21st Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B August 22nd

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 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time. We gather today as the Body of Christ, with Christ as our head. May we open our hearts and our minds to the risen Christ who we pilgrims meet along the way, in the celebration of this Eucharist. Let us pause now with open hearts ,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 we, the baptized, may always serve Christ, by loving one another generously, through acts of kindness and tender-hearted charity.

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

**For the leaders of nations –** that those in power act with concern for the well-being of all, especially the poorest and weakest in their societies, and that their leadership be shaped by genuine humility and a desire to serve.

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

**For countries where civil unrest is present**– that those who cause oppression relent, that they would honour the rights of citizens and that those who live in poverty may have the means of life.

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

**For married couples –** that the love of Christ may abound in their relationships and in their homes.

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

**For the unity of all Christians** – that people of different Christian denominations seek understanding of one another, find opportunities to pray together and profess their common belief in Jesus, whose words are spirit and life.

(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**

In every age, O God, you give your people freedom to walk in faith or to turn away. Grant us grace to remain faithful to your Holy One, whose words are spirit and life, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. … Amen