5th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B February 7th (Treaty of Waitangi Feb 6th)

**Welcome before Mass**: (Commentator)

Tēnā Koutou Katoa. I warmly welcome you here. Today is the fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time, and as a nation we celebrate this weekend, the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi. We come here today to be fed at the Table of God’s Word and at the Table of Christ’s Body, be united as the People of God, and accept the call to be bearers of the Gospel in our daily living. Just as Jesus ministry was sustained by quiet prayer, let us in the same way take a few moments of silence in preparation for this liturgy. **(20 … seconds - stay at microphone).** Welcome to ……………………… (*parish name*). Let us stand, and as one people, sing together.

**Prayer of the Faithful**

**For the Church** – that all the baptized will stive to live and preach the Gospel in their daily lives.

(Silence) **Reader:** E te Ariki **All:** Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou.

**For those in authority –** that they ensure the religious freedom of all people under their authority, and act to promote racial equality among all citizens.

(Silence) **Reader:** E te Ariki **All:** Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou.

**For a will to honour the Treaty of Waitangi –** that throughout our nation, there will be renewed energy to understand and honour the Treaty of Waitangi, undo the wrongs of the past and build a future of partnership and collaboration.

(Silence) **Reader:** E te Ariki **All:** Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou.

**For parish, school and other faith communities** – that communities will be enlivened by the Spirit, that they will work together to develop a sense of mission and will transform this sense of mission into action in their own communities.

(Silence) **Reader:** E te Ariki **All:** Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou.

**For people with no sense of purpose in their lives** – that through the grace of the Holy Spirit, each of us gathered here now, will be bearers of peace, consolation and hope to the downhearted and those without a sense of purpose in life.

(Silence) **Reader:** E te Ariki **All:** Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou.

**For people who care for the sick or dying** – that their work will bring healing, that they will be encouraged, supported and appreciated in this work, and that it will be a source of blessing in their lives

(Silence) **Reader:** E te Ariki **All:** Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou.

**For our local community of**………………….. That\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please add a prayer for your local community.

(Silence) **Reader:** E te Ariki **All:** Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou.

**Concluding Prayer**

Saving God, we ask you to answer these prayers, so that we will faithfully proclaim your Gospel

and eagerly do your will. We ask this through Christ our Lord. … Amen