13th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B June 27th Matariki, Peter’s Pence collection

**Welcome before Mass**: (Commentator)

Tēnā Koutou Katoa. Welcome! Today is the 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time, and in the National Calendar, the stars of Matariki reappear and signal it is time to prepare soil for the new season’s crops: for God ‘fashioned all things that they might have being,’ as we hear in the first reading today. The Holy One longs to redeem the suffering of the world and heal our scarred and broken lives. In our celebration of Eucharist, we welcome the healing Word in our midst, and share a meal that sustains us amid the challenges of life. Let us pause now, as we prepare to celebrate this Eucharist. **(20 … seconds - stay at microphone).** Welcome to ……………………… (*parish name*). Let us stand, sing together.

**Prayer of the Faithful**

**For the Church** – that the Church be an instrument of compassion, healing and mercy, seeking always to bring all peoples to the fullness of life.

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

**For national and international leaders –** that they will share generously the world’s food basket, ensuring that those who have much do not have too much, and those who have little do not have too little,

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

**For our nation, Aotearoa New Zealand –** that the celebration of Matariki will stimulate our desire to live in harmony with nature, to care for the natural world, to consume less, and to see the incarnate presence of God in all creation.

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

**For people who suffer from long-term debilitating illness –** that through the support of friends, family and professional services, they will be enabled to live full and meaningful lives.

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

**For those who care for the dying** – that the important work of caring for the dying will bring peace and a sense of the nearness of the sacred, into their own lives.

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

**For animals threatened with extinction because of human behaviour** – that people will understand that all forms of life are precious, the work of God’s creative Spirit, and will strive to live in harmony with creation, preserving and not plundering it.

(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**

God of the living, in whose image we have been formed, with unending life as our destiny, dispel from your people the fear of death and awaken within us the faith that saves. Bid us rise from the death of sin to take our place in the new creation. We make our prayer 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