



Diocese of  
Palmerston North

# Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish

Palmerston North (1951)

Te Parihā o te mātou Wahine o Ruata

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## Priest Ministers

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## OLOL MASSES

5:30pm Vigil (Saturday)

9.30am Sunday

Mon & Thurs Liturgy of Word &

Communion

Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat 10:00am

## SACRED HEART RONGOTEA

9:00am: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month

## ST MARY'S FOXTON MASSES

10:30am Sun

10:30am Thurs

## ST JOSEPH'S SHANNON MASSES

9:00am 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month

## RECONCILIATION—OLOL

Sat 10:30am—11:00am

and on request

## Pastor's Desk

The decision of Carola Rackete, the 31-year-old German captain of the Sea Watch International migrant rescue vessel, with more than 40 migrants and 20 crew on board, to enter Italian waters and land at Lampedusa, despite the threats of the Italian military, was courageous.

The leader of Italy's ruling right-wing populist party, Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Matteo Salvini, had ordered all Italian ports deny entry to vessels carrying immigrants to reduce migration into Italy and to combat human trafficking. Salvini said the Sea Watch's attempt to approach the Italian coast was a "hostile act".

Carola Rackete was arrested and brought before a judge who decided that she had not acted against the law when she entered Italian waters. The judge overturned the order saying Rackete was "doing her duty saving lives."

Cardinal Pietro Parolin, the Vatican's Secretary of State, defended Rackete's decision saying: "I think that human life must be preserved in any way. This must be the North Star that guides us, everything else is secondary".

Following this I listened to a commentary from the representative of the Acton Institute, a right-wing United States Catholic think-tank, who defended Salvini's position, critiqued Parolin's, and argued that the humanitarian perspective should be subordinated to the political. In his opinion the humanitarian stance taken by Cardinal Parolin was out of step politically and naïve.

Correctly, the Acton's representative pointed out that the refugee situation is complicated, and he defended the political moves that had reduced the flow of migrants from Libya. However, he failed to mention that many of the political decisions to reduce the flow of migrants served the self-interest of the Europeans countries who made them.

As I was listening to this right-wing, libertarian, capitalist critique of humanitarian values I was struck by the thought of how difficult it is for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of Heaven: "it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle".

I was perturbed that a Catholic organisation could so easily justify its position through an appeal to the higher moral status of politics at the expense of Catholic Social Teaching and, indeed, of the Gospel itself: "as often as you do this to the least of my brothers and sisters you do it to me" (Matt 25:31-40) includes both caring for them and shunning them – sheep to the right, goats to the left!

Political agendas are not always moral agendas or even legal ones, but they are always political! If the agenda had been abortion or euthanasia, I presume the Acton's representative would have argued for protests in order to change political

thinking and raise the visibility of the plight of the unborn, so why not for the born?

The situation of the migrants entering Europe is complicated, but let us remember the Europeans created this problem for themselves when, in the nineteenth century, they went to find "their place in the sun". They created mercantile colonies in Africa, Asia and the Middle East for their own financial benefit. They broke down ancient tribal relationships and manipulated national boundaries to suit the needs of the rulers in Paris, London, Rome, Berlin and Brussels.

What concerns me more is the rampant and dangerous right-wing thinking that is becoming a part of our political agenda and social narrative. In Europe and the United States this rhetoric is growing but we are not immune. This type of thinking lies at the heart of the Christchurch mosque killings. Let's not be fooled by this type of thinking and rhetoric – it is soaked in hatred.

The rhetoric of division always serves its own interests and uses and abuses the needs of vulnerable people. What is truly saddening is when one hears Christians and Catholics rejoicing in building walls, sinking boats of refugees or watching violence against others online as entertainment.

Fear of my neighbour is the most politically expedient call to arms because it manipulates our need for self-preservation, and is the basis of every war.

John Locke (1632–1704) one of the most influential political philosophers of the modern period wrote: "Whosoever will list himself under the banner of Christ, must, in the first place and above all things, make war upon his own lusts and vices. It is in vain for any man to usurp the name of Christian, without holiness of life, purity of manners, benignity and meekness of spirit.

If an Enlightenment thinker can understand this, then why is the Gospel having such a hard time amongst those who take the name of Christian?

## Fr. Joe

**Lay Presider Workshops**, run by Kate Bell, will be held over

**3 Sundays**—21st July, 25th August, 29th September

**OLOL Church** from 3:00pm to 4:30pm.

*We're continuing with Lay presiders and this training is to develop a consistency of understanding and practice and formation in Lay ministry.*

**Topics:** A deeper theology of lay ministry, Homily training (structure, purpose delivery) & Presiding with grace and style.

These workshops are for all lay presiders and new people identified for this role. We look forward to strong lay leadership that is theologically based, is sustainable with consistent patterns of lay presiding across the communities and the development of ongoing lay presider's groups for support and training.

Situations vacant....

**Greeters for 9.30am Mass needed URGENTLY!** Please contact the Parish Office if you can help!

**Two people to look after the Altar Servers please contact Fr Joe.**

### COMING EVENTS

**Time for some Faith PD? Sometimes feel a knowledge gap?**

**Here's your chance.** Thomas O'Loughlin, a gifted communicator and professor from the University of Nottingham, is visiting our Diocese. He will be giving a presentation on Luke's gospel (from which come our current Sunday Gospel readings). The title of his talk is "Journeying as Disciples of the Lord." It is not a talk for 'experts' so no need to be shy. **Treat yourself to an hour's uplifting input: at the Diocesan Centre, 33 Amesbury Street, Palmerston North, on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am or 7:00pm. All welcome. Nau mai, haere mai.**

**2 more weeks till Passionist Young Adults Retreat!** 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> July. Ages 18-30 years. Magnificat Retreat Centre, Featherston. Cost \$140. Don't miss out due to money as funding provided. Register online [www.passionistfamily.org.nz/retreats](http://www.passionistfamily.org.nz/retreats) or pick up form from gathering area.

### Commission for Justice Peace & Development:

The JPD Strategic Hui Sunday July 14<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Centre 11:00am-2:00pm. The Hui is available to anyone who would like to provide input into the JPD's strategic goals for the next 3 years. Please bring a plate. Contact Josh Chandulal-Mackay 027 548 4999 or Line Vailua 021811148 for details.

**Massey Mass** Weekly Wednesday Mass at 12.05pm at The Centre followed by a free hot lunch will start back up on 17<sup>th</sup> July. All students and university staff are welcome!

**St Mary's Parish PN** Mid-winter fundraiser dinner—20<sup>th</sup> July 5:30pm St Peters College. Adults \$25; Children under 10 \$15.

**PN Catholic Ladies Movie and Cuppa afternoon:** Ladies, please mark your diaries, Tuesday, 16 July, 1.30pm, Cathedral Lounge. While watching a movie and if you like to knit, we will be making peggy squares for the Palmerston North maternity unit. An opportunity to help others while being entertained, watching the movie. All welcome.

**Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women** Annual Retreat Willow Park Christian Camp, Eastern Beach Auckland 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> July. See notice board.

**Men's Retreat Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July, 8am to 6.30pm Up From the Waters.**

**A one-day retreat for men.** Led by Fr. Joe Grayland and Fr. Robin Kurian. Covering: Baptismal Spirituality and Calling, Adult Faith and Discernment of Spirits. OLOL Shamrock St, PN, Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July, 8am to 6.30pm (includes evening Mass). Koha on the day to cover the costs. Hosted by Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship, PN. Registrations and or enquiries to John Hammond: [jo.mo.hamm@gmail.com](mailto:jo.mo.hamm@gmail.com)

**At the Jubilee Masses for Monsignor David Bell and Father Peter Fahy on July 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> we are delighted to also celebrate the 65<sup>th</sup> Jubilee of priestly ordination of Bishop Owen Dolan.**

**Jubilee Mass on the 27<sup>th</sup> at 11am – Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North followed by a luncheon in the Diocesan Centre** All well wishes, friends and family are invited to attend. RSVP to Cathedral Parish Office for catering purposes (06)357 2891 or [office@pncathedral.org.nz](mailto:office@pncathedral.org.nz)

**July WelCom is out this week - collect your free copy today**

### NOTICES

**Font update...** we are working on completing the font, this includes tiling. We need \$2500.00 to complete the work and we would appreciate any donations you are able to make. Envelopes are in the gathering area today.

**No Senior or Junior youth group during the school holidays we will start with Junior Youth Group—FOF Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July.**

**CONFIRMATION PROCESS.** Session 5 - Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July 4:00pm-6:00pm at the Diocesan Centre. Please continue to support and pray for our candidates.

**Discover the Old Testament Prophets** Baptism calls each of us to be a prophet. Enrol in the on-line course through the TCI website [www.tci.ac.nz](http://www.tci.ac.nz) – look for the details on the home page. See noticeboard.

**Wanted... 4 chests of drawers for a family in need. Please call Nick Wilson 021822814 or email [nwilson@pndiocese.org.nz](mailto:nwilson@pndiocese.org.nz)**

**SVDP We Are Needing Warm Clothes ASAP** as we are really low. Please empty the wardrobe to help our Vinnies Shop get warm clothes out to our Customers. Winter is just getting started and stock is low.

### ROSTERS: July 8<sup>th</sup>—14<sup>th</sup>

**Church Cleaning:** (July 8<sup>th</sup>) Monica and John Hammond

**Counters:** (July 9<sup>th</sup>) Selwyn Brown

**Flowers:** (6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>) Mary Dorn

**Greeters: Vigil 5:30pm** Raymond and Julie Jones

9:30am Josie Conlon

**Children's Liturgy:** School holidays—no liturgy for the children

**Readers: 5:30pm** Rob Towers, Dot Bowe, Judith Wall

9:30am Alesha Alexander, Wendy Derksen, Katelyn Alexander.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: 5:30pm**

Judith & Martin Wall, Monica Hammond, Colin Keegan, John Lynch

**9:30am** Denis & Margaret Beckett, Julia Sissons, Wendy Derksen, Mary O'Connor.

**Altar Servers: 9:30am** Brianna Wilson and Carissa May.

**Hospitality: 9:30am** Helena Pedley PF Group.

**Linen:** (July) Maria Lukkassen. **Lawns:** (July 6<sup>th</sup>) Fr Joe.

**Religious Goods Cabinet:** Diane Baucke

**SVDP Basket:** (July) Paul Darbyshire.

**The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference is welcoming applications for 2 roles based in Wellington - a Communications Advisor and an Administrator. To view the advertisements and see detailed job descriptions, please follow this link to our website: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/communications-advisor-sought/>**

**We pray for the Sick:** Oleg Bogdanovas, John Green, Ron Gleeson, Ryan Marsden, Fr. Joe O'Sullivan, Fr. Tom O'Connor sm, Sheila Evans, Vinnie Carroll, Tony Keenan, Oliver Gillespie, Trevor Wilson, Michael Eades, Joan Lambourne, Barbara & Graeme Younger, Louis Heynen, Michael Quirk, Gary Meyer, Mary Jefferies, Evie Feierabend, Katherine Denby, Marie Hubbard, Mikulas Oros, Ann Fairclough, Toshi Sekizaki, Braxton Prentice, Anne & Bill Bethune.

**Mass has been offered for the Evans family**