

St. Thomas The Apostle Parish, BLACKBURN

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Hi Everyone

Welcome Back. For all returning members, I would like to say thanks for your continued participation and support. For any new members, WELCOME.

We are very lucky indeed here at St Thomas' as our parish offers a Youth Program that every child can participate in. The programs offer a chance for all children to be able to socialise, connect, belong and grow with peers around them in a safe and supported environment.

This year, we do have some 'formal' forms that we need you to complete as part of our commitment to keeping children and young adults safe in our Parish.

If you are able to complete and kindly email these through or drop them back to the office or at Youth Group., that would be great.

SIX2EIGHT

- **The Six2Eight Group that we run is geared for all those in Grade 3 to Grade 6**
- This group meets every 3rd Friday from 6pm to 8pm.

We have games, food, fun and faith all incorporated in the 2 hours. We meet at the church. Email notification beforehand is usually sent prior to any meet so if you're not on the mailing list, please complete the forms so I can add you in.

- **The Les Coeurs Group is geared for those in Year 7 to Year 12**
- This group meets every 1st Friday of the month from 6pm to 8pm.

LESCOEURS

As these kids are a bit older, we sometimes organise excursions with an advocacy focus which may not occur on the Friday night but on a weekend or different time. Email notification beforehand together with approval forms are usually sent to all that are on the mailing list.

The Starfish Group provides a much-needed gardening service to elderly residents at the St Thomas Retirement Village.

- This group meets on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 10am at the village.

We do some light gardening work for them which usually involves sweeping, tidying, weeding, raking and so on. We welcome new members always.

- **Our Youth Masses** are conducted once a month on the last Sunday of the month.

This is open to all children to participate. If you like to sing in the choir, read, take up the offertory and collections, please let us know so we can add you in.

YOUTH MASS

Our Altar Servers is another way that your child can be involved in the youth group. Becoming an Altar Server is a great opportunity to contribute to the Parish by helping in the celebration of the mass. We are always looking for more children to join the group. Often this does require the parent/family to come to an allocated mass that your child is rostered on so your support with this is appreciated.



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Running a youth group does involve doing some practical work in the background. If you can commit to helping us out, we would love to hear from you. We are looking for new volunteers to join our team this year. All our volunteers need to complete the forms attached. We welcome all parents to contribute their time by helping to make this year a safe and good one for the Youth Group.



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Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at our youth activities.

Caren Garlick
Youth Ministry

ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE YOUTH REGISTRATION FORM

*(** must be filled in)*

****Child Information**

	Child One	Child Two	Child Three
Name:			
Date of Birth			
Gender			
School attending and Year Level for 2020			
Allergies			
Medical Conditions			

****Parent Information**

Name: Mother Father	
Mobile	
Email	
Home Address	



Thank you

VOLUNTEER SECTION

ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION FORM – YOUTH GROUP

Thank you for your interest in becoming a volunteer for our Youth Group. Our volunteers are an integral part to our youth in the Parish and they provide an important link to our community here at St Thomas'. We welcome your interest and hope you find the experience rewarding.

The Child Safety Standards require us to gather, verify and record a person's history of work involving children. The Parish takes Child Safety very seriously and for this reason, some requirements need to be completed as part of this process.

1. All volunteers are required to list their entire work history to include any volunteer work involving children.
2. They must also book in a time to attend a short meeting/interview with myself and/or a member of our Child Safety Committee.
3. We do conduct some referee checks to assess your suitability for volunteer work and for engaging in child connected work.
4. The Working with Children Act requires any person doing child related work to have a valid and current Working with Children Check (WWC). All volunteers will be required to obtain this prior to commencing volunteer work with us. IF you do not already have a current WWC, you can apply for one following this link:

<https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/individuals/applicants/how-to-apply> or call the Office on 9878 0818 to apply.

VOLUNTEER FORM

*** (must be filled in)*

****Personal Information**

First Name	
Last Name	
Address	
Home Contact	
Mobile	
Work	
WWCC No and Expiry Date	
Email Address	
Relevant Qualifications (if applicable) (First Aid Cert, Food Handling Cert, etc)	
Previous Child Related Employment Please provide Employed Name, Address, Position/Duties and dates)	

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Kindly tick each area/group/activity you would like to volunteer for and the dates where applicable.

I would like to help at **Six2Eight** with: (Please tick)

Dates	Cooking a meal (some suggested ideas - Spag Bol, Fried Rice, Wraps, Hot Dog in a bun, Party Pies, Sausage Rolls, Sandwich Rolls)	Being a Parent Helper (staying from 6pm to 8pm, help oversee the children during games, meals, etc.)
March 20 th		
April 17 th		
May 15 th		
June 19 th		
July 17 th		
August 21 st		
September 18 th		
October 16 th		
November 20 th		

I would like to help at **Les Coeurs Group** with: (Please Tick)

This group meets every 1st Friday of the month and when we organise an excursion

Transportation for excursions <input type="checkbox"/> (prior notice will be given) Please provide valid Drivers Licence Number <input type="text"/>	Being a Parent Helper <input type="checkbox"/> (1 st Fridays of the month Staying from 6 to 8pm)
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I would like to help at the **Starfish**:

This group meets every 2nd Saturday of the month at the St Thomas Retirement Village

Being a Parent Helper

(Staying from 10 am to 12pm helping with gardening and overseeing of the children)

I am able to help with **Youth Mass**: (please tick)

This happens every last Sunday in the month

Dates	Preparation of snacks and drinks and clean up after	Rehearsals with the children for readings	Helping to organise the Mass
Feb 23			
Mar 29			
Apr 26			

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May 31			
June 28			
July 26			
August 30			
September 27			
October 25			
November 29			

Declaration

Please read each statement and any accompanying information on the Volunteer Application Form and please tick each check box to acknowledge your acceptance of each point below.

I am applying for volunteer work with St Thomas the Apostle Youth Group	
I agree to maintain the highest standard of confidentiality with respect to any information obtained during the course of my volunteer work	
I declare that the information contained in this application is true and correct	
I understand that I may be required to participate in an interview and selection process and undertake referee and background checks	
I understand that I will be required to undertake an induction prior to commencing volunteer work for the Youth Group	
Signature	Date

Privacy Statement

The personal information you have provided will help you as a valued volunteer of our Parish and will be treated as confidential. Information provided by you in this form may be checked by the Parish and with any relevant authority, previous volunteer organisations and referees. Information provided will be treated in accordance with the Privacy Act 1988.