



# PARISH SOCIAL PROFILE

BASED ON THE 2011 AUSTRALIAN CENSUS

**Stafford Parish**

Archdiocese of Brisbane  
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Dear Father and people of the parish,

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

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

The figures in this profile all come from the Australian Census, which is carried out every five years by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. Most of the figures come from the 2011 Census, but some comparisons are provided with 2006.

It is important to remember that the data in this profile applies to all those people living within the boundaries of your parish who identified themselves as Catholic in the Census. Census data tells us a lot about a population's demographic characteristics, but nothing at all about their religious practice.

This parish social profile, produced for every Catholic parish in Australia, is an outcome of the National Catholic Census Project established by the Bishops Conference at the time of the 1991 Census, and it is managed by the ACBC Pastoral Research Office located at the Melbourne campus of the Australian Catholic University. I am very grateful to the staff of that office for the work they do in providing demographic resources for parishes and dioceses. I also thank the team at NCLS Research for contributing their expertise to the technical production of this profile.

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

Julian Porteous  
Archbishop of Hobart  
Chair, Australian Catholic Council for Pastoral Research.

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# Know your parish community

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

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

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

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

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

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

## A SNAPSHOT OF YOUR PARISH 2011

**Total Population : 11,731**

**Catholic Population : 3,928**

**Catholics make up 33.5 per cent of the total population**

**Median age of Catholics is 38 years**

**Total Catholic families : 1,472**

**328 Catholics live alone**

**626 Catholics were born overseas**

**61 Catholics do not speak English well**

**218 Catholics need assistance with core activities**

**1,131 Catholics have changed address since 2006**

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# What has changed in your parish community since 2006?

This chart will help you identify at a glance changes in some of the key indicators for Catholics in the parish between 2006 and 2011, and may alert you to possible trends that are occurring. The 2006 and 2011 figures are drawn from the Parish Overview tables on pages 4-7. All figures in this table refer to Catholics only. The term "Catholic" in this report refers to all persons who identified themselves as Catholics in the Census, not only those who have some form of active association with the Church.

	Parish in 2006	Parish in 2011
Catholic population	3,792	3,928
Catholics aged 0-14 (%)	19	21
Catholics aged 65+ (%)	18	17
Catholics born in NESC <sup>1</sup> (%)	11	11
Catholics not proficient in English (%)	1	2
Catholic families	1,441	1,472
Catholics living alone	317	328
Catholic students attending Catholic schools (%)	66	68
Catholics with university degree (%)	17	21
Catholic males in labour force (%)	68	69
Catholic females in labour force (%)	56	58
Catholic households owning or purchasing dwelling (%)	72	71

Notes:

1. NESC = Non-English Speaking Country.

## Note on comparability with 2006 figures:

For the 2011 Census, the Australian Bureau of Statistics adopted the new Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) to replace the previous Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC). Boundary changes resulting from this change mean that, in some parishes, figures for 2006 and 2011 may not be comparable.

To compare changes in geographical boundaries for your parish between 2006 and 2011, you can visit Australian Catholic Mapping Online, accessible via the Pastoral Research Office website: [www.pro.catholic.org.au](http://www.pro.catholic.org.au)

Where parishes have been amalgamated between 2006 and 2011, the 2006 figures in this profile refer to the overall figures for the parishes involved.



# Parish Overview

**Table 1: Population** (for more detail on Population and Religion see page 9)

The Parish Profile begins by looking at the total population living within the parish boundaries, and the percentage who identified as Catholic. The rest of the figures in this overview refer only to these Catholics, except where otherwise indicated.

**Table 1**

	Parish 2011	Parish 2006	Diocese 2011	Australia 2011	Diocesan Group <sup>1</sup>	Australian Group <sup>1</sup>
<b>Population<sup>2</sup></b>						
Total population <sup>3</sup>	11,731	11,537	3,100,241	21,507,719	4	3
Catholic population	3,928	3,797	716,434	5,439,267	3	2
Per cent Catholic	33.5	32.9	23.1	25.3	1	1
At same address since previous Census (%)	61.7	64.2	50.1	57.5	1	2
Median age <sup>4</sup> (years)	38	38	37	38	2	3
Aged 0-14 (%)	21.1	19.4	20.7	20.5	3	3
Aged 65+ (%)	16.7	17.5	13.0	14.1	1	2
Males per 100 females	90.6	88.5	90.2	92.1	3	4

**Table 2: Disability** (for more detail on Disability and Carers see page 12)

Table 2 shows the percentage of Catholics who are disabled to the extent that they require assistance for some core activities (i.e. they need help or assistance with self-care, communication or mobility). It also shows the percentage of Catholics who provide unpaid assistance to a person with some form of disability.

*In what particular ways does the parish support disabled Catholics and their carers?*

**Table 2**

	Parish 2011	Parish 2006	Diocese 2011	Australia 2011	Diocesan Group <sup>1</sup>	Australian Group <sup>1</sup>
<b>Disability</b>						
Need assistance with core activities (%)	5.6	4.1	4.5	4.9	2	2
Provided unpaid assistance to a person with a disability <sup>5</sup> (% of Catholics aged 15+)	13.2	11.3	11.0	11.7	1	2

**Notes:**

1. A Diocesan (or Australian) Group value of 1 signifies that the parish is in the 20% of parishes with the highest value for this item in the diocese (or in Australia); a value of 5 signifies that the parish is in the 20% of parishes with the lowest value for this item in the diocese (or in Australia).
2. All figures in this report refer to Catholics only, except for Total Population and certain other clearly-indicated figures.
3. The population figures for the parish, diocese and Australia do not include overseas visitors.
4. Median Age: Half the Catholic population are above this age, half are below it. A Diocesan (or Australian) Group value of 1 signifies that the parish is in the 20% of parishes with the highest median age.
5. The Census asked whether a person had provided unpaid assistance to a person with a disability in the two weeks prior to the Census.





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**Table 3: Employment** (for more detail on Occupation and Employment see pages 23-25)

The extent to which people are involved in the work force and the type of work they are doing influences and shapes many aspects of the community's life.

*Have the changes in the employment status of Catholics over the last five years affected your parish?*

**Table 3**

	Parish 2011	Parish 2006	Diocese 2011	Australia 2011	Diocesan Group	Australian Group
<b>Occupation &amp; Employment</b>						
Managers and Professionals <sup>1</sup>						
(% of those recording an occupation)	<b>35.8</b>	32.5	33.2	33.0	3	3
Workers in 'blue collar' occupations <sup>2</sup>						
(% of those recording an occupation)	<b>27.3</b>	28.4	29.1	30.6	3	4
Men, employed or seeking work <sup>3</sup> (%)	<b>69.1</b>	67.6	71.3	69.6	4	3
Women, employed or seeking work <sup>3</sup> (%)	<b>58.4</b>	55.7	61.2	58.5	4	3
Unemployed at time of Census <sup>4</sup> (%)	<b>4.7</b>	3.7	5.8	5.0	3	3
Youth unemployed at time of Census <sup>5</sup> (%)	<b>9.3</b>	7.9	11.9	10.2	4	3

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

This table begins to explore the ethnic balance of the parish's Catholic community, which in itself may raise issues of communication and inclusiveness.

*How does the cultural mix of the parish compare to that of the rest of the diocese and of Australia as a whole?*

**Table 4**

	Parish 2011	Parish 2006	Diocese 2011	Australia 2011	Diocesan Group	Australian Group
<b>Birthplace, Indigenous Status &amp; Language</b>						
Born overseas in English-speaking country <sup>6</sup>	<b>4.5</b>	4.2	8.6	5.7	5	3
Born in non-English speaking country (%)	<b>11.4</b>	11.4	12.6	17.9	3	3
Immigrants from non-English speaking countries & arriving in Census year or previous 3 years	<b>18</b>	32	12,676	98,723	5	4
Catholics of Australian Indigenous origin	<b>56</b>	54	13,050	124,610	3	2
Speak language other than English at home (%)	<b>11.4</b>	10.9	11.3	19.0	2	3
Not proficient in English <sup>7</sup> (%)	<b>1.6</b>	1.3	1.3	2.6	2	3

**Notes:**

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



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

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

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

*Why do you think this is so?*

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

**Table 5<sup>1</sup>**

	Parish 2011	Parish 2006	Diocese 2011	Australia 2011	Diocesan Group	Australian Group
<b>Education</b>						
Catholics aged 15+ with bachelor degree or higher qualification (%)	<b>21.2</b>	16.7	18.7	17.6	3	2
Catholics attending an educational institution (% of all Catholics in each age group)						
Aged 15-17	<b>88.3</b>	89.4	86.3	87.2	3	3
Aged 18-19	<b>48.2</b>	53.8	52.7	57.8	4	4
Aged 20-24	<b>34.9</b>	30.2	33.0	34.3	3	3
Catholic primary students attending Catholic schools (%)	<b>67.2</b>	65.7	48.8	52.8	2	1
Catholic primary students attending Government schools (%)	<b>32.0</b>	33.0	42.9	41.2	4	4
Catholic secondary students attending Catholic schools (%)	<b>69.7</b>	65.5	45.5	52.8	1	1
Catholic secondary students attending Government schools (%)	<b>24.8</b>	34.5	40.0	37.2	4	4
Primary students attending Catholic schools who are not Catholic <sup>2</sup> (%)	<b>15.2</b>	19.0	25.2	24.1	4	4
Secondary students attending Catholic schools who are not Catholic <sup>2</sup> (%)	<b>16.5</b>	20.0	34.4	31.5	5	5

Notes:

1. The data in this table relates to the students who live in your parish and not necessarily to the schools in your parish. Students may be attending schools outside your parish.
2. 'Students ... who are not Catholic' includes a small proportion whose religion was not stated in the Census.





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## Tables 6, 7 & 8: Marital Status, Families & Households (for more detail see pages 13-16)

In 2011, 82 per cent of Australia's Catholics lived in a family setting, with a further nine per cent living alone. The most common type of Catholic family was a couple family with children (45 per cent of all families where at least one person was a Catholic), followed by couple families without children (35%) and one-parent families (parent Catholic, 12%).

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

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

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

Table 6

	Parish 2011	Parish 2006	Diocese 2011	Australia 2011	Diocesan Group	Australian Group
<b>Marital Status of Catholics aged 15+</b>						
Never married (%)	33.8	33.5	34.5	33.9	3	3
Married (%)	48.7	49.6	48.3	49.6	3	4
Divorced or Separated (%)	10.8	10.5	12.1	10.8	4	3
Widowed (%)	6.6	6.5	5.1	5.7	1	2

Table 7

	Parish 2011	Parish 2006	Diocese 2011	Australia 2011	Diocesan Group	Australian Group
<b>Families<sup>1</sup> in which at least one person is Catholic</b>						
Families	1,472	1,441	279,735	2,019,556	3	2
One parent families	226	211	32,484	239,340	3	2
One parent families (% of all families)	15.4	14.6	11.6	11.9	1	1
Couples of mixed religion <sup>2</sup> (%)	53.6	52.2	63.8	57.2	5	4
De facto couples (%)	17.6	15.2	18.4	16.2	4	3
Median annual family income <sup>3</sup> (\$)	91,563	68,810	86,922	86,401	3	2

Table 8

	Parish 2011	Parish 2006	Diocese 2011	Australia 2011	Diocesan Group	Australian Group
<b>Households<sup>4</sup> in which at least one person is Catholic</b>						
Households	1,895	1,842	358,467	2,594,239	3	2
Persons living alone (aged under 35)	27	29	8,352	68,455	5	4
Persons living alone (aged 35+)	301	288	50,137	402,158	3	3
Persons living alone (total)	328	317	58,489	470,613	3	3
Persons living alone (% of all Catholics)	8.4	8.3	8.2	8.7	3	4
Dwellings owned or being purchased (%)	70.9	71.5	67.9	71.4	3	3
Median monthly housing loan repayment <sup>5</sup> (\$)	2,055	1,374	1,971	1,861	3	2

### Notes:

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



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# Religious affiliation

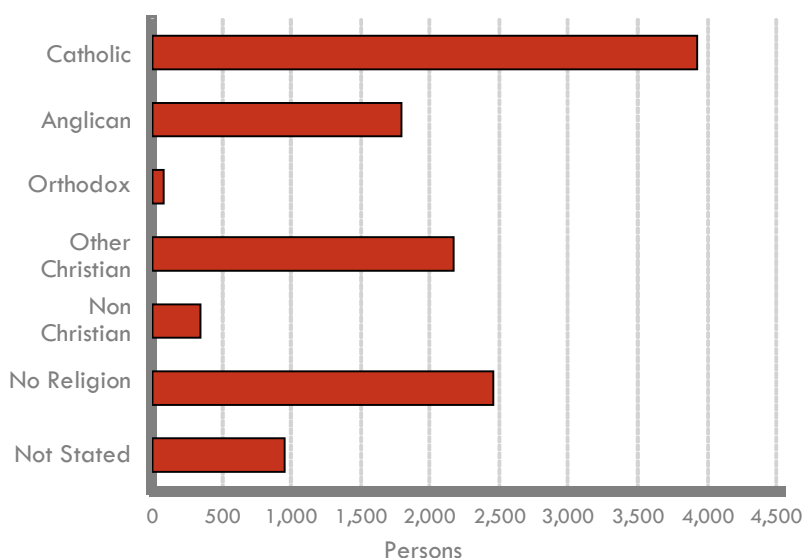
**The Census question about religion is optional, and 9 per cent of people across Australia chose not to answer it. Note that the question is about religious identification rather than religious practice or belief.**

*How does the number of Catholics in the 0-9 age group compare with the number of children baptised in the parish in the period 2002-2011?*

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

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

Religious affiliation  
(All persons)



**Table 9: Religious affiliation by age**

	0-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80+	Total
Western (Latin Rite)										
Catholic	569	480	452	572	543	450	347	326	186	<b>3,925</b>
Maronite Catholic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Melkite Catholic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ukrainian Catholic	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	<b>3</b>
Chaldean Catholic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Catholic</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>3,928</b>
<b>Per cent Catholic</b> (of total population in age group)	<b>36.6</b>	<b>36.3</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>33.5</b>	<b>34.2</b>	<b>34.1</b>	<b>39.1</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>33.5</b>
Anglican	154	128	175	224	274	236	238	209	156	<b>1,794</b>
Orthodox	3	6	12	9	11	16	6	10	6	<b>79</b>
Other Christian	243	246	270	270	308	267	232	176	159	<b>2,171</b>
Non Christian	41	41	80	62	49	44	18	8	3	<b>346</b>
No Religion	395	313	531	506	314	209	103	55	30	<b>2,456</b>
Not Stated	148	108	163	153	120	94	74	50	42	<b>952</b>
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>1,553</b>	<b>1,322</b>	<b>1,683</b>	<b>1,799</b>	<b>1,619</b>	<b>1,316</b>	<b>1,018</b>	<b>834</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>11,726</b>

**Notes:**

Since the 1996 Census, following consultation with the Eastern Catholic Bishops, Eastern Catholics have been counted separately from Western (or Latin Rite) Catholics. Catholics belonging to the Chaldean, Maronite, Melkite or Ukrainian Rites have been requested by their Bishops NOT to tick the box marked 'Catholic' on the Census form, but rather to write, for example, 'Maronite Catholic' in the space provided. Those Eastern Catholics who were unaware of this request and who ticked the 'Catholic' box are counted as Western Catholics.



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# Age and sex

Table 10: Age by sex

	Males 2011	Females 2011	Total 2011	Total 2006
<b>Age (years)</b>				
0	31	32	<b>63</b>	55
1	31	25	<b>56</b>	41
2	34	21	<b>55</b>	46
3	25	39	<b>64</b>	55
4	30	35	<b>65</b>	48
5	39	26	<b>65</b>	61
6	28	22	<b>50</b>	45
7	30	30	<b>60</b>	47
8	27	22	<b>49</b>	39
9	17	26	<b>43</b>	49
10	38	23	<b>61</b>	46
11	30	19	<b>49</b>	61
12	24	24	<b>48</b>	41
13	29	20	<b>49</b>	53
14	17	33	<b>50</b>	49
15	24	24	<b>48</b>	41
16	29	24	<b>53</b>	47
17	15	21	<b>36</b>	44
18	25	18	<b>43</b>	50
19	28	14	<b>42</b>	43
20-24	106	103	<b>209</b>	242
25-29	129	117	<b>246</b>	224
30-34	135	149	<b>284</b>	295
35-39	147	142	<b>289</b>	267
40-44	130	153	<b>283</b>	292
45-49	107	152	<b>259</b>	244
50-54	117	123	<b>240</b>	236
55-59	90	122	<b>212</b>	206
60-64	93	109	<b>202</b>	160
65-69	64	82	<b>146</b>	186
70-74	71	92	<b>163</b>	186
75-79	70	89	<b>159</b>	160
80+	62	124	<b>186</b>	133
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,872</b>	<b>2,055</b>	<b>3,927</b>	<b>3,792</b>

**Note:**

The Catholic population of the parish may be slightly different in different tables in this profile as a result of the randomisation procedure used by the Australian Bureau of Statistics in carrying out its statutory obligation to protect the confidentiality of individuals. This variation in figures does not impair the value of Census data as the Census is intended to be an instrument that paints a broad picture rather than a precise measurement of a particular locality. Care should always be taken in interpreting small counts in tables.

Table 10 shows the number of Catholics in this parish in 2011, by age and sex, and compares the total number of Catholics in each age group with the 2006 figure.

In 1991, the median age of Catholics in Australia was 30.7 years; by 2011, this had risen to 37.6 years.

The age profile of parishioners is important information for parishes to take into account as it plans its activities. It is also important to keep an eye on how the age profile is changing over time - is the parish becoming older, younger or staying about the same? Each of these possibilities may require different pastoral responses.

Among Australian Catholics as a whole, 52 per cent are female and 48 per cent are male. But it's not always like this. Among Catholics aged under 25, males outnumber females, whereas females account for 59 per cent of Catholics aged 75 or more. There are also local factors, such as the presence of particular industries or the different rates of movement to the cities by young men and women, that can affect the proportion of men and women in the Catholic population of the parish. These variations also raise pastoral issues.

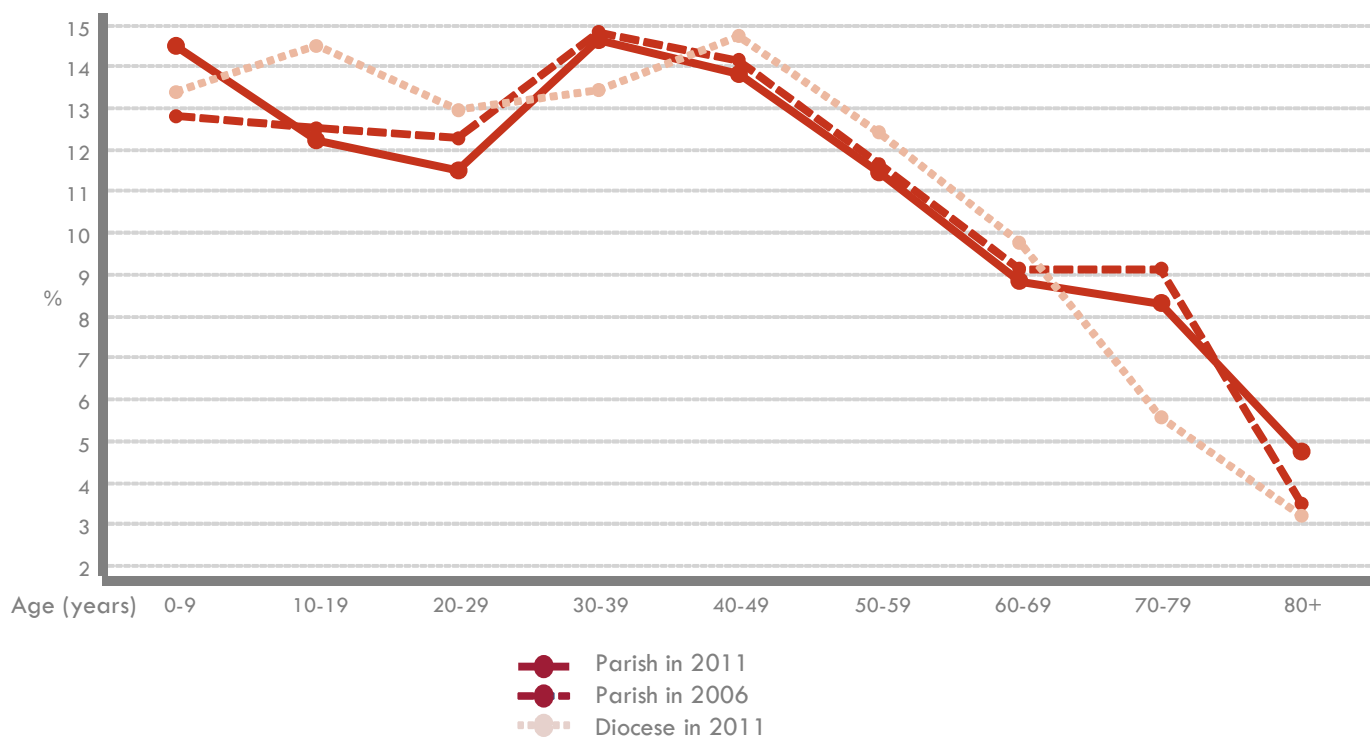
*Take time to study the table. Are there any surprises in it? Is there anything that calls for a new or modified response from the parish? What are the major changes since 2006? Can you get a sense from the table of what the parish age profile might look like in 2016, the year of the next Census?*



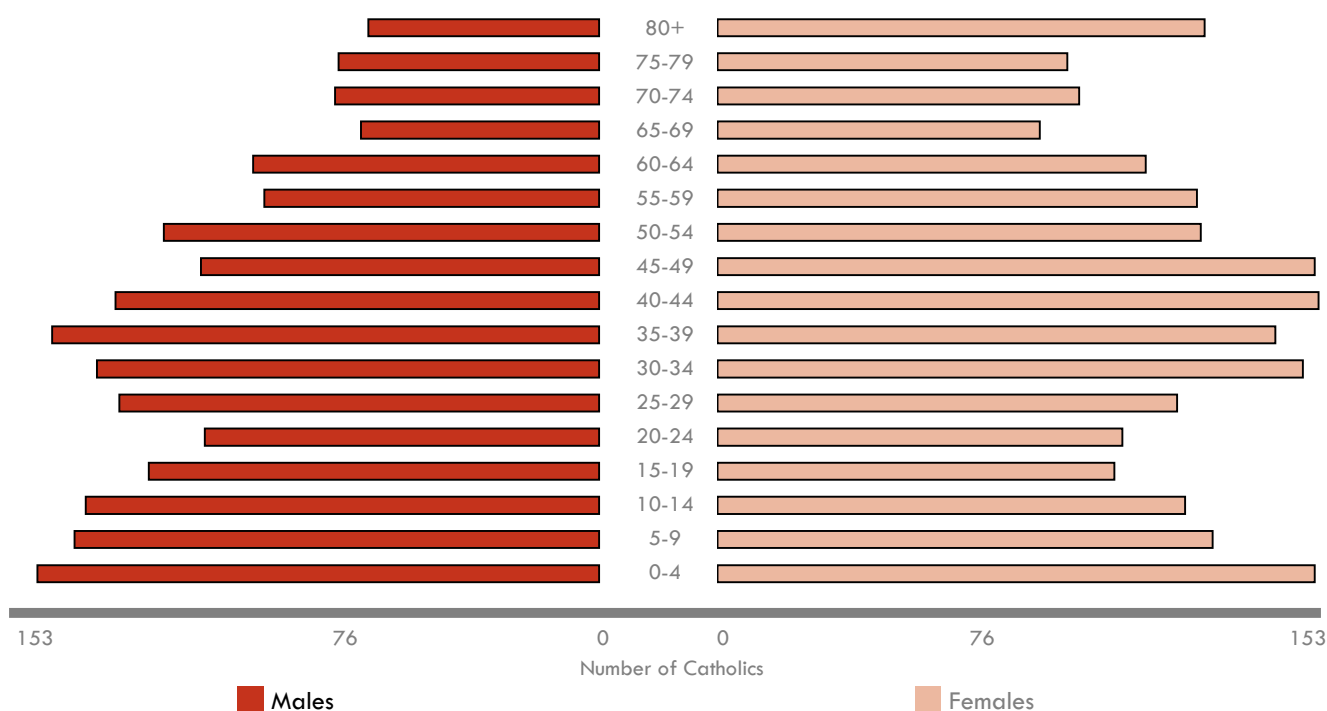
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# Age and sex

Age profile  
(Catholic population)



Age-sex profile  
(Catholic population 2011)





## PARISH DETAILS

# Disability

The 2006 Census was the first to include the variable Core Activity Need for Assistance. The variable was developed to measure the number of people with a profound or severe disability. ABS defines the profound or severe disability population as: 'those people needing help or assistance in one or more of the three core activity areas of self-care, mobility and communication, because of a long-term health condition (lasting six months or more), a disability (lasting six months or more), or old age'.<sup>1</sup>

Most people who need assistance with core activities live either in a family or in a place such as a nursing home, where the care they need is provided. But many live alone. Often people with a disability have fewer opportunities for social interaction.<sup>2</sup>

*How many Catholics in your parish require assistance with core activities? How many of these live alone?*

*How many are in the younger age groups?*

*How many of your parishioners provide unpaid assistance to people with a disability?*

*How might the parish respond pastorally to this information?*

**Table 11: Need for assistance and provision of unpaid assistance by age**

### Catholics who have need for assistance with core activities

Family members:

Males	15	15	8	5	18	-	<b>61</b>
Females	6	11	18	8	23	8	<b>74</b>

Lone Persons:

Males	na	3	6	-	4	-	<b>13</b>
Females	na	-	3	4	12	9	<b>28</b>

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

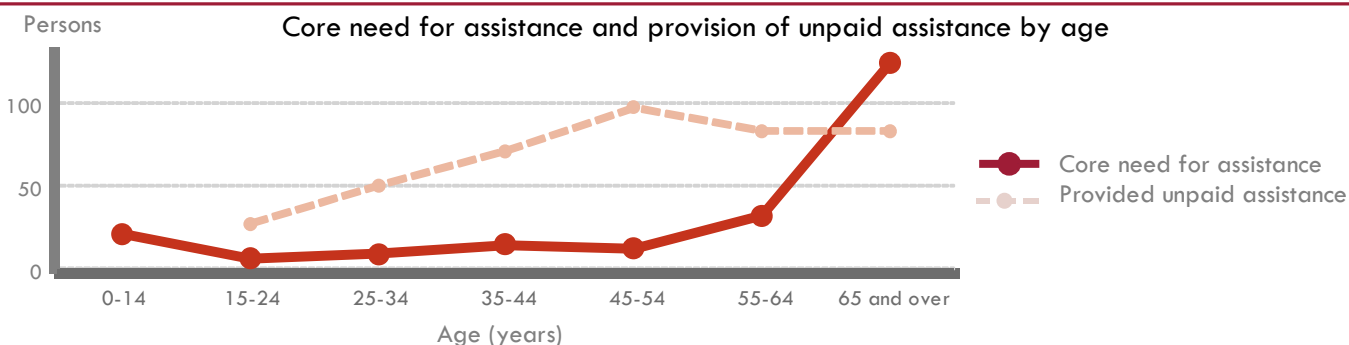
Males	-	-	6	6	3	3	<b>18</b>
Females	-	-	3	3	6	12	<b>24</b>

Total

Males	15	18	20	11	25	3	<b>92</b>
Females	6	11	24	15	41	29	<b>126</b>

### Catholics who provide unpaid assistance to a person with a disability<sup>4</sup>

Males	15	24	39	33	29	30	<b>170</b>
Females	12	26	32	64	54	53	<b>241</b>



Notes:

1. Australian Bureau of Statistics 2011. Census Dictionary Australia 2011. Catalogue No. 2901.0.

2. Australian Bureau of Statistics 2004. Australian Social Trends 2004. Catalogue No. 4102.0.

3. Among people aged 75 and over, being in hospital or a nursing home is a major reason for not being in a household on Census night.

4. The Census question asked whether the respondent had provided unpaid assistance to a person with a disability in the two weeks prior to the Census. The question is not applicable to persons aged 0-14.





## PARISH DETAILS

# Marital status

The marital status patterns of Australian Catholics have changed quite dramatically over the last two decades. At the time of the 1991 Census, 31.4 per cent of Australian Catholics aged 15 and over had never been married, 55.4 per cent were married, 7.4 per cent were separated or divorced and 5.8 per cent were widowed. By the 2011 Census, these figures were respectively 33.9 per cent, 49.6 per cent, 10.8 per cent and 5.7 per cent. There has been a substantial fall in the percentage of married Catholics and a rise in percentage of the never married and separated and divorced.

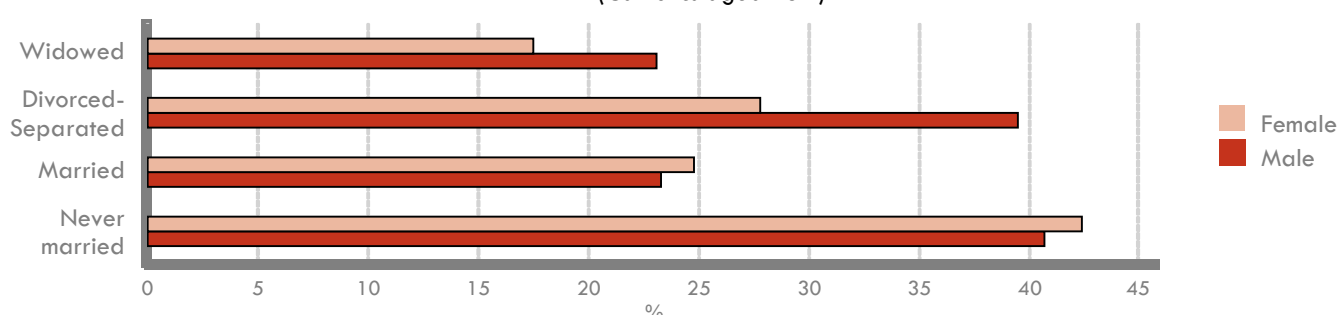
*How might changes in marital status patterns affect the life of the Church in this parish? Do they result in the need for new pastoral services and programs?*

The graph shows the percentage of Catholic men and women aged 15 years and older who lived in the parish at the time of the 2011 Census and who had changed address in the previous 5 years. Across Australia in 2011, 36 per cent of Catholics aged 15 and over had changed address since the previous Census, and 60 per cent of these had come from a different locality or State. ('Locality' in this context refers to a Statistical Local Area (SLA).)

**Table 12: Registered marital status by sex and age**

	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75 and over	Total
<b>Catholics aged 15 and over</b>								
<b>Males</b>								
Never married	226	169	88	45	23	4	6	<b>561</b>
Married	-	86	156	138	119	116	96	<b>711</b>
Separated/Divorced	-	3	34	38	38	13	6	<b>132</b>
Widowed	-	-	-	5	4	7	19	<b>35</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>1,439</b>
<b>Females</b>								
Never married	204	139	65	43	22	9	9	<b>491</b>
Married	6	124	183	156	143	110	76	<b>798</b>
Separated/Divorced	-	5	43	67	57	21	10	<b>203</b>
Widowed	-	-	3	-	12	37	118	<b>170</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>1,662</b>

**Change of address since 2006 by marital status (Catholics aged 15+)**



**Table 13: Religious affiliation of couple by social marital status**

	In a registered marriage	In a de facto marriage	Total couples	Per cent couples in de facto marriage
Both persons Catholic	474	52	526	9.9
One person Catholic the other non-Catholic Christian	335	71	406	17.5
One Catholic, the other not Christian or NS	131	71	202	35.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>940</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>1,134</b>	<b>17.1</b>



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# Families

Table 14 shows family composition by weekly family income, with the median weekly family income for each type of family shown in the last column. Couple families are divided into three categories: both partners Catholic, Catholics with non-Catholic Christian partners, and Catholics with partners identifying with other religious traditions or none. The table includes partners in registered and de facto marriages.

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

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

*How do the incomes of families with children living at home compare with those with no children living at home?*

*How well does the parish connect with one-parent families? Note that the income of one-parent families is likely to be much lower than that of two-parent families.*

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

**Table 14: Family composition<sup>1</sup> by weekly family income**

	Less than \$400	\$400-\$799	\$800-\$1,249	\$1,250-\$1,999	\$2,000-\$2,999	\$3,000-\$3,999	\$4,000 or more	Income not fully stated	Total families	Median Family Income <sup>2</sup> (\$)
<b>Two parent families with children at home:</b>										
Both parents Catholic	3	15	19	59	93	60	16	31	296	2,392
One parent Catholic, the other Christian, but not Catholic	-	11	21	49	77	38	12	11	219	2,298
One parent Catholic the other Non-Christian, No Religion or Not Stated	-	9	4	23	33	23	6	5	103	2,394
<b>Couple with no children living at home:</b>										
Both Catholic	7	65	58	29	33	26	4	8	230	1,102
One person Catholic, the other Christian, but not Catholic	7	38	35	34	44	17	4	8	187	1,459
One person Catholic, the other Non-Christian, No Religion or Not Stated	-	5	15	23	30	21	5	-	99	2,216
<b>One parent family - parent is Catholic</b>	18	56	61	48	17	3	-	23	226	1,002
<b>Other families where at least one person is Catholic</b>	3	10	22	16	15	4	-	3	73	1,273
<b>Other - spouse temporarily absent<sup>3</sup></b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	39	39	-
<b>Total</b>	38	209	235	342	281	192	47	128	1,472	1,756

**Notes:**

1. A family is defined by the Australian Bureau of Statistics as two or more persons, one of whom is at least 15 years of age, who are related by blood, marriage (registered or de facto), adoption, step or fostering, and who are usually resident in the same household. Family members who live elsewhere are not included in the Census definition. For Census purposes, a Catholic family is defined as a family in which at least one person is Catholic.
2. Median family income: fifty percent of families have a higher income, fifty percent a lower income. Family income is the sum of the incomes of all family members aged 15 and over.
3. This category refers to families with a Catholic reference person whose spouse is temporarily absent. The religious affiliation of a temporarily absent spouse is not recorded, hence families in this category could belong to any one of the first six categories above.



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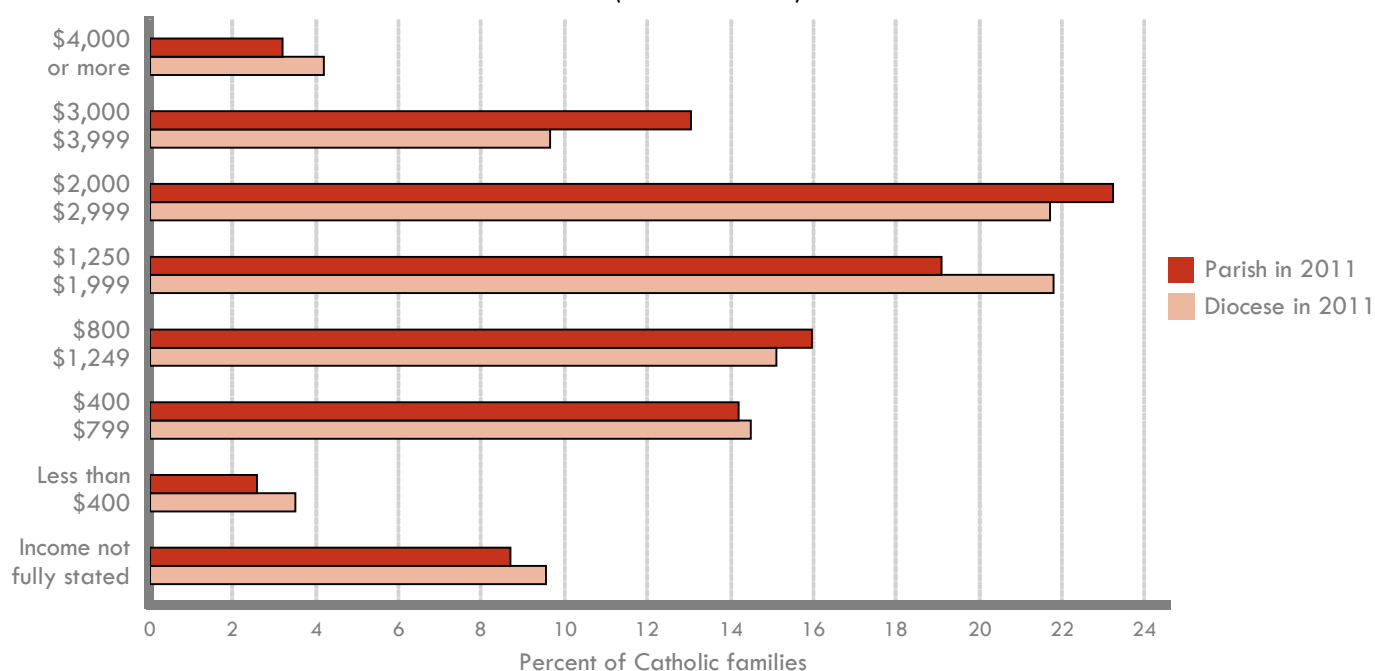
# Families

**Table 15: Weekly family income by number of dependent children**

	0 dependent children	1 dependent child	2 dependent children	3 dependent children	4 or more	Total
Less than \$400	18	14	3	-	3	38
\$400-\$799	144	27	19	11	8	209
\$800-\$1,249	167	34	34	-	-	235
\$1,250-\$1,999	131	57	67	23	3	281
\$2,000-\$2,999	162	73	76	28	3	342
\$3,000-\$3,999	88	36	49	16	3	192
\$4,000 or more	23	6	15	3	-	47
Income not fully stated	79	13	17	15	4	128
<b>Total Families</b>	<b>812</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1,472</b>
<b>Median Family Income (\$)</b>	<b>\$1,464</b>	<b>\$1,887</b>	<b>\$2,112</b>	<b>\$2,232</b>	<b>\$749</b>	<b>\$1,756</b>

Table population: Catholic families. Note that dependent children include all children aged 0-14 and dependent students aged 15-24.

**Weekly family income  
(Catholic families)**



**Table 16: Social marital status by number of dependent children**

	0 dependent children	1 dependent child	2 dependent children	3 dependent children	4 or more	Total
<b>Family Composition</b>						
Married couple family (at least one partner Catholic)	520	151	213	70	12	966
De facto couple family (at least one partner Catholic)	148	27	23	9	-	207
One parent family, parent Catholic	102	69	32	14	9	226
Other families where at least one person is Catholic	42	13	12	3	3	73
<b>Total families</b>	<b>812</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1,472</b>



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# Households

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

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

There were 8,182,600 households in Australia in 2011. At least one Catholic person lived in 2,594,200 households, or 32 per cent of all households. Seventy-eight per cent of these Catholic households were family households and, of the Catholic family households, 76 per cent were occupied dwellings that were owned or being purchased.

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

<b>Table 17: Household composition by tenure type</b>	<b>Fully owned or being purchased</b>	<b>Rented from State or Territory Housing Authority</b>	<b>Rented from other landlord, or landlord not stated</b>	<b>Other households</b>	<b>Total households</b>	<b>Percent owned or being purchased</b>
Family households	1,106	128	223	24	1,481	74.7
Lone person aged under 35 years	9	3	12	3	27	33.3
Lone person aged 35 years or over	207	44	34	16	301	68.8
Group households	22	-	56	8	86	25.6
<b>Total households</b>	<b>1,344</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>1,895</b>	<b>70.9</b>

<b>Table 18: Household composition by monthly housing loan repayment</b>	<b>\$1-\$449</b>	<b>\$450-\$999</b>	<b>\$1,000-\$1,599</b>	<b>\$1,600-\$2,199</b>	<b>\$2,200-\$2,599</b>	<b>\$2,600 or more</b>	<b>Median monthly household loan repayment</b>
Family households	41	60	96	126	68	213	2,099
Lone person aged under 35 years	-	-	-	3	-	3	2,400
Lone person aged 35 years or over	8	13	11	11	5	9	1,408
Group households	-	3	-	6	-	10	2,600
<b>Total households</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>2,055</b>

**Notes:**

1. Australian Bureau of Statistics 2011. Census Dictionary Australia 2011. Catalogue No. 2901.0.
2. For Census purposes, a Catholic household is any household in which at least one person is Catholic.



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# Birthplace

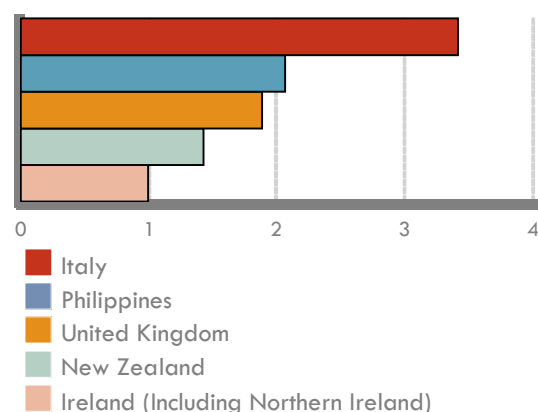
Catholics born overseas, especially those born in non-English speaking countries, are likely to have different approaches to faith and spirituality, and different experiences and expectations of Church life, from those of Catholics born in Australia.

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

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

*How might the parish better connect with those who have only recently arrived?*

Top 5 birthplaces of Catholics born overseas



Top 5 birthplaces with highest proportions of recent arrivals

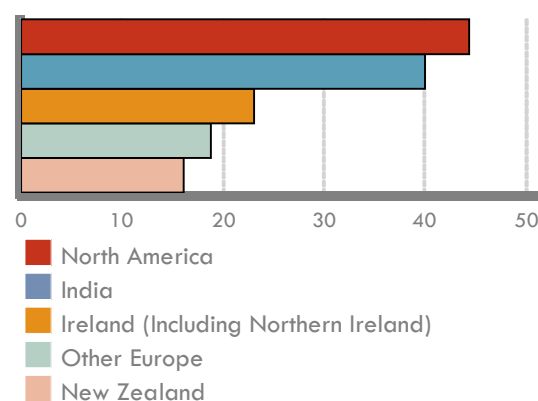


Table 19: Birthplace

Birthplace	All Catholics	% of Catholics	% recent arrivals <sup>1</sup>
Australia	3,245	82.7	-
New Zealand	56	1.4	16.1
United Kingdom (except Northern Ireland)	74	1.9	8.1
Ireland (including Northern Ireland)	39	1.0	23.1
Italy	134	3.4	-
Malta	6	0.2	-
Netherlands	8	0.2	-
Germany	12	0.3	-
Austria	-	-	-
Croatia and other Former Yugoslavia	15	0.4	-
Poland	12	0.3	-
Hungary	9	0.2	-
Other Eastern Europe, Russian Federation & Baltic States	6	0.2	-
Other Europe	16	0.4	18.8
Vietnam	3	0.1	-
Philippines	81	2.1	3.7
Indonesia	-	-	-
Malaysia	6	0.2	-
Other South East Asia	4	0.1	-
India	15	0.4	40.0
Sri Lanka	-	-	-
Chinese Asia including Hong Kong and Taiwan	-	-	-
Korea, Republic of (South)	-	-	-
Egypt	-	-	-
Lebanon	-	-	-
Iraq	-	-	-
Other Mid East & North Africa	25	0.6	12.0
South Africa	-	-	-
Mauritius	3	0.1	-
North America	9	0.2	44.4
Chile	6	0.2	-
Central America & other South America	27	0.7	11.1
Other	60	1.5	-
ID/At Sea/NEC/NS <sup>2</sup>	55	1.4	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,926</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.2</b>

Notes:

1. % recent arrivals = the percentage of Catholics who were born in the named country and who arrived in Australia between 2008 and 2011 inclusive.

2. ID = Inadequately Described; NEC = Not Elsewhere Classified; NS = Not Stated.





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# Language

In 2011, 19 per cent of Australia's Catholics spoke a language other than English at home, and three per cent were not proficient in English. People who don't speak English well can face practical problems in education, employment and access to services. On the other hand, it is important to many people from a non-English speaking background to maintain and promote, for reasons of cultural continuity and identity, the use of their home language.<sup>1</sup>

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

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

**Table 20: Language spoken at home by religious affiliation**

	Catholic	Not Catholic (or not stated)	All persons	% Catholics among speakers <sup>2</sup>
English only	3,450	6,651	10,101	34.2
Italian	225	26	251	89.6
Maltese	-	-	-	-
Spanish	23	9	32	71.9
Croatian	13	-	13	100.0
Polish	18	6	24	75.0
Dutch	3	10	13	23.1
French	9	7	16	56.3
German	6	20	26	23.1
Portuguese	3	3	6	50.0
Hungarian	3	3	6	50.0
Ukrainian	-	-	-	-
Vietnamese	7	23	30	23.3
Filipino languages	66	22	88	75.0
Chinese languages	7	97	104	6.7
Korean	3	14	17	17.6
Indonesian & Malay	-	18	18	-
Arabic	-	39	39	-
Assyrian <sup>3</sup>	-	-	-	-
Oceanic & Papuan languages	8	50	58	13.8
Australian Indigenous languages	4	3	7	57.1
Other European languages	6	102	108	5.6
Other Asian languages	18	155	173	10.4
Other languages	24	48	72	33.3
ID/Non-Verbal/NS <sup>4</sup>	30	497	527	5.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,926</b>	<b>7,803</b>	<b>11,729</b>	<b>33.5</b>

**Notes:**

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

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

3. Also called Chaldean. The language of Catholics from Iraq.

4. NS = Not Stated; ID = Inadequately Described.





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# Language

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

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

**Table 21: Language spoken at home by age**

	0-4	5-11	12-19	20-29	30-49	50-64	65 and over	Total	% who do not speak English well
English only	287	346	349	415	979	540	534	3,450	-
Italian	7	4	-	9	66	44	95	225	12.9
Maltese	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spanish	-	-	-	6	8	9	-	23	-
Croatian	-	-	-	-	7	-	6	13	23.1
Polish	-	-	-	3	3	7	5	18	27.8
Dutch	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	-
French	-	-	-	3	3	3	-	9	-
German	-	-	3	-	3	-	-	6	50.0
Portuguese	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3	-
Hungarian	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	100.0
Ukrainian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vietnamese	-	-	-	3	4	-	-	7	-
Filipino languages	-	9	3	7	17	23	7	66	9.1
Chinese languages	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	7	-
Korean	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	100.0
Indonesian & Malay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arabic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assyrian <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oceanic & Papuan languages	-	-	-	3	-	5	-	8	-
Australian Indigenous languages	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
Other European languages	3	-	-	-	-	3	-	6	-
Other Asian languages	-	6	3	-	6	3	-	18	-
Other languages	-	3	9	3	9	-	-	24	25.0
ID/Non-Verbal/NS <sup>3</sup>	6	3	-	-	9	9	3	30	10.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>1,114</b>	<b>656</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>3,926</b>	<b>1.6</b>

**Notes:**

1. Australian Bureau of Statistics 1999. *Australian Social Trends 1999*. Catalogue No. 4102.0, p.12-13.
2. Also called Chaldean. The language of Catholics from Iraq.
3. NS = Not Stated; ID = Inadequately Described.



## PARISH DETAILS

# Attendance at Educational Institutions

According to the 2011 Census, more than 666,000 Australians attended Catholic schools, accounting for almost 22 per cent of all school students in Australia.

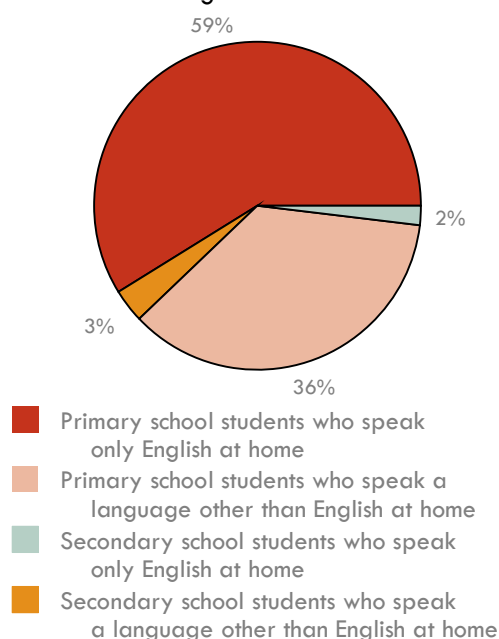
In 2011, there were 914,000 Catholic students - almost one in six of all Catholics - attending government, Catholic, and other non-Government schools. They constitute a very large sub-group of Australian Catholics, considerably larger than the 662,000 or so who attend Mass every Sunday. A further 330,000 Catholics were involved in some form of post-secondary education. The Church of today, not just of tomorrow, is being shaped by the attitudes, beliefs and lifestyles of these young people.

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

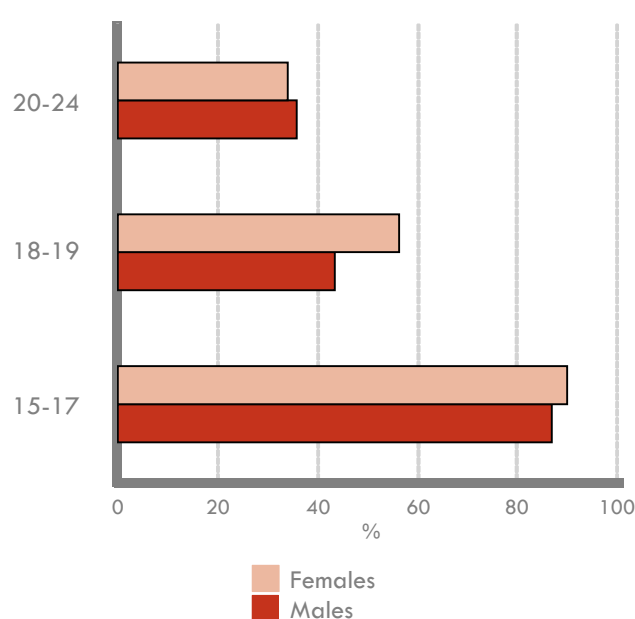
**Table 22: Type of educational institution attending by religious affiliation**

	Catholic	Not Catholic or not stated	All persons	% Catholic
Infants/Primary - Government	122	401	523	23.3
Infants/Primary - Catholic	256	46	302	84.8
Infants/Primary - Other non-Government	3	53	56	5.4
Secondary - Government	54	262	316	17.1
Secondary - Catholic	152	30	182	83.5
Secondary - Other non-Government	12	53	65	18.5
Technical or Further Educational Institution (including TAFE Colleges)	53	161	214	24.8
University or other Tertiary Institutions	158	377	535	29.5
Other (including pre-school)	81	136	217	37.3
Not stated/Not applicable <sup>1</sup>	3,036	6,284	9,320	32.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,927</b>	<b>7,803</b>	<b>11,730</b>	<b>33.5</b>

**Language background of students attending Catholic schools**



**Education participation rate (Catholics aged 15-24)**



### Notes:

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



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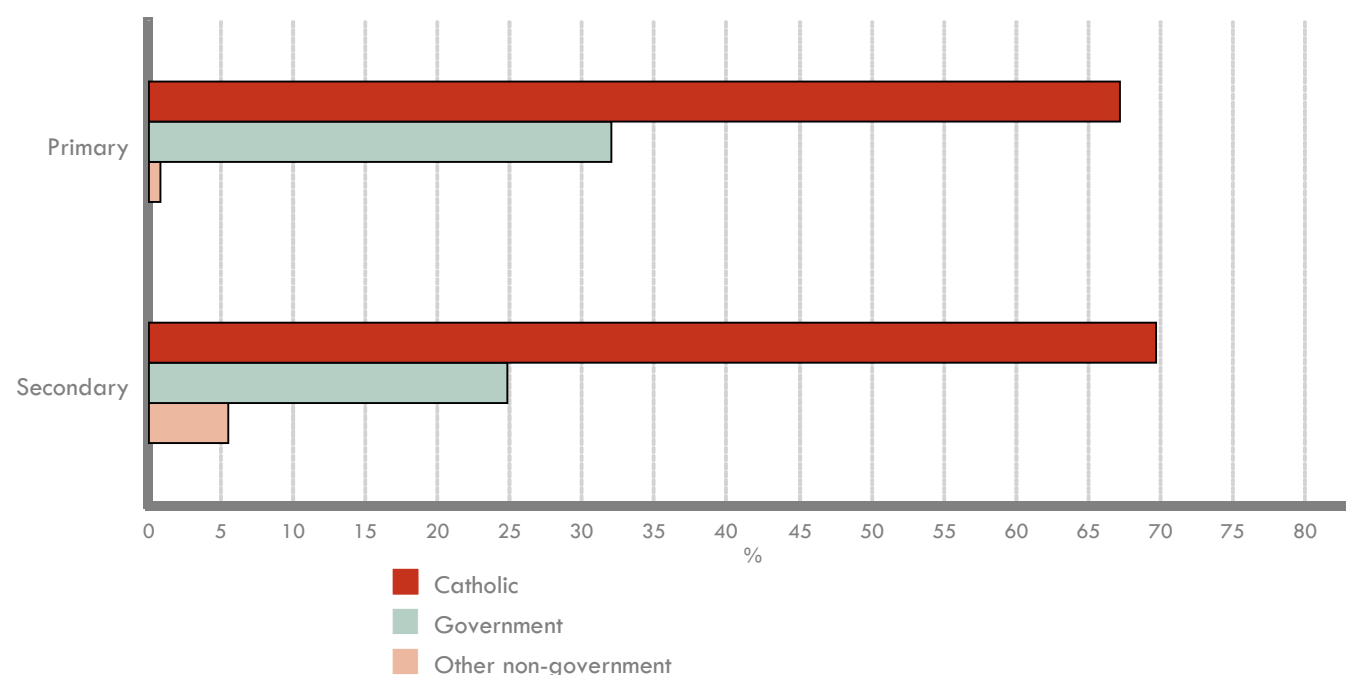
# Attendance at Educational Institutions

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

	Less than \$400	\$400-\$799	\$800-\$1,249	\$1,250-\$1,999	\$2,000-\$2,999	\$3,000-\$3,999	\$4,000 or more	Total <sup>2</sup>	Median Annual Family Income <sup>3</sup> (\$)
Infants/Primary - Government	7	26	19	21	17	12	-	108	63,894
Infants/Primary - Catholic	6	13	22	42	85	57	12	252	126,041
Infants/Primary - Other non-Government	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Secondary - Government	6	9	8	14	3	-	-	52	56,347
Secondary - Catholic	-	11	13	29	46	19	6	146	114,477
Secondary - Other non-Government	-	-	-	-	6	-	3	9	143,354
TAFE, university or other tertiary institution	-	-	10	10	16	14	3	64	125,448
Other (includes pre-school)	-	-	3	6	6	-	3	18	108,601
NS/NA <sup>4</sup>	3	12	3	12	3	-	-	42	53,420
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>691</b>	<b>105,144</b>

Table population: Catholic children aged 5-14 and Catholic dependent students aged 15-24

**Type of school being attended by Catholic students**



### Notes:

1. Because the population of this table is dependent children aged 5-14 and dependent students aged 15-24, the figures in the table refer to individuals, not families. The table shows, for example, the number of Catholic students attending Catholic primary schools whose families have a weekly income in the range \$1,250-\$1,999. A brother and sister at the same school would account for TWO of the cases in this category.
2. A column of figures for "Family income not fully stated" has been omitted from the table, but the missing figures are included in the Total column.
3. Family income is the sum of the incomes of all family members aged 15 and over. (Refer to the definition of family on page 7)
4. NS = Not Stated; NA = Not applicable.



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# Educational Qualifications

Both the percentage of Catholics with university degrees and the gender balance of Catholics with degrees have changed dramatically in recent decades due to the upsurge in young people, especially women, undertaking tertiary study and the upgrading of courses such as nursing to degree status. In 1991, less than 7 per cent of Australian Catholics aged 15 or more had a degree; by 2011, that figure had reached 18 per cent. Among Catholics aged 15 to 34 years in 2011, 22.5 per cent of women had a degree compared to 13.9 per cent of men. In contrast, among Catholics aged 55 and over, 11.3 per cent of men and 10.5 per cent of women had degrees.

*To what extent has participation in higher education in theology and related fields kept pace in this parish with participation in higher education in general?*

*What new challenges and opportunities are presented to the parish as a result of the increase in the number of Catholics with a university education?*

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

**Table 24: Highest qualification attained by age and sex**

	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 and over	Total
<b>Catholics aged 15+</b>							
<b>Males</b>							
Postgraduate degree	-	10	12	11	6	9	48
Graduate diploma/ bachelor degree	19	76	64	38	28	9	234
Advanced diploma or diploma level	5	12	36	23	9	11	96
Certificate level	29	83	71	73	44	68	368
NS/NA/ID <sup>2</sup>	174	83	99	78	90	170	694
<b>Total</b>	227	264	282	223	177	267	1,440
<i>Per cent with degree or higher</i>	8.4	32.6	27.0	22.0	19.2	6.7	19.6
<b>Females</b>							
Postgraduate degree	-	13	17	8	6	-	44
Graduate diploma/ bachelor degree	20	109	100	56	28	20	333
Advanced diploma or diploma level	14	36	28	30	22	15	145
Certificate level	26	31	31	38	25	14	165
NS/NA/ID <sup>2</sup>	148	80	118	138	155	336	975
<b>Total</b>	208	269	294	270	236	385	1,662
<i>Per cent with degree or higher</i>	9.6	45.4	39.8	23.7	14.4	5.2	22.7
<b>All Catholics</b>							
Postgraduate degree	-	23	29	19	12	9	92
Graduate diploma/ bachelor degree	39	185	164	94	56	29	567
Advanced diploma or diploma level	19	48	64	53	31	26	241
Certificate level	55	114	102	111	69	82	533
NS/NA/ID <sup>2</sup>	322	163	217	216	245	506	1,669
<b>Total</b>	435	533	576	493	413	652	3,102
<i>Per cent with degree or higher</i>	9.0	39.0	33.5	22.9	16.5	5.8	21.2

### Notes:

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

2. NS = Not Stated; NA = Not Applicable; ID = Inadequately Described.



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# Employment

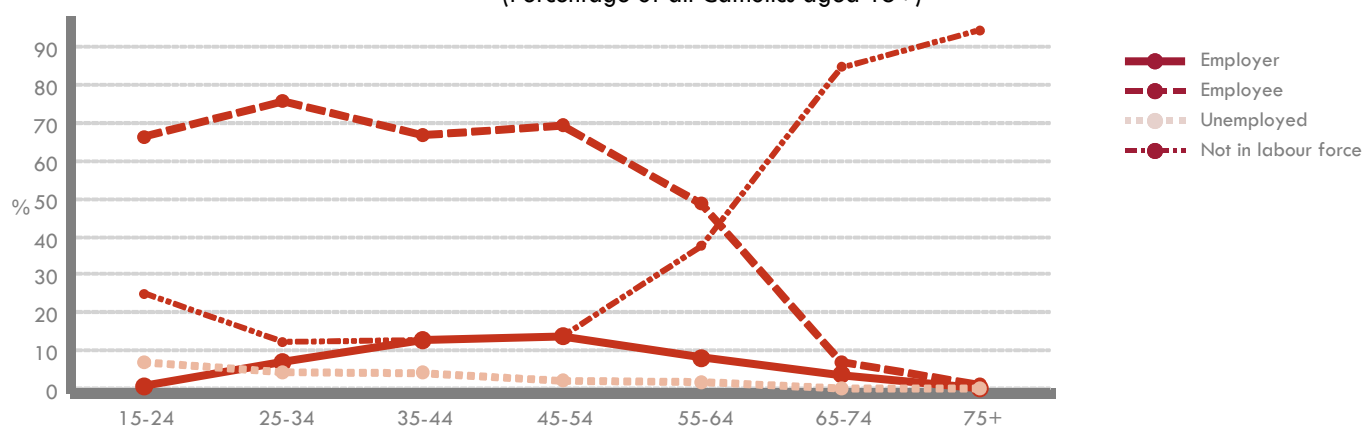
In recent years there have been many changes in society and the workplace that have affected Australian workers. One major change has been the increase in the percentage of workers, especially young people and women, in part-time jobs. Another has been the rise in participation in the labour force by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

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

**Table 25: Labour force status by age and sex**

	15-24	25-44	45-64	65 and over	Total
<b>Catholics aged 15+</b>					
<b>Males</b>					
Employer	3	77	70	8	158
Employee	143	378	253	8	782
Unemployed	17	30	7	-	54
Not in the labour force	63	47	67	234	411
Other/NS/NA <sup>2</sup>	-	9	10	15	34
<b>Total</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>1,439</b>
Per cent in labour force <sup>3</sup>	72.1	89.6	81.1	6.0	69.1
Per cent unemployed <sup>4</sup>	10.4	6.2	2.1	-	5.4
<b>Females</b>					
Employer	-	34	32	3	69
Employee	145	409	294	17	865
Unemployed	13	16	10	-	39
Not in the labour force	46	92	158	354	650
Other/NS/NA <sup>2</sup>	3	14	12	15	44
<b>Total</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>565</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>1,667</b>
Per cent in labour force <sup>3</sup>	76.3	81.2	66.4	5.1	58.4
Per cent unemployed <sup>4</sup>	8.2	3.5	3.0	-	4.0

**Labour force status by age**  
(Percentage of all Catholics aged 15+)



**Notes:**

1. Australian Bureau of Statistics 2004. Australian Social Trends 2004. Catalogue No. 4102.0, p.115.
2. NS = Not Stated; NA = Not Applicable.
3. The percentage of Catholics in each age group who are in the labour force (i.e. employed or seeking employment).
4. The percentage of Catholics in each age group who were in the labour force and were unemployed at the time of the Census.





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# Occupation

Catholic women are more likely to be employed as managers or professionals; 34 per cent of Catholic women and 32 per cent of Catholic men who reported their occupation in the 2011 Census worked as managers or professionals. But men were much more likely than women - 48 per cent compared to 13 per cent - to have a 'blue collar' occupation. The largest occupational category for Catholic men in Australia is Technicians and Trade Workers. For women, it is Clerical and Administrative Workers.

**Table 26: Occupation by age and sex**

	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 and over	Total
<b>Catholics aged 15+</b>							
<b>Males</b>							
Managers	9	24	45	23	24	3	128
Professionals	10	58	61	38	19	6	192
Technicians & Trade Workers	37	57	57	46	24	7	228
Community & Personal Service Workers	24	13	10	10	6	-	63
Clerical & Administrative Workers	10	23	29	22	12	3	99
Sales Workers	23	17	13	11	3	-	67
Machinery Operators & Drivers	6	16	9	19	26	-	76
Labourers	25	13	15	17	11	9	90
ID/NS/NA <sup>1</sup>	83	43	43	37	52	239	497
<b>Total</b>	227	264	282	223	177	267	1,440
<i>Per cent Managers &amp; professionals<sup>2</sup></i>	13.2	37.1	44.4	32.8	34.4	32.1	33.9
<i>Per cent 'blue collar' workers<sup>2</sup></i>	47.2	38.9	33.9	44.1	48.8	57.1	41.8
<b>Females</b>							
Managers	4	22	30	15	9	-	80
Professionals	21	88	78	52	32	-	271
Technicians & Trade Workers	12	9	9	10	7	-	47
Community & Personal Service Workers	28	26	30	28	12	-	124
Clerical & Administrative Workers	27	51	48	66	37	9	238
Sales Workers	46	13	14	20	8	-	101
Machinery Operators & Drivers	-	3	3	-	3	-	9
Labourers	6	9	13	18	12	4	62
ID/NS/NA <sup>1</sup>	64	48	69	61	116	372	730
<b>Total</b>	208	269	294	270	236	385	1,662
<i>Per cent Managers &amp; professionals<sup>2</sup></i>	17.4	49.8	48.0	32.1	34.2	-	37.7
<i>Per cent 'blue collar' workers<sup>2</sup></i>	12.5	9.5	11.1	13.4	18.3	30.8	12.7
<b>All Catholics</b>							
Managers	13	46	75	38	33	3	208
Professionals	31	146	139	90	51	6	463
Technicians & Trade Workers	49	66	66	56	31	7	275
Community & Personal Service Workers	52	39	40	38	18	-	187
Clerical & Administrative Workers	37	74	77	88	49	12	337
Sales Workers	69	30	27	31	11	-	168
Machinery Operators & Drivers	6	19	12	19	29	-	85
Labourers	31	22	28	35	23	13	152
ID/NS/NA <sup>1</sup>	147	91	112	98	168	611	1,227
<b>Total</b>	435	533	576	493	413	652	3,102
<i>Per cent Managers &amp; professionals<sup>2</sup></i>	15.3	43.4	46.1	32.4	34.3	22.0	35.8
<i>Per cent 'blue collar' workers<sup>2</sup></i>	29.9	24.2	22.8	27.8	33.9	48.8	27.3

Notes:

1. NS = Not Stated; NA = Not Applicable; ID = Inadequately Described.

2. See Notes 1 and 2 on page 5 for the type of occupations covered by the terms 'Managers and professionals' and 'blue collar'.





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# Occupation

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

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

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

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

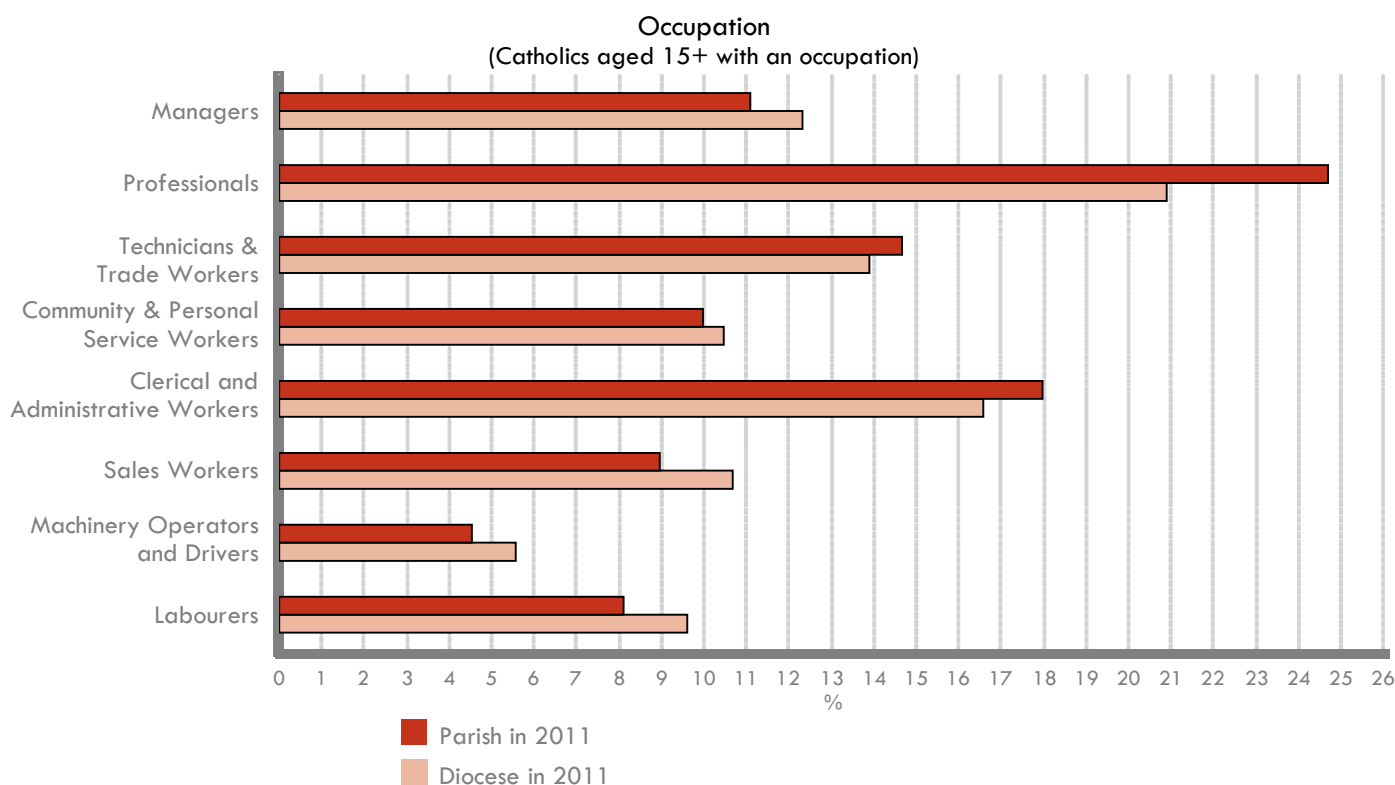
**Table 27: Occupation of parents of students attending Catholic schools**

**Primary  
School**

**Secondary  
School**

### Parental occupation

Both parents in professional occupations	34	12
One parent or lone parent in professional occupation	88	63
Both parents in 'white collar' occupations	49	22
One parent or lone parent in 'white collar' occupation	85	48
Both parents in 'blue collar' occupation	6	4
"One parent or lone parent in 'blue collar' occupation	16	11
Not applicable and not stated	23	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>183</b>
% with professional parent(s)	40.5	41.0
% with blue collar parent(s)	7.3	8.2



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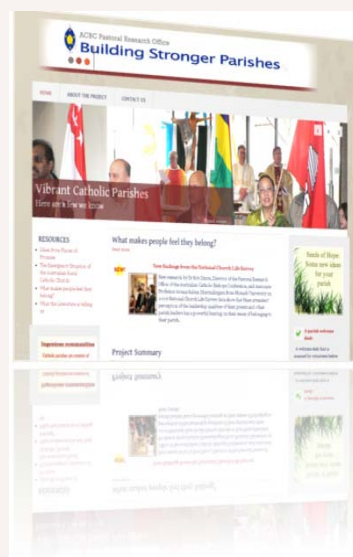
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