12th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B June 20th Day of Prayer for Refugees and Migrants

**Welcome before Mass**: (Commentator)

Tēnā Koutou Katoa. Today is the 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time and I warmly welcome you here. We step aside now, from daily routine and into this liturgical space, ready to be transformed by the touch of Christ, who calmed raging seas and brought peace to storms. Let us pause for a moment, and prepare to take our part as active participants as we celebrate this liturgy. **(20 … seconds - stay at microphone).** Welcome to ……………………… (*parish name*). Let us stand, sing together.

**Prayer of the Faithful**

**For the Church** – that we, the baptized, be people who speak words of peace into the storms and troubles of life.

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

**For national and international leaders –** that among them, voices of calm will arise and inspire them to work cooperatively to accommodate refugees and reduce the causes of refugee migration.

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

**For migrant peoples fleeing their homeland in flimsy boats –** that they might cross seas in safety and find welcome in a new homeland.

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

**For all who make their living at sea** – that they may travel in safety, and that their time at sea will deepen their respect for the natural world, and increase in them a sense of awe for the presence of God in all things.

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

**For the oceans of our world** – that through all people’s efforts, the oceans be made clean again, acidity levels be controlled and ocean warming be negated.

(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**

In the beginning, O God, your Word brought order to chaos; in the fullness of time you sent Jesus, your Son, to rebuke the forces of evil and bring forth a new creation. By that same power, transform all our fear into faith and awe in your saving presence. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever … Amen