

PARISH OF MILFORD
St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford

Sunday 1st January 2023
The Naming of Jesus

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Sentence - Jesus went down with his parents and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and the people. Luke 2: 51,52

Collect - We thank you, Lord God, for the gift of your Son who you commanded to be called Jesus; grant that we may so honour his name on earth, that others may be led to him who alone is Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Introit 350 God rest you merry, gentlemen
Gradual 361 See him lying in a bed of straw
Offertory 317 At the name of Jesus
Dismissal 324 Name of all majesty

9.30am - NZPB 404

Readings today Sunday 1st January 2023

First Reading - Numbers 6: 22-27
Epistle - Galatians 4: 4-7
Gospel - Luke 2: 15-21
Readers 9.30am - Joy and Marion

Numbers 6: 22-27

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to Aaron and his sons,

saying: Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them:
The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. "So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them."

Galatians 4: 4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir through God.

Luke 2: 15-21

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them, and Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told them. When the eighth day came, it was time to circumcise the child and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Readings next Sunday 8th January 2023

First Reading - Isaiah 42: 1-9

Epistle - Acts 10: 34-43

Gospel - Matthew 3: 13-17

Readers 9.30am - Marion and Gaylene