

Church Life Profile

Oran Park Parish

The people of this parish...

Most VALUE:



Celebrating the Eucharist/receiving Holy Communion



Sermons and homilies



Praying for one another



Contemporary style of worship or music



Want to give ATTENTION to:



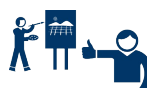
Building a strong sense of community



Spiritual growth (e.g. direction)



Ministry to children and youth



Encouraging parishioners here to discover/use their gifts here



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

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The People of This Church

DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE



63% of all people are female and 37% are male

42% of all people have a university degree



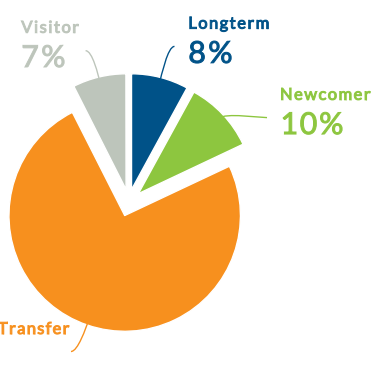
22% have a trade certificate, diploma or associate diploma



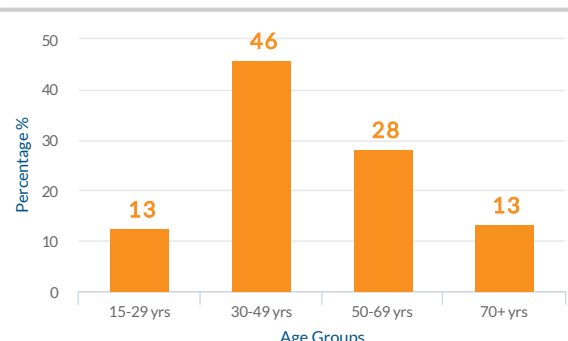
36% have primary or secondary school education



CHURCH BACKGROUND and ATTENDANCE



The AVERAGE AGE of people is 48 years



59% of all people were born in AUSTRALIA

41% were born overseas



39% speak a language other than ENGLISH at home



85% of attenders here are new arrivals to this parish in the past five years.

87% attend Mass at least monthly



Estimated MASS ATTENDANCE:

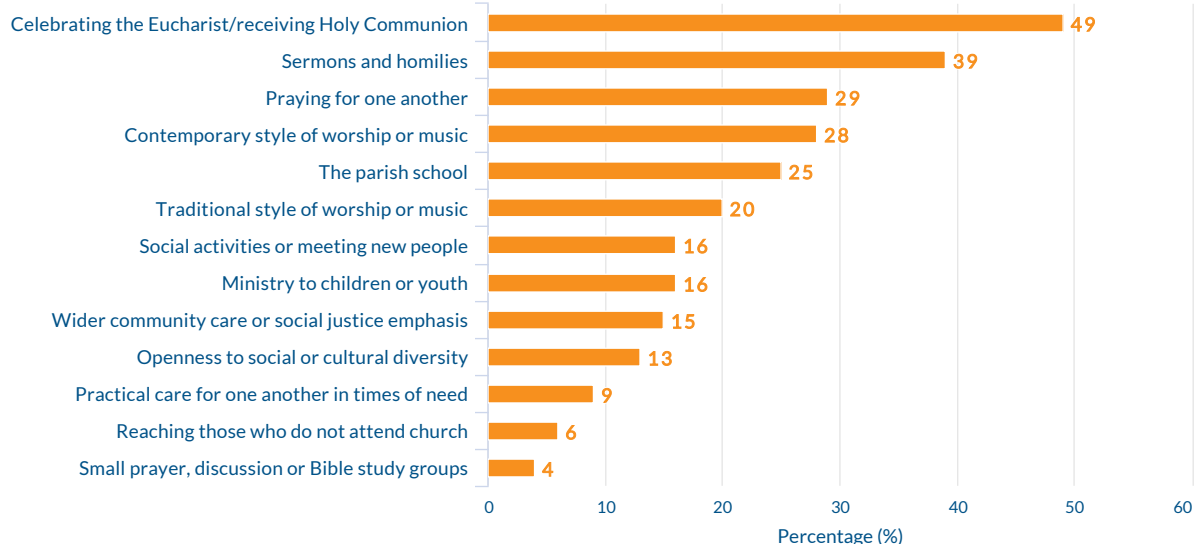
N/A in 2011

N/A in 2016

What People Value and Prioritise

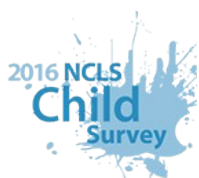
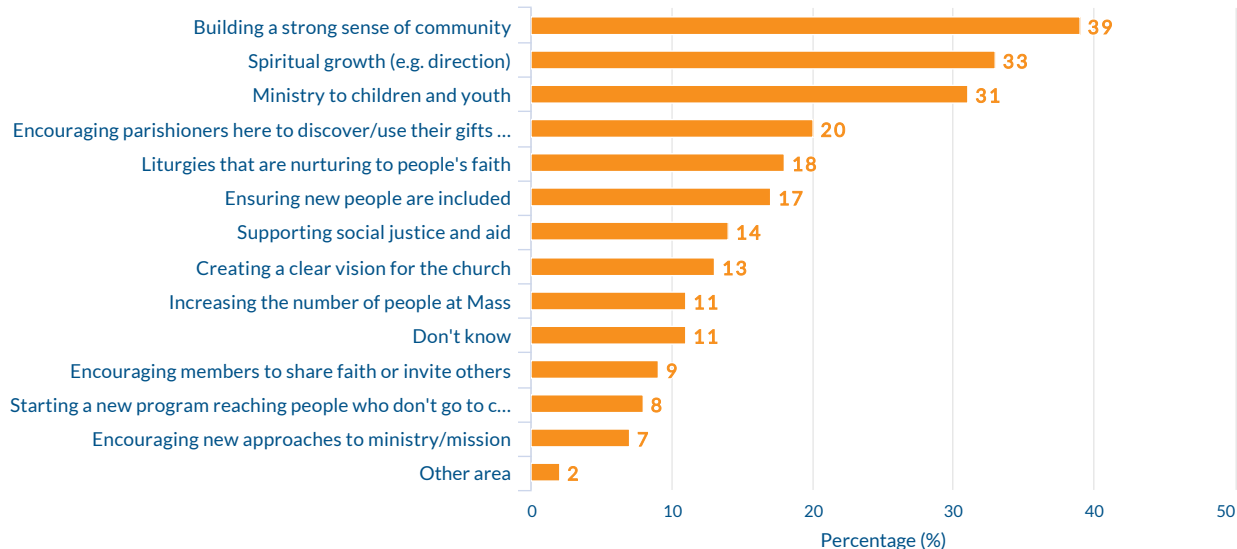
WHAT PEOPLE VALUE ABOUT THIS CHURCH

Attendees of this parish most value 'Celebrating the Eucharist/receiving Holy Communion' and 'Sermons and homilies'



FUTURE PRIORITIES

Over the next 12 months most attendees would like priority given to: 'Building a strong sense of community' and 'Spiritual growth (e.g. direction)'.



CHILDREN'S VIEWS ABOUT GROUPS

When asked about groups for children and youth, the children most like:

Playing games

80%

Being with people my own age

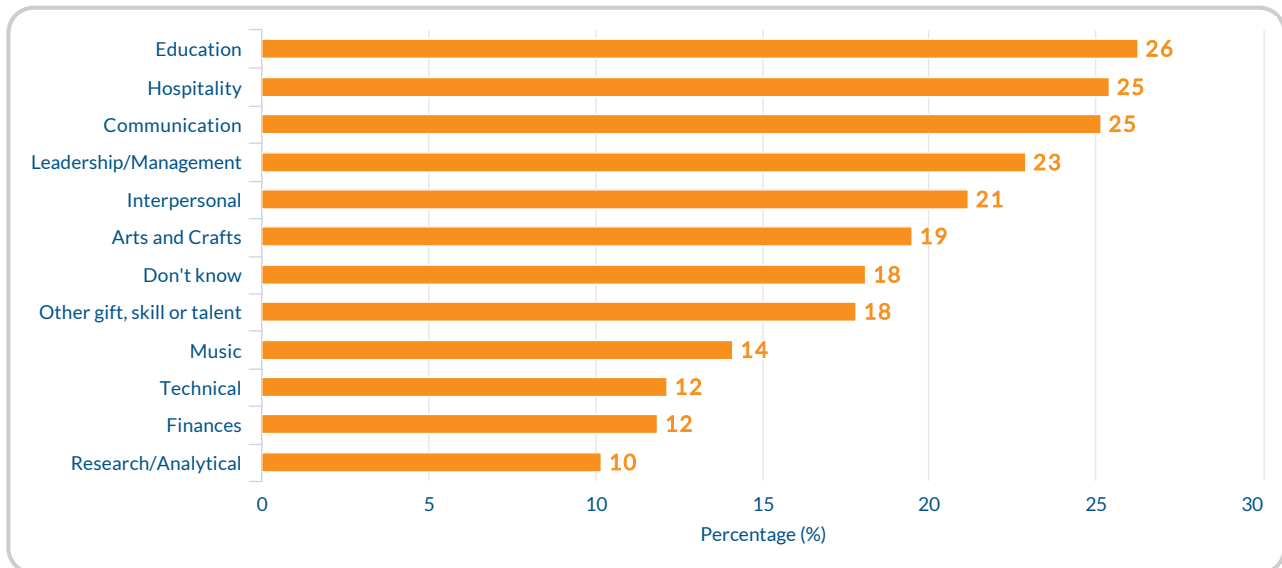
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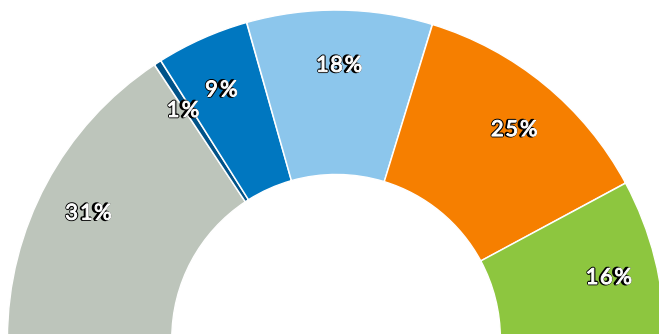
People's Gifts and Skills

USE OF GIFTS and SKILLS

Attendees most commonly identified their gifts or skills as "Education: teach, coach" and "Hospitality: welcome, host, provide food"

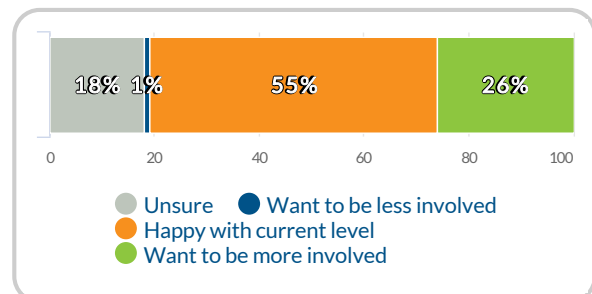


41% of attendees agree that their GIFTS, SKILLS AND TALENTS ARE BEING USED WELL in this parish

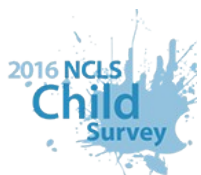


Don't Know Strongly Disagree Disagree
Neutral/Unsure Agree Strongly Agree

26% want to be MORE INVOLVED at this parish



Unsure Want to be less involved
Happy with current level Want to be more involved



GIFTS & SKILLS OF CHILDREN AT THIS CHURCH

Children at this parish most commonly identified "Being kind to people who don't have any friends yet" and "Taking care of God's earth" as their gifts and skills.

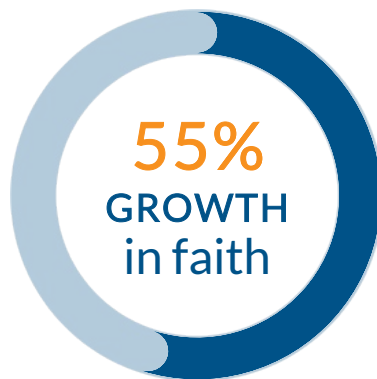
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How People Relate to God

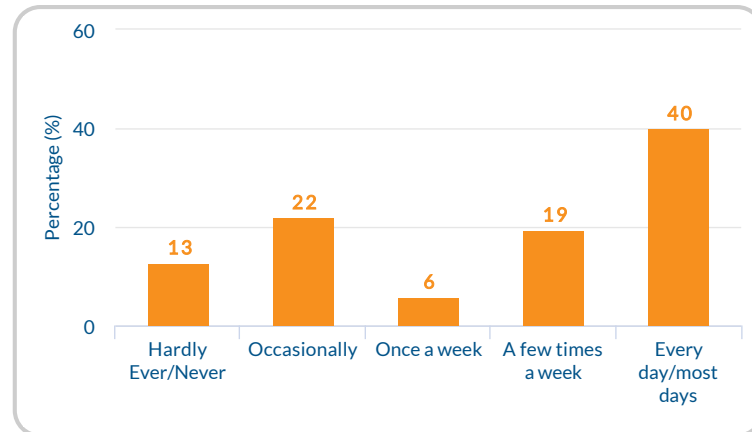


PERSONAL FAITH

55% of attenders said that they had experienced much **GROWTH IN FAITH** in the previous 12 months



40% spend time in **PRAYER, BIBLE READING, MEDITATION** everyday or most days



IMPORTANCE of GOD in people's lives:

"God is more important to me than almost anything else" **31%**

"God is the most important reality in my life" **43%**



CHURCH SERVICES

During church services at this parish, attenders always or usually experience:

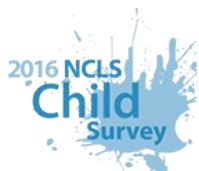
MUSIC
they appreciate



GROWTH
in understanding of God



Being challenged to
TAKE ACTION



CHILDREN'S VIEWS OF GOD

Children at this parish agreed:

God helps me to lead a better life **87%**
I know that Jesus is very close to me **88%**

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How People Relate to Each Other



BELONGING and INVOLVEMENT



78% of people have a strong sense of belonging to this parish



73% found it easy to make friends within this parish



Small prayer, discussion or Bible study groups

11



Clubs, social groups or other groups

14



Outreach or evangelisation activities

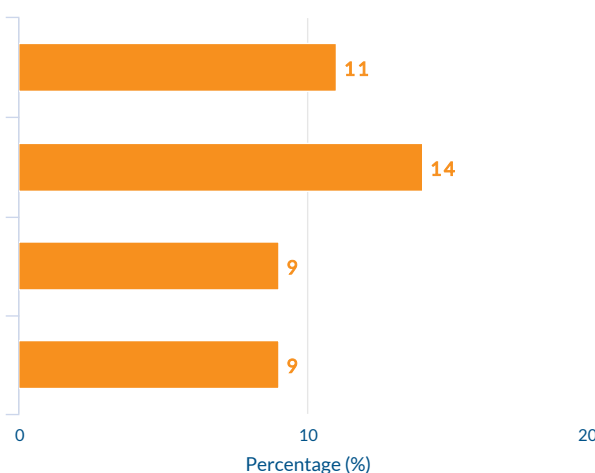
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Community service, social justice or welfare activities

9

People of this parish are involved in various parish groups



SATISFACTION with PARISH ACTIVITIES

People shared how satisfied they are with what is offered by this parish:

For their own age

82%

For children aged under 12 years

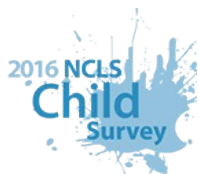
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For youth aged 12 to 18 years

53%



SATISFIED



CHILDREN'S RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS

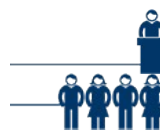
Children at this parish feel close to:

Leaders at this parish

43%

Other children at this parish

42%



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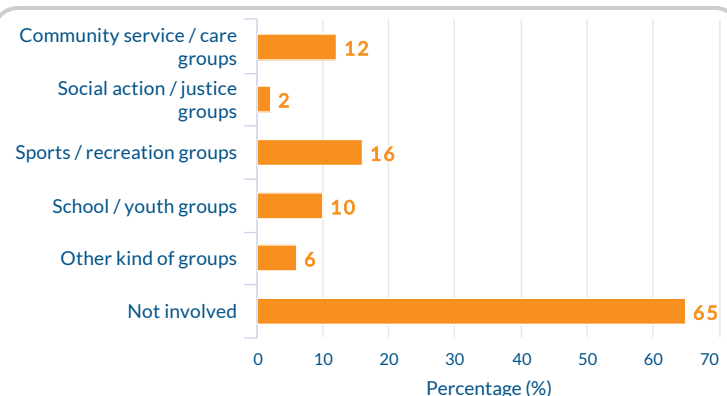
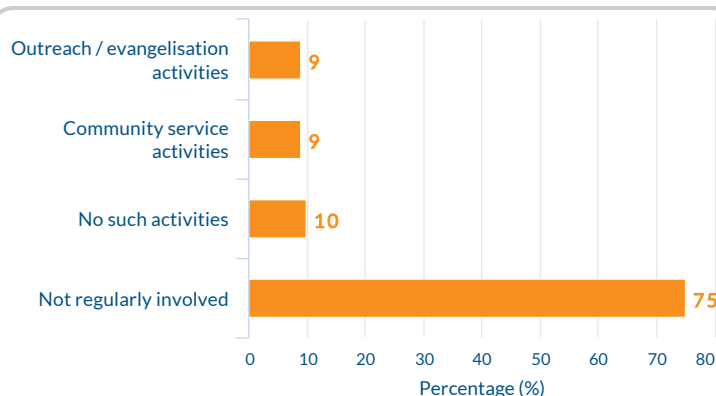
How People Relate to the Wider Community



INVOLVEMENT IN GROUPS

16% of people reach out to the wider community through activities of this parish

35% of people participate in wider community groups



Note: Attenders could choose more than one option, so percentages will not add to 100%



WORDS and ACTIONS

15% feel at ease TALKING ABOUT FAITH with others and look for opportunities to do so



34% INVITED friends and relatives to Mass or another church service in this last year

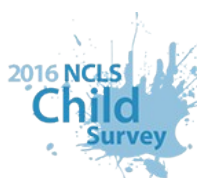


Attenders have made OFFERS OF HELP to others in a range of informal ways



Informal action in last 12 months %

Donated money to a charitable organisation	72
Visited someone in hospital	50
Lent or gave money to someone outside your family	45
Given some of your possessions to someone in need	41
Helped someone through a personal crisis (not sickness)	40
Cared for someone who was very sick	31
Tried to stop someone abusing alcohol or drugs	12
Contacted a parliamentarian/councillor on a public issue	8



CHILDREN'S ACTS OF SERVICE & JUSTICE

Children at this parish often:

Talk to their school friends about God
Help raise money for poor people
Do things to help the environment

11%
39%
52%

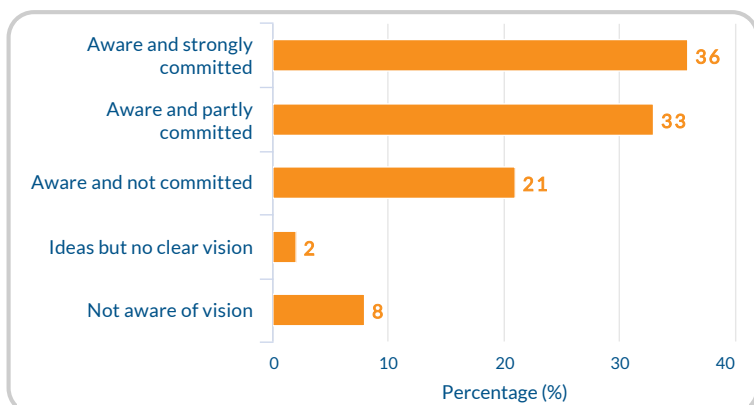
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Vision, Innovation and Leadership Culture

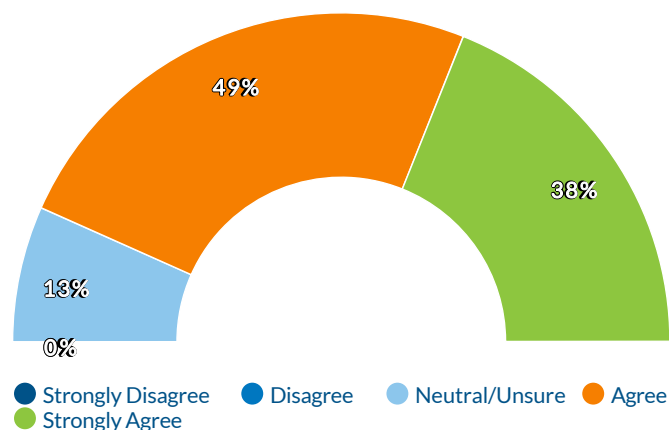


VISION and INNOVATION

36% of people are both aware of and strongly COMMITTED TO THE VISION and goals or directions for this parish

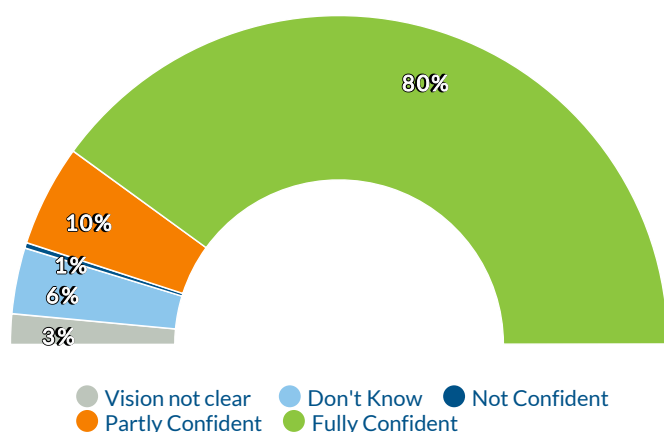


87% agree that they would SUPPORT the development of new initiatives in the ministry and mission of this parish



LEADERSHIP CULTURE

80% are fully confident that this parish CAN ACHIEVE THE VISION, goals or directions set



90% agree that this parish is always ready to try SOMETHING NEW

28% of attenders perform a LEADERSHIP OR MINISTRY ROLE

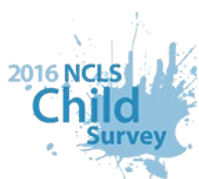
92% agree that this parish has good and CLEAR SYSTEMS for how it operates

Attenders agree:

58% Leaders encourage me to find and use my gifts and skills to a great or some extent

80% Leaders take into account ideas of people here to a great or some extent

80% Leaders here inspire me to action



ROLE MODELS FOR CHILDREN

Adults at church (including leaders) are good examples of people who follow Jesus **90%**
Family members are good examples of people who follow Jesus **98%**

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