

AMARACH RESEARCH - RELIGION IN IRELAND POLL March 2023

Q7. If you are Roman Catholic were you a regular Mass goer before the Covid pandemic and churches were closed the first time?

BASE : All respondents

Comparisons at end of table

TOTAL	GENDER		AGE				CLASS		REGION				Regular Mass goer before the Covid pandemic			Going to Mass regularly again		Best describes you						
	Male	Female	Under 35	35-44	45-54	55+	ABC1F50+	C2DEF50-	Dublin	Leinster (excluding Dublin)	Munster	Connaught orUlster	Yes	No	Not applicable or not Roman Catholic	Yes	No	I am a religious person	I am a spiritual person	I am both religious and spiritual	I am spiritual but not religious	I am neither religious nor spiritual	Dont know	
TOTAL (WTD.)	1500	735	764	413	306	270	511	762	738	436	398	403	262	358	849	293	212	146	168	223	285	256	459	110
Yes	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
No	24%	25%	23%	11%	20%	18%	40%	20%	27%	18%	21%	29%	30%	100%	0	0	100%	100%	62%	20%	58%	6%	3%	12%
Not applicable or not Roman Catholic	57%	54%	59%	67%	57%	62%	45%	58%	55%	60%	56%	56%	52%	0	100%	0	0	0	30%	62%	36%	69%	64%	78%
	20%	21%	18%	22%	23%	21%	15%	21%	18%	23%	22%	15%	18%	0	0	100%	0	0	7%	18%	6%	25%	32%	10%

Mar '22
26%
58%
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Q8. Are you going to Mass regularly again now that the churches are reopened?

BASE : All that were a regular Mass goers before the Covid pandemic and churches were closed the first time

Comparisons at end of table

TOTAL	GENDER		AGE				CLASS		REGION				Regular Mass goer before the Covid pandemic		Going to Mass regularly again		Best describes you						
	Male	Female	Under 35	35-44	45-54	55+	ABC1F50+	C2DEF50-	Dublin	Leinster (excluding Dublin)	Munster	Connaught orUlster	Yes	Yes	No	I am a religious person	I am a spiritual person	I am both religious and spiritual	I am spiritual but not religious	I am neither religious nor spiritual	Dont know		
TOTAL (WTD.)	358	184	174	47	60	47	203	156	202	77	85	117	78	358	212	146	105	45	164	15	16	13	
Yes	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
No	59%	66%	52%	34%	55%	63%	66%	55%	63%	64%	62%	59%	52%	59%	100%	0	75%	60%	56%	44%	23%	40%	
% All adults going to Mass Regularly in 2023	14%	17%	12%	4%	11%	11%	26%	11%	17%	11%	13%	17%	15%	59%	100%	0%	47%	12%	32%	3%	1%	5%	

Mar '22
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Nov '21
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July '21
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Q9. Why have you not returned?Select any responses that apply

BASE : All that are not going to Mass regularly again now that the churches are reopened

TOTAL	GENDER		AGE				CLASS		REGION				Regular Mass goer before the Covid pandemic		Going to Mass regularly again		Best describes you					
	Male	Female	Under 35	35-44	45-54	55+	ABC1F50+	C2DEF50-	Dublin	Leinster (excluding Dublin)	Munster	Connaught orUlster	Yes	No	I am a religious person	I am a spiritual person	I am both religious and spiritual	I am spiritual but not religious	I am neither religious nor spiritual	Dont know		
TOTAL (WTD.)	146	62	83	31	27	18	69	70	76	27	32	48	38	146	146	27	18	72	9	12	8	
I still have concerns about Covid-19 and public	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
I prefer to watch the mass on TV online or on th	31%	20%	39%	67%	18%	34%	18%	42%	20%	35%	21%	36%	29%	31%	31%	20%	39%	41%	0	11%	0	
My faith isnt as strong as before Covid-19	20%	18%	22%	25%	31%	14%	15%	25%	16%	13%	13%	21%	31%	20%	20%	37%	23%	20%	0	0	15%	
Wearing masks etc is off-putting	31%	37%	26%	27%	30%	22%	35%	27%	34%	26%	27%	23%	47%	31%	31%	8%	25%	27%	68%	61%	75%	
I have health or other issues that prevent me fro	2%	3%	1%	0	0	4%	3%	4%	0	6%	3%	0	2%	2%	0	6%	1%	4%	0	5%		
Other: please specify	16%	13%	18%	25%	2%	9%	20%	16%	16%	13%	18%	10%	24%	16%	15%	14%	21%	14%	0	10%		
	19%	11%	26%	9%	26%	35%	18%	18%	21%	22%	26%	18%	14%	19%	19%	16%	20%	20%	13%	39%	0	

Mar '22
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Nov '21
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July '21
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Q10. Which of the following best describes you: Select one

BASE : All respondents

TOTAL	GENDER		AGE				CLASS		REGION				Regular Mass goer before the Covid pandemic			Going to Mass regularly again		Best describes you						
	Male	Female	Under 35	35-44	45-54	55+	ABC1F50+	C2DEF50-	Dublin	Leinster (excluding Dublin)	Munster	Connaught orUlster	Yes	No	Not applicable or not Roman Catholic	Yes	No	I am a religious person	I am a spiritual person	I am both religious and spiritual	I am spiritual but not religious	I am neither religious nor spiritual	Dont know	
TOTAL (WTD.)	1500	735	764	413	306	270	511	762	738	436	398	403	262	358	849	293	212	146	168	223	285	256	459	110
I am a religious person	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
I am a spiritual person	11%	12%	11%	5%	15%	9%	16%	9%	14%	9%	11%	12%	14%	29%	6%	4%	37%	18%	100%	0	0	0	0	
I am both religious and spiritual	15%	16%	13%	13%	17%	16%	15%	14%	15%	14%	16%	14%	12%	16%	14%	13%	12%	0	100%	0	0	0	0	
I am spiritual but not religious	19%	15%	23%	14%	13%	20%	26%	19%	19%	16%	20%	19%	22%	46%	12%	6%	43%	50%	0	0	100%	0	0	
I am neither religious nor spiritual	17%	14%	20%	15%	16%	20%	18%	17%	17%	16%	19%	19%	13%	4%	21%	22%	3%	6%	0	0	0	100%	0	
Dont know	31%	36%	25%	44%	34%	27%	20%	31%	30%	34%	28%	31%	28%	4%	35%	50%	2%	8%	0	0	0	100%	0	
	7%	6%	8%	10%	8%	7%	5%	8%	6%	10%	7%	6%	6%	4%	10%	4%	2%	5%	0	0	0	0	100%	

Q11. Which if any of the following do you believe in?Select all that apply

BASE : All respondents

Comparisons at end of table

TOTAL	GENDER		AGE				CLASS		REGION				Regular Mass goer before the Covid pandemic			Going to Mass regularly again		Best describes you						
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TOTAL (WTD.)	1500	735	764	413	306	270	511	762	738	436	398	403	262	358	849	293	212	146	168	223	285	256	459	110
God	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
	55%	52%	58%	41%	51%	56%	69%	53%	58%	51%	54%	56%	62%	91%	50%	26%	100%	92%	98%	70%	96%	43%	14%	57%

2003
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1981
95%

Sin	30%	32%	28%	23%	26%	28%	40%	27%	34%	27%	32%	32%	30%	61%	22%	15%	65%	55%	56%	24%	64%	20%	8%	34%	66%	85%
Heaven	40%	34%	45%	33%	38%	42%	45%	37%	42%	35%	43%	39%	43%	72%	34%	17%	76%	67%	81%	42%	79%	21%	10%	39%	65%	83%
Hell	20%	23%	18%	13%	19%	21%	27%	19%	21%	16%	22%	22%	25%	44%	14%	11%	49%	37%	46%	14%	46%	10%	2%	25%	37%	54%
Soul	44%	40%	47%	41%	46%	41%	47%	45%	43%	42%	45%	44%	44%	63%	40%	31%	64%	62%	50%	61%	75%	42%	13%	51%	69%	82%
Life after death	41%	36%	47%	44%	38%	40%	42%	41%	42%	36%	41%	47%	43%	62%	39%	25%	66%	56%	64%	55%	72%	32%	14%	37%	56%	76%
The Devil	16%	19%	14%	8%	16%	17%	23%	15%	18%	14%	19%	16%	17%	34%	11%	10%	39%	26%	31%	17%	36%	9%	2%	20%	39%	57%
Reincarnation	17%	13%	21%	20%	19%	17%	14%	16%	19%	14%	23%	17%	14%	19%	17%	16%	20%	16%	18%	22%	24%	15%	12%	15%	22%	26%
None of the above	27%	35%	19%	31%	31%	29%	20%	29%	24%	33%	24%	23%	25%	3%	28%	53%	2%	3%	*	6%	1%	21%	68%	20%		

Q12a. Have you heard of the synod or synodality currently underway in the Catholic Church?

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TOTAL (WTD.)	1500	735	764	413	306	270	511	762	738	436	398	403	262	358	849	293	212	146	168	223	285	256	459	110
100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Yes	17%	19%	15%	8%	10%	17%	28%	17%	17%	18%	16%	18%	14%	40%	9%	10%	50%	26%	25%	13%	37%	11%	7%	12%
No	78%	77%	79%	89%	84%	77%	66%	79%	77%	77%	79%	77%	81%	55%	87%	82%	45%	70%	71%	83%	58%	84%	87%	81%
Don't know	5%	4%	6%	3%	6%	6%	6%	4%	6%	6%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	8%	5%	4%	5%	4%	5%	4%	6%	7%

Q12b. Have you taken part in the Synodal Pathway launched in 2021 by the Irish Catholic bishops?

BASE : All that are now going to Mass regularly again now that the churches are reopened

TOTAL	GENDER		AGE				CLASS		REGION				Regular Mass goer before the Covid pandemic	Going to Mass regularly again	Best describes you						
	Male	Female	Under 35	35-44	45-54	55+	ABC1F50+	C2DEF50-	Dublin	Leinster (excluding Dublin)	Munster	Connaught orUlster	Yes	Yes	I am a religious person	I am a spiritual person	I am both religious and spiritual	I am spiritual but not religious	I am neither religious nor spiritual	Dont know	
TOTAL (WTD.)	212	121	91	16	33	30	134	86	127	49	53	69	40	212	212	78	27	92	7	4	5
100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Yes	9%	8%	11%	6%	14%	10%	8%	7%	10%	14%	10%	6%	8%	9%	9%	4%	9%	14%	0	33%	0
No	88%	90%	84%	94%	79%	82%	90%	88%	87%	85%	84%	93%	85%	88%	88%	93%	91%	82%	100%	67%	80%
Not sure or Cant remember	3%	2%	5%	0	7%	8%	2%	4%	3%	1%	7%	*	7%	3%	3%	3%	0	4%	0	0	20%

Q13. Would you say you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Pope Francis is doing his job as leader of the Roman Catholic Church?

BASE : All respondents

TOTAL	GENDER		AGE				CLASS		REGION				Regular Mass goer before the Covid pandemic			Going to Mass regularly again		Best describes you						
	Male	Female	Under 35	35-44	45-54	55+	ABC1F50+	C2DEF50-	Dublin	Leinster (excluding Dublin)	Munster	Connaught orUlster	Yes	No	Not applicable or not Roman Catholic	Yes	No	I am a religious person	I am a spiritual person	I am both religious and spiritual	I am spiritual but not religious	I am neither religious nor spiritual	Dont know	
TOTAL (WTD.)	1500	735	764	413	306	270	511	762	738	436	398	403	262	358	849	293	212	146	168	223	285	256	459	110
100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Satisfied	29%	32%	25%	17%	24%	26%	42%	28%	29%	30%	25%	31%	28%	61%	22%	9%	70%	48%	61%	26%	55%	18%	10%	21%
Dissatisfied	17%	18%	16%	24%	15%	17%	13%	20%	14%	19%	15%	20%	15%	13%	19%	18%	10%	18%	5%	23%	15%	20%	10%	69%
No Opinion or Dont know	54%	50%	58%	59%	61%	57%	44%	52%	56%	51%	60%	49%	57%	26%	59%	73%	20%	34%	34%	50%	30%	62%	70%	69%

Q14. In your opinion has Ireland lost her soul?

BASE : All respondents

Comparisons at end of table

TOTAL	GENDER		AGE				CLASS		REGION				Regular Mass goer before the Covid pandemic			Going to Mass regularly again		Best describes you						
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TOTAL (WTD.)	1500	735	764	413	306	270	511	762	738	436	398	403	262	358	849	293	212	146	168	223	285	256	459	110
100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Yes	40%	44%	35%	33%	39%	42%	44%	35%	45%	37%	38%	47%	35%	52%	40%	24%	55%	48%	51%	52%	50%	37%	28%	25%
No	23%	22%	24%	26%	25%	25%	18%	28%	18%	23%	26%	20%	22%	16%	22%	32%	17%	15%	13%	18%	21%	22%	32%	17%
Not sure	23%	21%	24%	14%	23%	24%	28%	22%	24%	24%	20%	22%	25%	27%	23%	17%	24%	30%	29%	21%	24%	25%	16%	35%
Dont understand the question	15%	13%	17%	27%	13%	9%	9%	16%	14%	16%	15%	11%	19%	5%	15%	27%	5%	7%	6%	9%	5%	16%	24%	23%

April '21
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ADDITIONAL DEMOGRAPHICS

Are you ...

BASE : All respondents

TOTAL	Regular Mass goer before the Covid pandemic		Going to Mass regularly again		Best describes you						Believe in											
	Yes	No	Not applicable or not Roman Catholic	Yes	No	I am a religious person	I am a spiritual person	I am both religious and spiritual	I am spiritual but not religious	I am neither religious nor spiritual	Dont know	God	Sin	Heaven	Hell	Soul	Life after death	The Devil	Reincarnation	None		
TOTAL (WTD.)	1500	358	849	293	212	146	168	223	285	256	459	110	830	453	596	305	658	622	246	257	402	
100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Male	49%	51%	47%	52%	57%	43%	51%	54%	39%	40%	58%	42%	46%	53%	42%	56%	45%	42%	58%	37%	63%	
Female	51%	49%	53%	48%	43%	57%	49%	46%	61%	60%	42%	58%	54%	47%	58%	44%	55%	58%	42%	63%	37%	

AGE

BASE : All respondents

TOTAL	Regular Mass goer before the Covid pandemic			Going to Mass regularly again		Best describes you					Believe in										
	Yes	No	Not applicable or not Roman Catholic	Yes	No	I am a religious person	I am a spiritual person	I am both religious and spiritual	I am spiritual but not religious	I am neither religious nor spiritual	Dont know	God	Sin	Heaven	Hell	Soul	Life after death	The Devil	Reincarnation	None	
1500	358	849	293	212	146	168	223	285	256	459	110	830	453	596	305	658	622	246	257	402	
100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
18-34	28%	13%	32%	31%	8%	21%	11%	24%	21%	24%	39%	37%	20%	21%	23%	18%	25%	29%	14%	32%	31%
35-44	20%	17%	21%	24%	16%	19%	28%	18%	14%	19%	23%	22%	19%	17%	19%	19%	22%	19%	21%	22%	24%
45-54	18%	13%	20%	19%	14%	12%	14%	21%	19%	22%	16%	17%	18%	17%	18%	17%	17%	18%	18%	18%	19%
55+	34%	57%	27%	26%	63%	48%	47%	37%	46%	35%	22%	24%	43%	45%	39%	45%	36%	35%	47%	28%	26%

SOCIAL CLASS

BASE : All respondents

TOTAL	Regular Mass goer before the Covid pandemic			Going to Mass regularly again		Best describes you					Believe in										
	Yes	No	Not applicable or not Roman Catholic	Yes	No	I am a religious person	I am a spiritual person	I am both religious and spiritual	I am spiritual but not religious	I am neither religious nor spiritual	Dont know	God	Sin	Heaven	Hell	Soul	Life after death	The Devil	Reincarnation	None	
1500	358	849	293	212	146	168	223	285	256	459	110	830	453	596	305	658	622	246	257	402	
100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
ABC1F50+	51%	44%	52%	58%	40%	48%	40%	52%	51%	51%	52%	58%	48%	45%	48%	48%	52%	51%	45%	46%	56%
C2DEF50-	49%	56%	48%	44%	60%	52%	60%	48%	49%	49%	48%	42%	52%	55%	52%	52%	48%	49%	55%	54%	44%

Where do you permanently reside?

BASE : All respondents

TOTAL	Regular Mass goer before the Covid pandemic			Going to Mass regularly again		Best describes you					Believe in									
	Yes	No	Not applicable or not Roman Catholic	Yes	No	I am a religious person	I am a spiritual person	I am both religious and spiritual	I am spiritual but not religious	I am neither religious nor spiritual	Dont know	God	Sin	Heaven	Hell	Soul	Life after death	The Devil	Reincarnation	None
1500	358	849	293	212	146	168	223	285	256	459	110	830	453	596	305	658	622	246	257	402
100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Dublin	29%	21%	31%	34%	23%	19%	24%	30%	25%	27%	32%	27%	26%	26%	22%	28%	25%	25%	24%	36%
Leinster (excluding Dublin)	27%	24%	26%	30%	25%	22%	26%	28%	30%	25%	25%	26%	28%	29%	28%	27%	26%	30%	35%	24%
Munster	27%	33%	27%	20%	33%	33%	28%	27%	30%	27%	21%	27%	28%	27%	28%	27%	31%	26%	27%	23%
Connaught or Ulster	17%	22%	16%	16%	19%	26%	23%	19%	20%	14%	16%	15%	20%	18%	19%	21%	18%	18%	14%	16%