20th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B August 15th Patronal Feast Assumption of Mary

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 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time. We gather today as a Eucharistic people, a people called together to eat and be transformed by Jesus, the living bread; called to be sent as disciples and servants into our communities. Let us pause now for a moment’s silence as we prepare to celebrate this Eucharist. **(20 … seconds - stay at microphone).** Welcome to ……………………… (*parish name*). Let’s stand, sing together.

**Prayer of the Faithful**

**For the Church** – that, the Church will grow stronger as a sacrament of unity each time we meet and share the life-giving bread, who is Jesus.

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

**For the leaders of nations –** that in all consultations, decisions and discussions, they seek the path of wisdom.

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

**For people who do not have enough food for themselves or their families** – that their hunger be satisfied, that communities work together to ensure people have enough food.

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

**For people who are facing terminal illness –** that they may be listened to and accompanied by loving companions, filled with a sense of gratitude for their life, and hope of eternal peace in Christ.

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

**For our Christian community** – that we imitate the beautiful and loving qualities of Mary, in our daily lives as we seek to live out Christ’s Mission.

(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 all nations, you invite us all to the table of life where all are family, and no-one is stranger. Extend, we pray, to all peoples the joy of salvation and faith. We ask this … Amen