



CONSOLATA SHRINE
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
3RD APRIL 2022



FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:16-21

I am doing a new thing, and I will give drink to my people.

A reading from the Book of Isaiah

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild beasts will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 126:1-6 (R. 3)

R. What great deeds the Lord worked for us! Indeed, we were glad.

1. When the LORD brought back the exiles of Sion, we thought we were dreaming. Then was our mouth filled with laughter; on our tongues, songs of joy. **R**
2. Then the nations themselves said, "What great deeds the LORD worked for them!" What great deeds the LORD worked for us! Indeed, we were glad. **R**
3. Bring back our exiles, O LORD, as streams in the south. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **R**
4. They go out, they go out full of tears, bearing seed for the sowing; they come back, they come back with a song, bearing their sheaves. **R**

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:8-14

"For Christ's sake I have suffered the loss of all things, becoming like him in his death."

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

Brethren: I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as refuse, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own, based on law, but that which is through faith in Christ,

the righteousness from God that depends on faith; that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that if possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brethren, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but one thing I do, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.



Glory and praise to you, O Christ
Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your
heart, for I am gracious and merciful.
Glory and praise to you, O Christ.



GOSPEL

John 8:1-11

“Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her”

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

At that time: Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he came again to the temple; all the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in their midst they said to him, “Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such. What do you say about her?” This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, “Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.” And once more he bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. But when they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the eldest, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus looked up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you; go, and do not sin again.”

Reflection: Something New by PhD Scott Hahn: God is a mighty and gracious, who out of faithfulness to His covenant has done “great things” for His people, as today’s Psalm puts it. But the “things of long ago,” Isaiah tells us in today’s First Reading, are nothing compared to the “something new” that He will do in the future. Today’s First Reading and Psalm look back to the marvelous deeds of the Exodus. Both see in the Exodus a pattern and prophecy of the future, when God will restore the fortunes of His people fallen in sin. The readings today look forward to a still greater Exodus, when God will gather in the exiled tribes of Israel that had been scattered to the four winds, the ends of the earth. The new Exodus that Israel waited and hoped for has come in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Like the adulterous woman in today’s Gospel, all have been spared by the Lord’s compassion. All have heard His words of forgiveness, His urging to repentance, to be sinners no more. Like Paul in today’s Epistle, Christ has taken

possession of every one, claimed each as a child of our heavenly Father. Our God is ever a God of the future, not of the past. We are to live with hopeful hearts, “forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead,” as Paul tells us. His salvation, Paul says, is power in the present, “the power of His resurrection.” We are to live awaiting a still greater and final Exodus, pursuing “the goal, the prize of God’s upward calling,” striving in faith to attain the last new thing God promises—” the resurrection of the dead.”

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TIME TABLE APRIL 2022

<p>Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion <u>Consolata Shrine</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Masses will start with Blessing of Palms and procession from Consolata School. <p>St. Joseph Deep Sea Blessing of Palms and procession will start from Presidential escort at 9.00am.</p>
<p>Tuesday & Wednesday: <u>Consolata Shrine</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confessions from 9.00 to 12noon and from 3.00pm to 6.00pm Masses as usual: 7am, 1.15 pm and 5.30pm
<p>Holy Thursday. The Lord’s Supper <u>Consolata Shrine</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning prayer at 7.00am. Chrism Mass at Holy Family Basilica at 10.00 am. 6.00 pm- Solemn celebration of the Last Supper, followed by 1 hour of Adoration. <p>St. Joseph Deep Sea</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confessions from 4.30pm to 5.45pm 6.00pm Solemn Celebration of the Last Supper, followed by half hour of Adoration
<p>Good Friday of the Lord’s Passion <u>Consolata Shrine</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confessions from 9.00am to 2.30pm 10.30 am Way of the Cross animated by the youth 12.30 pm – 1.30pm – Special reflection on the Passion of Christ 3.00 pm Solemn celebration of the Passion of Christ <p>St. Joseph Deep Sea</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11.30am Way of the Cross animated by the youth/community 2.00pm – 3.00pm Special reflection on the Passion of Christ 3.00pm solemn Celebration of the Passion of Christ.
<p>Holy Saturday. Vigil of the Solemnity of Easter <u>Consolata Shrine</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Prayers at 7am Confessions from 9.00am to 12.00pm and from 3.00pm to 6.00pm 7.00 pm: Solemn beginning of the Easter Vigil <p>St. Joseph Deep Sea</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confessions from 4.30pm to 5.45pm 6.00pm: Solemn beginning of the Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

- Masses as usual:
Consolata Shrine: 7am, 9am, 11am, 10m and 5pm
St. Joseph Deep Sea: at 9am

Easter Monday

Consolata Shrine

- Masses at 7am and 5.30pm

Happy Easter to you all, may risen Christ reign in our hearts

Announcements

1. Today there will be the blessing of our Tithe, our Families and our work at the end of all Masses.
2. Next Sunday is Palm Sunday the beginning of the Holy Week. The solemn procession will start at School Compound in all Masses. Palms will be provided.
3. The Consolata Youth Group invites all Youth to participate in the rehearsals for the upcoming Way of the Cross animation. They are also recruiting more members in the group. Interested members, kindly join them at the Basketball Court every Sunday from 11am.
4. There will be a Lenten Concert by all Consolata Choirs today at 3pm in the Auditorium of the Allamano Centre. All are welcome.
5. Today the Rosary will be prayed in front of the Blessed Eucharist after one o'clock Mass.
6. There will be formation for those who are joining form 1 from tomorrow (4th April) to 7 April. For more information, pick the form from the desk at the gazebo.
7. From now on, our parish has restored 100% seating capacity. Although wearing masks has been made optional, we encourage Christians to wear masks inside the church and during confessions. The Communion is strictly by hand.
8. Our Lady Consolata Wellness Centre Counselling Program is ongoing. For more information, visit their Offices in Allamano Centre/Parish Office during the weekdays.
9. There will be **Form One** interviews for the following Schools: **St. Mary School** on Tuesday, 5th April 2022 from 9am. **Queen of Apostles Seminary** on Tuesday, 5th April 2022 and **St Joseph's Junior Seminary, Molo** on Tuesday 5th April to 14th April 2022. Kindly check the notice board for more information.

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