

Sunday 1st January 2023

Naming of Jesus

Let us pray to the God who travels with us
In all our celebrations and tragedies,
And understands what it is like to be human.

As we continue in our celebrations of Christmas, as we embark upon another New Year,
we pray for the Church, the Body of Christ;
the Church in our own land, for this Diocese and George our Bishop;
for this Parish and for Nigel and Brendan.
May we be so filled with God's loving life
that our actions touch the world with hope
which lasts even when the Christmas decorations are put away.

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

As the world is reminded of love and peace in the words of the carols,
may the reality of a God who loves us so much
transform our social and political thinking and energise our plans and negotiations.
We continue to remember the suffering of the people of Ukraine; we pray for peace, peace
on the battlefields, peace in the hearts and minds of those in power.
We pray our country, for George our Kings and all in authority under him. We pray for
our Province and for all who are elected to leadership, that our present difficulties and
uncertainties may be resolved.

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

As Christmas brings together family members and friends,
and we make contact with those we seldom meet,
may all our relationships be nourished with love and forgiveness,
and may we value one another more.

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

We remember all who are forced to escape from their homes and are forced to live without security; we think of refugees on the road and those welcomed into homes in our own Province;
we think particularly of those with young children who are homeless or in danger.

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

We remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us in the faith and those who mourn their passing. We think particularly of those mourning the passing of Roderick O'Dowd.

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Merciful Father

accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen