



CONSOLATA SHRINE
28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
11TH OCTOBER 2026



FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6-10a

“The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away tears from all faces.”

A reading from the Book of Isaiah

On this mountain the
LORD of hosts will
make for all peoples a
feast of fat things, a
feast of choice wines
– of fat things full of
marrow, of choice
wines well refined.
And he will destroy
on this mountain the
covering that is cast
over all peoples, the
veil that is spread



over all nations. He will swallow up death forever, and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.” For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
(R. see 6cd)

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

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

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

"I can do all things in him who strengthens me."

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians



Brethren:

I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound; in any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and want. I can do all things in him who strengthens me. Yet it was kind of

you to share my trouble. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord

ALLELUIA

Alleluia

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we might know what is the hope to which he has called us.

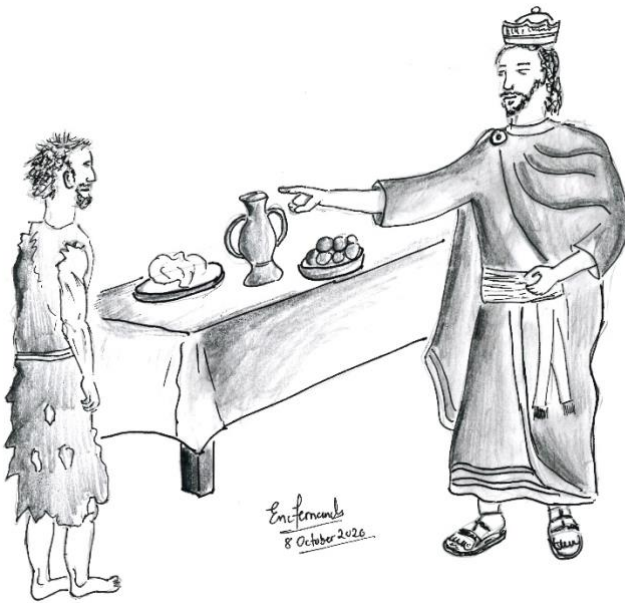
Alleluia.

See Ephesians 1: 17-18



"Invite to the marriage feast as many as you find."

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew



At that time:

Again Jesus spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people, in parable, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a marriage feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who are invited to the marriage feast; but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell

those who are invited, Behold, I have made ready my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves are killed, and everything is ready; come to the marriage feast.' But they made light of it and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the streets, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find.' And those servants went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the

outer darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Reflection: Dressing for the Feast by Scott Hahn, Ph. D

Our Lord’s parable in today’s Gospel is again a fairly straightforward outline of salvation history. God is the king (see Matthew 5:35), Jesus the bridegroom (see Matthew 9:15), the feast is the salvation and eternal life that Isaiah prophesies in today’s First Reading. The Israelites are those first invited to the feast by God’s servants, the prophets (see Isaiah 25:6). For refusing repeated invitations and even killing His prophets, Israel has been punished, its city conquered by foreign armies. Now, Jesus makes clear, God is sending new servants, His Apostles, to call not only Israelites, but all people—good and bad alike—to the feast of His kingdom. This an image of the Church, which Jesus elsewhere compares to a field sown with both wheat and weeds, and a fishing net that catches good fish and bad (see Matthew 13:24–43, 47–50). We have all been called to this great feast of love in the Church, where, as Isaiah foretold, the veil that once separated the nations from the covenants of Israel has been destroyed, where the dividing wall of enmity has been torn down by the blood of Christ (see Ephesians 2:11–14). As we sing in today’s Psalm, the Lord has led us to this feast, refreshing our souls in the waters of Baptism, spreading the table before us in the Eucharist. As Paul tells us in today’s Epistle, in the glorious riches of Christ we will find supplied whatever we need. In the rich food of His body and the choice wine of His blood, we have a foretaste of the eternal banquet in the heavenly Jerusalem, when God will destroy death forever (see Hebrews 12:22–24). But are we dressed for the feast? Are we clothed in the garment of righteousness (see Revelation 19:7–8)? Not all who have been called will be chosen for eternal life, Jesus warns. Let us be sure that we’re living in a manner worthy of the invitation we’ve received (see Ephesians 4:1).

Announcements

1. St. Joseph Allamano SCC will animate the Rosary on Saturday 17th October, after the 5.00 pm mass. All are welcome
2. Next Sunday 18th October is **Mission Sunday**, there will be second collection to support the Mission and Evangelisation activities of the universal Church; the 11.00am Mass will be presided over by The Rt. Rev. Bishop Jackson Murugara, Bishop of the Diocese of Meru. We kindly ask you to support this worthy cause
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, 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 (**Marian Pilgrimage**) in their homes are kindly invited to register at the Parish office during the week.
4. 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
5. 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.
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 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

8. Parishioners are invited to the **Kabete Deanery Family day** next Saturday 17th October here at Consolata Shrine at 10.00am. The Main Celebrant will be Rt. Rev. Bishop Jackson Murugara, Bishop of the Diocese of Meru. All are welcome
9. In Line with The World Mental Health day's theme "**Lived experiences heard: real voices, real change,**" Consolata Shrine CJPD invites you, your family, and caregivers to the October awareness events:
 - **Today at Mass:** Pick up a green ribbon bookmark as a sign of solidarity and prayerful support.
 - **Tuesday October 13th at 7.30 pm:** Online Webinar on Alcoholism and Addiction
 - **Tuesday October 27th at 7.30 pm:** Online Webinar on Trauma and Recovery

Let us walk together as Christ calls us to support one another. Details and links will be shared on the Parish WhatsApp platforms.

10. The Consolata Shrine Self Help Group membership recruitment drive will be held on Sunday 18th October, during all Masses. Parishioners are invited to visit their desk at the blue tent outside the Church
11. The harambee for the gate and gatehouse project will be held on Sunday 15th November 2026. The following groups will animate:
 - 9.00 am: The Allamano board and professional group
 - 11.00 am: Jumuiya and CWA
 - 1.00 pm: CMA and Youth

We kindly ask for your prayers, support and generous contributions towards the success of this project.

12. The 2027 Bible diaries are now available for sale at the Church bookshop. Please get yourself a copy.
13. Loreto Convent Valley Road School will be conducting interviews for prospective learners on Saturday 17th October 2026 and Friday 6th November 2026 from 8.00am on both days. For more information, please see the posters on the notice board

Wedding Banns

There is a promise of marriage between:

1. *Benson Muturi and Jane Alice Wanjiru*
(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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