



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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LOL MASSES
5:30pm Vigil (Sat)
8:00am & 10:00am
Mon—Sat 10:00am
RECONCILIATION
Sat 10:30am—11:00am or on request

EUCCHARIST ADORATION
Fri: 10:30am—Noon & 7:00pm—9:00pm

RONGOTE MASSES
9:30am: 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Thurs: 7:00pm



Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

17th September 2017; Year A / Weekdays Year I

Psalm Response: The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

Prayers of the Faithful Response: Whakarongo mai ra kia matou.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS If your child has made their First Communion and is interested in becoming an Altar Server please contact Ms Brown brown@lol.school.nz. They will be trained and put on the October to mid December roster.

A guided **RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE** will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes on consecutive Wednesday evenings, 7:30pm-8:30pm, 4th, 11th and 18th October 2017, with chat time after. The Retreat nights will be based on the teachings of St Ignatius of Loyola. Enq Rob 021 1527915.

LOL COFFEE/PLAY GROUP: Tues 9:00am-11:30am, church foyer. Ph Megan 355 1877.

LOL PRAYER CHAIN: Ph Eileen O'Connor 329 1801/021 671 755 or the Parish Office.

MARIAN EUCCHARISTIC COMMUNITY
Kerala Catholic Prayer Community prayer meeting, every Monday 4:15pm-7:00pm LOL.

CATHOLIC BISHOPS' STATEMENT ON THE 2017 GENERAL ELECTION

We are **deeply disturbed by the growing prison population** in New Zealand. It is a national disgrace. Crime rates have in fact fallen in New Zealand. What is driving the increase in prison numbers is changes to bail law, sentencing and parole. We want our communities to be safe. We want deterrents to be positive. Pathways of care and guidance, of participation and belonging, of work and purpose are what our at-risk young need, not corridors of bars and negative mentors.

PROLIFE FACTS The bulletin this week is aimed at providing information on where the various parties stand on 2 major moral issues, as changes in the law are likely to be promoted in the new parliament. Voice for Life (09) 4430995 or www.voiceforlife.org.nz. See notice board.

ARE YOU or WERE YOU, A TERTIARY STUDENT IN THE MANAWATU?

If so then check out our FB pages:

- **Manawatu Catholic Tertiary Students**
- **PN Catholic Young Professionals**
- **Diocesan Young Catholics**

We have a vibrant young church community in the Manawatu that we invite you to be part of. We have big events throughout the year that we hope you will get involved with! Make yourself known to Nick Wilson, Tertiary & Young Adult Chaplain, Manawatu nwilson@pndiocese.org.nz or 021 822814.

BILLETS...billets are needed for attendees of the Currents of Grace conference, weekend of 23rd to 24th September. If you are able to assist please contact John Hammond jo.mo.hamm@gmail.com or 0276887750

CURRENT OF GRACE CONFERENCE

Update-Day Registrations—Day registrations are now available to attend the National Catholic Charismatic Renewal Jubilee Conference 'Current of Grace' Sat 23rd Sept at The Distinction Hotel, Cuba St, PN. Adult \$50 Youth (under 25) \$25. For more information and to register go to ccnz.org or val.morrison@xtra.co.nz, phone/text 0272453130.

HEALING & MIRACLES Rally-Fr John Rea SM

Come & experience the healing love of God & hear about the many miracles God has done through Fr John Rea SM. Sat 23rd Sep 7:00 pm Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, hosted by 'Current of Grace' Conference. The Rally will include prayer for healing & miracles. All welcome.



**FAMILY LIFE INTERNATIONAL
NEWSLETTER IN FOYER.**

NZ INTERNET SECURITY EXPERT John Parsons, to visit PN 24th-27th Oct 2017.

FREE Seminars on Cyber Safety for child, youth and senior citizens. Full details and times are on the notice board in the foyer.

JOB VACANCY—ENGAGEMENT MANAGER

The Catholic Enquiry Centre (CEC) connects people to the message & mission of the Catholic Church & has been helping people for nearly 60 years! We're moving from a reliance on print & television advertising to a focus on digital & social forms of media & we need someone to lead us through the implementation of a new strategy. The Engagement Manager will work closely with the NZCBC Communications Adviser & will require expertise in digital media & communications, project management skills, & the ability to build relationships, influence others & champion change. **For all enquiries on this part-time position or to apply contact Amanda Gregan agregan@nzcbs.org.nz or 021 611 052. Applications close Mon, 18th Sept 2017.**

HIGH TEA & FREE CONCERT (on the side) 2.30pm Sun 17th Sep. All for one admission of \$15 pp. See notice board.

THE DIOCESE OF PN, in conjunction with the Catholic Charities Foundation of PN, the Tindall Foundation & Catholic Social Services, is seeking applications from parish groups, agencies & Church organisations. Application forms & criteria for funding are available from the parish office or Diocesan Office, PB 11 012, PN – Attention: Mrs Wendy Silver, 354 1780 et.833, wsilver@pndiocese.org.nz or download a copy of the application form from <https://pndiocese.org.nz/news-and-events/application-for-funding/>. Send your applications to reach the Diocesan Office by 30th Sept 2017. Allocations will be made on 24th Oct 2017.

ON SALE NZ Catholic \$4; Tui Motu \$7; 2018 Columban Calendar \$12; SVDP Christmas Cards \$2.50 per pack of 5. Religious goods and library books are available after 10:00am Mass each Sunday.

AGM INTERFAITH GROUP PN Mon 18th Sep, Catholic Diocesan Centre, 7:00-9:00pm. Guest speaker is Joanne Wilson addressing the following, "From Fear to Friendship: Healing our world in these days of anxiety, distress and confusion." Light refreshments served. Contact Mary Eastham for more information maeastham23@gmail.com. **ALL WELCOME.**

AGLOW monthly meeting Thurs 28th Sept Bridge Club Rooms, cnr Cook & Cuba Sts, PN. 9:30am morning tea 10:00am programme. Ph Jennifer 027 319 8434. See poster on notice board.



Many thanks for your generous weekly donations to the food basket and your support of the 'Vinnies' shop on Rangitikei

We Pray for the Sick: Oleg Bogdanovas, Evie Feiera-bend, Thelma Basile, Vinnie Carroll, Kerrin McManus, Vanessa Farrelly, Joan Lambourne, Graeme Younger, Mary Jefferies, Kevin Patterson, Ian Sutherland, Ann Fairclough, Mikulas Oros, Louis Heynen, Braxton Prentice, Anne & Bill Bethune, Katherine Denby, Toshi Sekizaki, Oliver Gillespie, Marie Hubbard, Guiseppina Dujany, Trevor Wilson & Paul Hughes.

Died Recently

Anniversaries

Requiescant in Pace

Pope Blesses Former Captive Fr Tom Uzhunnalil

September 13, 2017—ZENIT

Salesian Fr. Tom Uzhunnalil received a personal blessing from Pope Francis on September 13, 2017. He was freed September 12, 2017, after 18 months in captivity, after having been kidnapped in March 2016 in Yemen.



Following the news, the Vatican released a statement saying 'the Holy See Fervently thanks all those who worked for his release,' and noting, 'he will remain for a few days in a Salesian community in Rome before going home to India.'

On Twitter Tuesday, Minister Sushma Swaraj said without giving details that Tom Uzhunnalil had been rescued.

Father Tom was working as a chaplain at the home in southern Yemen established by Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity. In March of last year, he was



abducted by militants when they attacked the home, claiming the lives of 16, including four nuns.

During his captivity, the missionary had appealed for the Holy Father and Church to help him, and the Holy Father had also appealed during his April 11, 2016 Angelus address for the priest's release.

In Sudan, Christian Refugee Children Are Forced to Recite Islamic Prayer Before Being Fed

September 12, 2017 John Pontifex—ZENIT

For security reasons the Pope had to cancel his trip to South Sudan, which had been slated for October. To show his support for the suffering people of the world's newest nation he arranged for a grant of \$500,000 in famine relief in South Sudan, the majority of whose citizens are Christians. Those refugees who end up in Sudan face a particular form of humiliation and hardship—Christian children are forced to recite

Islamic prayers before receiving food. Aid to the Church in Need reports:

In Sudan, Christian refugee children are forced recite Islamic prayer before being fed

CHRISTIAN CHILDREN in Sudan's refugee camps are not given food unless they say Islamic prayers, according to reports from reliable sources.

A contact, who asked to remain anonymous for security reasons, described to international papal charity Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) how Christian refugees from South Sudan are confronted with "a terrible situation" in refugee camps in Sudan.

The source told ACN: "We have heard stories where children are conditioned to say Islamic prayers before [being] given food. This is not right. These children are Christian. They should be respected as such."

The source, who estimates that some 700,000 South Sudanese Christians are refugees in Sudan, added: "The majority are left in camps, some in terrible conditions.

They are confined in those places. They are not allowed to go further north to the cities."

ACN also received reports that it is hard for refugee families to survive on food provided by the government. A monthly food parcel for a family lasts little more than two weeks. Parents are forced to purchase provisions in the local market where food items are sold that still bear wrapping bearing the UNICEF or UNHCR logos—provisions that obviously should be distributed for free.

The source went on to say that the Khartoum government has hampered charities seeking to provide emergency assistance. He said: "We have heard that the government does not allow any other agencies to give support, including the Church agencies."

The Sudanese "government knows very well that the Church is the one organization in the world that supports the needy around the world. The Muslim community has a charity, so the Christians have a charity, which should be allowed to help Christians."

Referring to visits to displaced families in South Sudan, the source said: "I tell them I was once a refugee like you – that was not the end of the road... yet still I can now contribute something positive to society."

The source's comments come amid reports of increasing persecution of Christians in Sudan, with the regime reportedly intensifying its agenda of Islamization. Earlier, another source—who also requested anonymity—told us that "Churches [in Sudan] are destroyed but it's claimed to be just part of town planning. The Church is not allowed to buy property."

Sudan Church source told ACN furthermore that: "Churches are being torn down each month – you never hear that about mosques." Reportedly, Church leaders are increasingly concerned about Sudan's intolerance aimed at Christian women.

The Church official told us that in June 2015, 12 Christian women were arrested as they left a church for wearing trousers or skirts, which were seen as "indecent or immoral forms of dress."



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NEXT WEEK

Readings Sep 24th: Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20-24, 27; Mt 20:1-16.

ROSTERS: September

Church Cleaning: (Sep 11th) Alicia & Francisco Pabellon, Marcela Codeniera.
Counting: (19th) Marion Carey.

Flowers: (16th Sep) June Lynch.

Greeters: Vigil 5:30pm Kathy Morton and Lesley Wright
8am Jim Murphy and Pat Burton 10am Jenny King.

Readers: Vigil 5:30pm Fina Ta'ala and Patria Kerr
8am Pat Burton and Clare Cole 10am David and Iveta Griffin.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Vigil 5:30pm John Werder, Denise Bailey, Martin Wall, Pat Curran, Monica Hammond 8am Colin Keegan, Judy Nixon, Kieran McCormack 10am Maria Amey, Julia Sissons, Joseph Joseph, Colette O'Connor, Mary Murrow.

Altar Servers: 10am Kiwa and Kahu Pomare.

Children's Liturgy: Janey and Caroline Bishop.

Hospitality: 10am Tokelauan Group.

Religious Goods/Library: Wally Semmens.

Linen: (Sep) Margaret Swinbourne

Lawns: (Sep 16th) Fr Vaughan.