



# Mass attenders' opinions on selected social issues

**A Report to Catholic Social Services Australia**  
**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 Catholic Social Services Australia 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 2, 26, 27, 28, 29, 61, 62 and 63 in Questionnaire X, along with comparisons to previous surveys where applicable.
- 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 Catholic Social Services Australia 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,657</b>	<b>100</b>

Sex	Number	Per cent
Female	1,066	64
Male	604	36
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,670</b>	<b>100</b>

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

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,655</b>	<b>100</b>

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

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

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,657</b>	<b>100</b>

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,670</b>	<b>100</b>

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

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

Birthplace of both parents	Number	Per cent
Both parents born in Australia	736	46
One parent born in Australia	103	6
Both parents born in Non-English speaking	661	41
Other	105	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,605</b>	<b>100</b>

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,678</b>	<b>100</b>

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,681</b>	<b>100</b>

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

## 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.

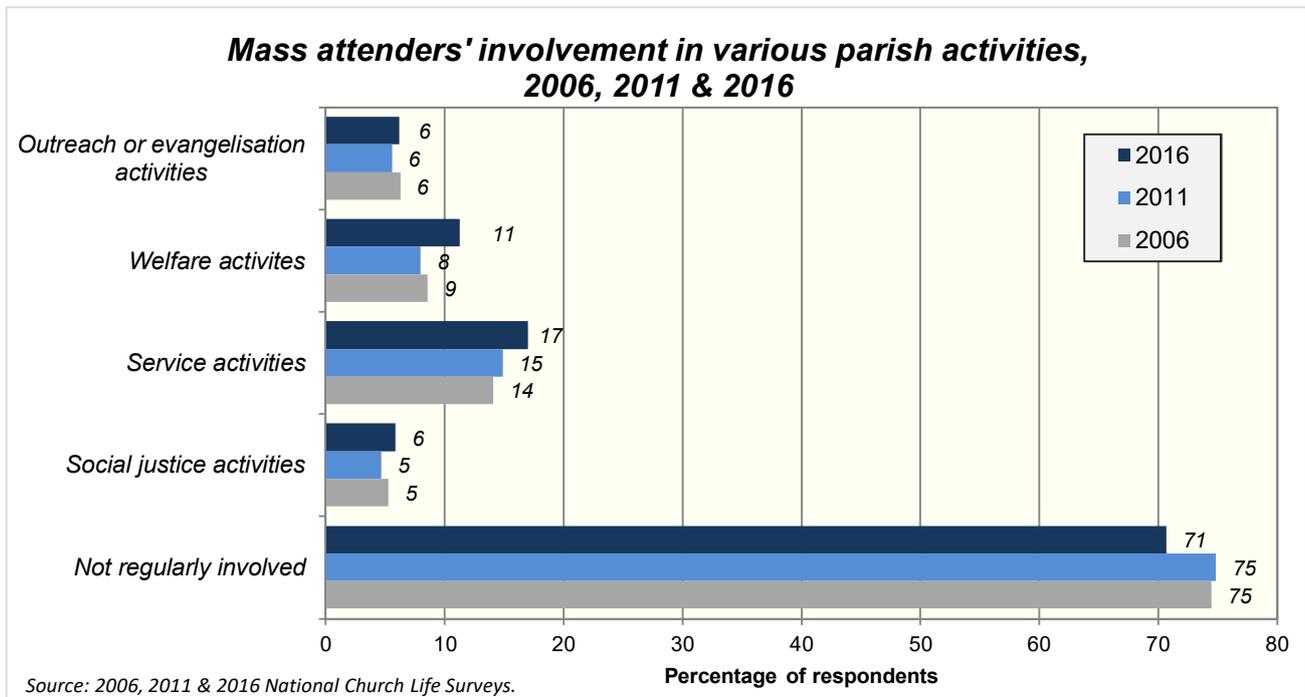
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1	<b>Involvement in parish groups</b>	Per cent
	Yes, in small prayer, discussion or Bible study groups	15
	Yes, in clubs, social groups or other types of groups	22
	No, we have no such groups	9
	No, I am not regularly involved	59
	<b>Total</b>	<b>105</b>
	N = 1,603	
2	<b>Involvement in parish outreach activities</b>	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
<b>Total</b>	<b>111</b>	
	N = 1,582	
3	<b>Sense of belonging</b>	Per cent
	Strong and growing	42
	Stable	30
	Weakening	9
	Not a strong sense of belonging	16
	Don't know or not applicable	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	
	N = 1,604	
4	<b>Importance of parish community</b>	Per cent
	Very / extremely important	58
	Quite important	29
	A little / not important	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	
	N = 1,635	
5	<b>Leadership role in parish</b>	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	1
	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
<b>Total</b>	<b>130</b>	
	N = 1,521	
16a	<b>Frequency of attendance at Mass generally</b>	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	17
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>
		N = 1,526

**Question 2:**

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

(1,739 responses from 1,582 respondents - percentages add to more than 100 because respondents could mark all that applied. Comparison figures come from the 2011 & 2006 National Church Life Surveys.)

	<b>2016 (%)</b>	<b>2011 (%)</b>	<b>2006 (%)</b>
Parish outreach or evangelisation activities which spread the Good News of the Gospel	6	6	6
Parish welfare activities which assist people from the non-parish community with personal needs	11	8	9
Parish service activities which contribute to the wider community in some way	17	15	14
Parish activities which promote social justice	6	5	5
No, I am not regularly involved	71	75	75
<b>Total</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>109</b>



Question	Outreach or evangelisation activities (%)	Welfare activities (%)	Service activities (%)	Social justice activities (%)	Not regularly involved (%)
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**Demographic characteristics**

**Age**

15-29 years	4	2	8	5	89
30-49 years	5	6	12	5	77
50-69 years	6	11	19	7	70
70 years and over	8	18	21	6	62
N = 1,537		***	***		***

**Sex**

Female	7	12	18	7	68
Male	5	11	15	5	75
N = 1,555	*		*		**

Question	Outreach or evangelisation activities (%)	Welfare activities (%)	Service activities (%)	Social justice activities (%)	Not regularly involved (%)
<b>State / Territory</b>					
New South Wales & Australian Capital Territory	7	9	16	4	72
Victoria & Tasmania	4	15	18	8	70
Queensland	8	11	21	9	66
South Australia & Northern Territory	4	10	12	5	74
Western Australia	9	13	16	3	69
<i>N = 1,582</i>		*		*	
<b>Marital Status</b>					
Never Married	6	7	14	7	75
Married	6	12	18	6	70
Separated / Divorced	8	4	10	4	77
Widowed	6	18	22	5	62
<i>N = 1,537</i>		**			*
<b>Type of primary school attended</b>					
Catholic	5	11	19	7	69
Government	7	14	16	5	72
Other	4	1	16	2	81
<i>N = 1,388</i>		*			
<b>Type of secondary school attended</b>					
Catholic	6	12	19	7	69
Government	5	14	14	5	74
Other	4	1	19	4	72
<i>N = 1,417</i>		*			
<b>Level of Education</b>					
No Post Secondary	4	7	14	3	76
Diploma / Trade Certificate	10	16	21	6	63
Degree or Higher	6	12	17	8	71
<i>N = 1,544</i>	**	**	*	**	***
<b>Birthplace</b>					
Australia	5	13	18	7	68
Other English speaking country	6	15	19	7	61
Non-English speaking country	8	8	15	5	75
<i>N = 1,554</i>		**			**
<b>Mother's birthplace</b>					
Australia	6	15	19	7	66
Other English speaking country	5	14	19	5	63
Non-English speaking country (NESC)	7	9	15	5	77
<i>N = 1,514</i>		**			***
<b>Father's birthplace</b>					
Australia	6	14	19	7	66
Other English speaking country	6	16	18	5	63
Non-English speaking country (NESC)	6	9	15	5	77
<i>N = 1,504</i>		**			***
<b>Birthplace of both parents</b>					
Both parents born in Australia	6	15	19	7	66
One parent born in Australia	4	9	21	4	69
Both parents born in Non-English speaking country	7	8	15	5	77
Other	6	17	18	5	60
<i>N = 1,495</i>		***	*		***
<b>Language spoken at home</b>					
English only	6	13	19	7	67
English plus other language(s)	8	8	14	5	77
Non-English language(s) only	1	4	7	0	88
<i>N = 1,559</i>		**	*		***

Question	Outreach or evangelisation activities (%)	Welfare activities (%)	Service activities (%)	Social justice activities (%)	Not regularly involved (%)
<b>When did you become Catholic?</b>					
Infancy	6	11	17	6	71
Childhood	7	12	12	7	75
Teenage years	8	8	8	0	92
Adulthood	8	15	22	6	60
Not a Catholic	1	7	15	1	81
<i>N = 1,559</i>					*
<b>Spouse or partner Catholic?</b>					
Yes	6	12	17	6	70
No	5	10	18	3	74
Not applicable	7	11	17	7	70
<i>N = 1,475</i>					
<b>Participation in the parish</b>					
<b>Involvement in parish groups, ministries or activities</b>					
Is involved	15	27	39	14	36
Is not involved	2	3	6	2	89
<i>N = 1,543</i>	***	***	****	***	***
<b>Sense of belonging to the parish</b>					
Strong and growing	10	15	25	9	59
Stable	4	13	15	5	70
Weakening	7	6	13	9	79
Not a strong sense of belonging	2	3	5	0	92
Don't know	0	1	1	0	98
<i>N = 1,531</i>	***	***	***	***	***
<b>Importance of parish community</b>					
Very / extremely important	8	15	23	8	61
Quite important	4	7	11	3	80
A little / not important	3	2	3	3	91
<i>N = 1,559</i>	***	***	***	***	***
<b>Leadership role in parish</b>					
Yes	13	21	34	13	44
No	2	4	5	2	90
<i>N = 1,465</i>	***	***	***	***	***
<b>Frequency of attendance at Mass generally</b>					
At least once a week	6	12	18	5	70
Less than weekly	4	6	14	11	75
<i>N = 1,556</i>		**		**	

**Statistical Note:**

Results have been weighted so that they better reflect the distribution of Church attenders across Australia.

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

Percentages across each row add to more than 100% because respondents could choose more than one option.

Statistical significance is shown as follows:

\*\*\*  $p < 0.001$

\*\*  $p < 0.01$

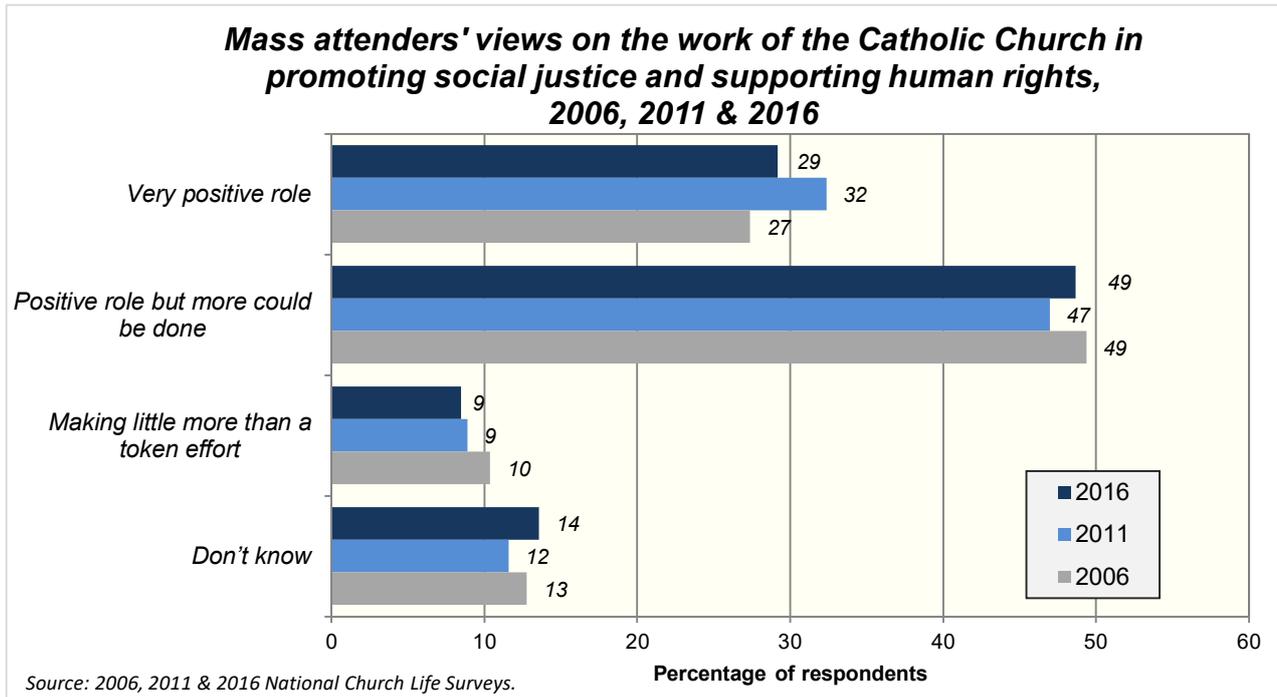
\*  $p < 0.05$

**Question 26:**

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

(1,629 responses)

	2016 (%)	2011 (%)	2006 * (%)
The Church is playing a very positive role	29	32	27
The Church is playing a positive role but much more could be done	49	47	49
The Church is making little more than a token effort	9	9	10
Don't know	14	12	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>



\* Note: The 2006 question had an additional response 'The Church is doing nothing', which was answered by 0.6 per cent of Mass attenders. For comparison, it has been added to the previous response 'The Church is playing a positive role but more could be done, which was answered by 9.8 per cent of attenders.

Question	Very positive role (%)	Positive role but more could be done (%)	Making little more than a token effort (%)	Don't know (%)
<b>Demographic characteristics</b>				
<b>Age</b>				
15-29 years	31	52	5	13
30-49 years	32	48	7	14
50-69 years	32	48	10	11
70 years and over	24	51	10	15
<i>N = 1,584</i>				
<i>Not significant</i>				
<b>Sex</b>				
Female	28	51	7	15
Male	31	46	12	12
<i>N = 1,598</i>				
<i>Significant at <math>p &lt; 0.01</math> level</i>				
<b>State / Territory</b>				
New South Wales & Australian Capital Territory	28	47	9	16
Victoria & Tasmania	27	52	9	12
Queensland	34	47	7	11
South Australia & Northern Territory	36	50	6	9
Western Australia	30	43	10	18
<i>N = 1,629</i>				
<i>Not significant</i>				
<b>Marital Status</b>				
Never Married	28	52	10	10
Married	31	48	9	12
Separated / Divorced	26	55	6	14
Widowed	25	49	2	24
<i>N = 1,586</i>				
<i>Significant at <math>p &lt; 0.001</math> level</i>				
<b>Type of primary school attended</b>				
Catholic	29	51	9	11
Government	29	46	7	18
Other	28	53	6	13
<i>N = 1,435</i>				
<i>Not significant</i>				
<b>Type of secondary school attended</b>				
Catholic	29	51	9	11
Government	32	46	7	15
Other	20	55	7	17
<i>N = 1,462</i>				
<i>Not significant</i>				
<b>Level of Education</b>				
No Post Secondary	29	44	7	20
Diploma / Trade Certificate	28	49	8	15
Degree or Higher	31	53	9	7
<i>N = 1,598</i>				
<i>Significant at <math>p &lt; 0.001</math> level</i>				
<b>Birthplace</b>				
Australia	28	52	9	12
Other English speaking country	35	45	7	14
Non-English speaking country	30	44	9	17
<i>N = 1,598</i>				
<i>Not significant</i>				

Question	Very positive role (%)	Positive role but more could be done (%)	Making little more than a token effort (%)	Don't know (%)
<b>Mother's birthplace</b>				
Australia	27	54	9	10
Other English speaking country	28	47	8	17
Non-English speaking country (NESC)	32	45	8	16
<i>N = 1,561</i>				
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.01 level</i>				
<b>Father's birthplace</b>				
Australia	27	54	8	11
Other English speaking country	27	52	9	12
Non-English speaking country (NESC)	31	45	9	15
<i>N = 1,552</i>				
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.05 level</i>				
<b>Birthplace of both parents</b>				
Both parents born in Australia	27	55	7	10
One parent born in Australia	27	45	14	14
Both parents born in Non-English speaking country	32	45	8	15
Other	27	48	8	16
<i>N = 1,543</i>				
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.05 level</i>				
<b>Language spoken at home</b>				
English only	27	51	9	13
English plus other language(s)	32	45	7	16
Non-English language(s) only	40	33	13	13
<i>N = 1,605</i>				
<i>Not significant</i>				
<b>When did you become Catholic?</b>				
Infancy	29	49	8	14
Childhood	36	43	14	7
Teenage years	19	69	6	6
Adulthood	32	45	9	14
Not a Catholic	33	37	22	7
<i>N = 1,608</i>				
<i>Not significant</i>				
<b>Spouse or partner Catholic?</b>				
Yes	31	48	9	12
No	31	44	10	16
Not applicable	24	56	7	13
<i>N = 1,521</i>				
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.05 level</i>				
<b>Participation in the parish</b>				
<b>Involvement in parish groups, ministries or activities</b>				
Is involved	30	54	6	10
Is not involved	29	46	10	15
<i>N = 1,538</i>				
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.01 level</i>				
<b>Involvement in parish outreach activities</b>				
Is involved	31	54	7	8
Is not involved	29	47	9	15
<i>N = 1,523</i>				
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.001 level</i>				
<b>Sense of belonging to the parish</b>				
Strong and growing	34	49	5	12
Stable	30	49	7	14
Weakening	23	50	17	11
Not a strong sense of belonging	23	48	13	16
Don't know	18	45	11	26

<b>Question</b>	<b>Very positive role (%)</b>	<b>Positive role but more could be done (%)</b>	<b>Making little more than a token effort (%)</b>	<b>Don't know (%)</b>
<i>N = 1,544</i>				
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.001 level</i>				
<b>Importance of parish community</b>				
Very / extremely important	34	48	6	13
Quite important	23	52	9	15
A little / not important	22	44	18	15
<i>N = 1,571</i>				
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.001 level</i>				
<b>Leadership role in parish</b>				
Yes	29	56	6	9
No	30	44	10	16
<i>N = 1,469</i>				
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.001 level</i>				
<b>Frequency of attendance at Mass generally</b>				
At least once a week	29	50	8	13
Less than weekly	31	41	12	16
<i>N = 1,611</i>				
<i>Not significant</i>				

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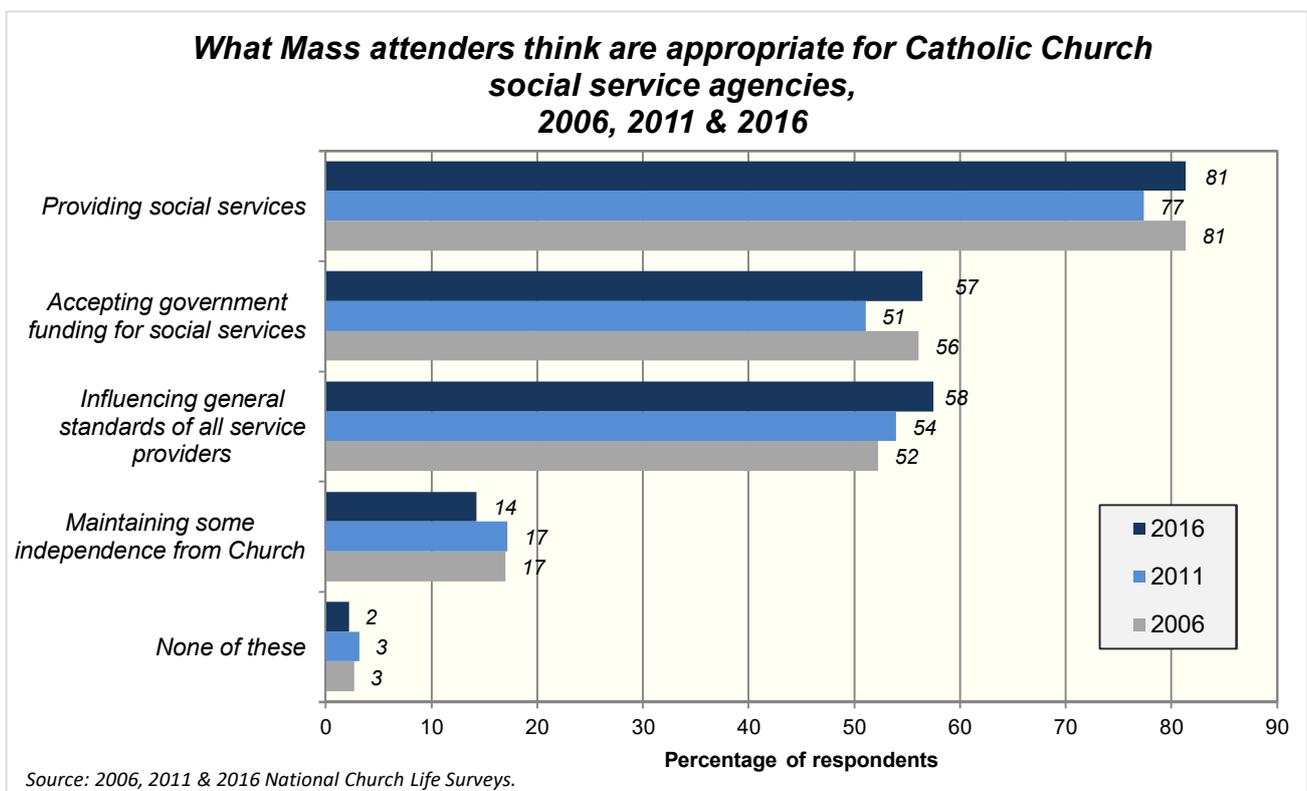
Percentages add to 100 across each row.

**Question 27:**

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

(3,332 responses from 1,599 respondents - percentages add to more than 100 because respondents could mark all that applied. Comparison figures come from the 2011 & 2006 National Church Life Surveys.)

	<b>2016 (%)</b>	<b>2011 (%)</b>	<b>2006 (%)</b>
<i>Providing social services, such as aged care and employment assistance</i>	81	77	81
<i>Accepting government funding for social services provided by the Church</i>	57	51	56
<i>Influencing general standards required of all service providers across a particular sector (eg, aged care or employment assistance)</i>	58	54	52
<i>Maintaining some independence from the wider Church</i>	14	17	17
<i>None of the above</i>	2	3	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>210</b>



Question	Providing social services (%)	Accepting government funding for social services (%)	Influencing general standards of all service providers (%)	Maintaining some independence from Church (%)	None of these (%)
<b>Demographic characteristics</b>					
<b>Age</b>					
15-29 years	68	45	49	18	7
30-49 years	81	52	52	20	3
50-69 years	84	62	65	14	1
70 years and over	83	56	57	10	1
<i>N</i> = 1,556	***	**	***	***	***
<b>Sex</b>					
Female	82	58	60	13	2
Male	81	55	54	17	3
<i>N</i> = 1,569			*	*	
<b>State / Territory</b>					
New South Wales & Australian Capital Territory	81	54	57	14	3
Victoria & Tasmania	81	61	57	15	2
Queensland	85	58	60	11	2
South Australia & Northern Territory	78	54	60	17	2
Western Australia	77	51	51	18	4
<i>N</i> = 1,599					
<b>Marital Status</b>					
Never Married	76	57	59	15	4
Married	82	57	58	15	2
Separated / Divorced	83	52	67	11	2
Widowed	89	61	55	13	1
<i>N</i> = 1,544	**				
<b>Type of primary school attended</b>					
Catholic	84	59	60	13	2
Government	80	56	58	19	2
Other	77	51	46	6	5
<i>N</i> = 1,410				**	
<b>Type of secondary school attended</b>					
Catholic	83	58	58	13	3
Government	79	57	60	17	1
Other	78	53	55	16	1
<i>N</i> = 1,435					
<b>Level of Education</b>					
No Post Secondary	78	51	51	13	3
Diploma / Trade Certificate	83	56	56	12	3
Degree or Higher	83	63	65	16	1
<i>N</i> = 1,565		***	***		
<b>Birthplace</b>					
Australia	82	60	62	12	2
Other English speaking country	88	56	53	11	3
Non-English speaking country	81	51	53	19	2
<i>N</i> = 1,565		**	**	**	

Question	Providing social services (%)	Accepting government funding for social services (%)	Influencing general standards of all service providers (%)	Maintaining some independence from Church (%)	None of these (%)
<b>Mother's birthplace</b>					
Australia	83	63	64	12	2
Other English speaking country	90	55	64	11	1
Non-English speaking country (NESC)	79	51	53	18	3
<i>N = 1,530</i>	*	***	***	**	
<b>Father's birthplace</b>					
Australia	84	64	64	12	1
Other English speaking country	88	54	63	11	0
Non-English speaking country (NESC)	79	51	53	18	4
<i>N = 1,521</i>	**	***	***	**	***
<b>Birthplace of both parents</b>					
Both parents born in Australia	84	65	64	12	1
One parent born in Australia	79	51	60	13	6
Both parents born in Non-English speaking country	80	51	53	18	3
Other	88	54	65	11	1
<i>N = 1,513</i>		***	***	*	**
<b>Language spoken at home</b>					
English only	84	60	62	13	2
English plus other language(s)	77	49	50	18	3
Non-English language(s) only	75	65	35	19	4
<i>N = 1,573</i>	**	***	***	**	
<b>When did you become Catholic?</b>					
Infancy	82	57	57	14	2
Childhood	75	31	51	20	1
Teenage years	91	73	49	20	0
Adulthood	80	55	69	16	3
Not a Catholic	86	53	60	23	0
<i>N = 1,579</i>		**			
<b>Spouse or partner Catholic?</b>					
Yes	83	54	56	14	1
No	77	65	67	15	5
Not applicable	82	56	60	13	3
<i>N = 1,493</i>		*	*		**
<b>Participation in the parish</b>					
<b>Involvement in parish groups, ministries or activities</b>					
Is involved	87	66	65	16	1
Is not involved	80	53	54	14	3
<i>N = 1,506</i>	**	***	***		*
<b>Involvement in parish outreach activities</b>					
Is involved	86	64	65	15	1
Is not involved	80	54	55	15	3
<i>N = 1,487</i>	**	***	***		*
<b>Sense of belonging to the parish</b>					
Strong and growing	85	59	60	12	1
Stable	82	62	60	14	2
Weakening	79	54	51	17	2
Not a strong sense of belonging	77	48	54	15	6
Don't know	67	27	40	35	4
<i>N = 1,513</i>	**	***	*	**	***

Question	Providing social services (%)	Accepting government funding for social services (%)	Influencing general standards of all service providers (%)	Maintaining some independence from Church (%)	None of these (%)
<b>Importance of parish community</b>					
Very / extremely important	84	59	61	13	1
Quite important	81	60	56	16	2
A little / not important	77	42	47	18	7
<i>N = 1,539</i>		***	**		***
<b>Leadership role in parish</b>					
Yes	85	62	67	14	1
No	80	54	53	15	4
<i>N = 1,440</i>	*	**	***		***
<b>Frequency of attendance at Mass generally</b>					
At least once a week	82	57	58	13	2
Less than weekly	76	53	52	23	4
<i>N = 1,581</i>	*			***	*

**Statistical Note:**

*Results have been weighted so that they better reflect the distribution of Church attenders across Australia.*

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

*Percentages across each row add to more than 100% because respondents could choose more than one option.*

*Statistical significance is shown as follows:*

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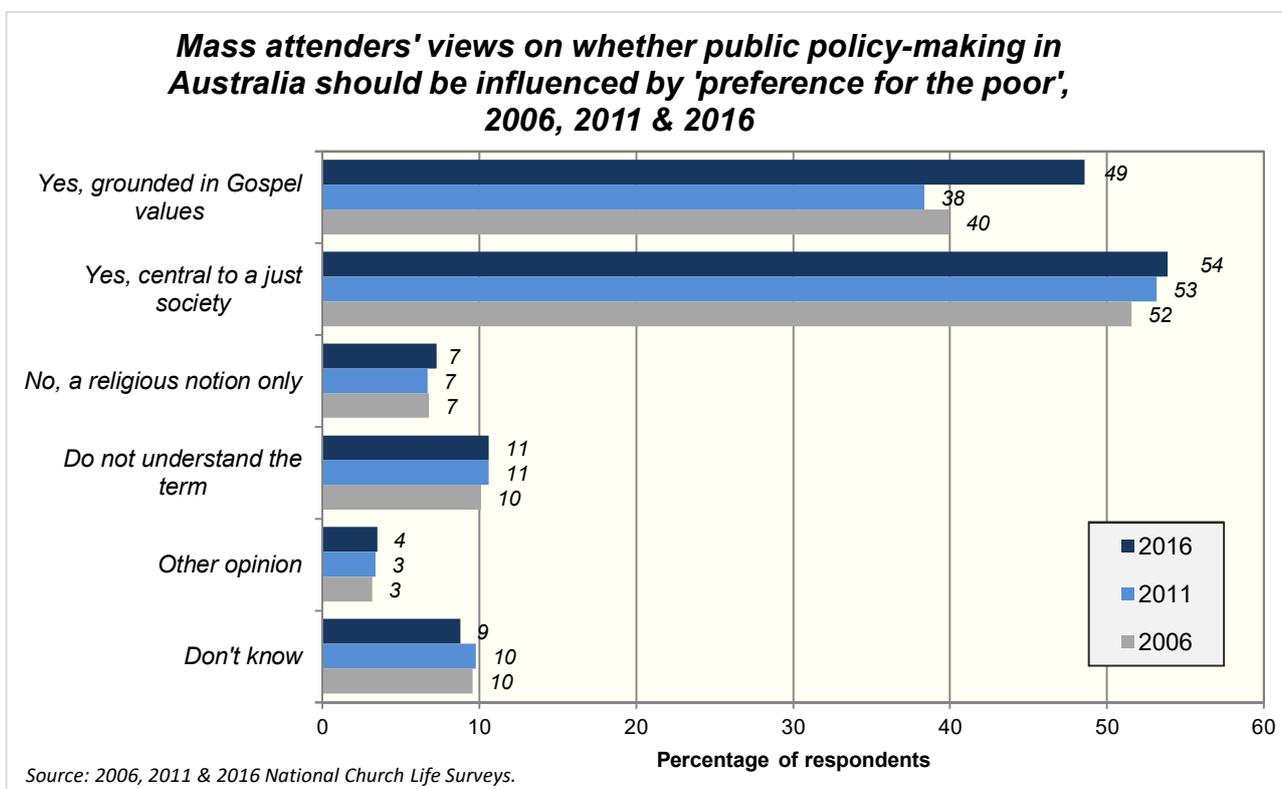
*\*  $p < 0.05$*

**Question 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)**

(2,155 responses from 1,611 respondents - percentages add to more than 100 because respondents could mark all that applied. Comparison figures come from the 2011 & 2006 National Church Life Surveys.)

	2016 (%)	2011 (%)	2006 (%)
Yes, because this principle is firmly grounded in Gospel values	49	38	40
Yes, because this principle is central to the idea of a just and fair society	54	53	52
No, because this is a religious notion which has no place in government decision-making in Australia	7	7	7
Not sure, because I do not understand what is meant by "preference for the poor"	11	11	10
I have another opinion not mentioned above	4	3	3
Don't know	9	10	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>121</b>



Question	Yes, grounded in Gospel values (%)	Yes, central to a just society (%)	No, a religious notion only (%)	Do not understand the term (%)	Other opinion (%)	Don't know (%)
<b>Demographic characteristics</b>						
<b>Age</b>						
15-29 years	26	52	12	7	5	18
30-49 years	42	46	8	12	5	10
50-69 years	52	57	5	10	3	7
70 years and over	56	57	8	11	3	7
<i>N</i> = 1,566	***	*				***
<b>Sex</b>						
Female	46	56	8	10	3	10
Male	53	51	7	10	4	8
<i>N</i> = 1,580	*					
<b>State / Territory</b>						
New South Wales & Australian Capital Territory	48	52	9	10	3	10
Victoria & Tasmania	47	54	5	13	4	8
Queensland	50	58	8	9	4	8
South Australia & Northern Territory	60	51	4	10	1	6
Western Australia	47	60	2	12	5	9
<i>N</i> = 1,611						
<b>Marital Status</b>						
Never Married	42	60	8	10	2	12
Married	48	53	8	11	3	8
Separated / Divorced	60	65	0	10	8	5
Widowed	60	49	6	10	4	10
<i>N</i> = 1,568	***	*				
<b>Type of primary school attended</b>						
Catholic	48	58	7	9	4	8
Government	50	54	9	13	3	9
Other	51	38	4	18	1	10
<i>N</i> = 1,421		*		*		
<b>Type of secondary school attended</b>						
Catholic	48	56	7	10	4	8
Government	50	52	8	11	3	12
Other	49	45	6	18	0	6
<i>N</i> = 1,445						*
<b>Level of Education</b>						
No Post Secondary	41	48	8	13	4	14
Diploma / Trade Certificate	56	58	5	10	2	6
Degree or Higher	51	58	8	9	4	6
<i>N</i> = 1,578	***	**				***
<b>Birthplace</b>						
Australia	47	59	6	11	3	7
Other English speaking country	56	60	7	7	4	8
Non-English speaking country	49	45	9	11	5	11
<i>N</i> = 1,580		***			*	

Question	Yes, grounded in Gospel values (%)	Yes, central to a just society (%)	No, a religious notion only (%)	Do not understand the term (%)	Other opinion (%)	Don't know (%)
<b>Mother's birthplace</b>						
Australia	48	61	6	10	3	7
Other English speaking country	65	60	6	6	4	6
Non-English speaking country (NESC)	47	48	8	11	4	11
<i>N = 1,540</i>	**	***				*
<b>Father's birthplace</b>						
Australia	50	62	5	11	2	6
Other English speaking country	60	56	7	9	4	7
Non-English speaking country (NESC)	45	47	8	11	4	12
<i>N = 1,534</i>	*	***				***
<b>Birthplace of both parents</b>						
Both parents born in Australia	49	62	5	11	2	6
One parent born in Australia	46	51	13	6	3	11
Both parents born in Non-English speaking country	47	48	8	11	4	11
Other	63	59	8	7	4	7
<i>N = 1,525</i>	*	***	*			*
<b>Language spoken at home</b>						
English only	49	58	7	11	3	7
English plus other language(s)	47	47	9	10	4	13
Non-English language(s) only	48	41	4	20	1	13
<i>N = 1,585</i>		***				***
<b>When did you become Catholic?</b>						
Infancy	48	55	7	10	3	9
Childhood	42	48	6	9	7	13
Teenage years	37	47	7	30	0	6
Adulthood	54	49	9	14	2	8
Not a Catholic	67	67	9	6	3	8
<i>N = 1,589</i>						
<b>Spouse or partner Catholic?</b>						
Yes	50	51	8	11	4	7
No	46	55	8	9	4	10
Not applicable	47	60	6	11	4	11
<i>N = 1,504</i>		*				
<b>Participation in the parish</b>						
<b>Involvement in parish groups, ministries or activities</b>						
Is involved	63	62	5	7	2	7
Is not involved	41	50	8	12	5	10
<i>N = 1,518</i>	***	***	**	***	*	
<b>Involvement in parish outreach activities</b>						
Is involved	63	65	5	8	2	4
Is not involved	42	49	8	12	4	11
<i>N = 1,503</i>	***	***		*		***
<b>Sense of belonging to the parish</b>						
Strong and growing	56	56	6	7	3	8
Stable	47	56	7	13	2	9
Weakening	37	57	10	12	5	5
Not a strong sense of belonging	40	42	11	13	8	13
Don't know	29	41	5	14	11	15
<i>N = 1,522</i>	***	**		*	***	*

Question	Yes, grounded in Gospel values (%)	Yes, central to a just society (%)	No, a religious notion only (%)	Do not understand the term (%)	Other opinion (%)	Don't know (%)
<b>Importance of parish community</b>						
Very / extremely important	55	54	7	10	3	8
Quite important	42	56	6	10	4	9
A little / not important	33	50	11	13	7	13
<i>N = 1,549</i>	***				**	
<b>Leadership role in parish</b>						
Yes	58	62	6	8	3	5
No	41	50	7	13	4	12
<i>N = 1,452</i>	***	***	**			***
<b>Frequency of attendance at Mass generally</b>						
At least once a week	50	55	7	10	4	9
Less than weekly	35	48	12	13	3	10
<i>N = 1,593</i>	***	*	*			

**Statistical Note:**

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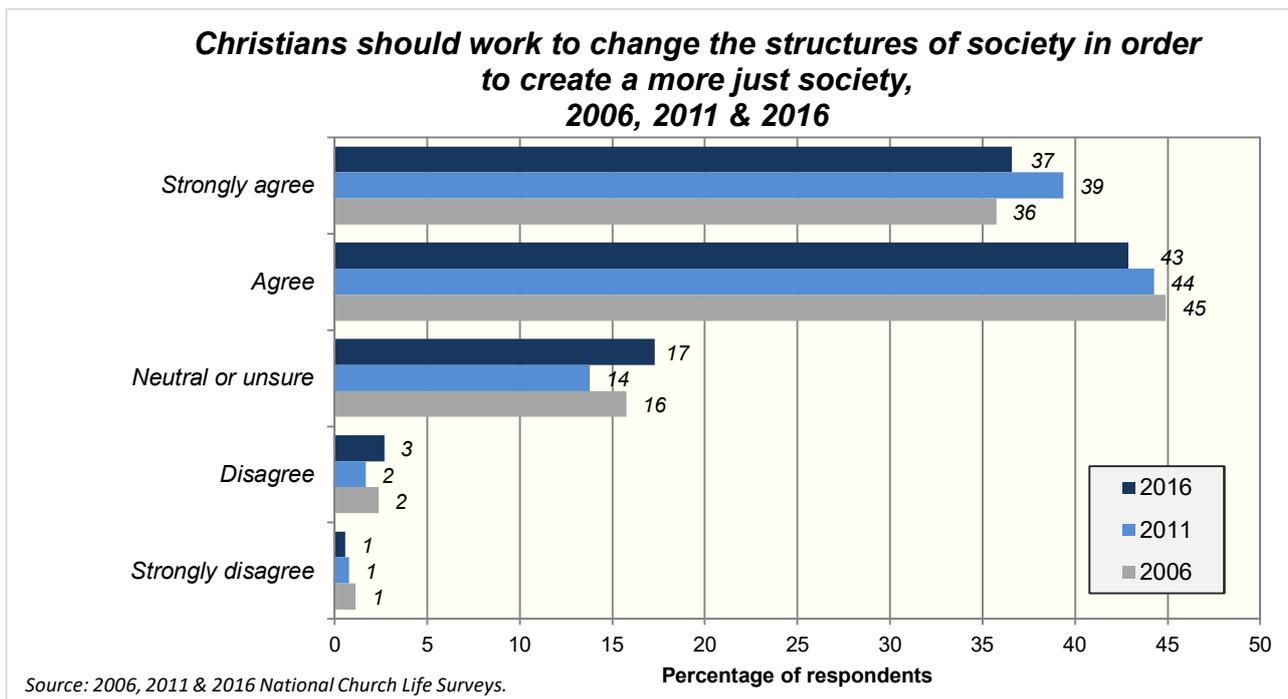
\*  $p < 0.05$

**Question 29:**

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

(1,622 responses)

	<b>2016</b> (%)	<b>2011</b> (%)	<b>2006</b> (%)
Strongly agree	37	39	36
Agree	43	44	45
Neutral or unsure	17	14	16
Disagree	3	2	2
Strongly disagree	1	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>



Question	Strongly agree (%)	Agree (%)	Neutral or unsure (%)	Disagree (%)	Strongly disagree (%)
<b>Demographic characteristics</b>					
<b>Age</b>					
15-29 years	23	43	29	5	0
30-49 years	29	45	21	3	2
50-69 years	43	40	14	3	0
70 years and over	40	46	13	1	0
<i>N = 1,579</i>					
<i>Significant at <math>p &lt; 0.001</math> level</i>					
<b>Sex</b>					
Female	35	43	19	2	0
Male	39	42	14	4	1
<i>N = 1,592</i>					
<i>Significant at <math>p &lt; 0.05</math> level</i>					
<b>State / Territory</b>					
New South Wales & Australian Capital Territory	39	42	16	2	1
Victoria & Tasmania	33	46	17	3	1
Queensland	38	41	18	3	0
South Australia & Northern Territory	34	38	26	2	0
Western Australia	38	43	15	5	0
<i>N = 1,622</i>					
<i>Not significant</i>					
<b>Marital Status</b>					
Never Married	34	44	18	4	0
Married	37	44	17	2	1
Separated / Divorced	48	34	15	1	1
Widowed	34	44	20	2	1
<i>N = 1,580</i>					
<i>Not significant</i>					
<b>Type of primary school attended</b>					
Catholic	38	44	16	2	0
Government	35	43	17	3	1
Other	23	38	29	10	0
<i>N = 1,429</i>					
<i>Significant at <math>p &lt; 0.001</math> level</i>					
<b>Type of secondary school attended</b>					
Catholic	37	44	16	2	1
Government	38	40	19	3	0
Other	32	41	20	7	0
<i>N = 1,457</i>					
<i>Not significant</i>					
<b>Level of Education</b>					
No Post Secondary	30	47	21	2	0
Diploma / Trade Certificate	38	43	16	2	0
Degree or Higher	41	40	15	4	1
<i>N = 1,588</i>					
<i>Significant at <math>p &lt; 0.001</math> level</i>					
<b>Birthplace</b>					
Australia	38	45	14	2	0
Other English speaking country	46	33	22	0	0
Non-English speaking country	32	42	21	4	1
<i>N = 1,591</i>					
<i>Significant at <math>p &lt; 0.01</math> level</i>					

Question	Strongly agree (%)	Agree (%)	Neutral or unsure (%)	Disagree (%)	Strongly disagree (%)
<b>Mother's birthplace</b>					
Australia	40	45	13	2	0
Other English speaking country	53	32	15	0	0
Non-English speaking country (NESC)	31	44	21	3	1
<i>N = 1,544</i>					
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.001 level</i>					
<b>Father's birthplace</b>					
Australia	41	45	12	2	0
Other English speaking country	47	36	17	0	0
Non-English speaking country (NESC)	30	44	21	3	1
<i>N = 1,546</i>					
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.001 level</i>					
<b>Birthplace of both parents</b>					
Both parents born in Australia	40	45	13	2	0
One parent born in Australia	42	39	15	0	4
Both parents born in Non-English speaking country	30	45	21	4	1
Other	49	34	17	0	0
<i>N = 1,537</i>					
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.001 level</i>					
<b>Language spoken at home</b>					
English only	39	44	15	2	1
English plus other language(s)	31	42	22	4	1
Non-English language(s) only	37	50	13	0	0
<i>N = 1,598</i>					
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.05 level</i>					
<b>When did you become Catholic?</b>					
Infancy	37	43	17	3	1
Childhood	24	43	28	2	2
Teenage years	24	41	35	0	0
Adulthood	40	39	18	3	0
Not a Catholic	38	38	23	0	0
<i>N = 1,603</i>					
<i>Not significant</i>					
<b>Spouse or partner Catholic?</b>					
Yes	37	44	17	2	0
No	35	42	18	3	1
Not applicable	37	41	19	3	1
<i>N = 1,515</i>					
<i>Not significant</i>					
<b>Participation in the parish</b>					
<b>Involvement in parish groups, ministries or activities</b>					
Is involved	32	43	21	3	1
Is not involved	45	43	9	2	0
<i>N = 1,530</i>					
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.001 level</i>					
<b>Involvement in parish outreach activities</b>					
Is involved	32	43	22	3	1
Is not involved	48	42	8	2	0
<i>N = 1,515</i>					
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.001 level</i>					
<b>Sense of belonging to the parish</b>					
Strong and growing	41	41	15	2	1
Stable	34	46	16	4	0
Weakening	24	55	20	1	0
Not a strong sense of belonging	35	38	22	3	1
Don't know	23	38	38	0	0
<i>N = 1,536</i>					
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.001 level</i>					

Question	Strongly agree (%)	Agree (%)	Neutral or unsure (%)	Disagree (%)	Strongly disagree (%)
<b>Importance of parish community</b>					
Very / extremely important	40	42	15	2	1
Quite important	34	45	18	3	0
A little / not important	26	45	25	3	2
<i>N = 1,565</i>					
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.01 level</i>					
<b>Leadership role in parish</b>					
Yes	32	41	23	3	1
No	43	44	10	2	0
<i>N = 1,463</i>					
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.001 level</i>					
<b>Frequency of attendance at Mass generally</b>					
At least once a week	37	44	16	2	1
Less than weekly	28	45	25	2	1
<i>N = 1,604</i>					
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.05 level</i>					

**Statistical Note:**

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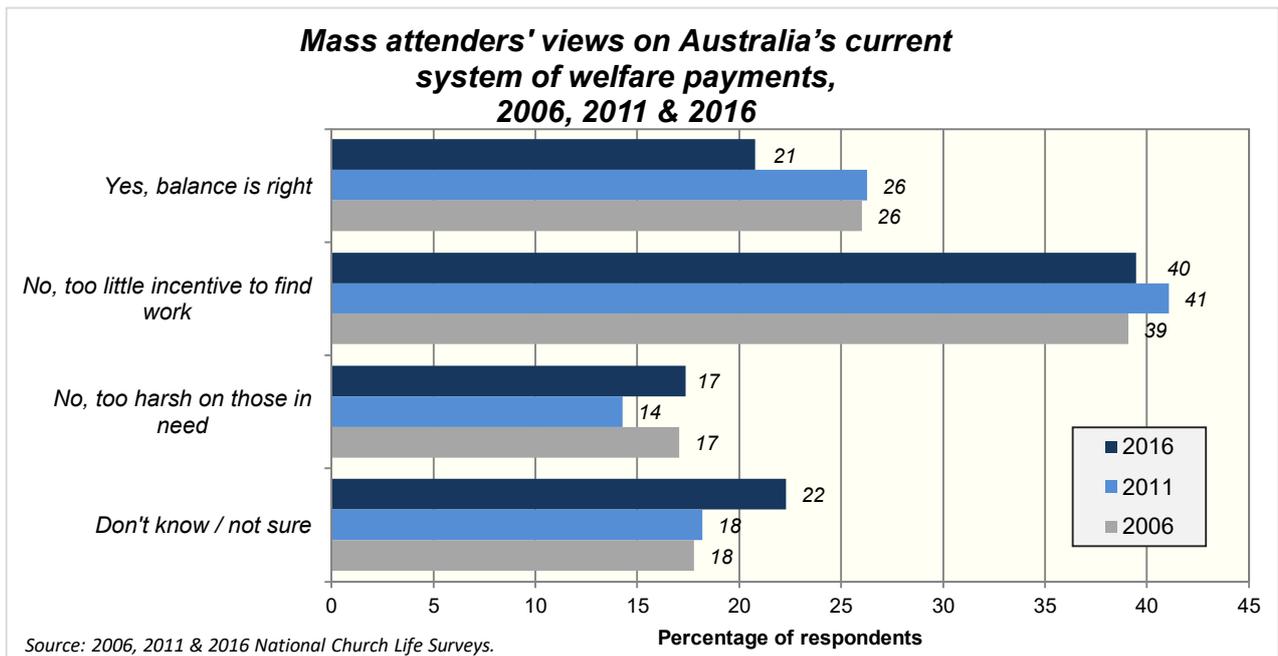
Percentages add to 100 across each row.

**Question 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?**

(1,547 responses)

	<b>2016</b> <b>(%)</b>	<b>2011</b> <b>(%)</b>	<b>2006</b> <b>(%)</b>
Yes, the balance is about right	21	26	26
No, because it provides too much incentive to remain on benefits and too little incentive for people to find work	40	41	39
No, because it is too harsh on those in need and does not sufficiently acknowledge the difficulties they face	17	14	17
Don't know / Not sure	22	18	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>



Question	Yes, balance is right (%)	No, too little incentive to find work (%)	No, too harsh on those in need (%)	Don't know / not sure (%)
<b>Demographic characteristics</b>				
<b>Age</b>				
15-29 years	16	28	13	44
30-49 years	18	38	15	29
50-69 years	22	40	19	20
70 years and over	23	45	18	14
<i>N = 1,504</i>				
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.001 level</i>				
<b>Sex</b>				
Female	17	41	19	24
Male	27	39	15	19
<i>N = 1,519</i>				
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.001 level</i>				
<b>State / Territory</b>				
New South Wales & Australian Capital Territory	21	44	15	20
Victoria & Tasmania	19	38	18	25
Queensland	21	38	20	21
South Australia & Northern Territory	25	26	21	29
Western Australia	25	40	18	18
<i>N = 1,547</i>				
<i>Not significant</i>				
<b>Marital Status</b>				
Never Married	16	31	20	33
Married	21	42	16	21
Separated / Divorced	17	38	33	13
Widowed	28	41	12	19
<i>N = 1,510</i>				
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.001 level</i>				
<b>Type of primary school attended</b>				
Catholic	19	41	20	20
Government	24	39	15	22
Other	18	41	7	34
<i>N = 1,369</i>				
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.05 level</i>				
<b>Type of secondary school attended</b>				
Catholic	20	42	18	20
Government	25	35	15	25
Other	18	35	18	28
<i>N = 1,392</i>				
<i>Not significant</i>				
<b>Level of Education</b>				
No Post Secondary	21	39	17	22
Diploma / Trade Certificate	22	45	13	20
Degree or Higher	20	37	20	23
<i>N = 1,515</i>				
<i>Not significant</i>				
<b>Birthplace</b>				
Australia	18	42	20	19
Other English speaking country	27	24	33	17
Non-English speaking country	25	39	9	27
<i>N = 1,521</i>				
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.001 level</i>				

Question	Yes, balance is right (%)	No, too little incentive to find work (%)	No, too harsh on those in need (%)	Don't know / not sure (%)
<b>Mother's birthplace</b>				
Australia	18	44	21	18
Other English speaking country	20	28	31	20
Non-English speaking country (NESC)	23	38	11	28
<i>N = 1,486</i>				
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.001 level</i>				
<b>Father's birthplace</b>				
Australia	18	43	20	19
Other English speaking country	18	30	32	20
Non-English speaking country (NESC)	24	38	12	26
<i>N = 1,478</i>				
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.001 level</i>				
<b>Birthplace of both parents</b>				
Both parents born in Australia	19	43	20	18
One parent born in Australia	14	43	21	23
Both parents born in Non-English speaking country	24	38	11	27
Other	20	27	33	20
<i>N = 1,473</i>				
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.001 level</i>				
<b>Language spoken at home</b>				
English only	18	43	20	18
English plus other language(s)	27	32	11	30
Non-English language(s) only	8	48	4	40
<i>N = 1,527</i>				
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.001 level</i>				
<b>When did you become Catholic?</b>				
Infancy	21	40	16	23
Childhood	20	35	33	13
Teenage years	12	59	18	12
Adulthood	21	35	24	20
Not a Catholic	20	52	20	8
<i>N = 1,527</i>				
<i>Not significant</i>				
<b>Spouse or partner Catholic?</b>				
Yes	23	41	16	20
No	16	44	15	26
Not applicable	18	36	21	25
<i>N = 1,440</i>				
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.05 level</i>				
<b>Participation in the parish</b>				
<b>Involvement in parish groups, ministries or activities</b>				
Is involved	25	37	18	20
Is not involved	18	40	17	24
<i>N = 1,465</i>				
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.05 level</i>				
<b>Involvement in parish outreach activities</b>				
Is involved	24	36	22	18
Is not involved	19	42	15	25
<i>N = 1,450</i>				
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.001 level</i>				
<b>Sense of belonging to the parish</b>				
Strong and growing	22	40	15	24
Stable	20	41	19	20
Weakening	25	35	22	18
Not a strong sense of belonging	16	40	18	26
Don't know	15	35	6	44
<i>N = 1,469</i>				
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.05 level</i>				

<b>Question</b>	<b>Yes, balance is right</b> (%)	<b>No, too little incentive to find work</b> (%)	<b>No, too harsh on those in need</b> (%)	<b>Don't know / not sure</b> (%)
<b>Importance of parish community</b>				
Very / extremely important	21	39	17	22
Quite important	17	42	17	24
A little / not important	26	37	17	20
<i>N = 1,491</i>				
<i>Not significant</i>				
<b>Leadership role in parish</b>				
Yes	20	40	22	17
No	20	39	14	27
<i>N = 1,398</i>				
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.001 level</i>				
<b>Frequency of attendance at Mass generally</b>				
At least once a week	21	40	16	23
Less than weekly	16	36	24	24
<i>N = 1,527</i>				
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.05 level</i>				

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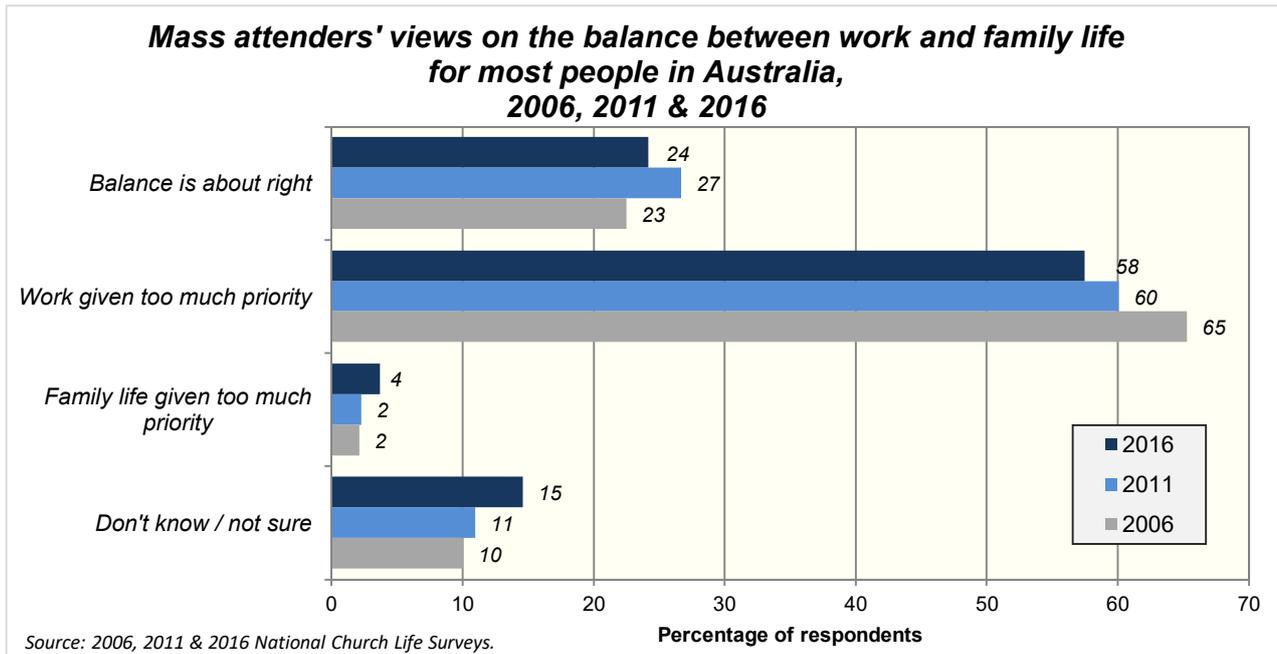
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**Question 62:**

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

(1,539 responses)

	2016 (%)	2011 (%)	2006 (%)
The current balance is about right	24	27	23
Work gets too much priority, so that family life suffers	58	60	65
Family life is given too much priority relative to work obligations	4	2	2
Don't know / Not sure	15	11	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>



Question	Balance is about right (%)	Work given too much priority (%)	Family life given too much priority (%)	Don't know / Not sure (%)
<b>Demographic characteristics</b>				
<b>Age</b>				
15-29 years	18	60	2	20
30-49 years	23	60	5	11
50-69 years	22	65	4	9
70 years and over	30	47	3	20
<i>N = 1,494</i>				
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.001 level</i>				
<b>Sex</b>				
Female	20	62	3	15
Male	32	51	4	13
<i>N = 1,511</i>				
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.001 level</i>				
<b>State / Territory</b>				
New South Wales & Australian Capital Territory	25	59	3	13
Victoria & Tasmania	23	55	5	16
Queensland	23	58	3	15
South Australia & Northern Territory	22	56	6	16
Western Australia	32	51	2	15
<i>N = 1,539</i>				
<i>Not significant</i>				
<b>Marital Status</b>				
Never Married	19	60	1	19
Married	26	58	4	13
Separated / Divorced	28	55	7	10
Widowed	22	52	6	21
<i>N = 1,503</i>				
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.01 level</i>				
<b>Type of primary school attended</b>				
Catholic	24	59	3	13
Government	24	54	5	17
Other	23	61	0	16
<i>N = 1,358</i>				
<i>Not significant</i>				
<b>Type of secondary school attended</b>				
Catholic	24	60	3	13
Government	26	55	6	13
Other	26	57	2	15
<i>N = 1,385</i>				
<i>Not significant</i>				
<b>Level of Education</b>				
No Post Secondary	24	50	4	22
Diploma / Trade Certificate	25	60	2	13
Degree or Higher	24	62	5	9
<i>N = 1,506</i>				
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.001 level</i>				
<b>Birthplace</b>				
Australia	22	63	2	13
Other English speaking country	23	63	3	10
Non-English speaking country	28	48	5	18
<i>N = 1,513</i>				
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.001 level</i>				

Question	Balance is about right (%)	Work given too much priority (%)	Family life given too much priority (%)	Don't know / Not sure (%)
<b>Mother's birthplace</b>				
Australia	22	63	2	12
Other English speaking country	20	67	4	9
Non-English speaking country (NESC)	27	51	5	17
<i>N = 1,475</i>				
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.001 level</i>				
<b>Father's birthplace</b>				
Australia	23	62	3	13
Other English speaking country	17	69	5	9
Non-English speaking country (NESC)	28	51	5	17
<i>N = 1,466</i>				
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.001 level</i>				
<b>Birthplace of both parents</b>				
Both parents born in Australia	23	62	3	12
One parent born in Australia	17	68	1	14
Both parents born in Non-English speaking country	28	51	5	17
Other	18	69	3	9
<i>N = 1,460</i>				
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.001 level</i>				
<b>Language spoken at home</b>				
English only	22	62	3	13
English plus other language(s)	28	50	6	17
Non-English language(s) only	31	38	0	31
<i>N = 1,516</i>				
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.001 level</i>				
<b>When did you become Catholic?</b>				
Infancy	25	57	3	15
Childhood	21	60	7	12
Teenage years	19	44	19	19
Adulthood	20	65	7	8
Not a Catholic	31	58	0	12
<i>N = 1,517</i>				
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.05 level</i>				
<b>Spouse or partner Catholic?</b>				
Yes	25	57	5	13
No	25	61	1	12
Not applicable	21	58	2	19
<i>N = 1,433</i>				
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.01 level</i>				
<b>Participation in the parish</b>				
<b>Involvement in parish groups, ministries or activities</b>				
Is involved	24	61	3	12
Is not involved	24	57	4	15
<i>N = 1,458</i>				
<i>Not significant</i>				
<b>Involvement in parish outreach activities</b>				
Is involved	23	61	5	11
Is not involved	25	56	3	16
<i>N = 1,443</i>				
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.05 level</i>				
<b>Sense of belonging to the parish</b>				
Strong and growing	25	58	4	14
Stable	24	60	2	13
Weakening	21	61	3	16
Not a strong sense of belonging	23	57	7	13
Don't know	22	36	11	31
<i>N = 1,462</i>				
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.05 level</i>				

<b>Question</b>	<b>Balance is about right</b>	<b>Work given too much priority</b>	<b>Family life given too much priority</b>	<b>Don't know / Not sure</b>
	<b>(%)</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>(%)</b>
<b>Importance of parish community</b>				
Very / extremely important	27	56	5	13
Quite important	19	62	3	16
A little / not important	24	54	2	19
<i>N = 1,483</i>				
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.05 level</i>				
<b>Leadership role in parish</b>				
Yes	21	64	3	11
No	26	54	4	16
<i>N = 1,392</i>				
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.001 level</i>				
<b>Frequency of attendance at Mass generally</b>				
At least once a week	25	57	3	15
Less than weekly	19	60	6	15
<i>N = 1,519</i>				
<i>Not significant</i>				

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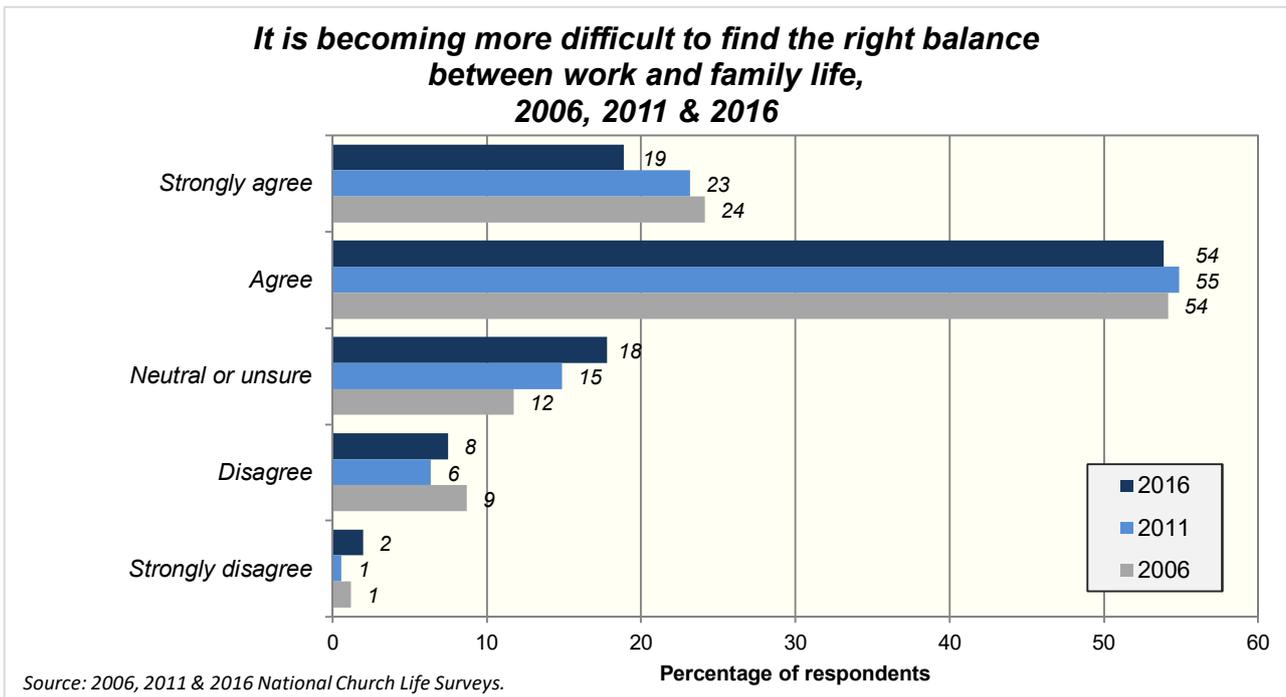
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**Question 63:**

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

(1,540 responses)

	<b>2016</b> (%)	<b>2011</b> (%)	<b>2006</b> (%)
Strongly agree	19	23	24
Agree	54	55	54
Neutral or unsure	18	15	12
Disagree	8	6	9
Strongly disagree	2	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>



Question	Strongly agree (%)	Agree (%)	Neutral or unsure (%)	Disagree (%)	Strongly disagree (%)
<b>Demographic characteristics</b>					
<b>Age</b>					
15-29 years	15	59	23	3	0
30-49 years	23	48	16	11	2
50-69 years	20	56	14	7	3
70 years and over	16	54	21	7	2
<i>N = 1,497</i>					
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.01 level</i>					
<b>Sex</b>					
Female	21	53	17	7	1
Male	15	55	19	8	3
<i>N = 1,511</i>					
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.01 level</i>					
<b>State / Territory</b>					
New South Wales & Australian Capital Territory	22	53	18	6	1
Victoria & Tasmania	13	59	18	8	2
Queensland	23	50	19	7	1
South Australia & Northern Territory	22	51	15	8	5
Western Australia	15	43	20	20	3
<i>N = 1,540</i>					
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.01 level</i>					
<b>Marital Status</b>					
Never Married	18	52	22	7	0
Married	20	53	16	8	3
Separated / Divorced	20	61	7	9	3
Widowed	14	58	23	5	1
<i>N = 1,505</i>					
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.05 level</i>					
<b>Type of primary school attended</b>					
Catholic	18	54	19	7	2
Government	19	52	16	10	2
Other	15	49	26	9	2
<i>N = 1,361</i>					
<i>Not significant</i>					
<b>Type of secondary school attended</b>					
Catholic	19	53	18	8	2
Government	17	57	15	8	3
Other	21	48	21	9	1
<i>N = 1,389</i>					
<i>Not significant</i>					
<b>Level of Education</b>					
No Post Secondary	13	57	24	5	1
Diploma / Trade Certificate	23	54	17	4	2
Degree or Higher	21	51	14	11	3
<i>N = 1,508</i>					
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.001 level</i>					
<b>Birthplace</b>					
Australia	19	57	17	6	2
Other English speaking country	22	42	27	7	2
Non-English speaking country	19	51	18	10	2
<i>N = 1,515</i>					
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.05 level</i>					

Question	Strongly agree (%)	Agree (%)	Neutral or unsure (%)	Disagree (%)	Strongly disagree (%)
<b>Mother's birthplace</b>					
Australia	19	57	17	6	2
Other English speaking country	25	42	23	8	2
Non-English speaking country (NESC)	17	52	19	10	3
<i>N = 1,476</i>					
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.05 level</i>					
<b>Father's birthplace</b>					
Australia	19	56	18	6	2
Other English speaking country	26	49	19	5	2
Non-English speaking country (NESC)	16	53	18	10	2
<i>N = 1,468</i>					
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.05 level</i>					
<b>Birthplace of both parents</b>					
Both parents born in Australia	19	56	18	5	2
One parent born in Australia	14	63	12	11	0
Both parents born in Non-English speaking country	17	52	18	10	3
Other	30	41	23	5	2
<i>N = 1,463</i>					
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.01 level</i>					
<b>Language spoken at home</b>					
English only	20	54	18	6	2
English plus other language(s)	18	52	17	11	2
Non-English language(s) only	19	54	12	12	4
<i>N = 1,518</i>					
<i>Not significant</i>					
<b>When did you become Catholic?</b>					
Infancy	18	55	19	7	2
Childhood	29	50	12	2	7
Teenage years	18	65	6	12	0
Adulthood	25	46	14	11	4
Not a Catholic	20	48	12	20	0
<i>N = 1,516</i>					
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.05 level</i>					
<b>Spouse or partner Catholic?</b>					
Yes	20	53	17	7	3
No	19	54	15	11	1
Not applicable	19	53	21	6	0
<i>N = 1,440</i>					
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.05 level</i>					
<b>Participation in the parish</b>					
<b>Involvement in parish groups, ministries or activities</b>					
Is involved	23	54	15	5	2
Is not involved	17	54	19	8	2
<i>N = 1,457</i>					
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.05 level</i>					
<b>Involvement in parish outreach activities</b>					
Is involved	21	57	13	7	3
Is not involved	18	52	20	8	2
<i>N = 1,441</i>					
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.01 level</i>					
<b>Sense of belonging to the parish</b>					
Strong and growing	19	55	16	7	2
Stable	19	54	18	7	2
Weakening	19	58	15	6	3
Not a strong sense of belonging	22	46	20	8	3
Don't know	9	49	37	6	0
<i>N = 1,460</i>					
<i>Not significant</i>					

Question	Strongly agree (%)	Agree (%)	Neutral or unsure (%)	Disagree (%)	Strongly disagree (%)
<b>Importance of parish community</b>					
Very / extremely important	20	52	17	9	2
Quite important	19	56	18	4	3
A little / not important	14	55	22	8	1
<i>N = 1,84</i>					
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.05 level</i>					
<b>Leadership role in parish</b>					
Yes	23	55	14	5	3
No	16	52	21	9	2
<i>N = 1,394</i>					
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.001 level</i>					
<b>Frequency of attendance at Mass generally</b>					
At least once a week	19	54	17	8	2
Less than weekly	15	60	20	2	2
<i>N = 1,522</i>					
<i>Significant at p &lt; 0.05 level</i>					

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Percentages add to 100 across each row.

- 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



**11. Are you a Catholic?**

*Yes, I became a Catholic when I was*

- A baby  An adult
- A child  No, I am not a Catholic
- 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
<b>13. Primary School</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>14. Secondary School</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

- Primary school  Bachelor degree from a university or equivalent institution
- Some secondary school  Postgraduate degree or diploma
- Completed secondary school
- Trade certificate
- 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?**

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

- No, I have not experienced or observed such a barrier
- 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 oppose
- Tend to support  Strongly oppose
- Mixed feelings/Neutral  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  There are very few people from other countries in our area
- Not often  Don't know/Unsure
- Sometimes
- Yes, definitely

**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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Labor (ALP)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Greens	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
One Nation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (e.g. DLP)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Don't remember	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did not vote	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

- Liberal/Nationals  Other (e.g. DLP)
- Labor (ALP)  It has varied
- Greens  Don't remember
- One Nation  I have not voted before

