

# CHURCH LIFE Profile

## Lochinvar Parish Catholic Church

This dynamic report contains your survey results. It celebrates your strengths, helps you build vision and direction, and move forward together into the future.

### LISTEN TO EVERY *voice*

You will hear the responses from all your attenders summarised clearly in one report

### SEE EMERGING *trends*

You will see how your church has progressed, grown, or changed in trends over time

### UNDERSTAND THE BIG *picture*

You will know how your church ranks next to others in clear comparisons and benchmarks

#### Your Profile results are based on:

Attender Surveys (aged 15+): **65 forms**  
Church Code: **TAN024**

Dear local church,

**This Church Life Profile contains your church's unique results from your participation in a 2025 Church Life Survey.**


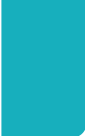

We provide this profile to you, along with supporting resources, to help you strengthen the vitality of your church, grow an owned vision and plan for the future. This profile is part of a Church Life Pack of resources, including the Church Life Survey Workbook, to help you and your church make best use of your results.

Our hope and prayer is that these resources will help, encourage and equip your church in it's mission and ministry.

- The NCLS Research Team

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### Weighing up Your Survey Results

It is always important to consider who participated in the survey and in what context. Compare the number of people surveyed (shown at the bottom of each results page) with the total number in the church. Consider what else was happening in the life of the church at the time of the survey and whether/how it might have influenced their responses.

### Lochinvar Parish in:

2025 - **65 forms**

2011 - **71 forms**    2006 - **45 forms**

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# Dashboard

**Lochinvar Parish**  
65 adult attender forms



## The People of this Church

Average age (years)	60
Female	68%
University degree	47%
Non-English speaking background	37%
New arrivals in last 5 years	50%
Young people aged 15 to 19	2%



## What We Value and Prioritise

Value: Celebrating the Eucharist/ receiving Holy Communion	62%
Value: Traditional style of worship or music	44%
Prioritise: Building a strong sense of community	38%
Prioritise: Creating a clear vision for the church	32%



## How We Relate to God

Experienced much growth in faith in past 12 months	59%
Private devotions at least weekly	74%
Agree faith in God is an important part of who I am	97%
Worship services always/usually challenge me to take action	55%



## How We Relate to Each Other

Strong sense of belonging	79%
Found it easy to make friends	79%
Involved in group activities at church	21%
Satisfied with activities for children under 12 years	38%



## How We Relate to Community

Helped others in 3 or more informal ways in last year	58%
Involved in local church service, justice or welfare activities	11%
Part of community groups not connected to local church	24%
Feel at ease sharing faith with others	70%



## Our Vision and Leadership

Aware of and strongly committed to church's vision	14%
Agree this church is ready to try something new	57%
Attendees who perform at least one leadership or ministry role here	N/A
Leaders encourage use of gifts & skills to a great extent	16%

# People of This Church

This Summary Profile contains a snapshot of your church's unique results from your 2025 Church Life Survey. This profile is based on 65 responses from attenders aged 15+ .

Supporting resources available at [ncls.org.au](https://ncls.org.au) may also help you to 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

**68%** are female

**32%** are male

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

### Marital status

**65%** are currently married

### Ethnicity

**51%** are born in Australia

**49%** are born overseas

**42%** are migrants to Australia

**34%** speak a language other than English at home

### Employment

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

**48%** are retired

### Education

**47%** have a university degree

**24%** have a trade certificate, diploma or associate diploma



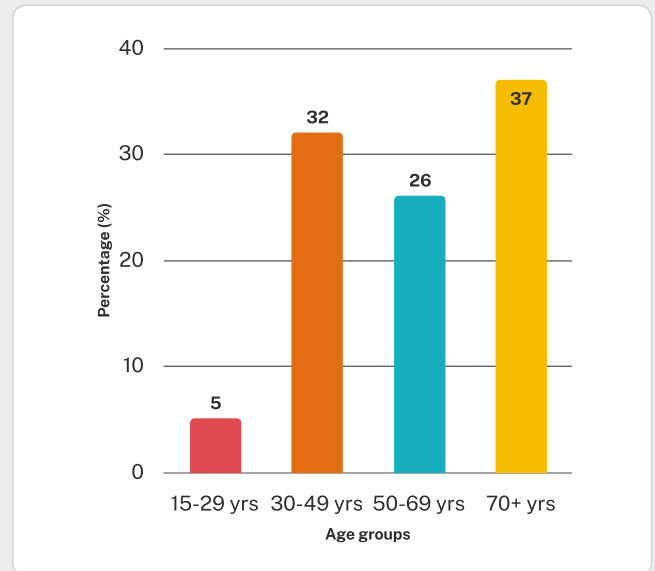
## Age and Intergenerational Ministry

**60** is the average age of adult attenders

**38%** are satisfied with what is offered for children aged under 12 years

**36%** are satisfied with what is offered for youth aged 12 to 18

**75%** agree that people of all ages are encouraged to get involved at this local church

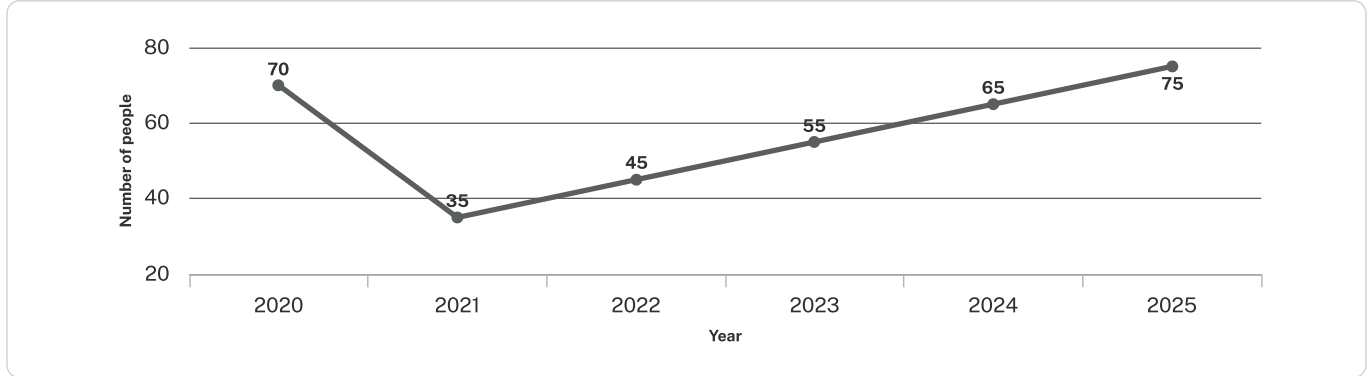


# Church Attendance and Background



## Attendance Patterns

### Estimated attendance



Source: Lochinvar, NCLS 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

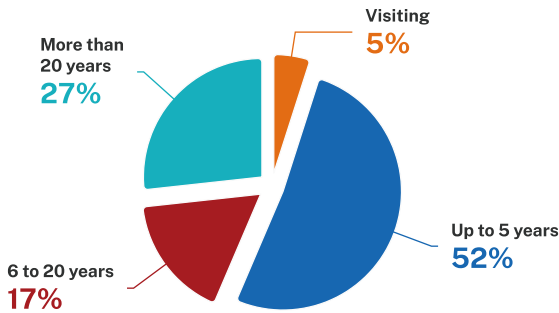
### Attendance at this local church (including online)

- 89%** are frequent attenders (monthly or more)
- 70%** attend weekly or more
- 44%** have attended this church for more than five years

### Attendance elsewhere (in person and online)\*

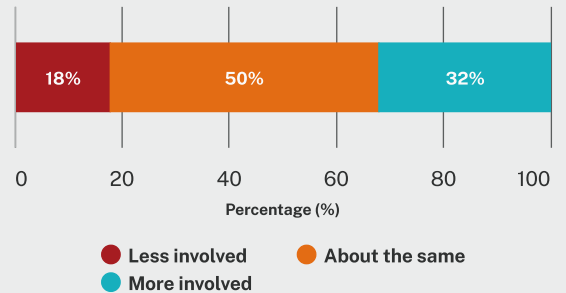
- 35%** do not attend any other church
- 58%** attend elsewhere, in person
- 12%** attend elsewhere, via online services

\*Note attenders could choose more than one option



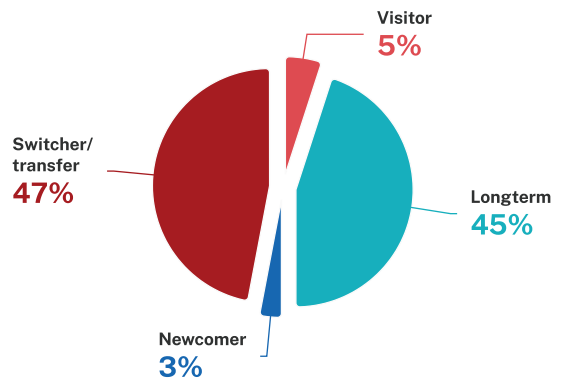
### Impact of COVID-19

Current involvement compared with 2019 (before COVID-19)



## Church Background

**50%** of attenders here are new arrivals to this local church in the past 5 years

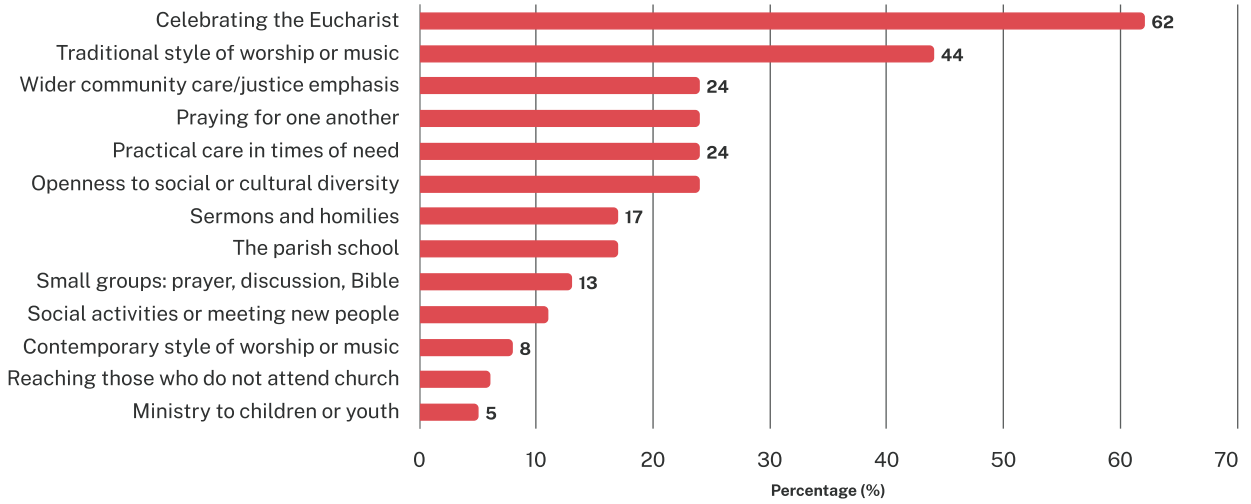


# What People Value and Prioritise



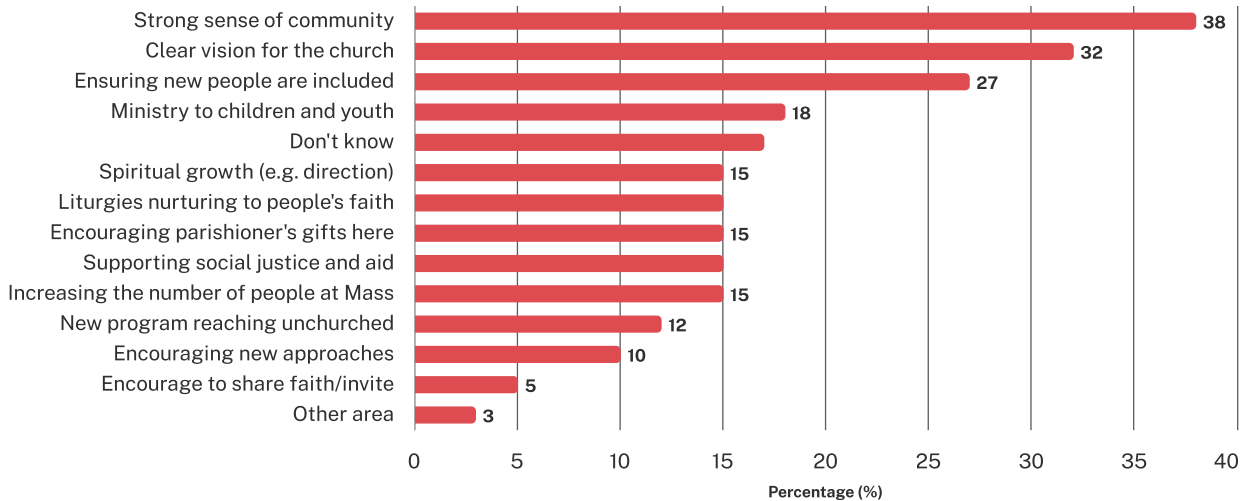
## What People Value about this Church

Attendees of this parish most value 'Celebrating the Eucharist/ receiving Holy Communion' and 'Traditional style of worship or music'.



## Future Priorities

Over the next 12 months most attendees would like priority given to 'Building a strong sense of community' and 'Creating a clear vision for the church'.

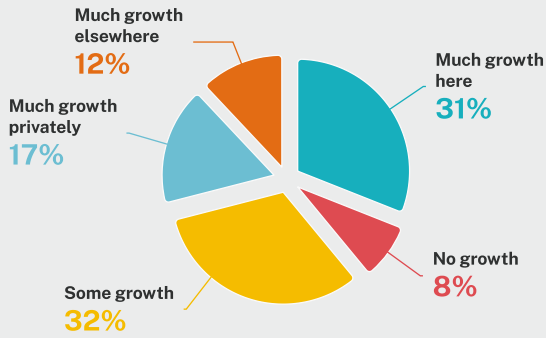


# How People Relate to God

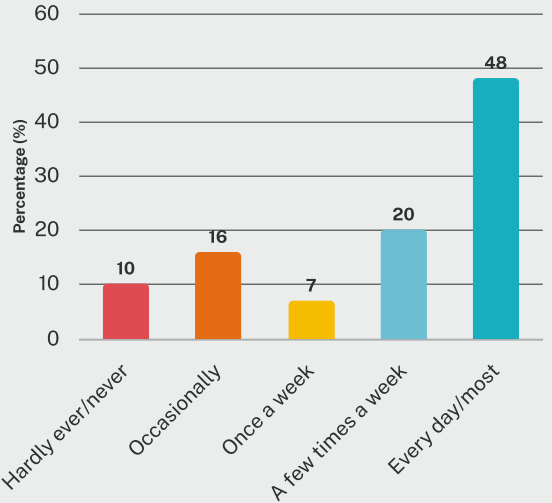


## Personal Faith

**59%** of attenders said that they had experienced much growth in faith in the previous 12 months



**48%** spend time in prayer, Bible reading, meditation everyday or most days



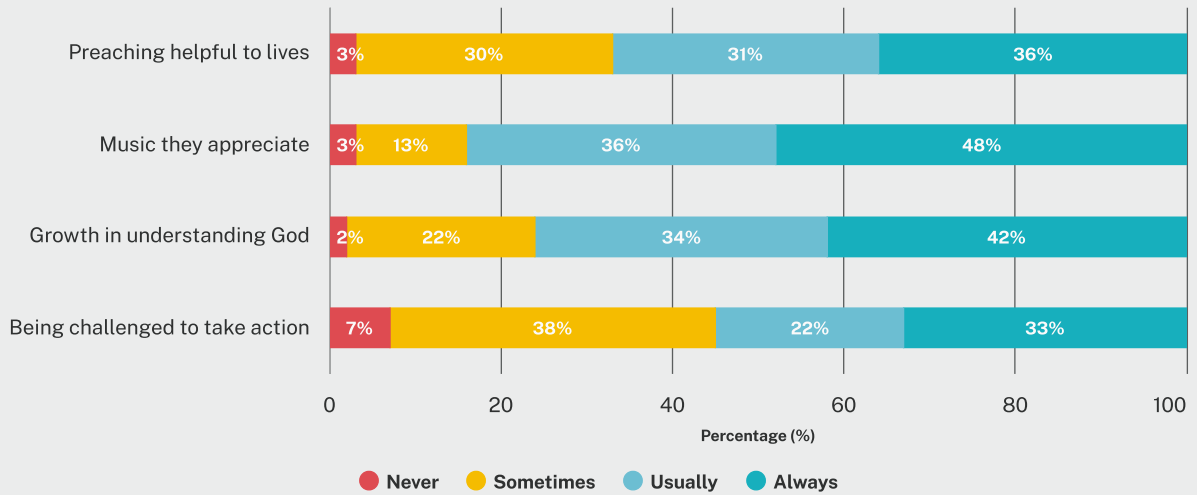
**95%** agree their faith influences decisions and actions in daily life

**97%** agree that 'my faith in God is an important part of who I am'



## Church Worship Services

*During worship services here, attenders experience:*



# How People Relate to Each Other



## Belonging and Inclusion

**44%** always or mostly personally seek to make new arrivals welcome  
**34%** are likely to follow up someone drifting away from church involvement

### Belonging

Have a strong sense of belonging



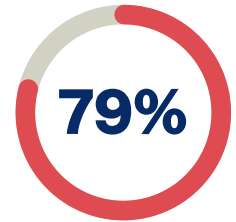
### Inclusive

Agree this church is inclusive of different kinds of people



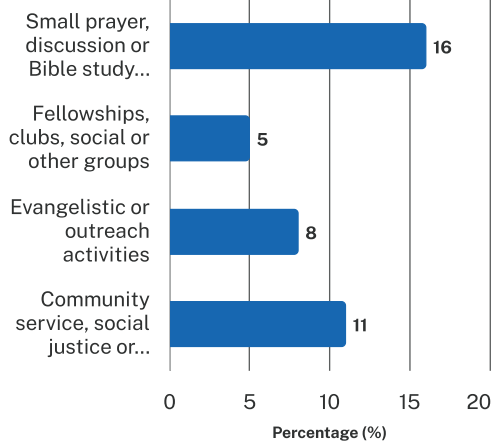
### Friendly

Found it easy to make friends in this parish

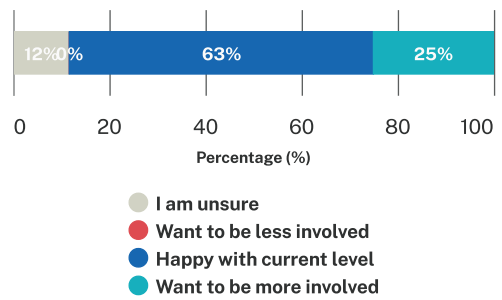


## Involvement

### Group Involvement

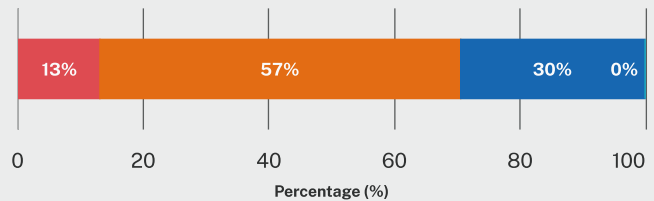


**25%** want to be more involved at this parish



### Financial Giving

- Give no amount to this church
- Give a small amount when present
- Give less than 10% of net income
- Give about 10% of their net income to this local church



# How People Relate to Wider Community



## Involvement in groups

**24%** of people participate in wider community groups  
**6%** are very actively involved in online groups (e.g. social media, community groups)

## Church-based activities

**16%** reach out to the wider community through activities of this local church  
**11%** are part of community service activities  
**8%** are part of evangelistic outreach activities



## Words and Actions

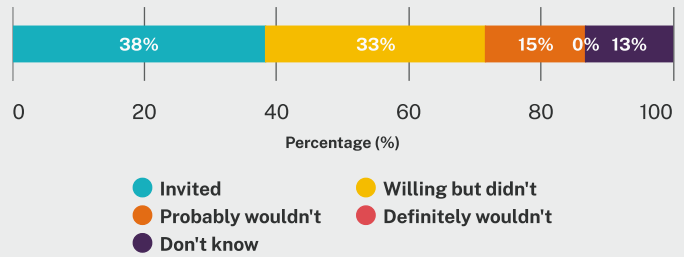
**51%** talk about matters of faith with other members of their household (6% live alone)  
**22%** feel at ease talking about faith with others and look for opportunities to do so

## Attendees have offered to help others in the past 12 months

Donated money to a charitable organisation	<b>71%</b>
Lent or gave money to someone outside your family	<b>49%</b>
Given some of your possessions to someone in need	<b>40%</b>
Cared for someone who was very sick	<b>38%</b>
Visited someone in hospital	<b>35%</b>
Helped someone through a personal crisis (not sickness)	<b>34%</b>
Supported a campaign (online or other)	<b>18%</b>
Contacted a parliamentarian/councillor on a public issue	<b>6%</b>
Attended a public meeting/march	<b>6%</b>
Tried to stop someone abusing alcohol or drugs	<b>5%</b>

## Inviting others to church

**38%** invited friends and relatives to a church service in this last year



## Acting for the Environment

**98%** agree that Christians have a responsibility to actively care for the environment  
**32%** are very active  
**32%** are a little active  
**34%** are currently not active

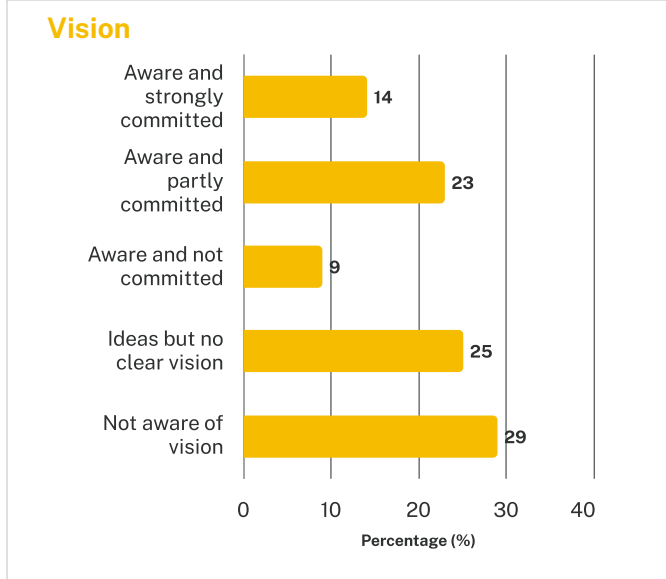
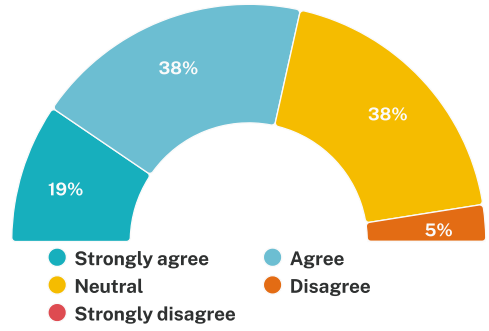
# Vision, Innovation & Leadership Culture



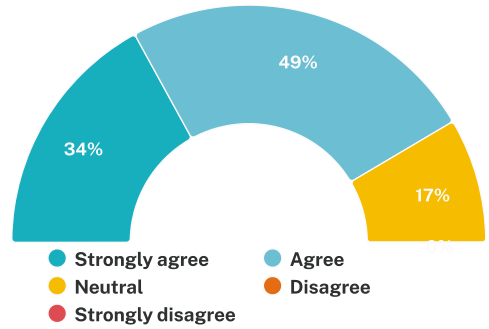
## Vision and Innovation

**57%** agree that this parish is always ready to try something new

**14%** of people are both aware and strongly committed to the vision, goals or directions for this parish  
**33%** are fully confident that this parish can achieve the vision, goals or directions set



**83%** agree that they would support the development of new initiatives in the ministry and mission of this parish



## Leadership Culture

**66%** agree it is easy to get involved in ministry at this church (e.g. join a roster, take on a role)

**65%** agree that this church has good clear systems for how it operates

**N/A** of attenders perform a leadership or ministry role

**53%** agree 'leaders here inspire me to action'

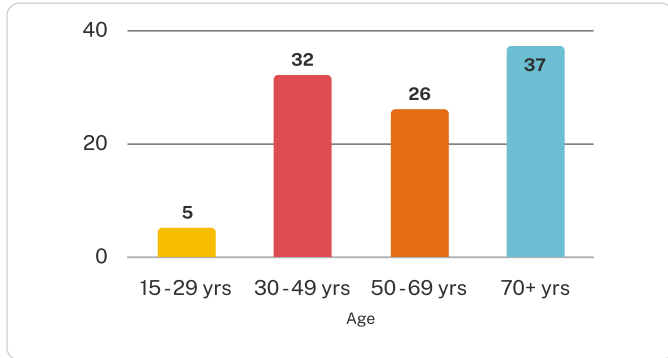
**37%** agree 'leaders encourage me to find and use my gifts and skills to great or some extent'

# A Demographic Profile



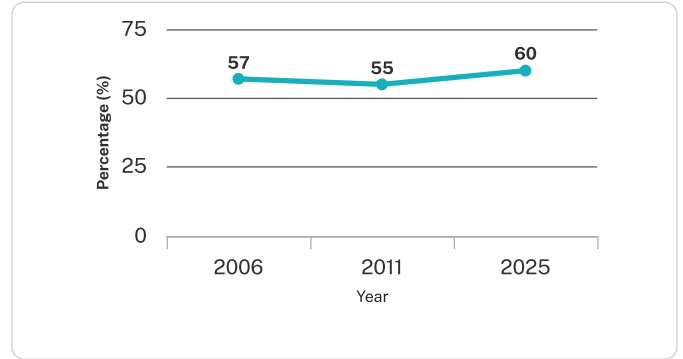
## Age Profile

**60** years is the average age of attenders at this local church (aged 15+)



Source: 2025 CLS, Lochinvar

**Change over time:** Average age of church attenders aged 15+ years.



Source: Lochinvar, NCLS 2006, 2011, 2025

## Gender

**68%** are female

*\* Other not available for local churches to honour commitment to confidentiality. See [ncls.org.au/faqs](https://ncls.org.au/faqs) for more.*

	You in 2025 (%)	You in 2011 (%)	Diocese in 2022 (%)
Female	68	57	67
Male	32	43	33
Other	N/A	N/A	0.0

## Marital Status

**65%** are currently married

	You in 2025 (%)	You in 2011 (%)	Diocese in 2022 (%)
Never married	14	11	11
Married	65	71	61
In a defacto relationship	8	6	2
Separated or divorced	6	9	7
Widowed	6	3	18

## Education

**47%** have a University degree

	You in 2025 (%)	You in 2011 (%)	Diocese in 2022 (%)
Primary/secondary school	29	30	36
Trade certificate, diploma or associate diploma	24	33	31
University degree	47	36	33

## Employment

**41%** are employed

	You in 2025 (%)	You in 2011 (%)	Diocese in 2022 (%)
Employed	41	61	27
Full-time home duties/family responsibilities	9	4	5
Retired	48	32	68

## Ethnicity

**51%** are born in Australia

**37%** are born in non-English speaking countries

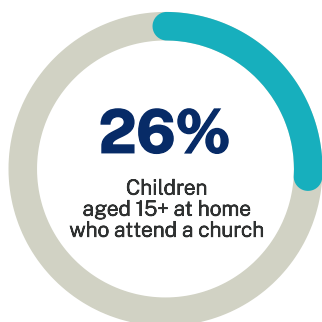
**34%** speak a language other than English at home

	You in 2025 (%)	You in 2011 (%)	Diocese in 2022 (%)
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin	0	2	1
Born in Australia (including above)*	51	87	81
Born in another country where English is the main language*	13	7	6
Born in Non English-speaking country*	37	6	13
At least one parent born in a Non English-speaking country*	41	13	17

\* 'Don't Know' was included in 2021 as a response option for country of birth

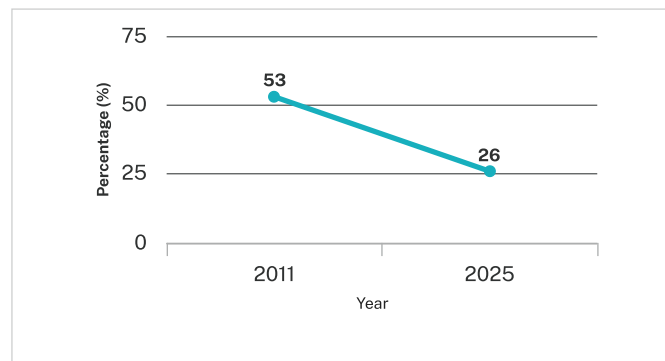
## Children and Youth

**26%** is the proportion of attenders' children (aged 15+ and living at home) who attend a church



Source: 2025 CLS, Lochinvar

**Change over time:** Percent of attenders' children (aged 15+ and living at home) who attend a church



Source: Lochinvar, NCLS 2011, 2025

**Note:** Figures are suppressed and replaced with \* when there are fewer than 6 cases.

### Children and youth of church attenders

**79%** of attenders' children aged 0 to 14 years living at home attend church here

**21%** of attenders' children aged 15 and over still living at home attend church here

You in 2025 (%)

You in 2011 (%)

Diocese in 2022 (%)

#### Attenders' children aged 0-14 still living at home:

	You in 2025 (%)	You in 2011 (%)	Diocese in 2022 (%)
Still attend this church	79	98	72
Attend elsewhere	5	0	3
Do not attend any church	18	2	25

#### Attenders' children aged 15 and over still living at home:

	You in 2025 (%)	You in 2011 (%)	Diocese in 2022 (%)
Still attend this church	21	40	26
Attend elsewhere	5	13	7
Do not attend any church	72	47	69

### Young people at this parish

**2%** of attenders who completed the survey were aged 15 to 19 years

#### Young people who:

	You in 2025 (%)	You in 2011 (%)	Diocese in 2022 (%)
Completed the survey	2	0	1
Have been attending more than 5 years	2	0	0
Have been attending 5 years or less	0	0	0

### Satisfaction with what parish offers

For children aged under 12 years

**38%** are very satisfied or satisfied

For youth aged 12 to 18 years

**36%** are very satisfied or satisfied

**Note:** Figures are suppressed and replaced with \* when there are fewer than 6 cases.

#### Satisfaction with what is offered here 'for children aged under 12 years':

	You in 2025 (%)	You in 2011 (%)	Diocese in 2022 (%)
All attenders very satisfied or satisfied	38	52	32

#### Satisfaction with what is offered here 'for youth aged 12-18 years':

	You in 2025 (%)	You in 2011 (%)	Diocese in 2022 (%)
All attenders very satisfied or satisfied	36	19	25
15-18 year olds very satisfied or satisfied	0	*	33

# Church Background



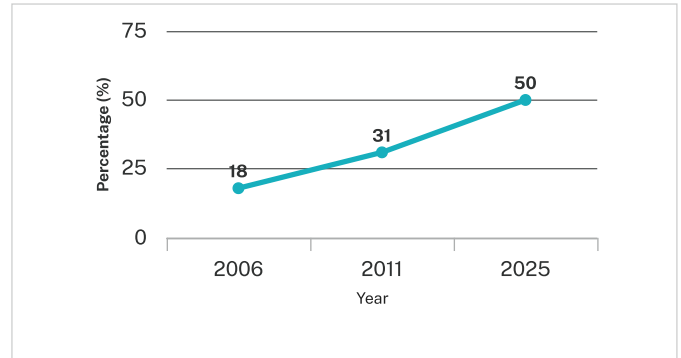
## Background of Church Attenders

**50%** of attenders here are new arrivals to this parish in the past 5 years



Source: 2025 CLS, Lochinvar

**Change over time:** Percent of attenders who were new arrivals in the 5 years prior to the survey



Source: Lochinvar, NCLS 2006, 2011, 2025

### Church Attendance History<sup>+</sup>

- 50%** are new arrivals in the last five years, comprising
  - 47%** moved from a different church
  - 3%** are newcomers (new to any church in the last 5 years)
- 45%** are long-term having attended here for more than 5 years
- 5%** were visitors

	You in 2025 (%)	You in 2011 (%)	Diocese in 2022 (%)
New Arrivals (total) <sup>1</sup>	50	31	18
Newcomers <sup>2</sup>	3	7	3
Returnees: after absence of several years	2	3	2
Never regularly attended	2	3	1
Switchers <sup>3++</sup>	0	0	0
Transfers <sup>4</sup>	47	24	15
Long-term attenders <sup>5</sup>	45	48	80
Visitors from other churches	5	5	1
Visitors who do not regularly go to church	0	16	1

### Length of Attendance at this Church

- 17%** have been here less than 1 year
- 34%** have been here for 1-5 years
- 27%** have been here for more than 20 years

Total new arrivals (new to your parish) in the last 5 years			
Less than 1 year	17	3	5
1-2 years	23	13	3
3-5 years / unsure	11	14	11
6-10 years	6	5	10
11-20 years	11	13	18
More than 20 years	27	30	51

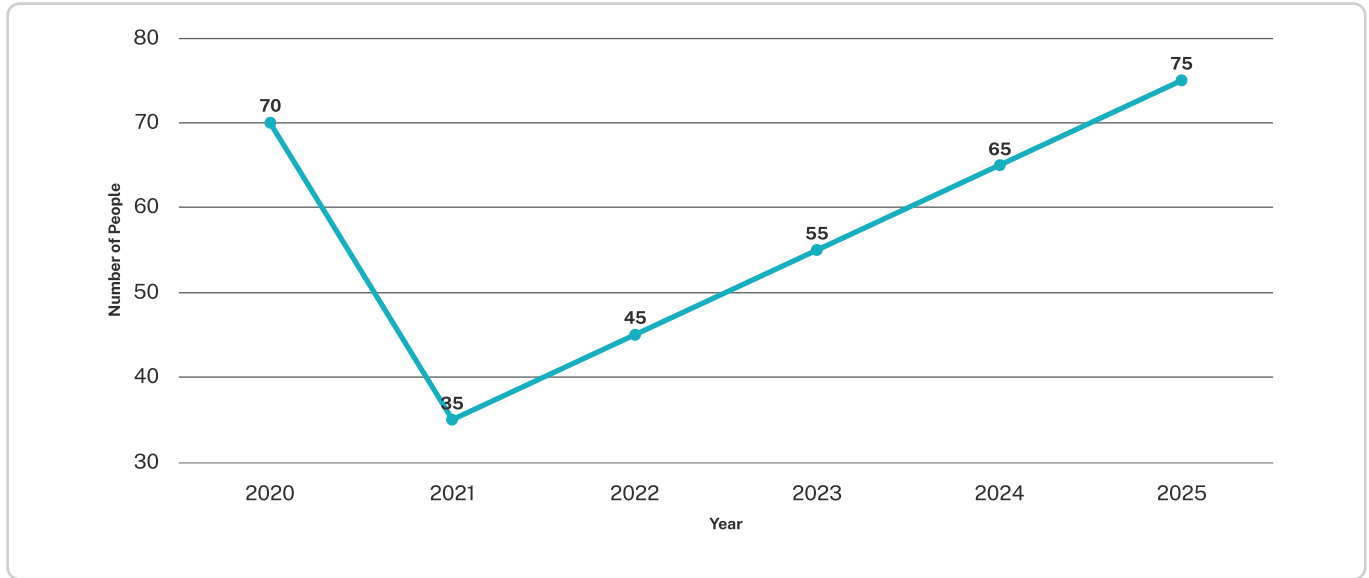
**+Note:** Church attendance history is calculated from three survey questions. The figures may not match those for length of attendance due to non-responses.  
**++Note:** The wording of the response options to the survey about the denomination of the previous church changed in 2016.

- 1. New Arrivals:** People who did not attend this church 5 years ago
- 2. Newcomers:** new to any church in the last 5 years
- 3. Switchers:** from another denomination in the last 5 years
- 4. Transfers:** from same denomination in the last 5 years
- 5. Long-term attenders:** attended here for more than 5 years

# Attendance Estimates



## Estimated Church Attendance



This chart shows the pattern of attendance change for your church over recent years. It is based on estimates supplied by your local church leader or representative.

### Attendance at this Local Church (including online)

**89%** are frequent attenders (monthly or more)

You in 2025 (%)	You in 2011 (%)	Diocese in 2022 (%)
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Attend here (inc. online)			
First time/hardly ever/special occasions only	6	19	4
Less than once a month	5	2	3
Once, twice or three times a month	19	21	7
Usually every week	66	52	64
More than once a week	5	6	23

### Attendance Elsewhere

**58%** attend elsewhere, in person

**12%** attend elsewhere, via online services

Attend elsewhere			
No	35	N/A	49
Yes, attend in person elsewhere	58	N/A	36
Yes, via online services	12	N/A	24

### Impact of COVID on Involvement

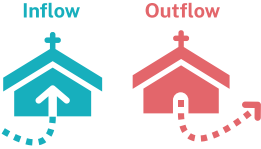
**32%** are more involved than in 2019

**50%** are involved about the same as in 2019

**18%** are less involved than in 2019

Compared to 2019, more or less involved here			
More involved	32	N/A	15
About the same	50	N/A	60
Less involved	18	N/A	25

# Inflow and Outflow



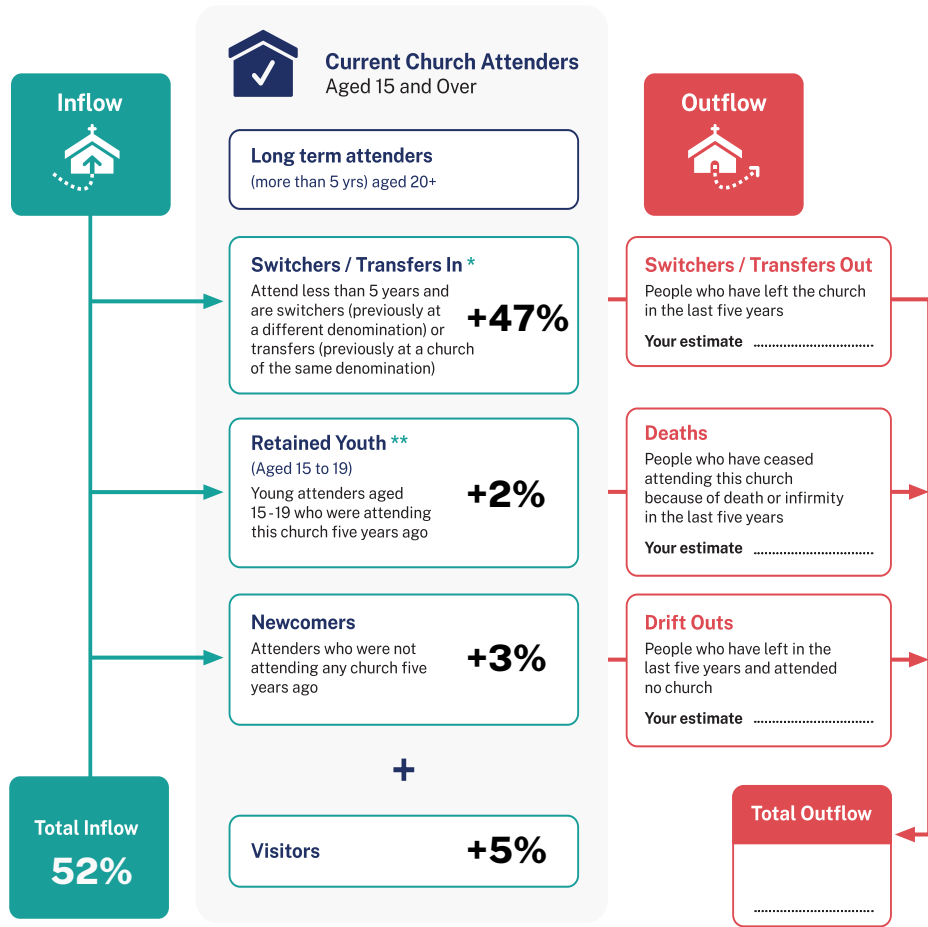
**How do churches grow? In numerical terms churches grow when the inflow of church attenders exceeds the outflow.**

**About the NCLS Inflow Outflow model**

Long term attenders have attended a local church for 5 or more years. There are three types of inflow. For each inflow path, there is a matching outflow:

1. People arrive from other churches and leave to go to other churches.
2. Children are born to church attenders\*\* and people die.
3. Newcomers with no church background start attending and others drift out from church life.

Information from your church attenders (aged 15 and over) is used to calculate three types of inflows. Based on your current attendance, you will need to estimate your outflows.



**Notes:**

Current church attenders = Long-term attenders + inflow in past 5 years + visitors = 100%

\* **About Switchers and Transfers:** Switchers change denominations. Transfers change churches within the same denomination.

\*\* **About Retained Youth:** Instead of births, the calculation includes youth who are still attending and who were attending this church five years ago.

## About the 9 Core Qualities of Church Life

Over 30 years NCLS Research has identified 9 Core Qualities shown to be central to the life of a vital and healthy church. The blend of these qualities points to the unique character of each church, its areas of strength and its potential for growth. These Core Qualities are measured and grouped into three areas of church life:

### The Internal Core Qualities



Faith



Worship



Belonging

#### Internal Core Qualities

focus on the inner life of the community of faith, and a measure is made of the extent to which the community:

- has an alive and growing faith
- experiences vital and nurturing worship
- feels a strong and growing belonging

### The Outward Core Qualities



Service



Faith Sharing



Inclusion

#### Outward Core Qualities

focus on the outward looking life of the church, and a measure is made of the extent to which the church undertakes:

- practical and diverse service
- willing and effective faith-sharing
- intentional and welcoming inclusion

### The Inspirational Core Qualities



Vision



Innovation



Leadership Culture

#### Inspirational Core Qualities

focus on the vigour of a church and the catalysts that inspire a church culture to move forward. They give a measure of the extent to which the church has:

- a clear and owned vision
- openness to imaginative and flexible innovation
- an inspiring and empowering leadership culture

### NCLS Research also explores three attendance measures for every church:



**Young adult retention** - the extent to which the children of the faith community remain regular attenders when they grow into young adulthood.

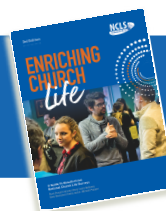


**Newcomers** - the extent to which newcomers with no church background who have arrived in the previous five years make up the congregation.



**Attendance change** - the extent to which attendance numbers have changed over the last five years through the inflow and outflow of people.

For more detail on the NCLS Research Vitality Framework refer to the book:  
**Enriching Church Life 3rd Edition**



or go to:

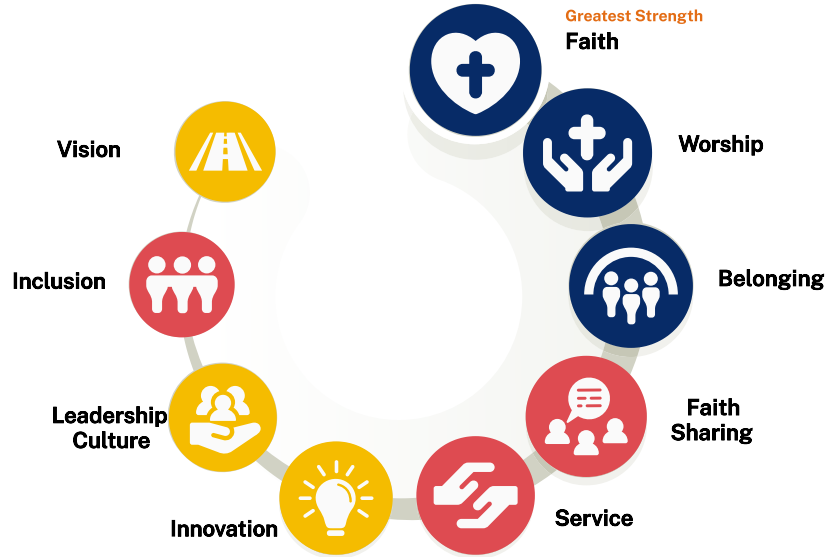
[ncls.org.au/church-vitality](https://ncls.org.au/church-vitality)

# Circle of Strengths

## Core Qualities Overview

Over 30 years of research in Australian churches, the NCLS has highlighted key indicators for each of the nine Core Qualities of church health and vitality. This Circle of Strengths is a simple 'broad brush' view of your church's survey results in each Core Quality of church life.

A single indicator of responses has been chosen for each Core Quality area. The order of the Core Qualities in the Circle of Strengths is based on ranking the indicator scores from highest to lowest.



## Headline Indicators

In Rank Order	Quality	Indicator	Score out of 10
1	Faith	Much growth in faith in the past year, through this church	8.7
2	Worship	Always experience inspiration in church worship services	8.7
3	Belonging	Sense of belonging is strong and growing	7.7
4	Faith Sharing	Have invited someone in the last 12 months	7.2
5	Service	Number of different ways attenders have helped others in the last 12 months	6.3
6	Innovation	Strongly agree this church is always ready to try something new	6.0
7	Leadership Culture	Agree that leaders encourage attenders to find their gifts and skills to a great extent	5.1
8	Inclusion	Attenders certain they would follow up someone drifting from church	5.0
9	Vision	Aware of and strongly committed to the vision of this church	4.3

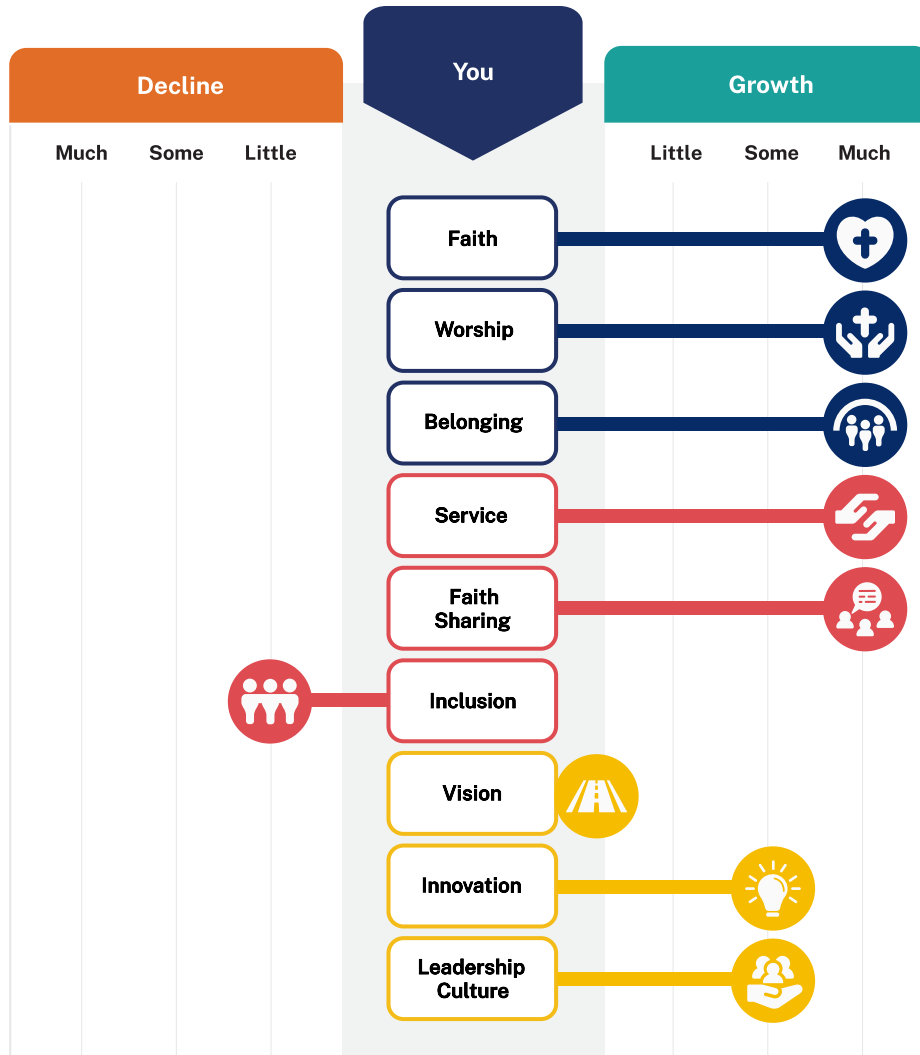
### How do these scores work?

For each indicator question the percentage of the people in the church who selected a given response is converted into a score between 1 and 10. A score of 5 is the average across a representative sample of Australian Catholic parishes. See more at [ncls.org.au/church-vitality](https://ncls.org.au/church-vitality)

# Change Over Time

When a church takes part in a Church Life Survey more than once, it's possible to see changes over time.

This chart shows how selected indicators of the qualities of church health have changed since the last Church Life Survey. (See [ncls.org.au/church-vitality](https://ncls.org.au/church-vitality) for more information)



## No results for Change Over Time?

### Now

For each Core Quality ask if this is an area of church life that has improved, declined or stayed the same over the past five years?

### Later

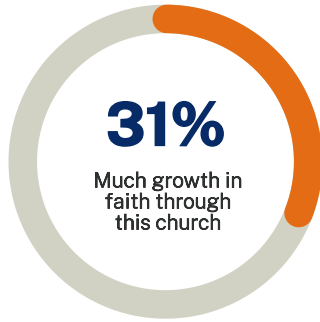
Any church can conduct a Church Life Survey at any time that suits them into the future. New results will be compared with previous results. Contact NCLS Research for details.

# Faith: Alive and Growing



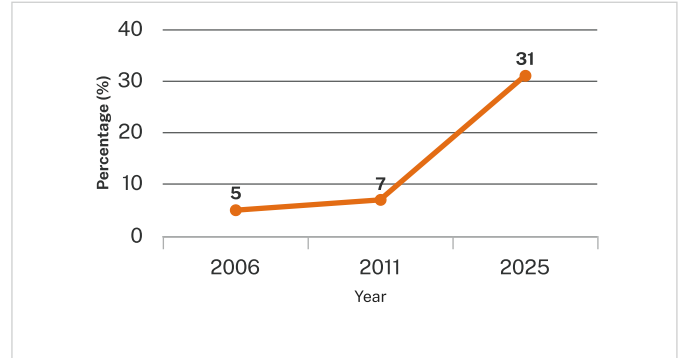
## Growth in Faith through this Local Church

**31%** said they had experienced much growth in faith through this local church in the last 12 months



Source: 2025 CLS, Lochinvar

**Change over time:** Percentage of attenders who experienced much growth in faith through this local church in the last 12 months



Source: Lochinvar, NCLS 2006, 2011, 2025

### Growth in Faith in the Past Year

**92%** have grown their faith, either through this church, other groups or churches or through private activity

	You in 2025 (%)	You in 2011 (%)	Diocese in 2022 (%)
Much: this local church	31	7	17
Much: other groups	12	7	5
Much: private activity	17	16	15
Some growth	32	36	38

### Private Devotional Activity

**74%** spend time in prayer, Bible reading or meditation at least weekly

	You in 2025 (%)	You in 2011 (%)	Diocese in 2022 (%)
Everyday/most days	48	41	61
A few times a week	20	15	15
Once a week	7	2	4
Occasionally	16	13	14
Hardly ever/never	10	30	6

### Identification with Matters of Faith

Attenders chose up to 2 out of 6 options (e.g. Catholic or Anglo-Catholic; Pentecostal or Charismatic; Evangelistic or Reformed; Liberal or Progressive; Other and 'Do not identify')

**89%** chose Catholic or Anglo-Catholic  
**10%** chose I do not identify with such descriptions

	You in 2025 (%)	You in 2011 (%)	Diocese in 2022 (%)
Catholic or Anglo-Catholic	89	N/A	90
I do not identify with such descriptions	10	N/A	7
Pentecostal or charismatic	3	N/A	5
Liberal or Progressive	3	N/A	6

### Faith and Life

**95%** agree or strongly agree that their faith influences decisions and actions in daily life  
**97%** agree or strongly agree their faith in God is an important part of who they are

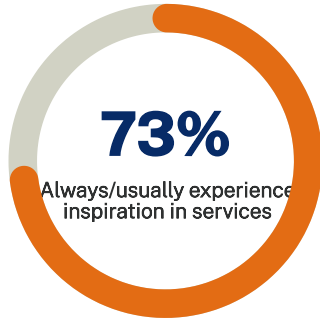
My faith influences decisions and actions in my daily life			
Agree or strongly agree	95	N/A	94
Neutral or unsure	5	N/A	5
Disagree or strongly disagree	0	N/A	1
Faith in God is an important part of who I am			
Agree or strongly agree	97	N/A	96
Neutral or unsure	3	N/A	3
Disagree or strongly disagree	0	N/A	1

# Worship: Vital and Nurturing



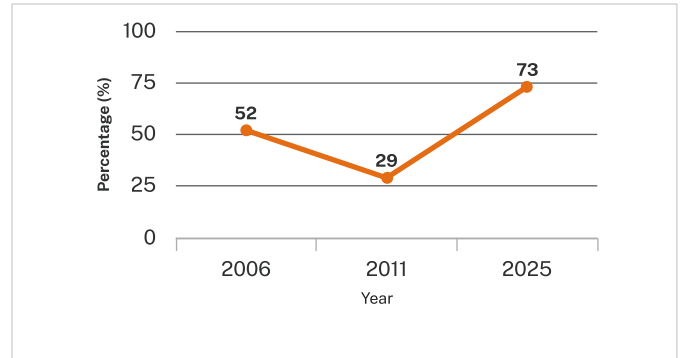
## Experience Inspiration during Church Services

**73%** of attenders said they always/usually experience inspiration during services



Source: 2025 CLS, Lochinvar

**Change over time:** Percent of attenders who always/usually experience inspiration during services



Source: Lochinvar, NCLS 2006, 2011, 2025

### Inspiration

**73%** always/usually experience inspiration during church services

	You in 2025 (%)	You in 2011 (%)	Diocese in 2022 (%)
Always	34	10	26
Usually	39	19	40

### Helpful Preaching

**67%** always/usually experience preaching very helpful to their lives during church services

	You in 2025 (%)	You in 2011 (%)	Diocese in 2022 (%)
Always	36	13	26
Usually	31	28	40

### Appreciate Music

**84%** always/usually experience music they appreciate during church services

Always	48	N/A	49
Usually	36	N/A	32

### Presence and Growth in Understanding of God

**89%** always/usually experience a sense of God's presence during church services

Always	54	30	59
Usually	34	36	26

**76%** always/usually experience growth in understanding of God during church services

Always	42	9	34
Usually	34	33	38

### Being Challenged to Take Action

**55%** always/usually experience being challenged to take action

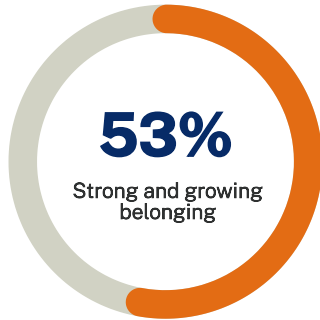
Always	33	8	22
Usually	22	23	29

# Belonging: Strong and Growing



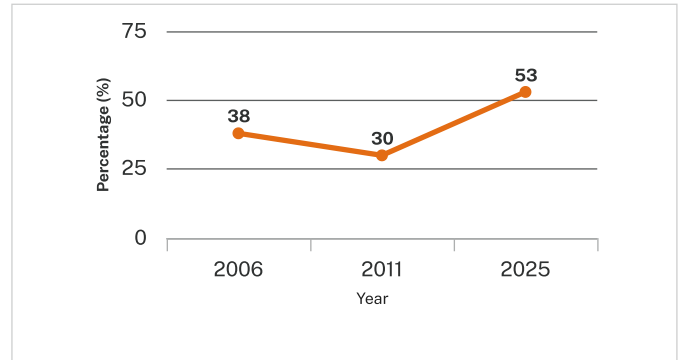
## A Strong and Growing Sense of Belonging

**53%** of attenders said they have a strong sense of belonging to this church which is growing



Source: 2025 CLS, Lochinvar

**Change over time:** Percentage of attenders who have a strong and growing sense of belonging to this church



Source: Lochinvar, NCLS 2006, 2011, 2025

### Sense of Belonging to their Local Church

**79%** have a strong sense of belonging to this local church

**16%** do not feel they belong

	You in 2025 (%)	You in 2011 (%)	Diocese in 2022 (%)
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Sense of belonging	You in 2025 (%)	You in 2011 (%)	Diocese in 2022 (%)
Strong and growing	53	30	37
Strong and stable	18	19	30
Strong but weakening	8	10	17
No, but new here	5	4	5
No, and wish they did	3	0	3
No, but happy	8	23	7
Don't know / NA	5	13	2

### Regular Participation in their Local Church's Activities

**21%** take part in group activities at this local church

**16%** take part in activities of the local church that reach out to the wider community

	You in 2025 (%)	You in 2011 (%)	Diocese in 2022 (%)
Small prayer, discussion	16	12	23
Fellowship, clubs or other social groups	5	15	26
Evangelical or outreach	8	11	9
Community service, social justice or welfare	11	16	27

### Financial Giving

**0%** regularly give 10% of net income

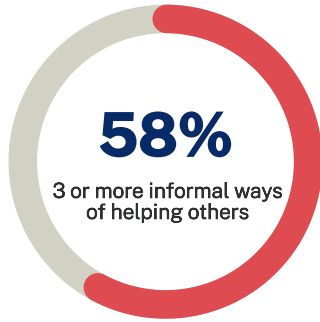
	You in 2025 (%)	You in 2011 (%)	Diocese in 2022 (%)
Regularly give 10%	0	0	5
Regularly give up to 9% of net income	30	50	53
Give a small amount whenever I am here	57	25	34

# Service: Practical and Diverse



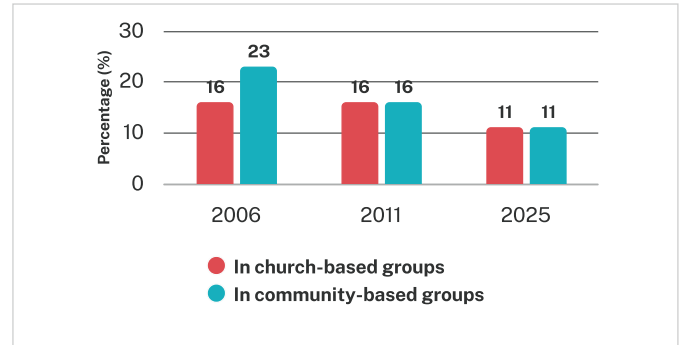
## Acts of Service

**58%** of attenders said they had informally helped others in three or more of a list of ways in the last year



Source: 2025 CLS, Lochinvar

**Change over time:** Percent of attenders who have been involved in community service, care or welfare groups or activities



Source: Lochinvar, NCLS 2006, 2011, 2025

### Informal Ways of Helping Others (in the last year)

**89%** said they had informally helped others in at least one of the ways listed in the last year

**+ Note:** Was changed from 'lent money' in 2011 to 'lent or gave money' in 2016 and 2021

**++ Note:** Added in 2021

	You in 2025 (%)	You in 2011 (%)	Diocese in 2022 (%)
Lent or gave money outside family <sup>+</sup>	49	17	46
Attended a public meeting/march <sup>++</sup>	6	N/A	7
Supported a campaign (online or other) <sup>++</sup>	18	N/A	26
Cared for someone who was very sick	38	29	30
Helped someone through a personal crisis	34	40	35
Visited someone in hospital	35	54	32
Gave possessions to a person in need	40	46	35
Tried to stop someone abusing alcohol or drugs	5	17	8
Donated money to a charitable organisation	71	77	80
Contact parliamentarian/councillor about issue	6	25	19

### Community Activities

**11%** are regularly involved in community service, social justice or welfare activities based in this parish

**24%** are regularly involved in community groups not connected to this parish

	You in 2025 (%)	You in 2011 (%)	Diocese in 2022 (%)
In community service or justice activities based in parish	11	16	27
<b>Involvement in community groups not connected to this parish</b>			
Community service, care or welfare groups	11	16	26
Social action, justice or lobby groups	2	8	6
Sport, recreation or hobby groups	11	22	16
School or youth groups (e.g. P&C Scouts)	6	12	5
Another kind of group	3	10	8
Online groups or communities	2	N/A	5
Not involved with such groups	76	48	53

### Care for the Environment

**98%** agree Christians should care for the environment

**65%** are currently active

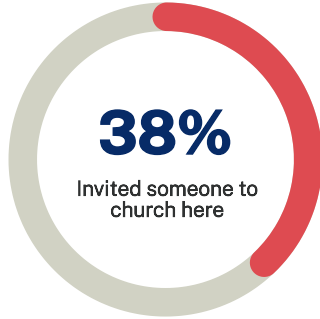
<b>Belief about Christian responsibility to actively care for the environment</b>			
	You in 2025 (%)	You in 2011 (%)	Diocese in 2022 (%)
Yes, am very active	32	N/A	20
Yes, and am a little active	32	N/A	39
Yes, but currently not active	34	N/A	35
No	2	N/A	3
Unsure	0	N/A	3

# Faith Sharing: Willing and Effective



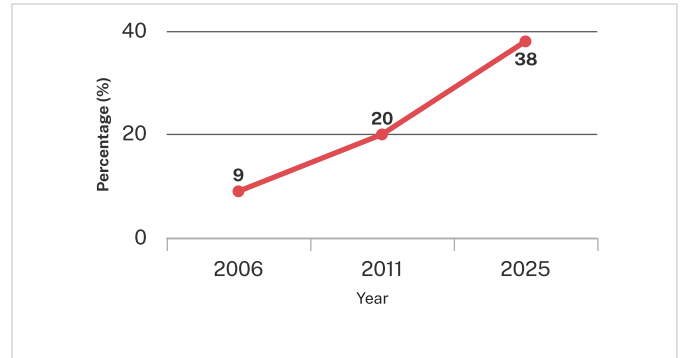
## Inviting Others to Church

**38%** of attenders said they had invited a friend or relative who does not currently attend church to a service here in the last year



Source: 2025 CLS, Lochinvar

**Change over time:** Percent of attenders who invited a friend or relative who does not currently attend church to a service here in the last year



Source: Lochinvar, NCLS 2006, 2011, 2025

### Inviting Others to Church here

**72%** are willing to invite someone to a church service

You in 2025 (%)	You in 2011 (%)	Diocese in 2022 (%)
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Willingness to invite to a church service here any friends/relatives who don't currently attend a church			
Invited someone in the last 12 months	38	20	24
Willing, but didn't invite someone in the last 12 months	33	28	37
Probably wouldn't invite someone	15	26	20
Definitely wouldn't invite someone	0	4	2
Don't know	13	22	17

### Willing and Effective Faith-sharing

**8%** are involved regularly in outreach or evangelistic activity  
**70%** feel at ease talking about their faith

Attenders involved regularly in outreach or evangelistic activity			
Feel at ease talking about their faith and look for opportunities	22	12	15
Mostly feel at ease talking about their faith and do so if it comes up	48	39	60
Find it hard to talk about their faith in ordinary language	15	21	11
Do not like to talk about their faith; life and actions are sufficient	15	25	14
Do not have faith	0	4	0

### Faith-sharing in Households

**51%** frequently talk about matters of faith with other members of their household

Attenders talk about faith with other members of their household			
No, live alone	6	N/A	21
No, do not talk about matters of faith	8	N/A	9
Yes, occasionally	35	N/A	33
Yes, frequently in informal ways	33	N/A	25
Yes, frequently in informal ways as well as part of family or household devotions	17	N/A	12

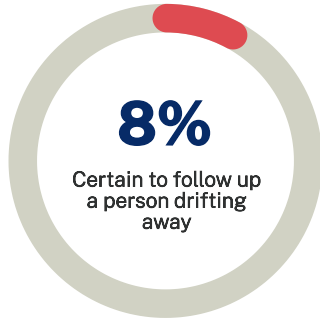
# Inclusion: Intentional and Welcoming



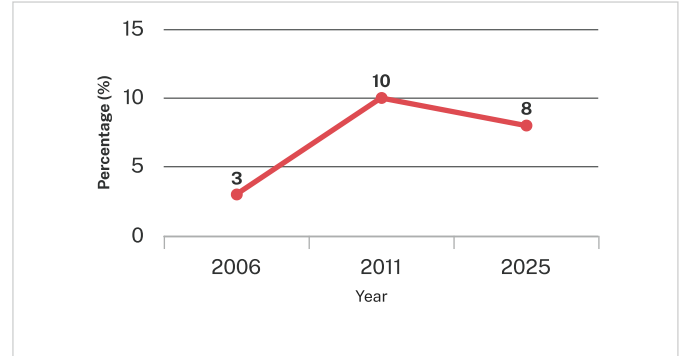
## Follow-up of People Drifting Away

**8%** of attenders said they would certainly follow up someone they knew who was drifting away from church

**Change over time:** Percent of attenders who are certain they would follow up someone they knew who was drifting away from church



Source: 2025 CLS, Lochinvar



Source: Lochinvar, NCLS 2006, 2011, 2025

## Views about Inclusiveness of Parish

**93%** agree that this parish is inclusive of different kinds of people

	You in 2025 (%)	You in 2011 (%)	Diocese in 2022 (%)
<b>This parish is inclusive of different kinds of people</b>			
Strongly agree	56	N/A	34
Agree	37	N/A	50
Neutral/Unsure	7	N/A	13
Disagree	0	N/A	1
Strongly disagree	0	N/A	1

## Likelihood of Follow-up of Those Drifting Away

**34%** are likely to follow up someone drifting away from church

	You in 2025 (%)	You in 2011 (%)	Diocese in 2022 (%)
<b>Likelihood of attenders to follow up someone drifting away from church</b>			
Certain	8	10	4
Very likely	2	6	10
Likely	25	20	21
Hard to say	44	26	45
Unlikely	21	38	20

## Welcoming New Arrivals

**44%** always or mostly personally seek out and welcome people they know who are new arrivals

	You in 2025 (%)	You in 2011 (%)	Diocese in 2022 (%)
<b>Attenders personally seek out and welcome new arrivals</b>			
Always	17	10	14
Mostly	27	18	21
Sometimes	29	26	32
Rarely/Never/Not applicable	27	46	34

## Making Friends

**79%** have found it easy to make friends here

	You in 2025 (%)	You in 2011 (%)	Diocese in 2022 (%)
<b>Attenders found it easy to make friends here</b>			
Attenders agree or strongly agree	79	60	77
Attenders disagree or strongly disagree	0	6	6
<b>Among arrivals in the last five years:</b>			
Agree or strongly agree	65	69	67
Disagree or strongly disagree	0	6	9

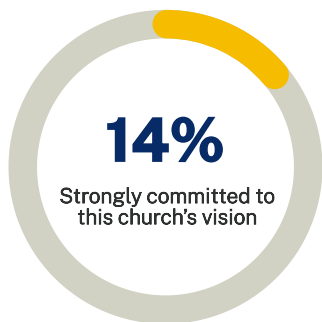
# Vision: Clear and Owned



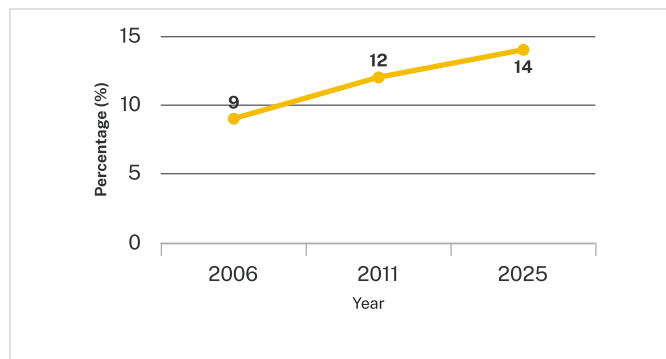
## Committed to this Parish's Vision

**14%** of attenders said they are aware of and strongly committed to this parish's vision, goals or directions

**Change over time:** Percent of attenders who are aware of and strongly committed to this parish's vision, goals or directions



Source: 2025 CLS, Lochinvar



Source: Lochinvar, NCLS 2006, 2011, 2025

### Aware of Vision, Goals and Directions of Parish

**38%** are aware and strongly or partly committed to the vision, goals or direction of the parish

	You in 2025 (%)	You in 2011 (%)	Diocese in 2022 (%)
Aware and strongly committed	14	12	18
Aware and partly committed	23	20	23
Aware and not committed	9	12	11
Aware of ideas not of any clear vision	25	28	22
Unaware of any clear vision, goals or direction	29	28	26

### Confidence that the Parish can Achieve its Vision, Goals or Directions

**33%** are fully confident that the vision can be achieved

Fully confident the vision can be achieved	33	21	27
Partly confident vision can be achieved	26	30	32
Not confident the vision can be achieved	14	0	9

### Attenders' Views on Priorities for this Parish in the Next 12 Months: +

Spiritual growth (e.g. spiritual direction, prayer groups)	15	16	23
Worship services that are nurturing to people's faith	15	22	24
Building a strong sense of community within this parish	38	30	45
Creating a clear vision for this parish's future	32	41	23
Encouraging people here to discover/use their gifts	15	14	20
Encouraging new approaches to ministry and mission	10	8	13
Supporting social justice and aid to people in need	15	19	18
Encouraging people here to share their faith or invite others	5	11	5
Ensuring new people are included well in church life	27	16	22
Ministry to children and youth	18	35	26
Growing into a larger parish	15	16	23
Starting a new church or mission venture	12	19	15

\*Note: The wording on the introduction to this question changed slightly from 2016 onwards

# Innovation: Imaginative and Flexible



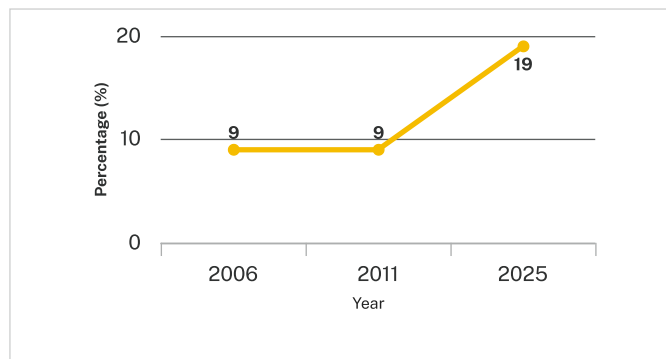
## Ready to Try Something New

**19%** of attenders strongly agree that this parish is always ready to try something new



Source: 2025 CLS, Lochinvar

**Change over time:** Percent of attenders who strongly agree that this parish is always ready to try something new



Source: Lochinvar, NCLS 2006, 2011, 2025

### Willingness of the Parish to Try New Things

**57%** strongly agree or agree that this parish is always ready to try something new

You in 2025 (%)	You in 2011 (%)	Diocese in 2022 (%)
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This parish is always ready to try something new			
	You in 2025 (%)	You in 2011 (%)	Diocese in 2022 (%)
Strongly agree	19	9	14
Agree	38	38	43
Neutral/Unsure	38	47	32
Disagree	5	6	8
Strongly disagree	0	0	3

### Leaders Encourage Innovation

**52%** strongly agree or agree that leaders here encourage innovation and creative thinking

Leaders here encourage innovation			
	You in 2025 (%)	You in 2011 (%)	Diocese in 2022 (%)
Strongly agree	14	10	9
Agree	38	36	38
Neutral/Unsure	38	48	39
Disagree	9	7	10
Strongly disagree	2	0	4

### Openness to New Initiatives

**83%** support the development of new initiatives in ministry and mission in this parish

I would support the development of new initiatives in ministry and mission in the parish			
	You in 2025 (%)	You in 2011 (%)	Diocese in 2022 (%)
Strongly agree	34	N/A	18
Agree	49	N/A	53
Neutral/Unsure	17	N/A	27
Disagree	0	N/A	2
Strongly disagree	0	N/A	1

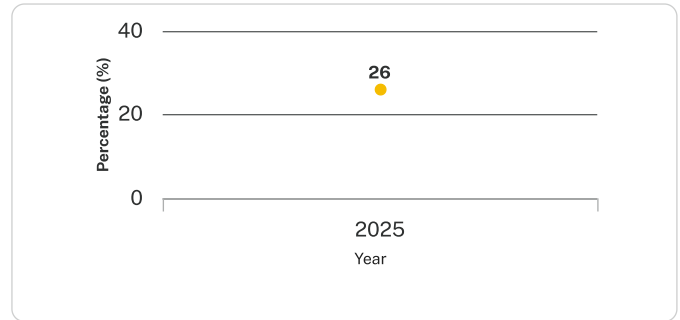
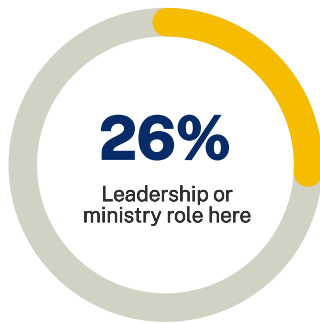
# Leadership Culture: Inspiring and Empowering



## Leadership Roles

**26%** of attenders perform at least one leadership or ministry role here

**Change over time:** Percent of attenders who perform at least one leadership or ministry role here



Source: Lochinvar, NCLS 2025

Source: 2025 CLS, Lochinvar

### Leadership and Ministry Roles Performed by Attenders

	You in 2025 (%)	You in 2011 (%)	Diocese in 2022 (%)
Liturgical roles(including Children's liturgy)	21	38	37
Sacrament Preparation	2	2	2
Parish Council / Committee Member	7	13	13
Group Leadership	4	2	7
Pastoral care	9	6	14
Involved in parish school or RE in government school	4	19	4
Some other role	19	23	20
Attenders performing any leadership / ministry roles here	26	N/A	47

### Views about Local Church Leaders

- 16%** agree this local church's leaders encourage them to find and use their gifts and skills to a great extent
- 53%** agree leaders here inspire them to action

Local leaders encourage attenders to find and use gifts and skills			
To a great extent	16	6	11
To some extent	21	21	27
Attenders strongly agree or agree that...			
Leaders here inspire me to action	53	40	48
Leaders encourage innovation & creativity	52	45	47
Local church has good and clear systems	65	42	63

### Getting Involved Here

- 66%** agree it is easy to get involved in ministry at this church (e.g. join a roster, take on a role)
- 25%** would like to be more involved here

Attenders strongly agree or agree that...			
It is easy to get involved in ministry here	66	N/A	76
All (ages) encouraged to get involved	75	N/A	73
Evaluation of involvement here			
Would like to be more involved	25	N/A	15
Happy with current level of involvement	63	N/A	75
Would like to be less involved	0	N/A	1

# Your results

**This Church Life Profile contains your church's unique results from your participation in the Church Life Survey.**

**This Church Life Profile will enable you to:**

- ✓ Hear all voices and take time to listen
- ✓ Make better, more informed choices
- ✓ Find out the values and hopes of your attenders
- ✓ Take stock of your church's health
- ✓ See how you compare to other churches
- ✓ Identify your strengths and use them to grow



# What next?

Use your Profile, workbook and other resources to evaluate, communicate and act on your results at your church



## Evaluate

Look at your results to see what they reveal



## Communicate

Share key insights and plans with your church



## Act

Take steps of action into the future

More resources available:  [ncls.org.au](https://ncls.org.au)