

Parish Family Ministries

1999 - 2015

St Thomas More was always nurturing and supporting the families in our parish community. 1999 onwards saw many exciting activities for family and youth arise in the parish. It started with a group of young mums who met weekly in the parish hall to do a study programme called Familia. This mums group ran this programme for four years. During this time an increase in participation from parents in ministry in our parish grew. Many other activities were formed such as Cherubs preschool group, Kids for Jesus, Worldwide Children's Adoration, All Saints Party, Challenge and Conquest Clubs, Altar Servers Group and Family Mass'. It wonderful to see the works of the Holy Spirit flourish in the parish especially within the families

Familia
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A regular study programme for mothers and fathers to learn about church teaching and how to relate it to their vocations as parents and spouses. Young mums met regularly in the parish hall with their children. They enjoyed the fellowship, learning and faith sharing. The fathers met in the evenings for their group meetings.



A few of the familia mums enjoying an evening out.

K4J
KIDS 4 JESUS

K4J —Kids for Jesus

K4J Kids for Jesus was a faith based programme for children ages 3 to 12 that ran in the parish for over five years. It was initiated by Iona Breinhorst and Paula Brannigan and later was run by Manu Bennett. These ladies met through the Familia programme for mothers in the parish.

Children met fortnightly after school to participate in planned fun activities in the parish. Highlight of the programme was always the K4J packs the children received to help them live out a virtue for the month. A practical and attractive programme that motivated and taught children about their Catholic faith. K4J also hosted other parish events such as the Saints party, Children's adoration and family Mass'.



Pictured: K4J kids making Fr Ben an Easter Basket of goodies



CONQUEST

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CONQUEST BOYS CLUB - Forged in virtue. Called to serve.

Conquest boys club was a youth programme that fostered faith and making positive life choices. It ran as a junior youth group in the parish. They met fortnightly Fridays in the Sun & Moon Centre at the parish. Highlight for the boys was the Conquest Summer camps in January. It was led by Andy Macdonald and co-ordinated by Manu Bennett. Older youth leaders help run the activities and camps.



CHALLENGE GIRLS CLUB —

Challenge girls club was faith based virtue programme that fostered faith and making positive life choices. The girls would meet fortnightly in the youth room where they enjoyed planned fun activities led by leaders from the senior youth groups. Highlight was the Challenge Summer Camps held in January.



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Pictured: Holy Week K4J session.





Pictured: Fr Ben announces the childrens Saints parade



Pictured: Families sponsored and ran Saints Games on the day for the children.

WORLDWIDE CHILDREN'S EACHRISTIC HOLY HOUR

Annually our parish participated in a global Holy Hour where children around the world gathered in parishes and schools to pray for priests and families. One year we were fortunate enough to have Fr Antoine Thomas a French priest from the religious order The Brothers of St John, he has lead children's adoration for over 20 years. This event was an opportunity for parish families to be united in prayer with other families around the world in prayer. It also was a goo opportunity

