



**CONSOLATA SHRINE
TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**



3rd SEPTEMBER 2017 - YEAR A

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 20:7-9

“The word of the Lord has become a reproach for me.”

A reading from the Book of Jeremiah

O Lord, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all the day; every one mocks me. For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, “Violence and destruction!” For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, “I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,” there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 63:2-6, 8-9

Response. For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

O God, you are my God; at dawn I seek you;
for you my soul is thirsting.
For you my flesh is pining, like a dry,
weary land without water. **(Response)**

*your
love is
better
than
life.
psalm 63:3*



I have come before you in the sanctuary,
to behold your strength and your glory.
Your loving mercy is better than life;
my lips will speak your praise. **(Response)**

I will bless you all my life;
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet;
with joyful lips, my mouth shall praise you. **(Response)**

For you have been my strength;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings fast to you;
your right hand upholds me. **(Response)**

SECOND READING

Romans 12:1-2

“Present your bodies as a living sacrifice.”

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

I appeal to you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be

conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

The word of the Lord



Alleluia

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we might know what is the hope to which he has called us?



Alleluia

GOSPEL

Matthew 16: 21-27

“If any man would come after me, let him deny himself.”

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew



At that time: Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me Satan! You are a hindrance to me; for you are not on the side of God, but of men.” Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man, if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his

life? For the Son of man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay every man for what he has done.”

The Gospel of the Lord

REFLECTION

‘FOR YOUR LIFE!’ by Scott Hahn, Ph.D.

Today’s First Reading catches the prophet Jeremiah in a moment of weakness. His intimate lamentation contains some of the strongest language of doubt found in the Bible. Following God’s call, he feels abandoned. Preaching His Word has brought him only derision and reproach. But God does not deceive - and Jeremiah knows this. He tests the just (see Jeremiah 20:11-12), and disciplines His children through their sufferings and trials (see Hebrews 12:5-7). What Jeremiah learns, Jesus states explicitly

in today's Gospel. To follow Him is to take up a cross, to deny yourself - your priorities, preferences, and comforts. It is to be willing to give it all up, even life itself, for the sake of His gospel. As Paul says in today's Epistle, we have to join ourselves to the passion of Christ, to offer our bodies - our whole beings - as living sacrifices to God. By His cross, Jesus has shown us what Israel's sacrifices of animals were meant to teach - that we owe to God all that we have. God's kindness is a greater good than life itself, as we sing in today's Psalm. The only thanks we can offer is our spiritual worship - to give our lives to the service of His will (see Hebrews 10:3-11; Psalm 50:14,23). Peter doesn't yet get this in today's Gospel. As it was for Jeremiah, the cross is a stumbling block for Peter (see 1 Corinthians 1:23). This too is our natural temptation - to refuse to believe that our sufferings play a necessary part in God's plan. That's how people think, Jesus tells us today. But we are called to the renewal of our minds - to think as God thinks, to will what He wills. In the Mass, we once again offer ourselves as perfect and pleasing sacrifices of praise (see Hebrews 13:15). We bless Him as we live, confident that we will find our lives in losing them, that with the riches of His banquet, our souls will be satisfied.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Today is the first Sunday of the month there is second collection for St Vincent de Paul to assist the needy of our parish.
2. Today also, we will have the Rosary being prayed in front of the Eucharist after the twelve o'clock Mass.
3. The Consolata Senior Youth Group will head to Adu, Malindi where Fr. Lee is working for missionary work on the 29th of September and travel back on the 3rd of October. In order to finance the missionary activities, the youth are having a Cake Sale today. Kindly pass by the Gazebo for some tea & snacks to support them.
4. Registration for the Sacraments of Confirmation for children and adults is still ongoing. The class for children starts on 9th September 2017 at 3pm and for adults on Sunday 10th September at 10.30am. Please bring the baptismal card and a contribution of 200/=. We are closing the registration this week.
5. The Feast of the Nativity of BVM will be celebrated on Saturday 9th in the prayer Garden at 3pm. All are welcome.
6. All Children age 12 & 13 years who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, are invited next Saturday 9th at 10am to 1pm in Parish Hall for first session.
7. The meetings of the respective groups of Professionals are starting today. Today we meet **Doctors, at 10:30am, Architects & Quantity Surveyors at 10:30am, Admin & Related Professions at 12:00pm, Media, Communication & Related Professions at 12:00pm, IT & Related at 1:30pm.** Please look at the timetable in this bulletin for your own group. If you have not yet registered, you can participate and register during the meeting.
8. 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. We thank all those who donated towards the project by participating in the Raffle. May

God bless you all! The pay bill number 804877 and USSD *369*2# remains open for donations.

GROUP NAME	DATE & TIME	MASS TO ATTEND
Accounts / Finance	10th Sept 2017 @ 10:30am	9:00 am
Housewives	10th Sept 2017 @ 10:30am	9:00 am
Engineering & Technical	10th Sept 2017 @ 12:00pm	10:30 am
Humanitarian Services & Related Professions	10th Sept 2017 @ 12:00pm	10:30 am
Business & Entrepreneurs	10th Sept 2017 @ 1:30pm	12:00 pm
Civil Servants & Disciplined Forces	10th Sept 2017 @ 1:30pm	12:00 pm
Bankers	17th Sept 2017 @ 10:30am	9:00 am
Contractors	17th Sept 2017 @ 12:00pm	10:30 am
Hospitality	17th Sept 2017 @ 12:00pm	10:30 am
Lawyers	17th Sept 2017 @ 1:30pm	12:00 pm
Teachers & Lecturers	17th Sept 2017 @ 1:30pm	12:00 pm

9. Consolata Youth Rehabilitation Programme (COYREP) is appealing for donations of the items below to be used at the Deepsea Nursery school. For more information kindly visit the parish office or social work office. Used items are also welcome.

ITEM	QUANTITY	UNIT COST (KES)	TOTAL COST (KES)
Swing	1	35,000/=	35,000/=
See Saw	1	25,000/=	25,000/=
Merry-go-round	1	25,000/=	25,000/=
Slides	2	25,000/=	50,000/=
Aluminium Plates	150	50/=	7,500/=
Plastic Cups	150	30/=	4,500/=
Spoons	150	15/=	2,250/=
Toys	Assorted	-	-
Children's Plastic Chairs	150	600/=	90,000/=
Desktop Computer	1	80,000/=	80,000/=


DAILY READING

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1.3-5.11-13; Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6.9-11; Ps 27:1.4.13-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10.11; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11
Friday: Mi 5:1-4; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16.18-23
Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4.6.8 Lk 6:1-5

SCHEDULES FOR MASSES:

Sunday: 7.30 am **Kiswahili**
 9.00 am, 10.30 am, 12.00 noon
 and 5:30 pm **English**
Saturday: **English** 7.00 am, 9.00 am
 and 5.30 pm
Monday to Friday: **English** 7:00 am
 and 1.15 pm; 5.30 pm **Kiswahili**

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