

The Outsider Pope:

Where is Francis leading our Church?

A Helder Camara lecture by *The Tablet's* Vatican correspondent **Christopher Lamb**



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The lecture is free but bookings are essential by 4 July to mark.oconnor@marists.org.au



Christopher Lamb is the Vatican correspondent for *The Tablet*. Founded in 1840, the weekly journal is a hugely influential voice amongst the 1.3 billion Catholics worldwide. Joining in 2009 from the *Daily Telegraph*, he also appears regularly on TV news around the world. Christopher in his book *The Outsider: Pope Francis and His Battle to Reform the Church* reflects on the depth of his access to the Vatican, and his ringside seat witnessing Pope Francis' battle to renew the church – suggesting “the forces seeking to block a Pope’s agenda” have “not been this powerful since the Renaissance;” reflects on Pope Francis, the human being – “a reforming, enigmatic figure,” whose unique journey to becoming Pope has shaped a Gospel shaped, forward-thinking outlook – and leads him to challenge the church on clerical sexual abuse, injustice, and the exploitation of the world’s most vulnerable people– including refugees and those in poverty.