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DISCERNMENT SESSION ONE

Community Aspirations

Program Overview

- Presentation of the social profile for the new parish
- · Silent reflection
- Group conversation
- Capture key ideas/themes that have emerged for you
- Next steps



Parish social profile: who are you?

Data:

- National Centre for Pastoral Research (under the auspices of ACBC) drawn from 2021 Australian census
- · Local and Victorian Government data

Data + knowledge + lived experience

- CAM
- MACS
- Catholic health, aged care & social services
- St V. De P. conferences
- Parish priest
- Parish outreach programs
- Parish counsellors/ psychologist
- Fellow parishioners

= insight

- Clear picture of reality
- Empowered to plan with hope, confidence and wisdom
- People of God on mission

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Overview

	Your parish	Greater Bayside
Total population (2021)	41,703 people	156,754 people
Catholic population (2021)	8,940 people (21%)	34,101 people (22%)
- Highett	3,554 people (21%)	
- Cheltenham	5,380 people (21%)	
Change in # Catholics 2016-2021	~6% growth	1.4% decline
- Highett	+ 846 people	
- Cheltenham	- 297 people	
Change in total population 2016 - 2021	~16% growth	
Change in % Catholic affiliation 2016 – 2021	~2% decline	
Change in 'no religious affiliation' 2016 - 2021	~33% growth	

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Total population (2021)	41,703 people	156,754 people
Catholic population (2021)	8,940 people (21%)	34,101 people (22%)
Catholics changed address since 2016	~3,295 people (37%)	13,256 people (39%)
- Highett	~1,245 people (35%)	
- Cheltenham	~2,050 people (38%)	

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Mass community

	Your parish	Greater Bayside
Catholic population (2021)	8,940 people	34,101 people
Mass Count 2019	769 people (~9%)	3,427 people (~10%)
Mass Count 2022	305 people (3%)	1801 people (5%)
Mass Count 2023	347 people (4%)	1,840 people (5%)
- Highett	90 people (<3%)	
- Cheltenham	257 people (>4%)	
Change in Mass Count 2019 - 2023		
- Highett	- 102 people (47%)	
- Cheltenham	- 320 people (56%)	

Age profile

	Your parish	Greater Bayside
Catholic population (2021)	8,940 people	34,101 people
Median age	42 years	46 years
<10 years	1,072 children (12%)	3,474 children (10%)
10 - 19 years	1,251 youth (14%)	5,349 youth (16%)
80+ years	536 adults (6%)	2,272 adults (7%)

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Primary school data

	Your parish	Greater Bayside
Total school enrolments	364 students	2,523 students
Catholic enrolments	269 students (74%)	2,049 students (81%)
Catholic children in other schools	248 children (48%)	1,076 children (34%)

Aged care data

	Your parish	Greater Bayside
Catholics 80+ years	536 people	2,272 adults (7%)
Number of facilities	13 facilities	33 facilities
Number of Catholic facilities	0 Catholic facilities	3 facilities

Diversity

	Your parish	Greater Bayside
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders	24 people	99 people
Born overseas	2,533 people (28%)	8,425 people (25%)
- Highett	1,012 people	
- Cheltenham	1,523 people	
Immigrants from NESB 2018-21	118 people	368 people
- Highett	50 people	
- Cheltenham	68 people	
Do not speak English well	143 people	372 people

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Diversity

	Your parish	Greater Bayside
Top 5 languages spoken at home		
- Italian	371 people	
- Spanish	209 people	
- Polish	207 people	
- Filipino languages	152 people	
- Croatian	104 people	

Broader community social characteristics

	Your parish	Greater Bayside
*SEIFA Index	1,048	1,081
- Highett	1,053	
- Cheltenham	1,046	
Catholic single parent families	~982 (11%)	~3,137 (~9.2%)
Catholics living alone	1,077 (12%); (30%)	3,589 (11%)
Need assistance with core activities	566 (6%); (29%)	1,953 (6%)

^{*} Index of relative socio-economic advantage and disadvantage based on people's access to material and social resources and their ability to participate in society. A higher index implies less community disadvantage.