29th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B October 17th

**Welcome before Mass**: (Commentator)

Tēnā Koutou Katoa – Haere mai. Welcome! Today is the 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time. It is also the opening of the Synod in our Diocese. Every catholic is called to be part of the synod, in which our focus is on Communion, Participation and Mission. We are called to be part of the synodal process, to listen to others, to join discussions where we have the opportunity to, and to contribute to the dialogue. We gather now In love and friendship to pray this liturgy. At the end of this liturgy, we will be sent to be workers in the vineyard of Christ’s Mission by serving our brothers and sisters, and working to care for the poor and afflicted. Let us take a few moments of silence to prepare. **(20 … seconds - stay at microphone).** Haere mai ki ……………………… (*parish name*). Let’s stand and sing together.

In the Prayer of the Faithful, we, the people accept our priestly role, given to us at baptism, and pray for the needs of the world, the needs of the poor and the needs of the Church.

**Prayer of the Faithful**

**For the Church** – that we walk together in the synodal process, listening to one another and seeking what the Holy Spirit is asking of the Church today.

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

**For our country’s national and local leaders** - that they act with wisdom, adopt long term vision, and strive to act for the good of society and the good of our Common Home.

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

**For people imprisoned and tortured, those imprisoned without trial, and political prisoners –** that they be treated with dignity, freed from violence, and that those who have committed no crime have their freedom restored.

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

**For people discriminated against, who suffer because of their race, religion or gender –** that we strive to build more just societies in which people’s differences are welcomed.

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

**For ourselves -** that we give thanks for diversity of race and culture, recognise the face of Christ in every person we meet, and model our service to others on Jesus’ service.

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

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Please add a prayer for your local community.

**For our local community of**………………….. That\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

**Concluding Prayer**

Most glorious God, in Jesus you show us that you are merciful and your will is to save. Grant to us your people the desire to serve as Jesus did, in the cause of the eternal mission … We make our prayer through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**