17th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B July 25th Caring Sunday

In the Eucharistic Prayer, we pray for the Pope, our local Bishop/s and those who have died. Since we pray during the Eucharistic Prayer for these needs , **there is no need to include them in the petitions of the Prayer of the Faithful**, when we are called at this time to pray for the needs of the Church, the world, the needy and the local community.

**Welcome before Mass**: (Commentator)

Tēnā Koutou Katoa. Welcome! Today is the 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time and it is Caring Sunday of the Auckland Diocese, a day we are encouraged to give generously and think about those who have little. We are gathered together now by the Holy Spirit as one body, united in one Lord, having one faith and receiving one baptism. Together, let’s pause now for a moment’s silence as we prepare to celebrate this Eucharist, the sacrament of unity. **(20 … seconds - stay at microphone).** Welcome to ……………………… (*parish name*). Let’s stand, sing together.

**Prayer of the Faithful**

**For the Church** – that the Church, the Body of Christ always stives for unity.

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

**For Christian unity** – that Catholics and all believers who share a common baptism, seek unity with, and understanding of, each other.

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

**For leaders of nations –** that they work together to create economic structures that will ensure all have enough food, and that they take immediate steps to feed the world’s hungry children and their families.

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

**For the success of Caring Sunday –** that we will be inspired to give generously on this Caring Sunday and work together to alleviate poverty.

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

**For those in prison** – that our prisons be places of care, providing opportunities for offenders to break patterns of intergenerational violence and establish behaviours of responsibility and self-care.

(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, you open wide your hand, giving us food in due season. Out of your never-failing abundance, satisfy the hungers of body and soul and lead all peoples of the earth to the feast of the world to come. We make our prayer 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