

# Cathedral Parish Family News

DECEMBER 2011

Welcome to this month's Parish Family Newsletter

**You're invited to come, and bring your family and friends to our next  
PARISH EUCHARIST  
at the Cathedral  
on Sunday 4 December, 10.00 am.**

**It's Christmas  
Pageant time!!!**

Come along and share the fun and wonder as our young people present:  
**"The First Christmas - Mary's Perspective"**



## DIOCESAN YOUTH SERVICE

**Sunday 4 December, 4.00 pm**

Everyone is invited to attend this "end-of-year" celebration organized by the Diocesan and Regional Youth facilitators. Guest speakers, Seini Tawa and Brendon Byron-Kaye, have completed their year as Diocesan Youth Interns and will share some of their amazing experiences at the service.

### PAGEANT FAMILIES & CHORISTER FAMILIES -

After the service on Sunday morning, we'll share a picnic lunch on the grass area by the fountain.

We will provide some 'Subway' platters, but please also bring a plate of food per family to share.

After lunch, the Choristers will be going to Atawhai Resthome to sing Christmas Carols to the residents there.

### PAGEANT DRESS REHEARSAL TODAY - Thursday 1st December, 4.00 pm - 5.30 pm

**If all goes well, this will be the last practice before Sunday's performance; but, if we need another 'run-thru', it will be on Friday at 4.00 pm, NOT Saturday.**

**Please arrive at the Cathedral at 9.15 am Sunday morning to allow time to get dressed in costumes and be ready for a 10.00 am start.  
Thanks, from Pip Brooker.**

### CHRISTMAS DISCOVERED

**Tuesday 21 December  
1.00 pm - 4.00 pm**  
at St Augustine's Parish Hall, Riverbend Road, Napier

Rev'd Dorothy Brooker is again offering a programme for children 5-12 years - fun activities, crafts, singing, ... and Christmas stories.

Please note change of venue.

Enquiries to Rev'd Dorothy Brooker, ph 843-6779 or to the Cathedral Parish Office.

**18 December ADVENT 4**  
10.00 am Choral Eucharist  
**7.00 pm Christmas Readings and Carols**

**24 December CHRISTMAS EVE**  
7.00 pm Nativity Service (especially for families)  
11.00 pm Carol singing  
11.30 pm Choral Eucharist Service with Bishop David Rice

**25 December CHRISTMAS DAY**  
8.00 am Eucharist with carols  
10.00 am Choral Eucharist (children welcome)

**1 January 2012 THE NAMING OF JESUS**  
No 8.00 am service  
10.00 am Eucharist with carols



## **New Cathedral Group for Young People years 7-10 in 2012**

We would like to offer a group for our young people which would involve: fun, faith formation, food, and friends.

The group might be on a Friday after school or evening, or on a Sunday afternoon or evening (once a fortnight).

We will have the support of Sandi Hall our Regional Youth Coordinator to plan the programme.

We will (probably) have a Diocesan Youth Intern Feb, March and April to help us get established.

We will need: help from parents or others as leaders and support crew.

We need you to think and pray about this and let us know:

? Is your young person interested?

? Are you interested in helping?

*Our youth intern will need room and board for 3 months (probably shared between two households, 6 weeks each). Can you offer a home for her? And we will need a youth intern support team (2 or 3 people to meet with her and help her plan logistics for this group and other activities she will be involved in across the parish.)*

We will have a meeting of interested parents (and young people if they would like to come) Tuesday 7 February 2012 at 7.00 pm at the Cathedral. We will brainstorm options and plans.

Before then can you please email me and let me know: in principle is your young person interested? Which time / day would work for you of Friday/ Sunday day/evening? And might you be interested as a parent (no firm commitments yet ....)? And any offers of board/ support for the youth intern?

*I know it's Christmas and we don't want to think about next year yet but I would love to hear from you!*

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