18th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B August 1st

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 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time and we note the world day against human trafficking and slavery was observed on Friday. In thanksgiving we come together, grateful for the lavish gifts of life we receive each day. In a spirit of thanksgiving, we come to be fed at the table of the Lord, fed on the true bread from heaven. Let’s pause now for a moment’s silence as we prepare to celebrate this Eucharist, be fed at the Eucharistic table, and at the end of this liturgy, be sent as disciples into the world. **(20 … seconds - stay at microphone).** Welcome to ……………………… (*parish name*). Let’s stand, sing together.

**Prayer of the Faithful**

**For the Church** – that the Church faithfully leads the baptized to Christ who alone can satisfy our spiritual hunger.

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

**For leaders of nations –** that they work together to prioritize the needs of the hungry, and take steps to ensure that the world’s food basket is shared equitably among all people.

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

**For those trapped in forced labour** – that the women, men and youth trapped in forced labour in paddocks, factories, and construction, hospitality and service industries in Aotearoa New Zealand, be treated with respect and receive fair wages.

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

**For our business community** – that as we mark world anti-human trafficking day, business communities and leaders will ensure that their practices and supply networks are free of exploitation, child–abuse, slavery and forced labour.

**For society –** that the hungers of the human heart revealed by individualism and consumerism will be redirected, through the grace of the Holy Spirit, to a longing for the food of love, service and self-giving.

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

**For those who grow the staple foods of our diet** – that these people work the land with care, are justly rewarded for their work, appreciate the dependence of all people on their labour, and are aware of the needs of future generations for healthy soil and ecosystems.

(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**

Lord, giver of lasting life, satisfy our hunger through Christ, the bread of life, and quench our thirst with your gift of faith, that we may no longer work for food that perishes, but believe in the One whom you have sent. 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