

## Announcements

1. Today there is a second collection of St Peter's Pence, that is to assist the Pope in his activities. Therefore, we will not have the usual collection for St Vincent de Paul.
2. Today also, we will have the Rosary being prayed in front of the Eucharist after the twelve o'clock Mass.
3. The bookshop is offering a special discount on 'Parent's Role in Child's Education' at 200 shilling. Get your copy or buy for a friend. Kindly visit the desk outside the church and at the bookshop.
4. Next Friday 7th, July 2017, is the first Friday of the Month. Night Vigil from 9.00pm to 5.00am with a mass in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. All are welcome
5. Saturday 8th, The Marathon Rosary will be prayed in the prayer garden from 10.am to 5pm. All are welcome
6. Couples planning to get married are asked to register at the catechist's office for premarital counseling sessions. Session will begin on Thursday 6th July 2017 at 6.15pm
7. The Construction of the Allamano Centre to build a new block of pastoral offices, hall and parking is on-going. We kindly request you to stop by the tables at the entrances of the church and get detailed information about the project. We also invite you to give your contribution or make a pledge towards the project.
8. Last week, 2 parishioners got the 2 prizes. Two smartphones. New prizes are won every week! DONATE and WIN is still ongoing Consolata Shrine Raffle. Every Monday we announce the winners and tomorrow might be you. The more you participate the more chances of winning! Remember the code is \*369\*2# or M-pesa Pay Bill 804877 and Account WIN.
9. The Charismatic group has organized a Life in the Spirit Seminar that will start from 9th July to 17th September 2017. The seminar will be conducted every Sunday from 2pm to 5pm in the tent behind the nursery School. The Seminar is open for everyone. All are welcome.
10. We remind you to return the blue forms to register according to your professions, so we can start the proper activities.
11. Our Youth group are having a bake sale after all Masses. All proceeds will go towards their activities.
12. Those who registered for their Parish Cards are now available at the desk outside the church. Kindly pick your card.

## Weekly meetings

- Apostolate committee on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 6.15pm
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## CONSOLATA SHRINE Solemnity of Saint Peter & Paul 2ND JULY YEAR A 2017



### FIRST READING

*"Now I am sure that the Lord has rescued me from the hand of Herod."*

**Acts 12:1-11**

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In those days: Herod the King laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the Church. He killed James the brother of John with the sword; and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread. And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. So Peter was kept in prison; but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the Church. The very night when Herod was about to bring him out, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison; and behold, an angel of the Lord appeared, and a light shone in the cell; and he struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the angel said to him, "Dress yourself and put on your sandals." And chains fell off his hands. And he did so. And he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." And he went out and followed him; he did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the Iron gate leading into the city. It opened to them of its own accord, and they went out and passed on through one street; and immediately the angel left him. And Peter came to himself, and said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 34:29 (R) 5**

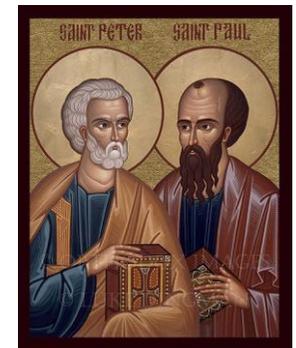
**R: From all my terrors, the Lord set me free.**

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
Praise of him is always in my mouth.  
In the Lord my soul shall make its boast;  
the humble shall hear and be glad. **R**  
Glorify the Lord with me;  
together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord, and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free. **R**

Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.

This lowly one called; the Lord heard. and rescued him from all his distress. **R**

The angel of the Lord is encamped, around those who fear him, to rescue them.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed the man who seeks refuge in him. **R**



## SECOND READING

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

"From now on there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness."

### A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Timothy

Beloved: I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing. But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength to proclaim the word fully, that all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen



### ALLELUIA

*You are Peter, and on this rock I will build  
My Church and the gates of Hades  
shall not prevail against it.*



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## GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-19

"You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven."

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time: When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do men say that the Son of man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

### PRAYER FOR PEACEFUL ELECTIONS IN KENYA 2017

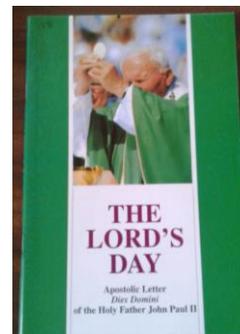
God of mercy and compassion, you have given us the gift of our country Kenya and the gift of citizenship. As Kenyans and people of good will, you have entrusted the responsibility to build and improve our country so that all may live in dignity. As we work we implore you to fill us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit and values of the gospel; especially during the forth coming general elections. During this year of elections, bless all people of Kenya that they may take their social responsibility to register to vote, to pray, to study the issues and the candidates and then vote in good consciences without fear, intimidation or favour. May our choices in the coming general elections take into account the poor, vulnerable and the common of our country. We pray for our elected leaders so that in wisdom and prudence they may make decisions that are just and true to the spirit of the constitution. We pray for our current and future leaders to work for the common good and prosperity of our country that justice shall be our shield and defender. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## PRECEPTS OF THE CHURCH

- The church is the Mother and Teacher, so she teaches guides and disciplines her children, the Christians. The precepts of the church are duties that the Catholic Church requires of all the faithful.
- The precepts of the Church are set in the context of a moral life bound to and nourished by liturgical life. The obligatory character of these positive laws decreed by the pastoral authorities is meant to guarantee to the faithful the indispensable minimum in the spirit of prayer and moral effort, in the growth in love of God and neighbor. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2041)
- The church uses these precepts to remind us that Christian life requires a commitment to prayer and active participation in the Liturgy and Sacraments. If we fall below this bare-minimum level, we cannot rightly consider ourselves to be in communion with the Catholic Church.

### FIRST PRECEPT: "You shall attend Mass on Sundays [the day of the Lord's Resurrection] and holy days of obligation."

The first precept requires the faithful to participate in the Eucharistic celebration when the Christian community gathers together on the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord. This means to worship God by participating in mass every Sunday and every holy day of obligation: to avoid those activities that would hinder renewal of soul and body, for example, needless work and business activities, unnecessary shopping, and so forth. Holiday of obligation are special feasts on which Catholics who have reached the age of reason are seriously obliged, as on Sundays, to attend mass and avoid unnecessary work. Time spent with family, saying a family rosary, watching a religious program on TV, sharing a meal with relatives is very important and fulfills the intent of this precept. The main intent of this precept is to ensure that we obey the commandment to "keep holy the Lord's Day". Serious reasons excuse us from these obligations. In Kenya these days are: Ascension of the Lord, Assumption of Mary, All saints day and Christmas day. Most of the times when the feast and Solemnities of our Lord Jesus Christ fall on week days, the Church celebrates them on the Sunday that follows so as to allow all to enjoy full participation.



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