation)	2
Children's liturgy or sacrament preparation	4
Religious education teacher in a Government school	2
Visitor to sick, elderly, others in need	8
Leader of a group in the parish	3
Member of parish council or similar leadership group	5
Member of a committee	4
Teacher in the parish school	2
Active involvement in parish school, but not as teacher	3
Other role not mentioned above	12
No leadership or ministry role	57
Total	130
N = 1,521	
16a Frequency of attendance at Mass generally	Per cent
First time	0
Hardly ever / Special occasions	2
Less than once a month	1
Once a month	2
Two or three times a month	8
Usually every week	69
More than once a week	18
Total	100
N = 1,526	

Question 17:

In what way do you see yourself being involved in the Catholic Church in the future?

(1,661 responses)

	(%)
<i>I will probably attend Mass and be involved in my parish</i>	57
<i>I will probably only attend Mass</i>	36
<i>I don't think I will attend Mass regularly, but will probably be involved in other ways</i>	2
<i>I don't think I will be involved with the Church in the future</i>	1
<i>Not sure / Don't know</i>	4
Total	100

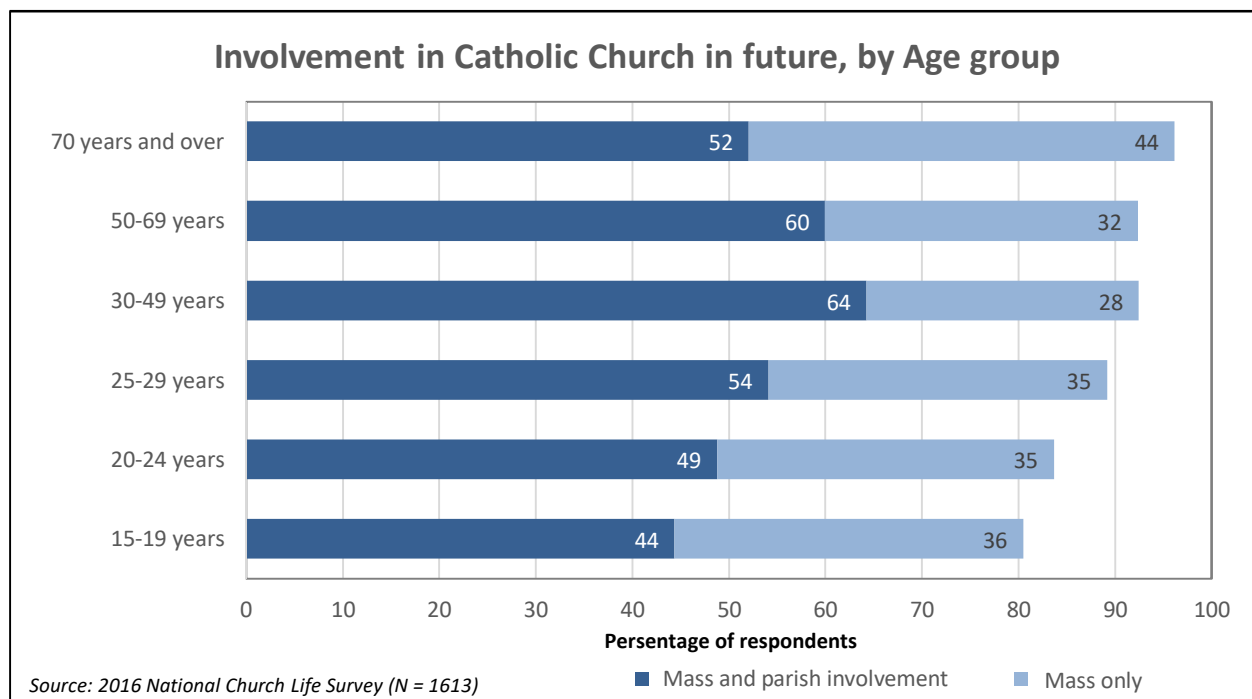


Question	Mass and parish involvement (%)	Mass only (%)	Not Mass but other involvement (%)	Not involved (%)	Not sure / Don't know (%)
Demographic characteristics					
Age					
15-29 years	49	35	3	5	9
30-49 years	64	28	2	0	6
50-69 years	60	32	2	1	5
70 years and over	52	44	0	1	2
N = 1,613					
Significant at $p < 0.001$ level					

Question	Mass and parish involvement (%)	Mass only (%)	Not Mass but other involvement	Not involved (%)	Not sure / Don't know (%)
Age (detailed)					
15-19 years	44	36	0	6	14
20-24 years	49	35	0	7	9
25-29 years	54	35	8	0	3
30-49 years	64	28	2	0	6
50-69 years	60	32	2	1	5
70 years and over	52	44	0	1	2

N = 1,613

Significant at $p < 0.001$ level



Sex					
Female	59	34	2	1	4
Male	55	38	1	1	5

N = 1,627

Not significant

State / Territory					
New South Wales & Australian Capital Territory	54	37	2	2	5
Victoria & Tasmania	61	35	1	1	3
Queensland	58	34	2	1	4
South Australia & Northern Territory	62	34	0	0	4
Western Australia	59	37	0	0	5

N = 1,661

Not significant

Marital Status					
Never Married	55	35	3	2	5
Married	59	35	1	1	4
Separated / Divorced	58	32	3	0	7
Widowed	53	43	0	1	4

N = 1,617

Not significant

Type of primary school attended					
Catholic	62	32	2	1	4
Government	51	42	1	2	5
Other	52	34	6	2	6

N = 1,463

Significant at $p < 0.01$ level

Question	Mass and parish involvement (%)	Mass only (%)	Not Mass but other involvement	Not involved (%)	Not sure / Don't know (%)
Type of secondary school attended					
Catholic	60	34	1	1	4
Government	50	42	2	1	5
Other	65	25	4	1	4
<i>N = 1,492</i>					
<i>Significant at $p < 0.05$ level</i>					
Level of Education					
No Post Secondary	48	43	1	2	5
Diploma / Trade Certificate	56	37	3	1	3
Degree or Higher	65	29	2	1	4
<i>N = 1,627</i>					
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>					
Birthplace					
Australia	60	33	2	1	4
Other English speaking country	64	31	2	0	3
Non-English speaking country	52	40	2	1	5
<i>N = 1,626</i>					
<i>Not significant</i>					
Mother's birthplace					
Australia	62	33	2	1	3
Other English speaking country	66	25	2	1	6
Non-English speaking country (NESC)	51	40	2	1	6
<i>N = 1,584</i>					
<i>Significant at $p < 0.01$ level</i>					
Father's birthplace					
Australia	61	33	2	1	3
Other English speaking country	66	29	2	1	2
Non-English speaking country (NESC)	53	39	2	1	6
<i>N = 1,574</i>					
<i>Significant at $p < 0.05$ level</i>					
Both parents born in NESC					
Yes	51	39	2	2	6
No	62	32	2	1	3
<i>N = 1,564</i>					
<i>Significant at $p < 0.05$ level</i>					
Language spoken at home					
English only	61	33	1	1	4
English plus other language(s)	49	42	1	2	5
Non-English language(s) only	59	25	9	0	6
<i>N = 1,636</i>					
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>					
When did you become Catholic?					
Infancy	59	35	2	1	4
Childhood	35	54	2	0	9
Teenage years	41	35	18	0	6
Adulthood	57	37	1	1	4
Not a Catholic	41	33	0	7	19
<i>N = 1,647</i>					
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>					
Spouse or partner Catholic?					
Yes	59	36	1	1	4
No	62	30	2	1	6
Not applicable	55	37	3	1	4
<i>N = 1,551</i>					
<i>Not significant</i>					

Question	Mass and parish involvement (%)	Mass only (%)	Not Mass but other involvement	Not involved (%)	Not sure / Don't know (%)
Participation in the parish					
Involvement in parish groups, ministries or activities					
Is involved	88	10	1	0	1
Is not involved	43	47	2	2	6
<i>N = 1,558</i>					
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>					
Involvement in parish outreach activities					
Is involved	87	11	1	0	1
Is not involved	45	46	2	1	6
<i>N = 1,544</i>					
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>					
Sense of belonging to the parish					
Strong and growing	71	24	2	0	3
Strong and stable	57	39	1	1	3
Weakening	44	47	2	2	6
Not a strong sense of belonging	38	49	3	3	8
<i>N = 1,515</i>					
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>					
Importance of parish community					
Very / extremely important	69	26	1	0	3
Quite important	49	46	1	1	4
A little / not important	27	52	4	5	12
<i>N = 1,595</i>					
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>					
Leadership role in parish					
Yes	86	10	1	0	2
No	37	53	2	2	7
<i>N = 1,491</i>					
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>					
Frequency of attendance at Mass generally					
First time / hardly ever / special occasions	23	39	23	4	12
Less than weekly	48	38	3	1	11
Weekly or more often	59	36	1	1	3
<i>N = 1,496</i>					
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>					

Statistical Note:

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For each question, the actual (unweighted) number of respondents is shown as 'N = '

Percentages add to 100 across each row.

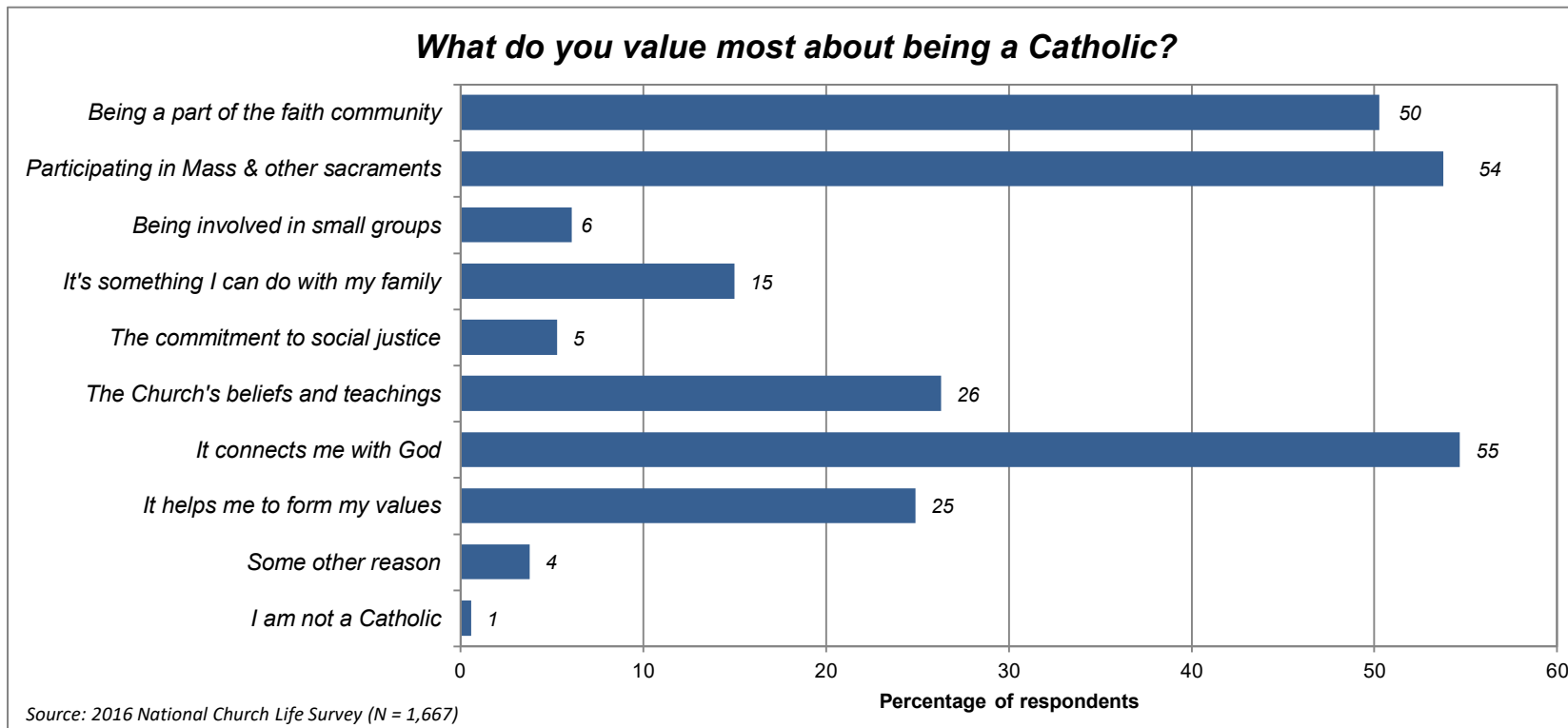
Question 18:

What do you value most about being a Catholic?

(Mark up to THREE options)

(3,989 responses from 1,667 respondents - percentages add to more than 100 because respondents could choose up to three options)

	(%)
<i>Being a part of the faith community</i>	50
<i>Participating in Mass and other sacraments</i>	54
<i>Being involved in small groups (e.g. youth group, prayer group)</i>	6
<i>It's something I can do with my family</i>	15
<i>The commitment to social justice</i>	5
<i>The Church's beliefs and teachings</i>	26
<i>It connects me with God</i>	55
<i>It helps me to form my values</i>	25
<i>Some other reason not listed above</i>	4
<i>I am not a Catholic</i>	1
Total	241



Question	Faith community (%)	Mass / Sacraments (%)	Small groups (%)	Can do with family (%)	Social justice (%)	Beliefs / Teachings (%)	Connects to God (%)	Forms values (%)	Other (%)	Not Catholic (%)
Demographic characteristics										
Age										
15-29 years	33	36	8	27	11	37	66	43	13	0
30-49 years	47	47	4	28	4	26	63	28	5	1
50-69 years	52	54	5	14	6	25	57	26	2	1
70 years and over	54	63	8	6	3	24	46	19	2	0
N = 1,619	***	***		***	**	*	***	***	***	
Age										
15-19 years	33	33	13	31	17	31	67	28	14	0
20-24 years	21	36	9	27	3	43	65	54	15	0
25-29 years	45	38	3	24	14	36	65	44	10	0
30-49 years	47	47	4	28	4	26	63	28	5	1
50-69 years	52	54	5	14	6	25	57	26	2	1
70 years and over	54	63	8	6	3	24	46	19	2	0
N = 1,619	**	***		***	***	**	***	***	***	
Sex										
Female	53	52	7	14	5	24	60	26	3	1
Male	45	58	5	17	6	31	46	24	6	1
N = 1,630	**	*				**	***		**	
State / Territory										
New South Wales & Australian Capital Territory	47	50	7	17	5	28	58	24	5	1
Victoria & Tasmania	52	59	7	13	6	22	52	26	3	1
Queensland	54	55	4	14	6	28	54	26	4	1
South Australia & Northern Territory	55	51	3	13	2	31	53	29	5	1
Western Australia	47	51	4	18	3	33	46	23	0	1
N = 1,667										
Marital Status										
Never Married	39	44	7	15	12	35	63	32	8	0
Married	53	55	6	17	4	25	53	24	3	1
Seperated / Divorced	40	64	2	14	4	27	64	28	5	2
Widowed	56	55	6	6	1	23	52	23	4	0
N = 1,619	***	**		**	***	*	*		**	
Type of primary school attended										
Catholic	52	54	6	15	7	26	57	25	4	0
Government	47	56	8	16	4	30	56	24	3	2
Other	45	51	8	19	0	24	39	29	2	2
N = 1,465					*					**

Question	Faith community (%)	Mass / Sacraments (%)	Small groups (%)	Can do with family (%)	Social justice (%)	Beliefs / Teachings (%)	Connects to God (%)	Forms values (%)	Other (%)	Not Catholic (%)
Type of secondary school attended										
Catholic	53	55	6	15	6	26	56	26	4	0
Government	46	48	7	16	4	30	52	24	4	2
Other	41	54	8	27	4	24	49	23	4	2
<i>N = 1,493</i>	*			*						***
Level of Education										
No Post Secondary	49	52	7	12	3	24	50	21	4	1
Diploma / Trade Certificate	52	55	7	13	4	28	51	22	3	0
Degree or Higher	49	56	5	19	9	27	62	30	4	1
<i>N = 1,632</i>				***	***		***	**		
Birthplace										
Australia	53	56	7	12	8	25	54	26	4	1
Other English speaking country	50	69	1	6	5	30	56	17	5	0
Non-English speaking country	45	49	6	22	2	27	57	25	3	0
<i>N = 1,628</i>	*	***		***	***					
Mother's birthplace										
Australia	55	58	6	10	9	25	52	25	3	1
Other English speaking country	57	67	3	5	4	26	59	17	4	1
Non-English speaking country (NESC)	43	49	7	23	2	27	60	27	4	1
<i>N = 1,589</i>	***	***		***	***		*			
Father's birthplace										
Australia	54	58	6	10	10	25	52	27	3	1
Other English speaking country	55	61	5	7	4	27	54	18	4	2
Non-English speaking country (NESC)	45	49	6	22	1	27	60	26	5	1
<i>N = 1,578</i>	**	***		***	***		*			
Both parents born in NESC										
Yes	44	49	7	23	1	27	60	26	5	1
No	54	59	6	9	9	26	53	24	4	1
<i>N = 1,568</i>	**	**		***	***		*	*		
Language spoken at home										
English only	53	58	6	11	7	26	54	25	3	1
English plus other language(s)	46	47	6	24	1	28	57	25	5	1
Non-English language(s) only	39	45	0	11	0	34	62	38	3	0
<i>N = 1,639</i>	*	***		***	***					

Question	Faith community (%)	Mass / Sacraments (%)	Small groups (%)	Can do with family (%)	Social justice (%)	Beliefs / Teachings (%)	Connects to God (%)	Forms values (%)	Other (%)	Not Catholic (%)
When did you become Catholic?										
Infancy	50	55	6	15	5	26	57	26	3	0
Childhood	46	47	8	17	3	26	43	27	27	0
Teenage years	59	44	0	23	2	33	80	19	7	0
Adulthood	54	59	6	20	5	30	46	21	2	0
Not a Catholic	21	6	0	3	3	9	0	18	0	50
N = 1,651		***					***		***	***
Spouse or partner Catholic?										
Yes	52	56	7	18	4	26	51	23	3	1
No	50	52	4	12	6	23	63	27	2	2
Not applicable	45	51	7	11	8	29	62	31	8	0
N = 1,555				**	**		***	**	***	
Participation in the parish										
Involvement in parish groups, ministries or activities										
Is involved	65	59	13	10	5	26	56	23	3	0
Is not involved	42	51	3	18	6	27	55	27	4	1
N = 1,560	***	**	***	***						
Involvement in parish outreach activities										
Is involved	65	61	12	10	8	24	54	22	3	0
Is not involved	43	51	4	18	4	28	56	27	4	1
N = 1,547	***	***	***	***	**					
Sense of belonging to the parish										
Strong and growing	60	55	7	15	3	26	58	22	2	0
Strong and stable	49	59	6	16	6	25	53	29	2	1
Weakening	43	46	6	16	10	22	51	27	10	0
Not a strong sense of belonging	31	48	4	14	6	30	59	29	9	1
N = 1,523	***	*			*				***	*
Importance of parish community										
Very / extremely important	58	57	8	15	4	29	57	22	2	0
Quite important	41	52	5	17	7	21	58	32	4	0
A little / not important	35	47	3	14	8	25	45	26	14	3
N = 1,599	***	*	*		*	*	**	***	***	***

Question	Faith community (%)	Mass / Sacraments (%)	Small groups (%)	Can do with family (%)	Social justice (%)	Beliefs / Teachings (%)	Connects to God (%)	Forms values (%)	Other (%)	Not Catholic (%)
Leadership role in parish										
Yes	63	59	11	12	6	24	55	25	4	1
No	40	50	3	19	5	28	58	27	4	1
N = 1,495	***	***	***	***		*				
Frequency of attendance at Mass generally										
First time / hardly ever / special occasions	37	32	0	37	15	22	38	22	11	0
Less than weekly	39	35	4	23	9	29	50	34	8	4
Weekly or more often	51	57	7	13	5	25	57	24	3	0
N = 1,500	**	***		***	**		*	*	**	***

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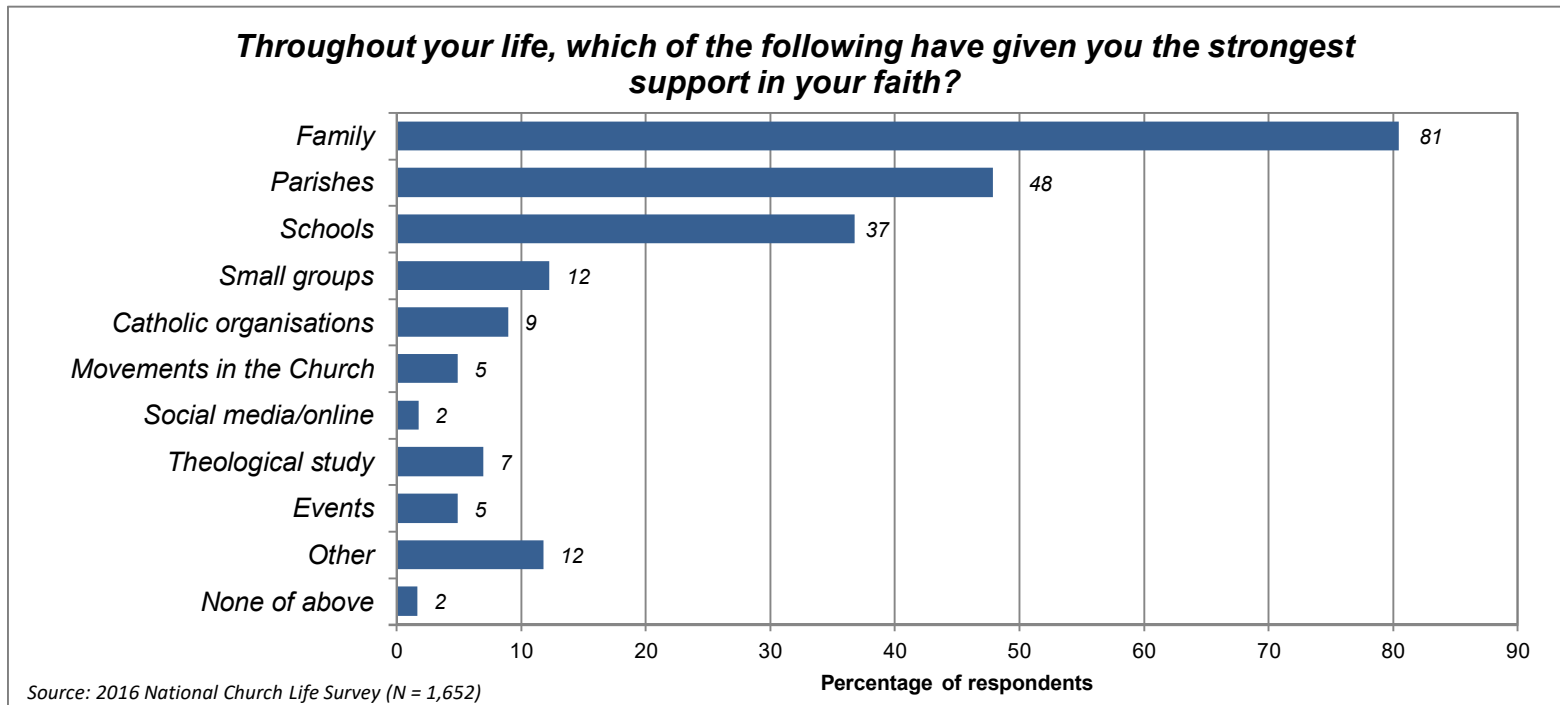
Question 20:

Throughout your life, which of the following have given you the strongest support in your faith?

(Mark up to THREE options)

(3,595 responses from 1,652 respondents - percentages add to more than 100 because respondents could choose up to three options)

	(%)
My family	81
The parishes I have been part of	48
The schools that I attended (or now attend)	37
Small group(s) (e.g. youth group, prayer group)	12
Catholic organisations (e.g. St Vincent de Paul (Vinnies), Catholic Women's League)	9
Movements in the Church (e.g. Cursillo, Marriage Encounter)	5
Social media and online resources	2
Studying theology or related subjects	7
Events (e.g. conferences, World Youth Day, retreats, festivals)	5
Some other factor not listed above	12
None of the above	2
Total	218



Question	Family (%)	Parishes (%)	Schools (%)	Small groups (%)	Catholic organisations (%)	Movements (%)	Social media / online (%)	Theological study (%)	Events (%)	Other (%)	None of above
Demographic characteristics											
Age											
15-29 years	88	36	43	17	9	3	5	8	15	17	0
30-49 years	83	50	34	13	6	5	3	7	8	11	2
50-69 years	82	49	35	11	5	7	1	8	3	14	2
70 years and over	75	50	39	12	15	4	1	7	2	9	2
<i>N = 1,604</i>	**	*			***		***		***	*	
Age											
15-19 years	85	23	48	23	2	1	4	12	21	7	0
20-24 years	84	31	40	23	14	3	5	8	17	17	0
25-29 years	93	51	40	7	10	5	6	4	9	24	0
30-49 years	83	50	34	13	6	5	3	7	8	11	2
50-69 years	82	49	35	11	5	7	1	8	3	14	2
70 years and over	75	50	39	12	15	4	1	7	2	9	2
<i>N = 1,604</i>	**	**			***		***		***	***	
Sex											
Female	78	50	38	14	8	4	2	9	5	13	2
Male	85	46	35	9	10	6	2	4	4	9	1
<i>N = ,1619</i>	**			***				**		*	
State / Territory											
New South Wales & Australian Capital Territory	80	49	35	13	9	5	2	6	6	13	2
Victoria & Tasmania	81	45	39	15	10	4	1	9	3	12	2
Queensland	81	51	39	6	11	5	1	5	5	7	1
South Australia & Northern Territory	84	55	32	14	4	7	4	8	4	11	2
Western Australia	78	36	41	7	11	6	1	8	2	15	3
<i>N = 1,652</i>				*			*				
Marital Status											
Never Married	83	46	45	15	8	3	3	12	9	13	1
Married	83	47	35	11	8	5	2	7	5	12	1
Seperated / Divorced	57	55	40	17	4	8	0	9	7	9	8
Widowed	76	56	38	14	17	5	0	1	2	12	1
<i>N = 1,604</i>	***				***		*	***	*		***

Question	Family (%)	Parishes (%)	Schools (%)	Small groups (%)	Catholic organisations (%)	Movements (%)	Social media / online (%)	Theological study (%)	Events (%)	Other (%)	None of above
Type of primary school attended											
Catholic	80	51	46	13	9	5	2	8	5	10	1
Government	83	46	20	12	8	6	2	6	4	15	2
Other	68	38	32	19	10	8	0	3	7	14	4
<i>N = 1,454</i>	*		***							*	
Type of secondary school attended											
Catholic	81	50	48	12	9	5	2	8	5	10	1
Government	80	43	9	14	7	7	2	8	5	16	3
Other	74	42	26	15	14	4	0	8	6	13	1
<i>N = 1,482</i>		*	***							*	**
Level of Education											
No Post Secondary	82	45	34	10	10	2	1	2	5	10	2
Diploma / Trade Certificate	79	44	35	9	12	7	2	6	3	11	2
Degree or Higher	81	53	41	16	6	7	3	12	6	13	1
<i>N = 1,620</i>		**	*	**	**	**	*	***			
Birthplace											
Australia	77	51	43	12	11	4	2	9	4	11	2
Other English speaking country	77	40	36	4	7	3	0	12	3	12	2
Non-English speaking country	86	44	28	14	7	7	3	4	6	13	1
<i>N = 1,617</i>	***	*	***	*				***			
Mother's birthplace											
Australia	78	54	45	12	11	4	1	8	4	10	3
Other English speaking country	76	47	34	7	9	5	1	17	3	14	0
Non-English speaking country (NESC)	85	43	30	14	8	6	3	5	7	14	1
<i>N = 1,573</i>	**	***	***				*	***	*		*
Father's birthplace											
Australia	77	54	45	12	11	4	1	8	4	11	2
Other English speaking country	81	43	40	10	11	4	1	15	3	10	1
Non-English speaking country (NESC)	84	44	30	14	7	6	3	5	7	14	1
<i>N = 1,562</i>	**	***	***		*		*	***	**		
Both parents born in NESC											
Yes	85	44	30	14	8	7	3	5	7	14	1
No	77	52	43	11	11	4	1	9	4	11	2
<i>N = 1,553</i>	**	**	***			*		***	*		*

Question	Family (%)	Parishes (%)	Schools (%)	Small groups (%)	Catholic organisations (%)	Movements (%)	Social media / online (%)	Theological study (%)	Events (%)	Other (%)	None of above
Language spoken at home											
English only	77	51	41	12	10	4	1	8	4	11	2
English plus other language(s)	88	43	29	13	6	6	4	5	7	12	1
Non-English language(s) only	74	44	25	13	5	10	4	6	10	13	0
<i>N</i> = 1,625	***	*	**		*		**		*		
When did you become Catholic?											
Infancy	82	48	39	13	9	5	2	7	5	11	1
Childhood	83	49	39	6	8	3	3	3	2	11	0
Teenage years	67	57	23	31	9	0	10	4	15	24	7
Adulthood	72	57	18	9	7	4	0	8	6	15	3
Not a Catholic	73	25	13	2	11	9	1	0	0	26	3
<i>N</i> = 1,637			***				*				
Spouse or partner Catholic?											
Yes	83	47	34	12	9	6	2	6	5	11	1
No	77	51	40	9	8	5	0	8	4	13	2
Not applicable	77	50	43	16	10	4	2	9	7	13	2
<i>N</i> = 1,543	*		**	*							
Participation in the parish											
Involvement in parish groups, ministries or activities											
Is involved	77	59	38	20	15	8	1	10	6	13	0
Is not involved	82	43	37	9	6	4	2	6	5	12	2
<i>N</i> = 1,551	*	***		***	***	**		**			**
Involvement in parish outreach activities											
Is involved	75	58	38	16	17	8	0	11	6	11	1
Is not involved	83	44	36	11	6	4	3	6	5	12	2
<i>N</i> = 1,536	***	***		**	***	**	**	**			
Sense of belonging to the parish											
Strong and growing	83	54	37	14	10	6	2	9	5	11	1
Strong and stable	81	52	41	12	10	3	1	7	4	11	1
Weakening	77	40	40	10	5	8	4	9	4	14	0
Not a strong sense of belonging	77	32	29	13	6	5	2	6	7	13	5
<i>N</i> = 1,509		***	*								***

Question	Family (%)	Parishes (%)	Schools (%)	Small groups (%)	Catholic organisations (%)	Movements (%)	Social media / online (%)	Theological study (%)	Events (%)	Other (%)	None of above
Importance of parish community											
Very / extremely important	84	53	35	15	10	6	2	8	5	11	0
Quite important	78	44	41	10	8	3	2	7	3	13	2
A little / not important	70	34	33	6	8	2	2	5	9	14	7
<i>N</i> = 1,588	***	***		**	*				**		***
Leadership role in parish											
Yes	78	57	39	17	13	7	1	11	6	13	0
No	82	43	37	9	6	3	3	5	5	12	2
<i>N</i> = 1,484	*	***		***	***	**		***			**
Frequency of attendance at Mass generally											
First time / hardly ever / special occasions	93	1	46	25	0	3	0	7	5	14	1
Less than weekly	75	44	44	5	6	4	1	4	6	9	3
Weekly or more often	81	50	37	13	9	5	2	8	4	12	2
<i>N</i> = 1,487		***		**							

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Thank you for taking part in this survey

- Please use a BLACK OR BLUE PEN or dark pencil and press firmly.
- FILL IN or CROSS the box next to the category that best describes your response (☐ or ☒). PLEASE DO NOT USE TICKS.
- Choose ONE ONLY for each question unless it states otherwise.
Example: Do you eat fruit? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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1. Are you regularly involved in any group activities here? (Mark ALL that apply)

- ☐ Yes, in small prayer, discussion or Bible study groups
- ☐ Yes, in clubs, social groups or other types of groups
- ☐ No, we have no such groups
- ☐ No, I am not regularly involved

2. Do you regularly take part in any of the following parish activities which reach out to non-parishioners? (Mark ALL that apply)

- ☐ Parish outreach or evangelisation activities which spread the Good News of the Gospel
- ☐ Parish welfare activities which assist people from the non-parish community with personal needs
- ☐ Parish service activities which contribute to the wider community in some way
- ☐ Parish activities which promote social justice
- ☐ No, I am not regularly involved

3. Do you have a strong sense of belonging to this parish?

- ☐ Yes, a strong sense of belonging, which is growing
- ☐ Yes, a strong sense - about the same as last year
- ☐ Yes, although perhaps not as strongly as in the past
- ☐ No, but I am new here
- ☐ No, and I wish I did by now
- ☐ No, but I am happy as I am
- ☐ Don't know/not applicable

4. How important is this parish community in your life?

- ☐ Not at all important ☐ Very important
- ☐ A little important ☐ Extremely important
- ☐ Quite important

5. Do you currently perform any of these leadership or ministry roles in this parish? (Mark ALL that apply)

- ☐ Reader (lector) or special minister of the Eucharist
- ☐ Music ministry (e.g. choir, organist, musician)
- ☐ Member of a liturgy planning group
- ☐ Preparing adults for sacraments (e.g. RCIA, marriage preparation)
- ☐ Involved in children's liturgy or sacrament preparation
- ☐ Religious education teacher in a government school
- ☐ Visitor to the sick or elderly or others in need
- ☐ Leader of a group (e.g. a prayer, discussion, youth or social group)
- ☐ Member of the parish council or similar leadership group
- ☐ Member of a committee
- ☐ Teacher in the parish school
- ☐ Actively involved in the parish school (not as a teacher)
- ☐ Another role not mentioned above
- ☐ I do not have any leadership or ministry role at present

About You

6. In what year were you born?

Please write the year in the squares:

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7. What is your gender?

- ☐ Female ☐ Male

NB: If you identify as 'Other', this option is in the online survey.

8. Where were you born? Where was your mother born? Where was your father born? (Please mark an option in EVERY COLUMN)

	You	Mother	Father
Australia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
New Zealand	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pacific Islands	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Great Britain	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ireland (incl. N. Ireland)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Italy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Malta	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Southern Europe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Northern or Western Europe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Eastern Europe/former USSR	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Middle East/North Africa	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Republic of South Africa	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Africa	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mauritius	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
North America	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Central or South America	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
China/Hong Kong	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Korea	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vietnam	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Philippines	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
India/Sri Lanka	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Asia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9. At home, do you speak a language other than English?

- ☐ English only
- ☐ English plus other language(s)
- ☐ Non-English language(s) only

10. Which term best describes your present marital status?

- ☐ Never married ☐ In a defacto relationship
- ☐ In first marriage ☐ Separated
- ☐ Remarried after divorce ☐ Divorced
- ☐ Remarried after widowed ☐ Widowed

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11. Are you a Catholic?

Yes, I became a Catholic when I was

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> A baby | <input type="checkbox"/> An adult |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A child | <input type="checkbox"/> No, I am not a Catholic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A teenager | |

12. Is your spouse or partner a Catholic?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not applicable

What type of school did you (or do you now) mainly attend? (Mark ONE in each row)

	Catholic	Government	Other
13. Primary School	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. Secondary School	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

15. What is the highest educational qualification you have completed?

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Primary school | <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor degree from a university or equivalent institution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Some secondary school | <input type="checkbox"/> Postgraduate degree or diploma |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Completed secondary school | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trade certificate | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diploma or associate diploma | |

About Your Faith and the Church

16. How often do you go to Mass? Please answer for how often you go to Mass, AND for how often you go to Mass in this parish. (Mark an option in BOTH columns)

	Generally?	Here?
This is my first time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hardly ever/special occasions only	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Less than once a month	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Once a month	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Two or three times a month	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Usually every week	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
More than once a week	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

17. In what way do you see yourself being involved in the Catholic Church in the future?

- ☐ I will probably attend Mass and be involved in my parish
☐ I will probably only attend Mass
☐ I don't think I will attend Mass regularly, but will probably be involved in other ways
☐ I don't think I will be involved with the Church in the future
☐ Not sure/Don't know

18. What do you value most about being a Catholic? (Mark up to THREE options)

- ☐ Being a part of the faith community
☐ Participating in Mass and other sacraments
☐ Being involved in small groups (e.g. youth group, prayer group)
☐ It's something I can do with my family
☐ The commitment to social justice
☐ The Church's beliefs and teachings
☐ It connects me with God
☐ It helps me to form my values
☐ Some other reason not listed above
☐ I am not a Catholic

19. Do you agree or disagree? 'It is a sin to miss Mass on Sunday unless you have a serious reason'

- ☐ Strongly agree ☐ Disagree
☐ Agree ☐ Strongly disagree
☐ Neutral or unsure

20. Throughout your life, which of the following have given you the strongest support in your faith?

(Mark up to THREE options)

- ☐ My family
☐ The parishes I have been part of
☐ The schools that I attended (or now attend)
☐ Small group(s) (e.g. youth group, prayer group)
☐ Catholic organisations (e.g. St Vincent de Paul (Vinnies), Catholic Women's League)
☐ Movements in the Church (e.g. Cursillo, Marriage Encounter)
☐ Social media and online resources
☐ Studying theology or related subjects
☐ Events (e.g. conferences, World Youth Day, retreats, festivals)
☐ Some other factor not listed above
☐ None of the above

21. In your opinion, how important is it for Catholics to develop closer relationships with, and understanding of, people from non-Christian religions (e.g. Muslims, Jews and Buddhists)?

- ☐ Catholics should not do this
☐ Catholics should do this, but it's not very important
☐ It is quite important for Catholics to do this
☐ It is very important for Catholics to do this
☐ Don't know/Not sure

22. In your opinion, how important is it for Catholics to work towards unity with the other major Christian denominations?

- ☐ Catholics should not do this
☐ Catholics should do this, but it's not very important
☐ It is quite important for Catholics to do this
☐ It is very important for Catholics to do this
☐ Don't know/Not sure

23. When you hear the term 'mission' in relation to the Church, which of the following do you usually think of? (Mark up to THREE options)

To me, mission means:

- ☐ Proclaiming the Word of God
☐ Being a witness to Jesus Christ through my actions
☐ Seeking justice for people who are poor and oppressed
☐ Talking about my faith in a personal way
☐ Caring for people in spiritual ways
☐ Converting people to Christianity
☐ Reaching out to people in the local area
☐ Serving people who are poor
☐ None of these things

24. Some say there are barriers preventing women from taking on leadership roles in the Church. During the last few years, have you ever experienced such a barrier, or known a woman who has?

- ☐ No, I have not experienced or observed such a barrier

Yes, I have observed such a barrier as a result of: (Mark ALL that apply)

- ☐ Opposition or lack of support from a priest or priests
☐ Opposition or lack of support from men in the Church
☐ Opposition or lack of support from women in the Church
☐ Opposition or lack of support from older people in the Church
☐ Church practices that favour men for certain positions
☐ The exercise of authority in the Church
☐ Other factors not listed above

The Church and Society

25. On which of the following public issues in Australia do you think the Catholic Church should be most active? (Mark up to FOUR options)

- ☐ Aboriginal issues
- ☐ Asylum seekers/refugees
- ☐ Bioethical issues (e.g. abortion, euthanasia, surrogacy)
- ☐ Drugs/substance abuse
- ☐ Environmental issues/climate change
- ☐ Farming issues
- ☐ Human trafficking
- ☐ Opposition to same-sex marriage
- ☐ Poverty and disadvantage in Australia
- ☐ Poverty overseas
- ☐ Prisons and the criminal justice system
- ☐ Standards in TV, film and literature
- ☐ Support for marriage and the family
- ☐ War and conflict overseas
- ☐ Workplace conditions and laws
- ☐ Another issue not listed here
- ☐ The Church should not be involved in public policy issues

26. What is your view of the work of the Catholic Church in promoting social justice and supporting human rights?

- ☐ The Church is playing a very positive role
- ☐ The Church is playing a positive role but much more could be done
- ☐ The Church is making little more than a token effort
- ☐ Don't know

27. Which of the following do you think are appropriate for Catholic Church social service agencies? (Mark ALL that apply)

- ☐ Providing social services, such as aged care and employment assistance
- ☐ Accepting government funding for social services provided by the Church
- ☐ Influencing general standards required of all service providers across a particular sector (e.g. aged care or employment assistance)
- ☐ Maintaining some independence from the wider Church
- ☐ None of the above

28. Do you think public policy-making in Australia should be influenced by what Catholic social teaching calls 'preference for the poor'? (Mark ALL that apply)

- ☐ Yes, because this principle is firmly grounded in Gospel values
- ☐ Yes, because this principle is central to the idea of a just and fair society
- ☐ No, because this is a religious notion which has no place in government decision-making in Australia
- ☐ Not sure, because I do not understand what is meant by 'preference for the poor'
- ☐ I have another opinion not mentioned above
- ☐ Don't know

29. Do you agree or disagree? 'Christians should work to change the structures of society in order to create a more just society'

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Neutral or unsure
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree

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In the past 12 months, how often did you donate money to the following overseas aid agencies?

(Mark one box in EACH row)

	Not at all	Once or twice	Several times	Monthly or more
30. Caritas Australia (Project Compassion)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
31. World Vision	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
32. OXFAM/Community Aid Abroad	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
33. CARE Australia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
34. Christian Blind Mission (CBM)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
35. Save the Children Fund	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
36. Plan International (Foster Parents Plan)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
37. Christian Children's Fund (CCF)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
38. Fred Hollows Foundation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
39. UNICEF	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

40. Are you involved in any community service, social action or welfare groups not connected to this parish? (Mark ALL that apply)

- ☐ Yes, community service, care or welfare groups
- ☐ Yes, social action, justice or lobby groups (e.g. environmental, human rights or local issues)
- ☐ No, I am not involved with such groups

Which of the following advocacy or campaign actions might you take if you cared deeply about a social justice issue? (Mark one box in EACH row)

41. Sign a printed petition	I have done this <input type="checkbox"/>	I have not done this, but would consider doing so <input type="checkbox"/>	I would not do this <input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know/ Not sure <input type="checkbox"/>
42. Write to my local Member of Parliament	I have done this <input type="checkbox"/>	I have not done this, but would consider doing so <input type="checkbox"/>	I would not do this <input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know/ Not sure <input type="checkbox"/>
43. Ring my local Member of Parliament	I have done this <input type="checkbox"/>	I have not done this, but would consider doing so <input type="checkbox"/>	I would not do this <input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know/ Not sure <input type="checkbox"/>
44. Attend a public rally or march	I have done this <input type="checkbox"/>	I have not done this, but would consider doing so <input type="checkbox"/>	I would not do this <input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know/ Not sure <input type="checkbox"/>
45. Attend a prayer vigil	I have done this <input type="checkbox"/>	I have not done this, but would consider doing so <input type="checkbox"/>	I would not do this <input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know/ Not sure <input type="checkbox"/>
46. Write a letter to the editor	I have done this <input type="checkbox"/>	I have not done this, but would consider doing so <input type="checkbox"/>	I would not do this <input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know/ Not sure <input type="checkbox"/>
47. Speak to my friends and family in person	I have done this <input type="checkbox"/>	I have not done this, but would consider doing so <input type="checkbox"/>	I would not do this <input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know/ Not sure <input type="checkbox"/>
48. Join a local group that organises advocacy actions e.g. visit my MP, host an event etc.	I have done this <input type="checkbox"/>	I have not done this, but would consider doing so <input type="checkbox"/>	I would not do this <input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know/ Not sure <input type="checkbox"/>

As the Catholic Church’s international aid and development agency, Caritas Australia carries out the following work. How important do you think each of these functions is? (Mark one box in EACH row)

49. Supporting long term development programs internationally

Not important

Quite important

Very important

Don't know/No opinion

50. Working with Indigenous Australians to support long term development programs

Not important

Quite important

Very important

Don't know/No opinion

51. Providing emergency aid and relief

Not important

Quite important

Very important

Don't know/No opinion

52. Educating Australians about the causes of poverty

Not important

Quite important

Very important

Don't know/No opinion

53. Being an advocate for social justice and fairer policies

Not important

Quite important

Very important

Don't know/No opinion

54. Caritas Australia strives to keep supporters involved with, and informed about, the good works of the Church delivered through Caritas' programs. How do you prefer to interact with Caritas? (Mark ALL that apply)

☐ Visiting the Caritas website

☐ Viewing updates on social media channels (e.g. Facebook)

☐ Reading stories, magazines and letters received in the mail

☐ Reading email newsletters

☐ Donating online

☐ Donating through the parish

☐ Not applicable - I don't support Caritas Australia

55. Catholic Mission is the Australian branch of the Pontifical Mission Societies, the Church's worldwide mission aid agency. Which of the works of Catholic Mission would you most likely support? (Mark ALL that apply)

☐ Assisting mission churches (Society for the Propagation of the Faith)

☐ Helping children in need (Society of Missionary Childhood)

☐ Educating clergy in mission countries (Society of St Peter the Apostle)

☐ Supporting remote communities in Australia (Home Mission Fund)

☐ Educating young Australians to talk about their faith

☐ Forming lay leaders to serve others and work for justice

☐ None of these

Social Issues

56. Do you support or oppose changing the legal definition of marriage to allow same-sex marriage?

☐ Strongly support

☐ Tend to support

☐ Mixed feelings/Neutral

☐ Tend to oppose

☐ Strongly oppose

☐ Don't know

57. Do you think that the presence of people from different countries makes life better in your local area?

☐ No, not at all

☐ Not often

☐ Sometimes

☐ Yes, definitely

☐ There are very few people from other countries in our area

☐ Don't know/Unsure

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

58. Australia should increase the number of refugees it accepts

Strongly agree

Agree

Neutral/Unsure

Disagree

Strongly disagree

59. Mandatory detention of asylum seekers (that is, holding them in detention until their immigration status is decided) is compatible with Catholic Church teaching

Strongly agree

Agree

Neutral/Unsure

Disagree

Strongly disagree

60. Most asylum seekers are queue jumpers trying to get into Australia without going through the proper channels required of authentic migrants

Strongly agree

Agree

Neutral/Unsure

Disagree

Strongly disagree

61. Do you think Australia’s current system of welfare payments strikes an appropriate balance between providing support to those in need and encouraging self-reliance?

☐ Yes, the balance is about right

☐ No, because it provides too much incentive to remain on benefits and too little incentive for people to find work

☐ No, because it is too harsh on those in need and does not sufficiently acknowledge the difficulties they face

☐ Don't know/Not sure

62. Which one of the following statements describes your view of the balance between work and family life for most people in Australia?

☐ The current balance is about right

☐ Work gets too much priority, so that family life suffers

☐ Family life is given too much priority relative to work obligations

☐ Don't know/Not sure

63. Do you agree or disagree? 'It is becoming more difficult to find the right balance between work and family life'

Strongly agree

Agree

Neutral/Unsure

Disagree

Strongly disagree

64. Think back to the Federal election in July this year, when the Liberals were led by Mr Turnbull and Labor by Mr Shorten. Which party did you vote for in each house? (Mark one box in each column)

House of Representatives

Senate

Liberal/Nationals

Labor (ALP)

Greens

One Nation

Other (e.g. DLP)

Don't remember

Did not vote

☐

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☐

65. In Federal elections, which party do you usually vote for in elections to the House of Representatives?

☐ Liberal/Nationals

☐ Labor (ALP)

☐ Greens

☐ One Nation

☐ Other (e.g. DLP)

☐ It has varied

☐ Don't remember

☐ I have not voted before

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