26th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year C |28th September

**Welcome before Mass**

**Tēnā Koutou Katoa / Good morning and welcome. On this day, the 26th Sunday of Ordinary time, and the 4th week of the Season of Creation, we hear of Lazarus who lay hungry at the rich man’s door, and we are reminded to turn away from what separates us from God and from each other. We come together now to form one body, the Body of Christ. 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 we who gather each week for Eucharist, respond to God’s call to step out into the community as missionary disciples.**

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 cooperate generously, to manage the world’s resources sustainably, prevent degradation of the environment, protect threatened species and safeguard vulnerable peoples.**

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* may we 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 parents who do not have enough food to feed their children – that a spirit of compassion and humility will awaken in us, and in all people, which can build bonds of love and fellowship between all peoples.**

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 we accept our responsibility to act, and work together to ensure that carbon emissions be reduced to sustainable levels, climate change be halted, and pollution ended.**

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**

**God of all consolation, hear our prayers for your good gifts.**

**Help us to live as unselfishly as did your Son, Jesus Christ,**

**and so come to live with him in your presence, for ever and ever** R. Amen.