22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B August 29th

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 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time. We are called together this morning to be fed at the table of the Word and the table of the Eucharist. Having been richly fed at these two tables, we will be sent into the world to put our faith into action, to serve those we meet and especially those in need. Let us pause in silence now with open hearts, as we prepare to welcome Christ who feeds us from these two tables. **(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 be a faithful bearer of God’s precepts, neither adding to nor taking from God’s law, but leading her people in the way of charity and justice.

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

**For the politicians of Aotearoa New Zealand –** that they establish laws that are just, protecting the vulnerable, safe-guarding human dignity, and preserving the integrity of the natural world.

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

**For all who administer the law** – that the law is understood and respected as a means of achieving a just society in which all people can live with dignity.

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

**For those imprisoned for breaking the law –** that time in prison will offer opportunity to reflect on the past, provide support that can lead to change, and give hope that new patterns of living can be established for the future.

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

**For all Christian people** – that we seek a religion that is pure, attending to the needs of those in distress, living lives of goodness and kindness.

(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**

Father of light, giver of every good and perfect gift, bring to fruition the word of truth sown in our hearts by your Son, that we may rightly understand your commandments, live your law of love, and so offer you worship that is pure and undefiled. Grant 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