



CONSOLATA SHRINE
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
(Good Shepherd Sunday)
26TH APRIL 2026



FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

“God has made him both Lord and Christ.”

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

[On the day of
Pentecost,]

Peter, standing with
the Eleven, lifted up
his voice and said to
the multitude, “Let
all the house of
Israel know
assuredly that God
has made him both
Lord and Christ, this
Jesus whom you
crucified.”

Now when they
heard this they were
cut to the heart, and

said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brethren, what shall we do?” And Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children and to all that are far off, every one whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other words and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this



crooked generation.” So those who received his word were baptised, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5,6
(R. 1)**

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me;
he revives my soul. **R.**

He guides me along the right path,
for the sake of his name.

Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death
no evil would I fear, for you are with me.

Your crook and your staff will give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a table before me
in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life.

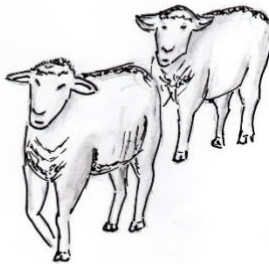
In the LORD's own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:20b-25

“You have returned to the shepherd of your souls.”

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Peter



*E. Fernandez
20 April 2026*

Beloved:

If when you do right and suffer for it you take it patiently, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. He committed no sin; no guile was found on his lips. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when

he suffered, he did not threaten: but he trusted to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

The word of the Lord

ALLELUIA

John 10:14



Alleluia

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own, and my own know me.

Alleluia



GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

“I am the door of the sheep.”

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

At that time:

Jesus said, “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber; but he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens; the sheep hear his



voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” This figure Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So Jesus again said to

them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers; but the sheep did not heed them. I am the door; if any one enters by me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Reflection: What are we to do? by Scott Hahn, Ph. D

Easter’s empty tomb is a call to conversion.

By this tomb, we should know for certain that God has made Jesus both Lord and Messiah, as Peter preaches in today’s First Reading. He is the “Lord,” the divine Son that David foresaw at God’s right hand (see Psalms 110:1, 3; 132:10–11; Acts 2:34). And He is the Messiah that God had promised to shepherd the scattered flock of the house of Israel (see Ezekiel 34:11–14, 23; 37:24). As we hear in today’s Gospel, Jesus is that Good Shepherd, sent to a people who were like sheep without a shepherd (see Mark 6:34; Numbers 27:16–17). He calls not only to the children of Israel but to all those far off from Him—to whomever the Lord wishes to hear His voice. The call of the Good Shepherd leads to the restful waters of Baptism, to the anointing oil of Confirmation, and to the table and overflowing cup of the Eucharist, as we sing in today’s Psalm. Again on this Sunday in Easter, we hear His voice calling us His own. He should awaken in us the response of those who heard Peter’s preaching. “What are we to do?” they cried. We have been baptized. But each of us goes astray like sheep, as we hear in today’s Epistle. We still need daily to repent, to seek forgiveness of our sins, to separate ourselves further from this corrupt generation. We are called to follow in the footsteps of the Shepherd of our souls. By His suffering He bore our sins in His body to free us from sin. But His suffering is also an example for us. From Him we should learn patience in our afflictions, to hand ourselves over to the will of God. Jesus has gone ahead, has driven us through the dark valley of evil and death. His Cross has become the narrow gate through which we must pass to reach His empty tomb—the verdant pastures of life abundant.

Announcements

1. The pastoral team, invites us to return our Lenten sacrifices and Easter Donations in the blue offertory boxes or at the parish office during the week.
2. Today, is good Shepherd Sunday. We will have a second collection to assist in the formation of Seminarians particularly in the mission land. This contribution is sent to the Holy See.
3. St. Teresa of the Child Jesus SCC will animate the Rosary on Saturday 2nd May, after the 5.00pm Mass. All are welcome.
4. Next Sunday 3rd May, we shall have the blessing of your tithe and family. Kindly pick an envelope at the entrance of the Church.
 - Children will animate Mass at 9.00am. There will be no Children Sunday Service.
 - The Rosary will be prayed in front of the Blessed Sacrament after 1 p.m. Mass
5. Couples with Christ ADN Mass will be held on Saturday 2nd May at Our Lady of the Rosary Ridgeways Parish at 9.00am
6. Couples preparing for marriage are invited to register for premarital sessions at the Catechist's office.
7. Today, the 11.00am will be dedicated to people living with Autism, their caregivers, families and all persons with disabilities. This year, we reflect on the theme *'Autism and Humanity_ every life has a value'*, reminding us that every individual possesses equal rights and sacred dignity. CJPD has organized an online webinar on Tuesday 28th April 2026 from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. The link is available on the posters shared across online platforms and WhatsApp groups. All are welcome to join
8. Perpetual Eucharistic Adorers committee invites all Adorers for a meeting to be held on Sunday 3rd May at the Allamano Centre at 10.30am. All are welcome
9. The Christian Education Committee invites you to an interactive session on the Church doctrines (topic:

Sacrament of Matrimony) on Sunday 3rd May 2026 at 9.30am, at the Auditorium in the Allamano Centre. All are welcome

10. The Consolata Professionals Group invites you to a special breakfast event themed '*Leadership and Governance*' to be held on 22nd May 2026 at the Auditorium, Allamano Centre from 7.30am to 10.30am at a cost of Ksh 3,000. For more information and booking, kindly visit their desk at the blue tent outside the Church
11. CJPD would like to thank Parishioners for participating in the Lenten Campaign sensitization physical session and all through the 5-week webinars during the Lenten Campaign. We urge all of us to continue evangelizing the spirit of Lenten campaign messages through the year in the communities we operate in (Home, work, school & Jumuiya). We also invite those interested to join CJPD by scanning the QR Code shared on the posters on the notice board and on their desk at the blue tent.
12. All Church groups and Jumuiyas are advised to channel their contributions through Paybill 4163995 Account name: Name of group. For offertory and Tithe, the Paybill remains 508702 Account: reason for payment. Thank you for your continued support

Wedding Bans

There is a promise of marriage between:

1. ***Maureen Wanjiru Ndegwa & Joseph Kuria Pancras (1st Announcement)***

Kindly visit the parish notice board for more information. If anyone has an objection, please notify the Father in-charge.

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