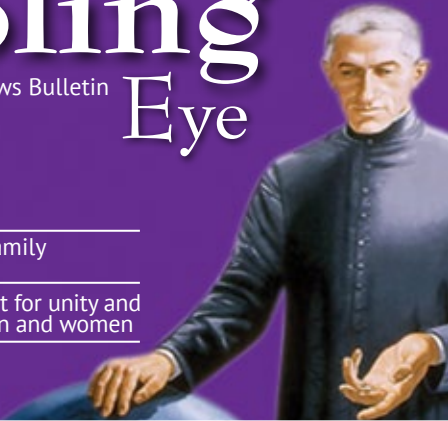


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# The Consoling Eye

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*May this Advent season deepen our desire  
for the coming of Jesus who brings peace  
to us and to our world.*



Consolata Shrine, Westlands, Nairobi



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# Merry Christmas to all

*Dear brothers and sisters,*

*Probably with the same joy with which the angel announced the birth of the Messiah, I come to you to say first and foremost... "Blessed Christmas!" I say "probably" because I cannot fully penetrate the mystery of the joy of the angel!*

Yes... I know... we still have a number of weeks... but we are looking forward to Christmas... and we can say that its spirit is already here.

Schools have closed, companies have come to the end of another calendar year, many of you may be going up country, going away on holiday or meeting your dear ones even in Nairobi... it is a time to have a little change.

But above all it is the invitation to have family time!

Don't enjoy it just doing your things or being

only with your friends. Enjoy it with and for your family!

As a Parish, we have made this new liturgical year, the Year of the Family. We are planning different initiatives to assist us in growing in this beautiful dimension of which we, in one way or another, are all part of.

The last Apostolic exhortation of Pope Francis, launched on the feast of St Joseph, on 19th March on the family, entitled "Amoris Laetitia", or The Joy of Love, affirms the Church's teaching that stable families are the building blocks of a healthy society and a place where children learn to love, respect and interact with others. At the same time the text warns against idealizing the many challenges facing family life, urging Catholics to care for, rather than condemn, all those whose lives do not reflect the teaching of the Church. In particular, the document focuses on the need for "personal and pastoral



discernment" for individuals. We will deepen this Exhortation during this year.

We have closed the year of Mercy, but the gift of Mercy continues because God is in our midst, and He is a merciful God.

We wish to bring this gift of mercy closer to the families during this year, that is why we wish you a blessed time to deepen your relationships with one another, forgiving, welcoming the rich and the poor within the family, the healthy and the sick... and moving ahead as families.

We started this liturgical year with the beautiful feast of the Consolata Family Day, which was also the conclusion of the Holiday Camp... it was a very nice time all together, with families enjoying around the Shrine.

We have prepared a permanent crib. We noticed that a number of families go to pray to the crib every Christmas. So we thought that ... if the crib presents to us the gift

of the Holy Family, and if it invites families to come together to pray in front of that wonderful Holy Family... why not to have it permanent? So come and enjoy not just the crib, but the opportunity to pray with and for your family and all families.

Every first Saturday of the month, we pray the marathon Rosary for and with families. We also do pray for and with the Kenyan family for peace and unity in the country, much more as we approach another election year.

But we don't want just to remain in strengthening the family... Just as Pope St John Paul II said that our faith is strengthen when we share it... also the family is strengthened when it goes out to share itself as a unity of love. That is why we highly encourage you to continue as families, doing works of charity by practicing the works of mercy.

And perhaps... why not... think during this Christmas, of approaching a children's home and asking them to give you for one, two, three... days one of those children and spend Christmas with them?

On behalf of the whole pastoral team, may God bless you and may the Holy Family intercede for you all! And once more, Merry Christmas to all! **CE**

**Fr. Daniel Bertea, IMC  
Parish Priest**

## Pope's Prayers Intentions for December 2016

### General intention: End to Child-Soldiers

That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.

### Evangelization: Europe

That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.





# The Feast of Holy Family, December 30th

Marriage is too often conceived as the sacrament which unites a man and a woman to form a couple. In reality, marriage establishes a family, and its purpose is to increase the number of the elect, through the bodily and spiritual fecundity of the Christian spouses.

1. Every marriage intends children. Although Mary and Joseph were not united in a carnal way, their marriage is a true marriage: an indissoluble, exclusive union, wholly subordinated to the child. Mary and Joseph are united only in order to bring Jesus into the world, to protect and raise him. They have only one child, but he contains the whole of mankind, even as Isaac, an only child, fulfilled the promise made to Abraham of a countless progeny.

2. The purpose of every marriage is to establish a Christian family. The Holy Family observed the religious laws of Israel; it went in pilgrimage to Jerusalem every year with other Jewish families (Lk. 2:41). Jesus saddens and amazes his father and his mother because to their will and company he prefers "to be in his Father's house". Thus it may happen that God's will obliges the family to make disconcerting sacrifices. Yet every Christian family must live in harmony and in prayer, which are the pledges of joy and union.

3. "He remained obedient to them." Jesus was God. And through the fullness of grace Mary stood above Joseph. Nevertheless – if we except the event in the Temple – Joseph remained the head of the family; he took the initiative (as when the Holy Family fled to Egypt), and in Nazareth Jesus obeyed his parents.

## The Holy Family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph

The devotion to the Holy Family was born in Bethlehem, together with the Baby Jesus. The shepherds went to adore the Child and, at the same time, they gave honor to His family. Later, in a similar way, the three wise men came from the East to adore and give honor to the newborn King with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh that would be safeguarded by His family.

We can go further to affirm that in a certain sense Christ, Himself, was the first devotee of His family. He showed His devotion to His mother and foster father by submitting Himself, with infinite humility, to the duty of filial obedience towards them. This is what St Bernard of Clairvaux said in this regard, 'God, to whom angels submit themselves and who principalities and powers obey, was subject to Mary; and not only to Mary but Joseph also for Mary's sake [...]. God obeyed a human creature;



*this is humility without precedent. A human creature commands God; it is sublime beyond measure.' (First Homily on the 'Missus Est').*

Today's celebration demonstrates Christ's humility and obedience with respect to the fourth commandment, whilst also highlighting the loving care that His parents exercised in His keeping. The servant of God, Pope John Paul II, in 1989, entitled his Apostolic Exhortation, 'Redemptoris Custos' (Guardian of the Redeemer) which was dedicated to the person and the mission of Saint Joseph in the life of Christ and of the Church. After exactly a century, he resumed the teaching of Pope Leo XIII, for who Saint Joseph '... shines among all mankind by the most august dignity, since by divine will, he was the guardian of the Son of God and reputed as His father among men' (Encyclical *Quamquam Pluries* [1889] n. 3). Pope Leo XIII continued, '...

*Joseph became the guardian, the administrator, and the legal defender of the divine house whose chief he was. [...] It is, then, natural and worthy that as the Blessed Joseph ministered to all the needs of the family at Nazareth and*

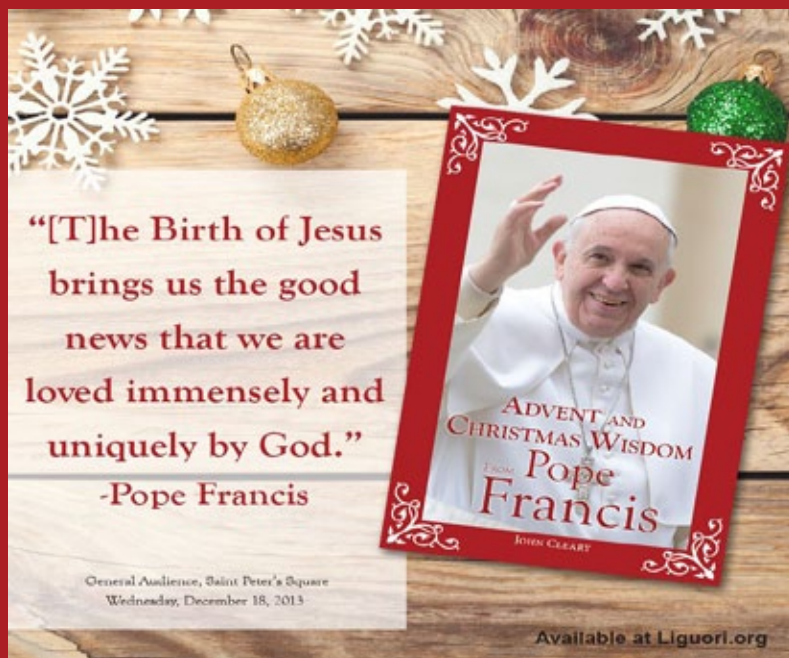
*girt it about with his protection, he should now cover with the cloak of his heavenly patronage and defend the Church of Jesus Christ.' Not many years before, blessed Pope Pius IX had proclaimed Saint Joseph, 'Patron of the Catholic Church' (1870)*

Almost intuitively, one can recognize that the mysterious, exemplary, guardianship enacted by Joseph was conducted firstly, in a yet more intimate way, by Mary. Consequently, the liturgical feast of the Holy Family speaks to us of the fond and loving care that we must render to the Body of Christ. We can understand this in a mystical sense, as guardians of the Church, and also in the Eucharistic sense. Mary and Joseph took great care of Jesus' physical body. Following their example, we can and must take great care of His Mystical Body, the Church, and the Eucharist which He has entrusted to us. If Mary was, in some way, 'the first tabernacle in history' (John Paul II *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, n. 55) then we the Tabernacle in which Our Lord chose to reside in person, in His Real Presence, was also entrusted to us. We can learn from Mary and Joseph! What would they ever have overlooked in the care of Jesus' physical body? Is there something, therefore, that we can withhold for the right and adoring care of His Eucharistic Body? No amount of attention, no sane act of love and adoring respect will ever be too much! On the contrary, our adoration and respect will always be inferior to the great gift that comes to us in the Holy Eucharist. **CE**

**From the Congregation for the Clergy**



## Advent and Christmas Wisdom from Pope Francis



"I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ.

-Pope Francis in *Evangelii Gaudium*, or *The Joy of the Gospel*, I, 2-3

This Advent, prepare to celebrate Jesus' arrival as an infant in the small town of Bethlehem. Born into poverty, he brings us the good news that God loves us - and calls us to give of ourselves to others. Let the example of Pope Francis, as he models the humility and generosity of our Savior, inspire you.

Reflect on the pope's teachings, accompanied by Scripture, prayer, and action. Then go out and share the message: Jesus Christ is born!

## Mercy and Peace

At the close of the Jubilee of Mercy, the Holy Father, Pope Francis has written a joyfully worded apostolic letter that every catholic should make effort to read. In this letter the meeting of Jesus with the adulterous woman as described in the book of John chapter 8 is the basis of 'Mercy with Misery'. On this basis the pontiff highlights points to guide a Christian beyond the jubilee as follows:

1. The time of great mercy must continue to be celebrated by all Christian communities as depicted in the gospel. Everything is revealed in mercy; everything is resolved in the merciful love of the Father.
2. Forgiveness is the most visible sign of the Father's love, which Jesus sought to reveal by His entire life. Even at the last moment of His earthly life, as He was being nailed to the cross, Jesus spoke words of forgiveness: "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do" (Lk 23:34). Nothing of what a repentant sinner places before God's mercy can be excluded from the embrace of His forgiveness. For this reason, none of us has the right to make forgiveness conditional.
3. Mercy gives rise to joy, because our hearts are opened to the hope of a new life. The joy of forgiveness is inexpressible, yet it radiates all around us whenever we experience forgiveness. Its source is in the love with which God comes to meet us, breaking through walls of selfishness that surround us, in order to make us in turn instruments of mercy.  
In a culture often dominated by technology, sadness and loneliness appear to be on the rise, not least among

young people. Let us keep in mind, then, the words of the Apostle: "Rejoice in the Lord always" (Phil 4:4; cf. 1 Thess 5:16)

4. In the Jubilee Year, we have received the grace of mercy in abundance. Like a gusting but wholesome wind, the Lord's goodness and mercy have swept through the entire world. Because each of us has experienced at length this loving gaze of God, we cannot remain unaffected, for it changes our lives. We feel the need above all to thank the Lord and to tell Him: "Lord, you have been favourable to your land... You have forgiven the iniquity of your people" (Ps 85:1-2).
5. It is time to look to the future and to understand how best to continue, with joy, fidelity and enthusiasm, experiencing the richness of God's mercy. We are called to celebrate mercy. What great richness is present in the Church's prayer when she invokes God as the Father of mercies!
6. In the biblical readings, we retrace the history of our salvation through the proclamation of God's tireless work of mercy. The Lord continues to speak to us today as to friends; He dwells in our midst, in order to accompany us and show us the path of life. His word gives a voice to our inmost needs and worries, and offers a fruitful response, so that we can concretely experience His closeness to us.
7. The Bible is the great story of the marvels of God's mercy. Every one of its pages is steeped in the love of the Father who from the moment of creation wished to impress the signs of His love on the universe. It would be beneficial if every





Christian community, on one Sunday of the liturgical year, could renew its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and more widely diffused.

8. The celebration of mercy takes place in a very particular way in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Here we feel the embrace of the Father, who comes forth to meet us and grant us the grace of being once more his sons and daughters. Grace is stronger than sin: it overcomes resistance, because love conquers all (Cor13:7)
9. An experience of grace lived out by the Church with great effectiveness in the Jubilee Year has certainly been the service of the Missionaries of Mercy. Their pastoral activity sought to emphasise that God places no roadblocks in the way of those who seek him with a contrite heart, because He goes out to meet everyone like a father.
10. The Holy Father invites priests once more to prepare carefully for the ministry of confession, a true priestly mission. I thank all of you from the heart for your ministry, and I ask you to be welcoming to all, witnesses of fatherly love whatever the gravity of the sin involved. Just as Jesus chose to remain silent in order to save the woman caught in adultery from the sentence of death, so every priest in the confessional should be open-hearted, since every penitent is a reminder that he himself is a sinner, but also a minister of mercy.



11. The Pope would like us all to meditate upon the words of the Apostle, Paul, written towards the end of his life, when he confesses to Timothy that he was the greatest of sinners, "but for this reason received mercy" (1 Tim 1:16). Paul's words, powerful as they are, make us reflect on our lives and see God's mercy at work in changing, converting and reforming our hearts.
12. Henceforth, priests, in virtue of their ministry, have been granted the faculty to absolve those who have committed the sin of procured abortion. The provision had been made in this regard, limited to the duration of the Extraordinary Holy Year, but is extended, notwithstanding anything to the contrary. Those faithful who, for various reasons, attend churches officiated by the priests of the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Pius X, can validly and licitly receive the sacramental absolution of their sins, beyond the jubilee year as well.
13. Another face of mercy is consolation. Let us never allow ourselves to be robbed of the hope born of faith in the Risen Lord. True, we are often sorely tested, but we must never lose our certainty of the Lord's love for us. All of us need consolation because no one is spared suffering, pain and misunderstanding.
14. At a time like our own, marked by many crises, including that of the family, it is important to offer a word of comfort and strength to our families. The gift of matrimony is a great calling to which spouses, with the grace of Christ, respond with a love that is generous, faithful and patient. The beauty of the family endures

unchanged, despite so many problems and alternative proposals: "The joy of love experienced by families is also the joy of the Church".

15. Highlighted is the importance of the moment of death. The Church has always experienced this dramatic passage in the light of Christ's resurrection, which opened the way to the certainty of the life to come. We have a great challenge to face, especially in contemporary culture, which often tends to trivialize death to the point of treating it as an illusion or hiding it from sight. Yet death must be faced and prepared for as a painful and inescapable passage, yet one charged with immense meaning, for it is the ultimate act of love towards those we leave behind and towards God whom we go forth to meet.
16. The Holy Door that we have crossed in this Jubilee Year has set us on the path of charity, which we are called to travel daily with fidelity and joy. It is the road of mercy, on which we meet so many of our brothers and sisters who reach out for someone to take their hand and become a companion on the way.
17. There is goodness present in our world. Many concrete acts of goodness and tenderness are shown to the weak and the vulnerable, to those most lonely and abandoned. There are true champions of charity who show constant solidarity with the poor and the unhappy.
18. The Church today needs to tell of those "many other signs" that Jesus worked, which "are not written" (Jn 20:30), so that they too may be an eloquent expression of the fruitfulness of the love of Christ and the community that draws its life from him. Two thousand years have

passed, yet works of mercy continue to make God's goodness visible.

19. Many concrete signs of mercy have been performed during this Holy Year. Communities, families and individuals have rediscovered the joy of sharing and the beauty of solidarity. But this is not enough. Our world continues to create new forms of spiritual and material poverty that assault human dignity. For this reason, the Church must always be vigilant and ready to identify new works of mercy and to practise them with generosity and enthusiasm.
20. We are called to promote a culture of mercy based on the rediscovery of encounter with others, a culture in which no one looks at another with indifference or turns away from the suffering of our brothers and sisters. The works of mercy are "handcrafted", in the sense that none of them is alike.
21. The Jubilee impresses upon us the words of the Apostle Peter: "Once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy" (1 Pet 2:10). Let us not hold on jealously to what we have received, but share it with our brothers and sisters in need, so that they can be sustained by the power of the Father's mercy.
22. The Holy Mother of God always looks upon us with her eyes of mercy. She is the first to show us the way and to accompany us in our witness of love. Let us trust in her maternal assistance and follow her perennial counsel to look to Jesus, the radiant face of God's mercy. **CE**

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Above: Celebrating the Feast of Christ the King 20-11-16.



Above: Martin the designer of the Consoling Eye receiving an appreciation gift for all his good work, be blessed sir! 13th Nov.



Above: Beginning of Advent 29th Nov.



Above: Adoration Retreat 11th Nov.



Above: Melvin Dsouza, a Consolata Shrine parishioner and Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) member during his wedding on 27th Nov, 2016 in India.



Above & Bottom Left: Celebrating thanks giving Sunday, performances, jumping castles, horserides, face painting and so much more to give thanks to God for all he does for us, it was a day of bonding, fun and relaxation. 27th Nov.





## The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, December 8th

A feast called the Conception of Mary arose in the Eastern Church in the seventh century, it came to the West in the eighth century. In the 11<sup>th</sup> century, it received its present name, the Immaculate Conception. The apparitions of Mary to St Catherine Laboure in 1830, under the image of the Miraculous Medal, helped to give further support, with its invocation, "Mary conceived without original sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee"

In the 18<sup>th</sup> century, it became a feast of the Universal Church. It is now recognized as a Solemnity.

On December 8<sup>th</sup>, the year 1854, Pope Pius IX, Solemnly proclaimed: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the savior of the human race, was preserved from all stain of original sin". By this, the Pope defined the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception, with the Papal Bull, *infallibilis Deus*, four years later, in 1858, the Blessed Mother, gave her name to St. Bernadette at Lourdes, stating, "I am the Immaculate Conception" It took a long time for this doctrine to develop. While many Fathers and Doctors of the Church considered Mary the greatest and holiest of the saints, they often had difficulty in seeing Mary as sinless- either at her conception or throughout her life. This is one of the Church

teachings that arose more from the piety of the faithful than from the insights of brilliant theologians. Even such champions of Mary as Bernard Clairvaux and Thomas Aquinas could not see theological reason for this teaching.

Two Franciscans, William of Ware and Blessed John Duns Scotus, helped develop the theology. They pointed out that Mary's Immaculate Conception enhances Jesus' redemptive work. Other members of the human race are cleansed from original sin after birth. In Mary, Jesus' work was so powerful as to prevent original sin at the onset.

The Vatican Council II states that "Mary was redeemed in a more excellent fashion, by reason of the merits of her son", (*Lumen Gentium*, 53)

As we celebrate the beautiful Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady, may Mary's holiness encourage us to seek her help and continued protection in our own efforts to overcome sin and lead holy, sanctified lives.

"Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Pray for us who have recourse to you, AMEN.

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## Heeding the call of Christ for unity and brotherhood with all men and women

*"That they may all be one, as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be one in Us so that the world may believe that You have sent Me." (Jn 17:21)*

This beautiful Year of Mercy gave the Consolata Ecumenism Group a chance to heed the call of Christ by spreading God's love in embracing our Christian brothers and

sisters outside of the Catholic communion, as well as engaging in inter-religious dialogue with members of other faiths.

**In brotherhood under a merciful Father while visiting the Masjid Mosque**

In the month of September, we had the honour of joining faithful at the Parklands Masjid Mosque as they celebrated Eid





al-Adha, also called the "Festival of the Sacrifice". The feast is based upon the story of Abraham, who was asked by God to sacrifice his only son, as an act of submission to God.

At the mosque, we listened to the readings from the Quran, after which, the faithful took part in prayers and a collection of alms. Following this, we were invited to witness the animal sacrifice of goats, sheep and cows, done in a halaal way by the imam and men from the community. The meat is thereafter distributed to three groups: family, friends and neighbours and finally, the poor.

In celebrating Eid al-Adha with the Parklands community, we were able to witness to some of the common threads in our faiths, through the esteem of Abraham as our father in faith. The story of Abraham's sacrifice, taken from Quran, sura 37, is also found in Judaism, called "Akedah" or "The binding of Isaac" in the Tora and in the Holy Bible, we read the same story in Genesis Chapter 22.

#### Brothers and sisters in Christ. Visit to ACK (St Mark Westland's)

Finally, in November, we closed the ecumenical calendar by paying a visit to our friends at St Mark's Anglican Church, Westlands. We had the pleasure of sharing in a holy communion service jointly officiated by Canon Jane and Fr Daniel Berteau from Consolata Shrine.

The similarities between the Anglican service

of holy communion and the Catholic mass were astounding! The prayers and hymns were very similar. We recited together the Niceno-Constantinopolitan creed. At a first glance; and in certain moments of the service, we almost felt that we were in a Catholic Mass.

After the service, we had a wonderful lunch and mingled freely with the community. It was the first time for Consolata to visit St Mark's, although Canon Jane has visited the Shrine multiple times and taken part in the mass in the past, especially during the week of prayer for Christian Unity. We discussed the ways in which we could foster more unity between our two communities: by visiting each other more regularly and keeping the lines of respectful dialogue open.

As we come to the end of the year, and indeed, mark the close of the Year of Mercy, we pray that God will continue to invigorate us for His work, increase the love in our hearts for our brothers and sisters of all faiths, and animate this love through our works. Amen. **CE**

**Joseph Kamau**  
**Ecumenical Movement**  
**Consolata Shrine**

## The kids fun holiday camp

For me it was an eye opening experience. I got to connect with the kids and to be in their world. It's not easy though, it takes time and commitment to help them. At some point you can lose your temper and it becomes so hard, then you remember that God is trying to tell us how you have to struggle to get into His kingdom. It also taught me how important it is to help others: how we should sacrifice our time to be with other people and understand them. Not everybody gets to talk to someone who can understand them and is willing to spend time with them.

I came to realize some of the kids had problems and that they were mostly about other siblings, God and the Church. Some did not really get the point of religion. I was glad to help them understand it more and help them know that God is here for us. I took that as a way of God telling me He wants people to understand Him from a very young age in order to make their faith strong as they grow.

I also got to meet new people from different churches and to see their views on the Bible and religious matters. I was able to help answer questions that most people never really understood. By being there for someone who needed attention, I got to serve God by helping others. I also got the chance to use my leadership skills and to teach kids about leadership and responsibility. I was able to show kids how to make their own fun, since most of them are used to playing video games. This helped

me develop their mind in terms of creativity and socialization with other kids. The Camp helped the kids realize how much fun it can be doing church activities instead of watching TV all day and gluing their eyes on tablets and computers.

*"This Camp is one of the best things the church has done for the kids as a way of bringing them close to God."* This was said by one parent who brought her kids to the Camp and acknowledged the good deed of the church.

I think Consolata has a wide vision for the children and the youth to grow close to God. This is good because we face many challenges in this world and need some guidance; although we don't say so because that's just how we are. The children need such things to remind them about God in fun. They appreciate exciting and motivational ways for a better and brighter future.

The world is filled with many things that can make kids to lose their focus on the future and what they want in life. However, Consolata has been able to maintain the light to their path to God and their future.

We pray that the Parish maintains the passion and the spirit to help and guide the kids achieve what they want.

**Linnet Ouma, 17 years old. Junior Youth Camp Volunteer.**



## The fun kids holiday camp 2016

The Pastoral Council organised a Fun Kids Holiday Camp for children aged 4 years to 16 years. Each one of us had to choose a particular fun sport we liked. The children were divided into groups. All the children 4-8 years old were called **TURTLES**,



9-12 years old **PANDAS** and the ones who were 13-16 years were called **SIMBAS**.

The **Turtles**, **Pandas** and **Simbas** were all supposed to gather around at the Parish Hall at 8.30am. At 9.00am we had prayers with Fr. Daniel, Fr. Caesar or Deacon Kim. At this time, we were taught more about God and Jesus. Once we watched a video about the Prodigal Son. Another time Fr. Caesar showed us a video about the Orphans in Uganda.

Our first break was around 10.30am. We were given snacks (milk and biscuits or tea/uji with mandazi). In the afternoon we had another snack break followed by the Zumba sessions. We were around 200 at the camp. There were many teachers available at different times. There were 15-20 different teachers, each teaching something different.



The **Pandas** were the most at the Camp. Most of the time, we were in class with the teachers. We were singing, dancing, doing creative arts or even Zumba with Teacher Mickey. My favourite activity was dancing Zumba with Teachers Mickey and Lolla.

The teachers did not have much trouble putting us together because we were all ready to help.

Last, but not least, the **Simbas**. They were the least in number at the camp, but they are the ones who would help in the handing out of the snacks at break time. They were in charge of almost everything. No one was allowed to pass the gate because of safety reasons. The **Simbas** helped in that too. We had fun learning with the **Simbas**.

I met many interesting children at the Camp. Some of the children I had seen around but not made friends with before. I also met up with my friends, who supported me throughout the Camp. The three weeks were difficult at times but were made easy because the children did their best to be obedient and helpful.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who came to help. I would also like to thank the Pastoral Council for all the help and support they gave us. May God shower them all with blessings.

On Sunday, the Thanksgiving Day, we performed very many things. We showed our parents what we had been practising. The **Turtles** were singing and the **Pandas** were dancing and singing. The **Simbas** were helping to organise the Turtles. We all did a very good job!

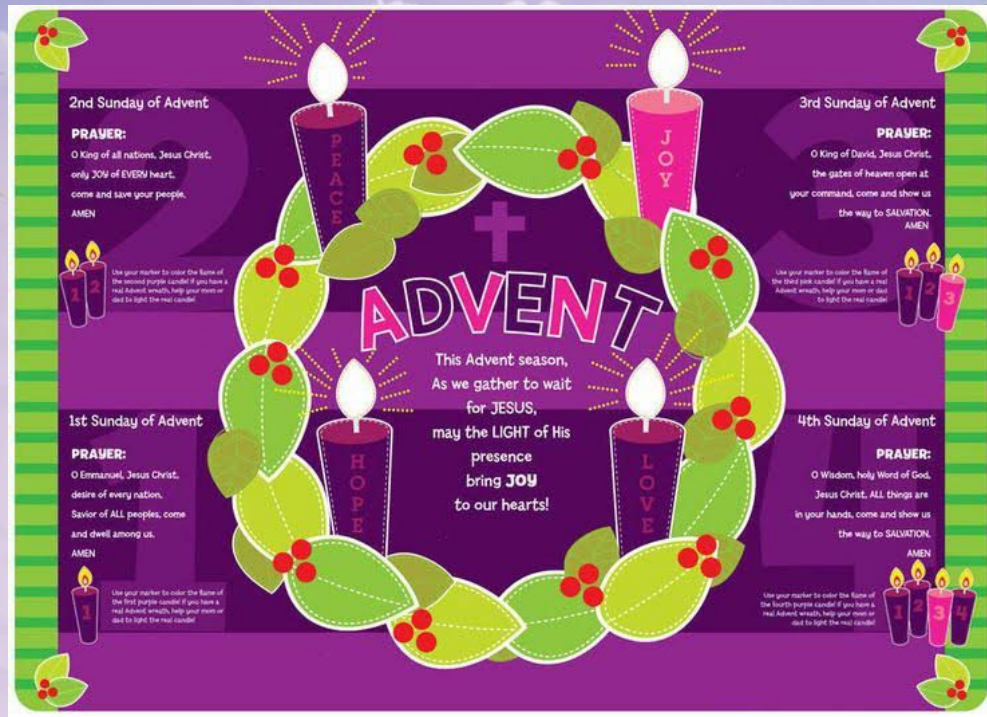
I was chosen as one of the most helpful **Pandas** during Camp. I was given a beautiful book.

I would like the Pastoral Council to hold another camp like the one we have just had.

By Linet Akai, 11 years old.







## THE ADVENT CHALLENGE:

This month you are being asked to make your own Advent Wreath. You can use empty toilet rolls for candles. Paint or colour them in the correct colours and use bright coloured paper for a flame. For the green wreath, you can use either green paper or real ever green leaves. Hand in your Advent Wreath on or before the third Sunday of Advent.

Christian Education Committee.

### Baptisms in November

1. Sean Karanja of Mariam Queen and David Ikenye
2. Maria Asiko of Nefrida Bukachi and Fredrick Bukachi
3. Antony Mutuku of Zipporah Mukui
4. Ivy Madara of Ann Mukelo and Edwin Madara
5. Raymond Nateminya of Mercelyne Vihendo and Timothy Murunga
6. Jacob Sijenyi of Merab Atieno and Michael Otieno
7. Esther Maria Njeri of Eunice Wanjiru and Michael Ritho
8. Casey Njoki of Isabel Nyambura and Clapperton Ndungu Waweru
9. Troy Waweru of Isabel Nyambura and Clapperton Ndungu
10. Egan Nyamu of Christine Mwikali and James Kimani
11. Corina Muthoni of Christine Mwikali and James Kimani
12. Maya Ayana Morangi of Maureen Nyokabi and Philip Morangi
13. Daymond J. Wagithuku of Judith Wambui and James Karago
14. Valencia Muhanji of Violet Atamba and Vincent Muhanji
15. Patience Zawadi of Susan Wanja and Lawrence Mutembei
16. Damian Muiruri Njuguna of Mary Wamaitha and Bernard Njuguna
17. Leon Makumi Munge of Ruth Wambui and Fredrick Munge
18. Shangwe Mulinge of Stella Wawira and Kenneth Kyaka
19. Sophie M. Makena of Florence Joan Isanda and Andrew Murithi
20. Gabriella Wairimu of Evelyn Mwangi
21. Theon Kariuki of Teresa Wangechi and Charles Gitonga
22. Dylan Kariuki of Florence Wanjiku and Michael Waweru
23. Wayne Njoroge of Peninah Muthoni Njilu and Francis Muchiri

24. Nelson Muchori of Carol Wanjiru and Stephen Maina Muchori
25. Adrian Mungai of Jane Mungai and Simon Wainaina
26. Peter Imani Kasaine of Peninah Kanyi and James Mataiwa
27. Malia Kisaka of Teresia Nzau and Philip Murutu
28. Katya Cynthia Musoma of Evelyn Wairimu and Ronnie Musoma
29. Alyssa Catherine of Evelyn Wairimu and Ronnie Musoma
30. Amaris Wanjiru of Faith Wangari and James Mwangi

### Marriage Banns in December 2016

**There is a promise of marriage between:**

1. Theresia Achieng Ogutu and Maurice Odhiambo Odongo
2. Millycent Devinah Aoko and Muoki Muindi

**Note: If anyone knows of any particular reason why the above ceremony cannot take place, please report immediately to the Parish Priest.**

### Weddings in Nov/Dec 2016

1. Margaret Wothaya Nduati and Philip Mwenda Hinga
2. Cecilia Wambui Kiiru and Moses Weboko Juma
3. Doreen Kiende Kirima and Yohana Kago Mumenya
4. Grace Njeri Muiruri and Mathew Kipchirchir Chepseba
5. Jackline Milkah Muthoni Mwangi and Martin Achieng Ocholla
6. Caroline Murugi Nyaga and Joshua Sindiga Moenga
7. Florence Joan Isanda and Andrew Muriithi Metha
8. Awuor Nancy Agutu and Fredrick Collins Oundo

*By Sammy Kakai, Catechist, Consolata Shrine*



# EVENTS OF THE PARISH FOR DECEMBER 2016

Missionary Intention: That the peoples of Europe may re-discover the beauty, goodness and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.

Sat 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deaf Community Mass (Holy Family Basilica)</li> <li>• Infant Baptisms (2.30pm)</li> </ul>
<b>Sun 18</b>	<b>4th Sunday of Advent</b>
Tue 20	• Charismatics – End of year thanksgiving Service
<b>Sun 25</b>	<b>Christmas Day Solemnity</b>
Mon 26	• Saint Stephen, the first Martyr Feast
Tue 27	• SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST Feast
Wed 28	• The Holy Innocents, Martyrs Feast
Thu 29	• 5th day within the octave of Christmas
Fri 30	• The Holy Family (Feast)

