



CONSOLATA SHRINE
26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
27TH SEPTEMBER 2026



FIRST READING

Ezekiel 18:25-28

“When the wicked man turns away from his wickedness, he shall save his life.”

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel

Thus says the

LORD:

You say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous man turns away from his righteousness

THE RIGHTEOUS MAN
TURNING AWAY
FROM HIS
RIGHTEOUSNESS



Eric Fernandes
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THE WICKED MAN
TURNING AWAY
FROM HIS WICKEDNESS



and commits iniquity, he shall die for it; for the iniquity which he has committed he shall die. Again, when a wicked man turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is lawful and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions which he had committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.”

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
(R. 6a)**

R/ Remember your compassion, O Lord.

O LORD, make me know your ways.

Teach me your paths.

Guide me in your truth, and teach me;

for you are the God of my salvation.

I have hoped in you all day long. **R.**

Remember your compassion, O LORD,
and your merciful love.

for they are from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth,
nor my transgressions.

In your merciful love remember me,
because of your goodness, O LORD. **R.**

Good and upright is the LORD;

he shows the way to sinners.

He guides the humble in right judgement;

to the humble he teaches his way. **R.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-11

“Have this mind among yourselves which was in Christ Jesus.”

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians



Brethren:

If there is any encouragement in Christ, any incentive of love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfishness or conceit,

but in humility count others better than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord

ALLELUIA

John 10:27



Alleluia

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;
and I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia.



GOSPEL

Matthew 21:28-32

“Afterwards he repented and went. The tax collectors and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you.”

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time:

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, “What do you think? A man had two sons; and he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ “And he answered, I will not’; but afterward



he repented and went. “And he went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’, but did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the harlots believed him; and even when you saw it, you did not afterward repent and believe him.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Reflection: The Humble Path by Scott Hahn, Ph. D

Echoing the complaint heard in last week's readings, today's First Reading again presents protests that God isn't fair. Why does He punish with death one who begins in virtue but falls into iniquity, while granting life to the wicked one who turns from sin? This is the question that Jesus takes up in the parable in today's Gospel. The first son represents the most heinous sinners of Jesus' day—tax collectors and prostitutes—who by their sin at first refused to serve in the Lord's vineyard, the kingdom. At the preaching of John the Baptist, they repented and did what was right and just. The second son represents Israel's leaders—who said they would serve God in the vineyard but refused to believe John when he told them they must produce good fruits as evidence of their repentance (see Matthew 3:8). Once again, this week's readings invite us to ponder the unfathomable ways of God's justice and mercy. He teaches His ways only to the humble, as we sing in today's Psalm. And in the Epistle today, Paul presents Jesus as the model of that humility by which we come to know life's true path. Paul sings a beautiful hymn to the Incarnation. Unlike Adam, the first man, who in his pride grasped at being God, the New Adam, Jesus, Humbled himself to become a slave, obedient even unto death on the Cross (see Romans 5:12–17). In this He has shown sinners—each one of us—the way back to the Father. We can only come to God to serve in His vineyard, the Church, by having that same attitude as Christ. This is what Israel's leaders lacked. In their vainglory, they presumed their superiority—that they had no further need to hear God's Word or listen to God's servants. But this is the way to death, as God tells Ezekiel today. We are always to be emptying ourselves, seeking forgiveness for our sins and frailties, confessing on bended knee that He is Lord, to the glory of the Father.

Announcements

1. Next Sunday 4th October 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 p.m. Mass
2. St. Julia of Corsica SCC will animate the Rosary on Saturday 3rd October, after the 5.00pm mass. All are welcome
3. The month of October is the month of the Rosary. It is a time of prayer for the intentions and mission of the Church throughout the world. We also invite you to intensify the Rosary prayer asking God to bless our families. Parishioners who wish to have the Icon of Our Lady Consolata and Mass in their homes are kindly invited to register at the Parish office during the week.
4. Couples preparing for marriage between November 2026 and February 2027 are invited to register for pre-marital sessions at the Catechist's office during the week.
5. The Christian Education Committee invites you to an interactive session on the Church doctrines on Sunday 4th October, at 9.30am, at the Auditorium in the Allamano Centre. All are welcome
6. Youth Serving Christ group invites all youth aged 18-25 years for Bible study every Friday, from 6.00pm to 7.00pm at the old Parish hall.
7. The Consolata Parish Choirs are registering new members. Parishioners who wish to join are invited to register at the desk in the blue tent outside the church.
8. The construction of New Gate and Gatehouse Project is on - going. This project is intended to enhance the safety and security of our Parish community. We humbly appeal for your generous financial support towards our project. To pledge or contribute, kindly visit the desk in the blue tent, outside the Church, or send your contribution via the Allamano paybill **804877**; Account: **'Gate project'**. We appreciate your continued support

9. All Parish groups are requested to submit their 2027 calendar of events to the Parish Secretary via WhatsApp (telephone number 0723 678125) by latest 31st October 2026.
10. The Subukia National Prayer Day is scheduled to take place on Saturday 3rd October at the Subukia National Shrine. The theme for this year is ***“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God”***. Parishioners are encouraged to attend this special day of prayer, seeking God’s blessings, and interceding for the Church, our nation and our families.
11. Parishioners are invited to the Kabete Deanery Family day on Saturday 17th October here at Consolata Shrine. The Main Celebrant will be Rt. Rev Jackson Murugara, Bishop of the Diocese of Meru. All are welcome
12. In the month of September, Consolata Shrine joins Christians around the world in observing the season of creation, running from 1st September which is the World Day of Prayer for creation to 4th October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. We invite parishioners to commemorate this season themed: ***‘living waters’*** drawn from Ezekiel 46:9,12 by taking action towards creation to care for water, land and biodiversity.

Wedding Banns

There is a promise of marriage between:

1. *Pascal Arnold Wasonda Lalah and Faith Inguyesi* *Wekesa (2nd 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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