22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year C |31st August

**Welcome before Mass**

**Tēnā Koutou Katoa / Good morning and welcome. Today is the 22nd Sunday or Ordinary Time. Though we come from many different backgrounds and cultures, we are gathered together today as one people, a body united, the People of God. God calls us and as a community, God makes us God’s own. In preparation for the celebration of this liturgy, let’s now take a moment of silence.**

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**Together now, we join and sing our opening hymn.**

**Prayer of the Faithful**

**For the Church – that, seated at the table of plenty, we extend our arms outward to welcome ‘the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind’ and all on society’s margins.**

V. **E te Ariki** R. whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou | V. **We pray to the Lord** R. Lord, hear our prayer.

**For leaders of nations – that they work cooperatively and with urgency to ensure the protection of the earth, its oceans, its rivers, its peoples, its animals, its vegetation and its atmosphere.**

V. **E te Ariki** R. whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou | V. **We pray to the Lord** R. Lord, hear our prayer.

**For the Auckland Diocese – that as we embark on this process of *Reshaping* to discern for ways to be a missionary Church, a Church that builds bridges and encourages dialogue, a Church ever open to welcoming.**

V. **E te Ariki** R. whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou | V. **We pray to the Lord** R. Lord, hear our prayer.

**For people who exist on the margins of society – that great store be placed on the worth of all people, and that we ensure everyone has the means to live lives of dignity.**

V. **E te Ariki** R. whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou | V. **We pray to the Lord** R. Lord, hear our prayer.

**For our common home – that all people throughout the world be renewed with a sense of openness, wonder and awe at creation, and a willingness to see and appreciate their connection with all that exists.**

V. **E te Ariki** R. whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou | V. **We pray to the Lord** R. Lord, hear our prayer.

**For our local community of …** (What are the needs of your locality – housing, health, truancy, an accident… Please discern the needs of your community and compose a petition.)

**Concluding Prayer**

**Gracious God,**

**let your infinite goodness be ours**

**in answer to these prayers,**

**for we make them in the name of your beloved Son,**

**Jesus Christ, who is Lord for ever and ever.** R. Amen.