

CAPRICORN COAST CATHOLIC PARISH

Sacred Heart & Mary Immaculate

To nurture the spiritual life and activities of the parish community



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



"Jesus said to his disciples: 'Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day ... You are witnesses of these things.'" - Lk 24:46, 48

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The worshipping communities of Sacred Heart, Yeppoon and Mary Immaculate, Emu Park acknowledge the Darumbal People the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather and pay respect to their elders: past, present, and emerging. For we too are one in land, one in spirit, one in faith, united in God's love.

LITURGIES

30 May - 5 June 2022

MONDAY

TUESDAY

5:00pm St Brendan's College

WEDNESDAY

Saint Justin

9:00am Sacred Heart Mass
Adoration & Rosary

THURSDAY

10:15am St Ursula's College

FRIDAY

Saint Charles Lwanga & Companions

9:00am Sacred Heart Mass

SATURDAY

5:15pm Mary Immaculate Mass

SUNDAY

Pentecost

8:15am Sacred Heart Confession

9:00am Sacred Heart Mass

5:00pm Sacred Heart Mass



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Pray For...

the sick:

Meegan Sommerfeld, Trevor Beard (Cairns), Norm & Lyn Timms, Deb Van Nunen, Joan Lacey, Erin Hutchinson, Hans Steger, Richard Irons, Stephen Egan, Carol Murray, Bev Bartlem, Louise Cafarella, Michael & Stephen Jones (Gympie), Colleen Graham.

the recently deceased:

Stephanie Turner (Ipswich), Alice Bartolo (Mackay), Kevin O'Sullivan, Barbara Shucksmith, Daisy Elsum, Noel Murray, John Baker, Petronila Jensen, Joseph Grasso, Josephine Quinn, Betty Pettit, Anthony Baker, Mavis Danielsen, Marlene Lennon, Chris Coppen.

those whose anniversary occurs at this time:

Carmel Daykin (nee Mahony), Margaret Lamberick, Susan Halberstater (Table Mountain) Beverly Murphy, Margaret Laura McWhinney, Bill Mulcahy, Margaret Curley, Jamie Brazer, Maria Hutchinson, Leonie Undy Pauline Coleman, Michael Gosden, Sue Palmer, Bob Mills.

SHARED MEAL

Will be held at Mary Immaculate next Saturday
4 June after 5:15pm Mass.

Please bring a plate to share if possible and stay and enjoy some fellowship with fellow parishioners.

CLERGY SUPPORT FOUNDATION APPEAL

Clergy Support Foundation Appeal is scheduled for this weekend 28th & 29th May. The Holy Spirit Seminary Appeal has been rescheduled to the weekend of the 9th & 10th July 2022.

2022 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Confirmation

Sunday 29 May 5pm Mass

Eucharist

Sunday 5 June: Sacramental Preparation

3:30pm Enrolment & Registration

5:00pm Mass

Sunday 19 June 5pm Mass

Sunday 17 July 5pm Mass

Confirmation

The reception of the sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church Yeppoon with Bishop Michael McCarthy

6:30pm Friday 22 July

First Holy Communion

The reception of the sacrament of Eucharist will be celebrated at each of the Masses on the weekend of **23 & 24 July 2022**

Come Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful,
enkindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit
and they shall be created.
And you shall renew the face of the earth.



Let us pray.
O God, who instruct the hearts of the faithful
by the light of the Holy Spirit,
grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise,
and ever to rejoice in your consolation.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen

GOSPEL MEDITATION

We have the ability to walk with joyful hope! Jesus, during his earthly ministry, pointed the way to God's kingdom. What is finally understood about God's kingdom is that it is filled with the glory of Christ! We are all in the process of being emptied into and becoming one with Christ. We are new creations, clothed in Christ, made in God's very image and likeness, and on this incredible journey of glory. The Ascension allows us to see this truth about ourselves and it enlightens our hearts. Christ who was most perfectly, vividly, and brilliantly transfigured before the very eyes of the disciples will be our destiny. Seeing only imperfectly now, we will see perfectly then. We will bask in the brilliance of understanding and truth. Christ is our destiny and our hope. Alleluia!

Believing this with our whole heart allows us to walk proudly through life's darkness. There is so much that can upset us and weigh us down. Sometimes, life's news can not only be challenging but downright discouraging. Our own lives can easily become unsettled and empty. We rely too much on the things of this world to please us and wonder how we lost our excitement, enthusiasm, wonder, and joy. Getting so caught up in superficialities and unnecessary dependencies, we lose our axis, anchor, and center. Today, we can claim it back again! We are reminded that it is not here that we find fulfillment but in the world of Christ yet to come. Jesus sent this promise of his Father upon his disciples, and he sends it to us as well.

Faith in God really has power to change things. In essence, all we have to do is believe in what God promises. God is ever close to us. He can even use what we see as the "useless scraps of life" to create "God moments" of inspiration and invitation. Then, even what is perceived as unpleasant, distasteful, or even hurtful can be transformed into an experience of joy. The Ascension of Christ becomes our reference point for self-knowledge. This firm anchor allows us to work through whatever comes our way and never be robbed of joy!

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Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,
Our life our sweetness and our hope.

To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve;

To thee do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in the valley of tears.

Turn then most gracious advocate,



Thine eyes of mercy towards us
and after this our exile, show unto us the
blessed fruit of thy womb Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!
Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.
That we may be made worthy of
the promises of Christ.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS



First Reading

Acts 2:1-11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

Psalm 103

Lord Send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading

Romans 8:8-17

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God.

Gospel

John 14:15-16, 23-26

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything.



TRIVIA TIME!

The Parish Hospitality Group invite all to attend a Trivia fundraiser for the Diocese of Lismore flood victims on Sunday (afternoon) **19 June** in the **Sacred Heart Church Community Room**.

The entry fee is **\$10**. It will be a 1:30pm for **2pm start** with afternoon tea provided. There will be a 100 numbers board at **\$5** a ticket these will be sold at Masses in the weeks prior. For further information or table bookings talk to Sue Halberstater, Colette Worthington, or phone Karen Page on 0417 604 263.

Dress Theme: 1980s Fashions



FAMILY LOVE: A VOCATION AND A PATH TO HOLINESS

Pope Francis has encouraged all dioceses to host a local celebration of the World Meeting of Families this year!

Our diocese is pleased to be hosting a weekend retreat on **June 24th – 26th at Coolwaters Discovery Park, Yeppoon**. This event is open to everyone, and we would love for you to join us.

This event will be a chance to connect with other Catholics from around the diocese, to have fun and socialise, to be formed in our faith, pray together, and grow in our vocation to holiness.

To register go to app.tickets.org.au/CDOR/WMoF or scan the QR code.

For any questions or more information contact michael.otto@rok.catholic.net.au



Mercy Associates Gathering

Saturday **11 June** following the 9am Mass in St Joseph's Cathedral

Guest Speaker: Sister Pat Wood rsm

Topic: "Mercy-the business of our lives" (Catherine McAuley)

Venue: Parish Function Room (behind The Cathedral Bookstore)

All are welcome!

The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton abides by the principles of the *National Catholic Safeguarding Standards* (2013), and is committed to safeguarding, with a specific focus on protecting children and vulnerable adults. For further information or support please contact the Diocesan *Professional Standards & Safeguarding Office*: Response Line: **1800 830 113 (free call)** or email: pssoadmin@rok.catholic.net.au Diocesan Website for more information: <https://rok.catholic.net.au/our-diocese/safeguarding/> To view the Diocesan Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults commitment statement & Policy: www.rok.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html Queensland Professional Standards Office: www.psoqld.catholic.net.au/



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SUMMARY PROFILE

This Summary Profile provides highlights about your parish from the 2021 National Church Life Survey

Capricorn Coast Parish Catholic Church



Full Profile

Coming soon: Your full Church Life Profile will contain comprehensive results with comparisons to other benchmarks

The People of this Church:

Most value:

-  **70%** Celebrating the Eucharist/receiving Holy Communion
-  **31%** Wider community care or social justice emphasis
-  **26%** Praying for one another
-  **25%** Traditional style of worship or music

Want to give attention to:

-  **29%** Building a strong sense of community
-  **26%** Liturgies that are nurturing to people's faith
-  **23%** Spiritual growth (e.g. direction)
-  **23%** Ensuring new people are included

Note: Attenders could select up to three options so percentages may not add up to 100%.

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People of This Church

This Summary Profile contains a snapshot of your church's unique results from the 2021 National Church Life Survey. This profile is based on 155 responses from attenders aged 15+.

Supporting resources available at 2021ncls.org.au may also help you you make best use of your results, to strengthen the vitality of your church, grow an owned vision and plan for the future.



Demographic profile

Gender



64% are female

36% are male

Note: The percent for those who chose 'other' will be included in denominational and national reports. Figures have been rounded to 100%.

Marital Status

66% are currently married

Ethnicity

82% are born in Australia

18% are born overseas

6% speak a language other than English at home

Employment

16% are employed full-time (30 hours plus)

72% are retired

Education

29% have a university degree

46% have a trade certificate or secondary school education



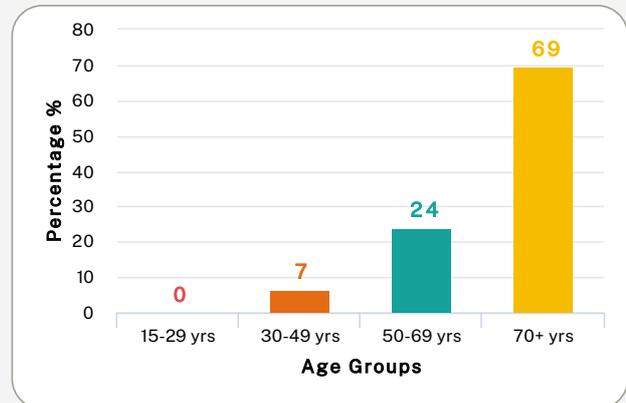
Age and intergenerational ministry

73 yrs is the average age of attenders over 15

29% are satisfied with what is offered for children aged under 12 years

27% are satisfied with what is offered for youth aged 12 to 18

71% agree that people of all ages are encouraged to get involved at this local church



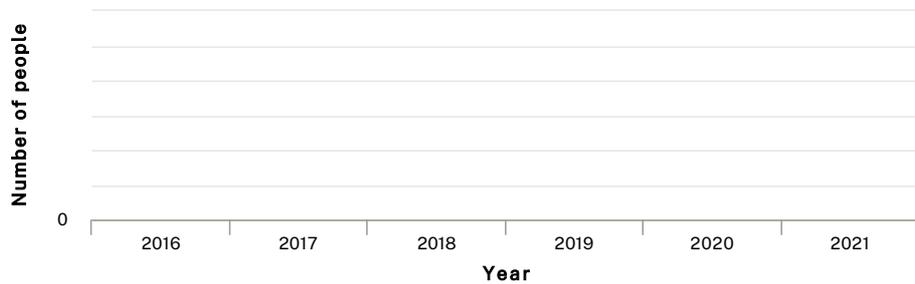


Church Attendance and Background



Attendance patterns

Estimated attendance



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Please consider estimates of attendance for your church over time.

Attendance at this parish (including online)

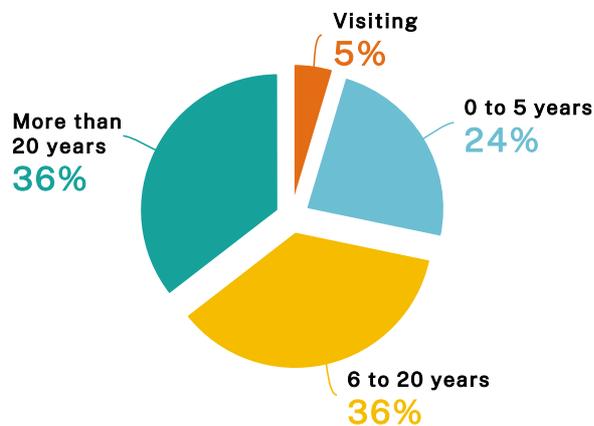
- 95%** are frequent attenders (monthly or more)
- 84%** attend weekly or more
- 72%** have attended this parish for more than five years

Attendance elsewhere (in person or online)*

- 48%** do not attend any other church
- 39%** attend elsewhere, in person
- 19%** attend elsewhere, via online services

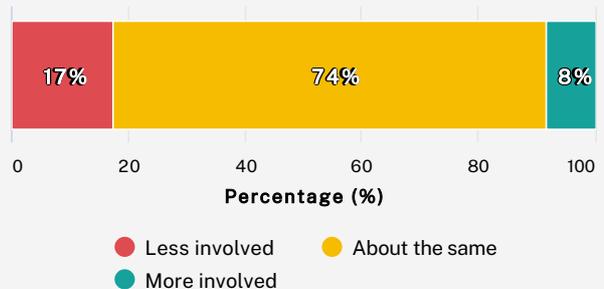
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Length of time attending this parish



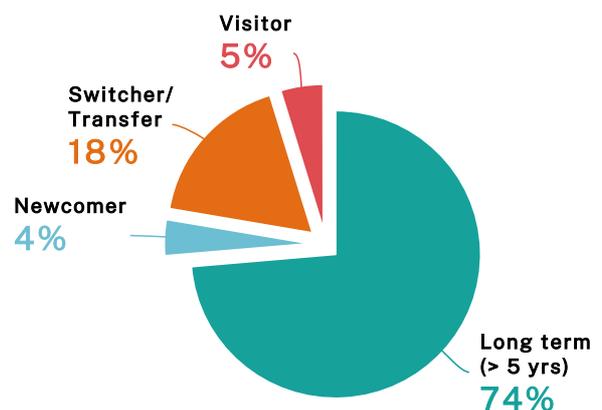
Impact of COVID-19

Current involvement compared to 2019 (before COVID-19)



Church background

24% of attenders here are new arrivals to this local church in the past 5 years



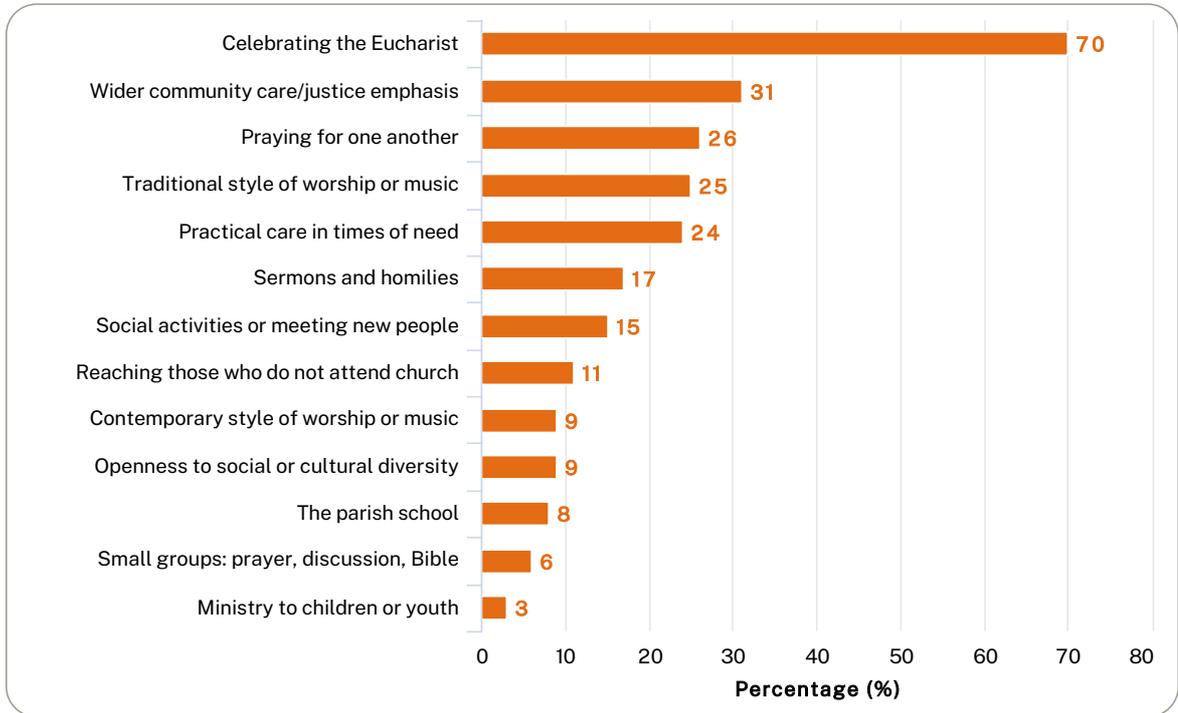


What People Value and Prioritise



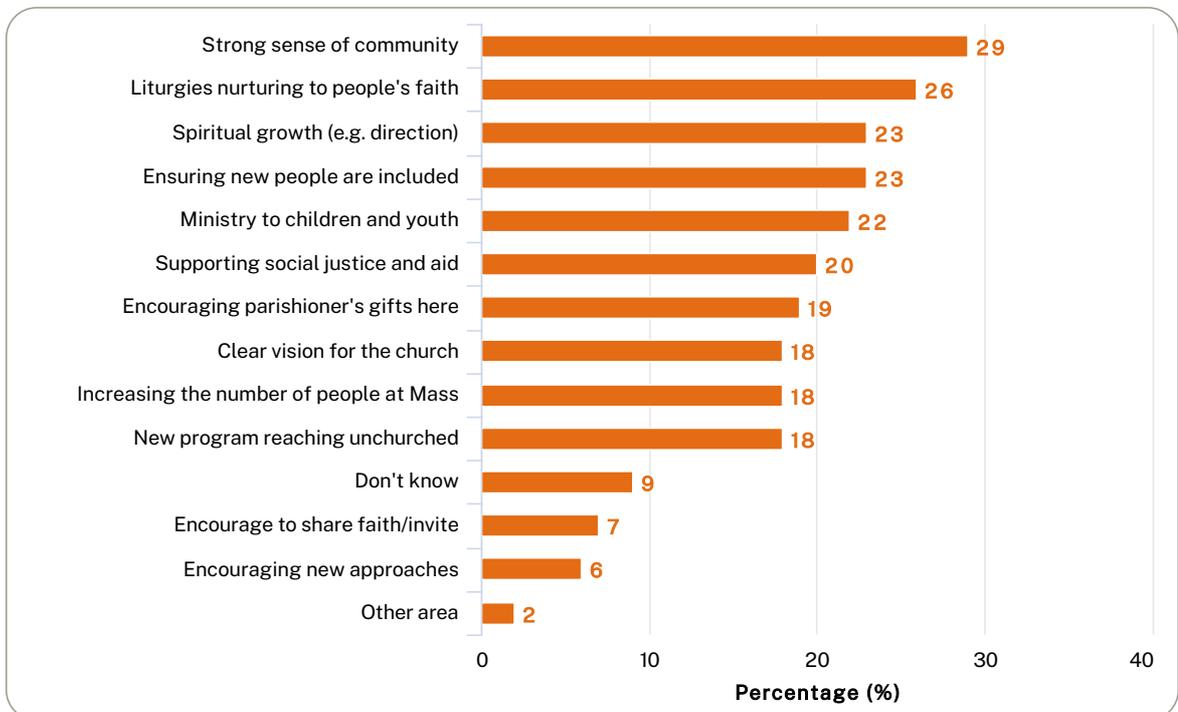
What people value about this church

Attendees of this parish most value 'Celebrating the Eucharist/receiving Holy Communion' and 'Wider community care or social justice emphasis'.



Future priorities

Over the next 12 months most attendees would like priority given to: 'Building a strong sense of community' and 'Liturgies that are nurturing to people's faith'.



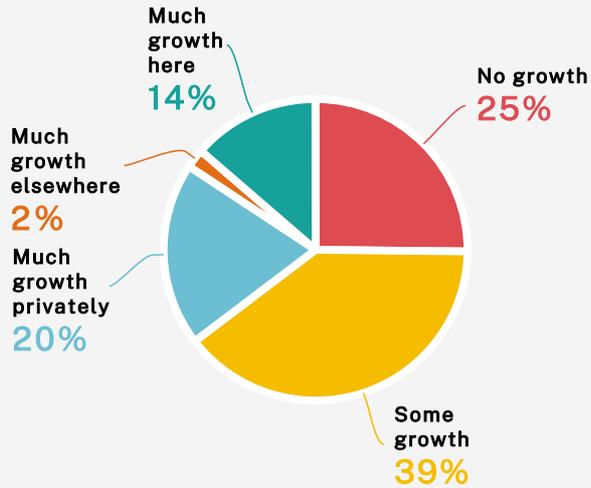


How People Relate to God

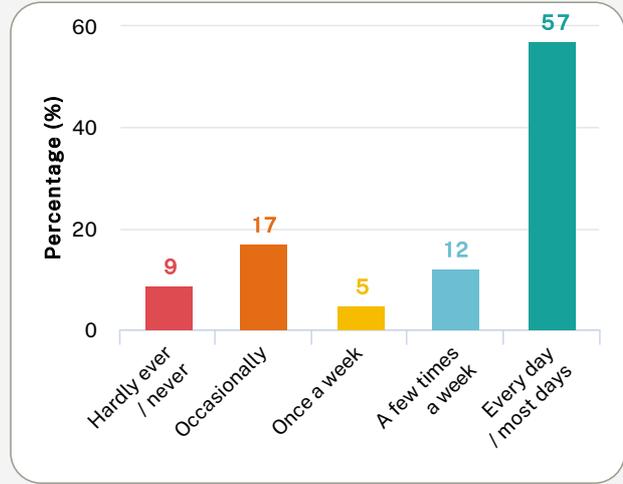


Personal faith

35% of attenders said that they had experienced much growth in faith in the previous 12 months



57% spend time in prayer, Bible reading, meditation everyday or most days



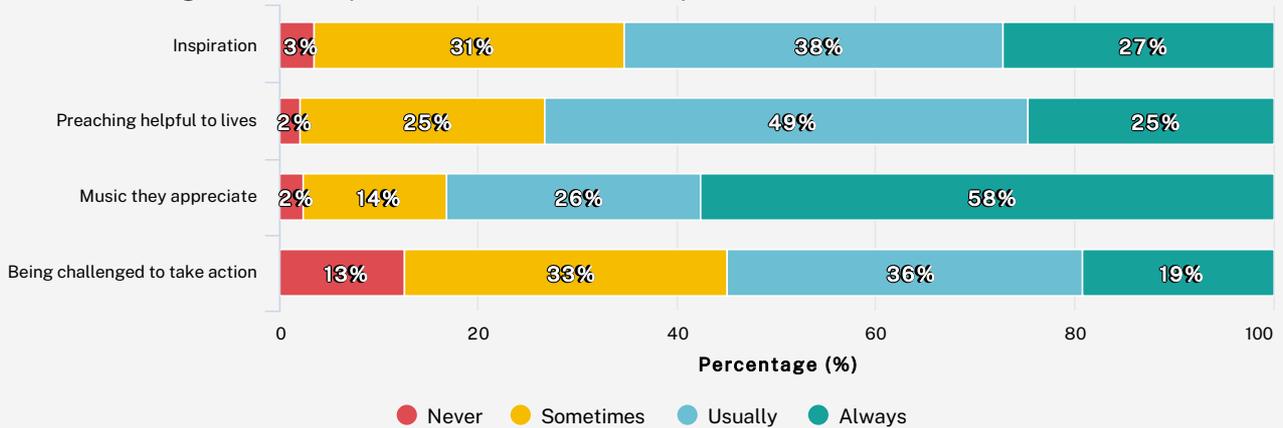
92% agree their faith influences decisions and actions in daily life

93% agree that 'my faith in God is an important part of who I am'



Mass/church worship services

During Mass/worship services here, attenders experience:





How People Relate to Each Other



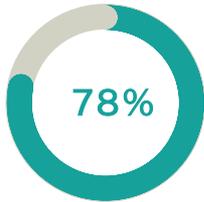
Belonging and inclusion

39% always or mostly personally seek to make new arrivals welcome

12% are likely to follow up someone drifting away from church involvement

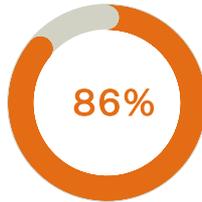
Belonging

Have a strong sense of belonging



Inclusive

Agree this church is inclusive of different kinds of people



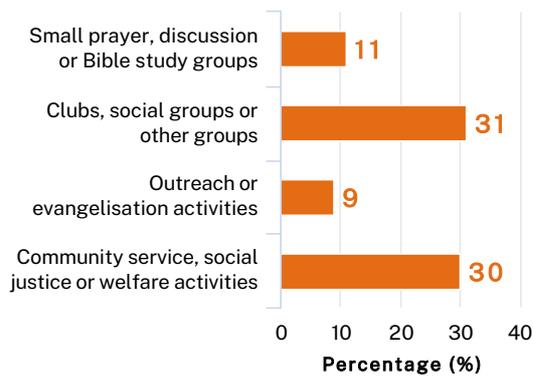
Friendly

Found it easy to make friends in this parish

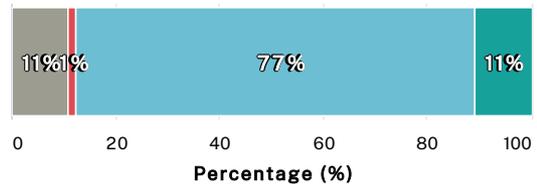


Involvement

Group involvement



11% want to be more involved at this parish

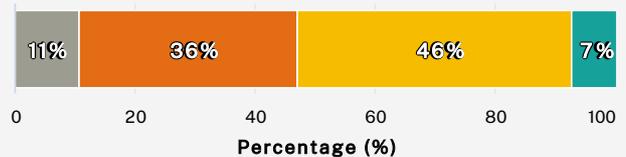


- I am unsure
- Want to be less involved
- Happy with current level
- Want to be more involved

Financial giving

Patterns of giving to this parish (as a percent of net income).

- Do not contribute financially here
- Give a small amount when present
- Give less than 10%
- Give about 10% or more



How People Relate to the Wider Community



Involvement in groups

- 48%** of people participate in wider community groups
- 4%** are very actively involved in online groups (e.g. social media, community groups)

Church-based activities

- 34%** reach out to the wider community through activities of this parish
- 30%** are part of community service activities
- 9%** are part of evangelistic activities



Words and actions

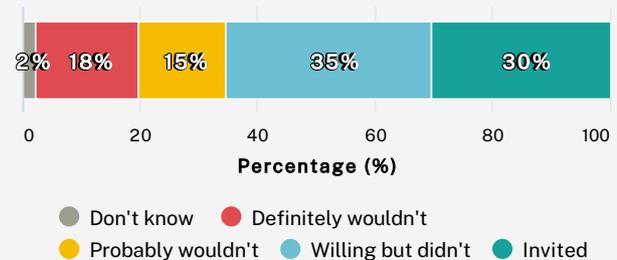
- 66%** talk about matters of faith with other members of their household (26% live alone)
- 9%** feel at ease talking about faith with others and look for opportunities to do so

Attendees have offered to help others in the past 12 months

Donated money to a charitable organisation	69%
Lent or gave money to someone outside your family	45%
Visited someone in hospital	39%
Helped someone through a personal crisis (not sickness)	34%
Given some of your possessions to someone in need	34%
Cared for someone who was very sick	32%
Contacted a parliamentarian/councillor on a public issue	15%
Supported a campaign (online or other)	15%
Tried to stop someone abusing alcohol or drugs	12%
Attended a public meeting/march	7%

Inviting others to church

- 30%** invited friends and relatives to Mass or another church service in this last year



Acting for the environment

- 90%** agree that Christians have a responsibility to actively care for the environment
- 22%** are very active
- 38%** are a little active
- 29%** are currently not active

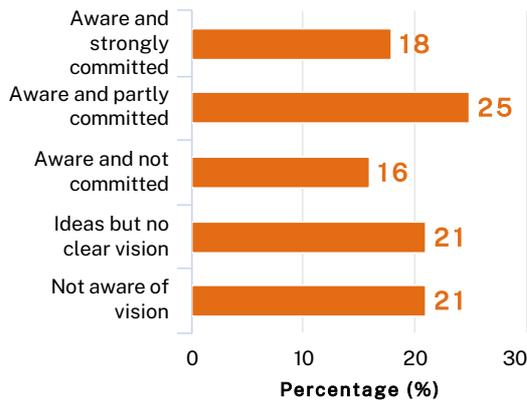


Vision and innovation

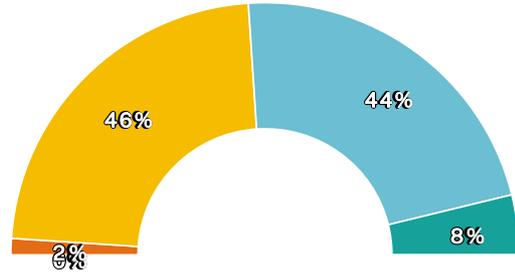
18% of people are both aware of and strongly committed to the vision and goals or directions for this parish

31% are fully confident that this parish can achieve the vision, goals or directions set

Vision

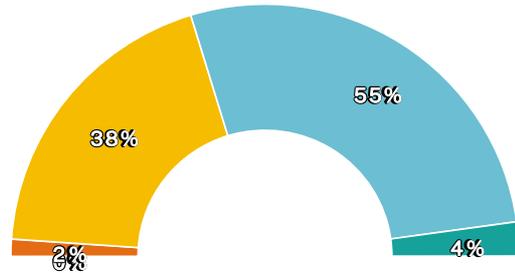


52% agree that this parish is always ready to try something new



● Strongly disagree ● Disagree ● Neutral
● Agree ● Strongly agree

59% agree that they would support the development of new initiatives in the ministry and mission of this parish



● Strongly disagree ● Disagree ● Neutral
● Agree ● Strongly agree



Leadership culture

71% agree that this parish has good and clear systems for how it operates

70% agree it is easy to get involved in ministry at this parish (e.g. join a roster, take on a role)

42% of attenders perform a leadership or ministry role

36% agree 'leaders encourage me to find and use my gifts and skills to great or some extent'

44% agree 'leaders here inspire me to action'



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON

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26 May 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

As I come up to celebrating my eighth year as Bishop of Rockhampton, I am always appreciative of the wonderful support that you give our priests to ensure that they are cared for. I also appreciate the way you value their ministry as they care for you in your towns, cities and vast areas of our Diocese.

The Clergy Support Foundation Appeal is one of the ways I invite you to assist our priests as they approach their retirement or are experiencing ill health, to ensure that they are able to live in a comfortable home and to receive the medical and support services they may need.

As you have experienced, many of our retired priests generously offer their priestly ministry across our Diocese and to assist our active priests during holidays.

I invite you to assist this very important ministry of caring for our priests in their retirement or sickness.

Yours sincerely

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