



CONSOLATA SHRINE
27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
04TH OCTOBER 2026



FIRST READING

Isaiah 5:1-7

“The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel.”

A reading from the Book of Isaiah

Let me sing for my beloved a love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and
cleared it of stones,
and planted it with
choice vines; he built
a watchtower in the
midst of it, and
hewed out a wine vat
in it; and he looked
for it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild
grapes. And now, O
inhabitants of
Jerusalem and men
of Judah, judge, I
beg you, between me
and my vineyard.



What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in
it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild
grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will
remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its
wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall
not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will

also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, a cry!

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 80:9 and 12, 13-14, 15-16 and 19-20 (R. Isaiah 5:7a)

R/ The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
 you drove out the nations and planted it.
It stretched out its branches to the sea:
 to the River it stretched out its shoots. **R.**

Then why have you broken down its walls?
 It is plucked by all who pass by the way.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
 devoured by the beasts of the field. **R.**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore;
 look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
 the vine your right hand has planted,
 the son of man you have claimed for yourself. **R.**

And we shall never forsake you again;
 give us life that we may call upon your name.
O LORD God of hosts, bring us back;
 let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved. **R.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:6-9

"This do and the God of peace will be with you."

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians



Brethren:

Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanks giving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever

is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord

ALLELUIA

See John 15:16

Alleluia

I chose you from the world that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, says the Lord.

Alleluia.



"He leased the vineyard to other tenants."

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time:

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, "Hear another parable.

There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press

in it, and built a tower, and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. "Afterward he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' "But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:



‘The very stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes’?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a nation producing the fruits of it.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Reflection: Living on the Vine by Scott Hahn, Ph. D

In today’s Gospel Jesus returns to the Old Testament symbol of the vineyard to teach about Israel, the Church, and the kingdom of God. And the symbolism of today’s First Reading and Psalm is readily understood. God is the owner and the house of Israel is the vineyard. A cherished vine, Israel was plucked from Egypt and transplanted in a fertile land specially spaded and prepared by God, hedged about by the city walls of Jerusalem, watched over by the towering Temple. But the vineyard produced no good grapes for the wine, a symbol for the holy lives God wanted for His people. So God allowed His vineyard to be overrun by foreign invaders, as Isaiah foresees in the First Reading. Jesus picks up the story where Isaiah leaves off, even using Isaiah’s words to describe the vineyard’s wine press, hedge, and watchtower. Israel’s religious leaders, the tenants in His parable, have learned nothing from Isaiah or Israel’s past. Instead of producing good fruits, they’ve killed the owner’s servants, the prophets sent to gather the harvest of faithful souls. In a dark foreshadowing of His own crucifixion outside Jerusalem, Jesus says the tenants’ final outrage will be to seize the owner’s son and to kill him outside the vineyard walls. For this, the vineyard, which Jesus calls the kingdom of God, will be taken away and given to new tenants—the leaders of the Church, who will produce its fruit. We are each a vine in the Lord’s vineyard, grafted onto the true vine of Christ (see John 15:1–8), called to bear fruits of the righteousness in Him (see Philippians 1:11) and to be the “first fruits” of a new creation (see James 1:18). We need to

take care that we don't let ourselves be overgrown with the thorns and briars of worldly anxiety. As today's Epistle advises, we need to fill our hearts and minds with noble intentions and virtuous deeds, rejoicing always that the Lord is near.

Announcements

1. Today, 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. Wednesday 7th October is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. There will be a candle lit Rosary procession after the 5.30pm Mass animated by the Proclaimers. All are welcome
3. The PMC Role models will animate the Rosary on Saturday 10th October, after the 5.00 pm mass. All are welcome
4. 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, offering your prayers to God for His blessings, protection and guidance upon 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.
5. 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.
6. The Christian Education Committee invites you to an interactive session on the Church doctrines today, at 9.30am, at the Auditorium in the Allamano Centre. All are welcome
7. The Consolata Shrine Professionals' group invites all Parishioners to a free Medical Camp on Saturday 24th October 2026 at Deepsea and on 25th October 2026 at the Shrine from 9.00am to 4.00pm. We humbly appeal for donations of medical supplies or cash-in-lieu to help serve the community effectively. Volunteer medical professionals are welcome to offer their

services. For more information, kindly see the poster on the notice boards

8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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
12. 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
13. The 2027 Bible diaries are now available for sale at the Church bookshop. Please get yourself a copy.

Wedding Banns

There is a promise of marriage between:

1. *Pascal Arnold Wasonda Lalah and Faith Inguyesi* *Wekesa (3rd 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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