



CONSOLATA SHRINE
13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY SUNDAY
28TH JUNE 2026



FIRST READING

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a

“That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.”

A reading from the Book of Kings

One day Elisha went on to Shunem, where a wealthy woman lived, who urged him to eat some food. So whenever he passed that way, he would turn in there to eat food.

And she said to her husband,
“Behold now, I perceive that this is a holy man of God, who is continually passing our way.



Let us make a small roof chamber with walls, and put there for him a bed, a table, a chair, and a lamp, so that whenever he comes to us, he can go in there.” One day he came there, and he turned into the chamber and rested there. And he said to Gehazi his servant, “What is to be done for her?” Gehazi answered, “Well, she has no son, and her husband is old.” He said, “Call her.” And when he had called her, she stood in the doorway. And he said, “At this season, when the time comes round, you shall embrace a son.”

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19
(R.see 2a)**

R. I will sing for ever of your mercies, O Lord.

I will sing forever of your mercies, O LORD;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your fidelity.
I have declared your mercy is established forever:
your fidelity stands firm as the heavens. **R.**

How blessed the people who know your praise,
who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice their joyful acclaim. **R.**

For you are the glory of their strength;
by your favor it is that our might is exalted.
Behold, the LORD is our shield;
he is the Holy One of Israel, our king. **R.**

SECOND READING

Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

“Having been buried with him by baptism, let us walk in newness of life.”

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brethren:

All of us who have been baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in

newness of life. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. For we know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord

ALLELUIA

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You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation; declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light

Alleluia

1 Peter 2:9



GOSPEL

Matthew 10:37-42

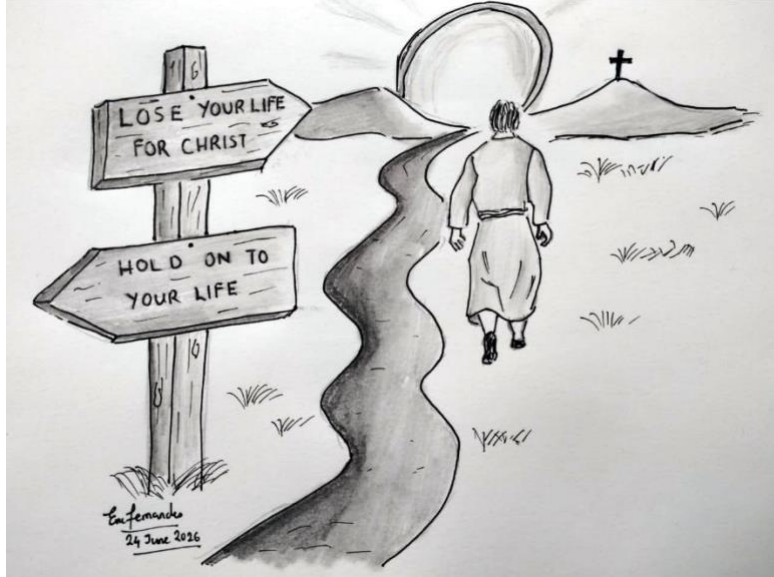


*“He who does not take his cross is not worthy of me.
He who receives you, receives me.”*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mathew

At that time:

Jesus said to his apostles, “He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he



who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for my sake will find it. “He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives him who sent me. He who receives a prophet because he is a prophet shall receive a prophet’s reward, and he who receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man shall receive a righteous man’s reward. And whoever gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he shall not lose his reward.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Reflection: To Find Our Lives by Scott Hahn, Ph. D

The liturgy this week continues to instruct us in the elements of discipleship. We're told that even the most humble among us have a share in the mission Christ gives to His Church. We're not all called to the ministry of the Apostles or to be prophets like Elisha in today's First Reading. But each of us is called to a holy life (see 2 Timothy 1:9; 1 Thessalonians 4:3). At Baptism, our lives were joined forever to the Cross of Christ, as Paul tells us in today's Epistle. Baptized into His death, we're to renounce sin and live for God in Christ Jesus. We are to follow Him, each of us taking up our personal cross, as Jesus says in today's Gospel. That doesn't mean we will all be asked to suffer a martyr's death. But each of us is called to self-denial, to the offering of our lives in service of God's plan. Jesus must be elevated to first place in our lives—above even our closest bonds of kinship and love. By Baptism, we've been made part of a new family: the kingdom of God, the Church. We are to proclaim that kingdom with our lives, bringing our fathers, our mothers, and all men and women to live as little ones under the fatherhood of God and the kingship of the Holy One. We do this by opening our hearts and homes to the service of the Lord, following the Shunnamite woman's example in today's First Reading. As Jesus tells us, we're to receive others—not only prophets but also little children, the poor, and the imprisoned—as we receive Christ Himself (see Matthew 18:5; 25:31–46). As we sing in today's Psalm, we are to testify to His favors and kindness in our lives. We're to hold fast to the promise—that if we have died with Christ, we shall also live, that if we lose our lives for His sake, we shall find our reward and walk forever in His countenance.

Announcements

1. Today, there will be a second collection for St. Peter's Pence at all Masses to assist the Holy Father in his works as the universal Pastor of the Church and helps assist the poor and the vulnerable in different parts of the world. Kindly support this worthy cause
2. St. Joachim & Anne SCC will animate The Rosary on Saturday 4th July after the 5.00pm Mass. All are welcome.
3. Next Sunday 5th July, we will have the blessing of your tithe and family. Kindly pick an envelope at the entrance of the Church.
 - Children's Mass will be at 9:00 a.m. There will be no Sunday school.
 - The Rosary will be prayed in front of the Blessed Sacrament after 1.00 p.m Mass
4. Adults preparing for the Sacrament of baptism, those baptized in non-Catholic churches and wish to be received into the Catholic Church, Children aged 9 years and above and Persons with special needs are invited to register in the Catechist's office during the week.
5. The Christian Education Committee invites you to an interactive session on the Church doctrines (*topic: Clergy – Laity collaborative role for evangelization*) to be held on Sunday 5th July 2026 at 9.30 am in the Auditorium, Allamano Centre. All are welcome
6. PMC (Pontifical Missionary Childhood, MYM (Missionary Youth Movement), YSC (Youth Serving Christ) and YSC (Young Catholic Adults) are recruiting new members. To join, all young people are invited to visit the desk in the blue tent outside the Church.
7. The Ministry of Proclamation of the Word of God is inviting interested and committed Parishioners to join them. To register, kindly scan the QR code available on the notice board or contact the Vice Secretary Makalusi Araka, on 0757438598 for more information.

8. Consolata School, Nairobi invites Parents and guardians to the following events:

- The 2027 Grade 1 Interview to be held on Saturday, 4th July 2026 from 8.00am;
- Pre-School Entry Assessment on Saturday, 11th July 2026 from 8.30am;
- Cambridge Curriculum Open Day for the 2026/2027 Academic Year on Saturday, 18th July 2026 from 9.00am.

All interested parents and prospective learners are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact: ☎ 0114 533 169 / 0739 499 018.

9. The Pastoral team and the Parish Council sincerely thank everyone for your enthusiastic participation in making our Consolata day celebrations a great success. Your Prayers, commitment and support reflected the spirit of unity and love within our Parish community. May Our Lady Consolata continue to intercede for you and your families and may Almighty God bless you abundantly. Thank you and God bless you

Wedding Bans:

There is a promise of marriage between:

1. *Peter Mugane Kamau Kionga and Elsie Nadia Okello*
(2nd Announcement)
2. *Brian Musyoka Alex and Abigail Mariettah Mumbua*
(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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