11th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B June 13th

**Welcome before Mass**: (Commentator)

Tēnā Koutou Katoa. Today is the 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time and I warmly welcome you here. Jesus used his understanding of the natural world to teach about the kingdom of God in the parables. Today, we are gathered together once again, just as the many grains of wheat are gathered together, to create one loaf. Let us pause for a few moments of silence, preparing ourselves to celebrate this liturgy, fully and consciously. **(20 … seconds - stay at microphone).** Welcome to ……………………… (*parish name*). Let us stand, and as one, sing together.

**Prayer of the Faithful**

**For the Church** – that we, the Church, be sowers of seed; seeds of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness gentleness and self-control.

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

**For national and local body leaders –** that they adopt an approach which strives for long term and permanent change, when seeking to solve the problems their communities face.

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

**For Ethiopia** – that those who are starving will be fed, those who are fighting will lay down their guns, and that the international community will provide relief.

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

**For people facing permanent or terminal illness –** that they will find comfort in the loving, patient and understanding support of family and friends.

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

**For all who till the land or work with plants** – that they retain a sense of reverence, awe and gratitude for the stalk, the leaf, then the full plant that comes forth from the earth.

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

**For villages, towns and cities** – that communities will grow strong in the ways of friendship, love and care, creating neighbourhoods where people thrive.

(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**

O God, at whose bidding the seed will sprout and the shoot grow toward full stature, hear the prayer of your assembled people. Make us trust in your hidden ways, that we may pray with confidence and wait for your kingdom now growing in our midst. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever… Amen