



CONSOLATA SHRINE
29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
18TH OCTOBER 2026

MISSION SUNDAY



FIRST READING

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

“I have grasped the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before him.”

A reading from the Book of Isaiah

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and uncover the loins of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: “For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I clothe you, though you do not know me, that men may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me: I am the LORD, and there is no other.

The Word of the Lord



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9- 10a and c (R. 7b)

R. Give the Lord glory and power.

O sing a new song to the LORD;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory,
and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**

For the LORD is great and highly to be praised,
to be feared above all gods.
For the gods of the nations are naught.
It was the LORD who made the heavens. **R.**

Give the LORD, you families of peoples,
give the LORD glory and power;
give the LORD the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. **R.**

Worship the LORD in holy splendour.
O tremble before him, all the earth.
Say to the nations, "The LORD is king."
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

“Remember your faith, love, and hope.”

The beginning of the first Letter of Saint Paul to the

Thessalonians

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the Church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for you all, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.



For we know, brethren beloved by God, that he has chosen you; for our Gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.

The word of the Lord

ALLELUIA

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You will shine as lights in the world,
holding fast the word of life.

Alleluia.



Philippians 2:15d-16a

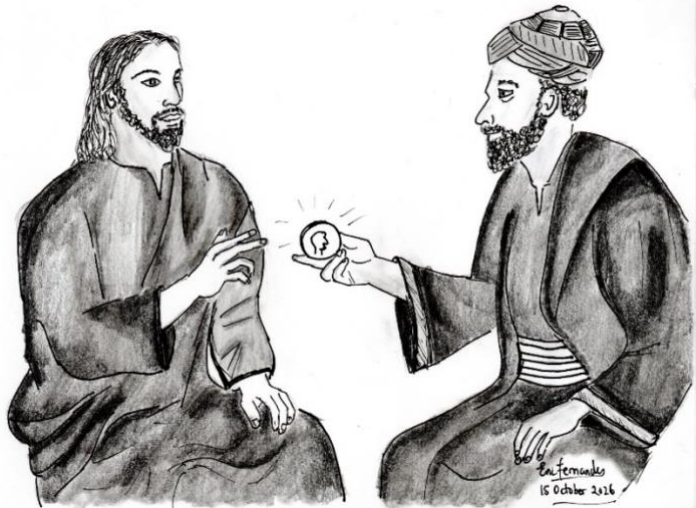


“Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.”

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time:

The Pharisees went
and took counsel
how to entangle
Jesus in his talk.
And they sent their
disciples to him,
along with the
Herodians, saying,
“Teacher, we know
that you are true,
and teach the way
of God truthfully,



and care for no man; for you do not regard the position of men.
Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or
not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the
test, you hypocrites? Show me the money for the tax.” And they
brought him a coin. And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and
inscription is this?” They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them,
“Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to
God the things that are God’s.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Reflection: Caesar and the King by Scott Hahn, Ph. D

The Lord is king over all the earth, as we sing in today's Psalm. Governments rise and fall by His permission, with no authority but that given from above (see John 19:11; Romans 13:1). In effect, God says to every ruler what He tells King Cyrus in today's First Reading: "I have called you . . . though you knew me not." The Lord raised up Cyrus to restore the Israelites from exile, and to rebuild Jerusalem (see Ezra 1:1–4). Throughout salvation history, God has used foreign rulers for the sake of His chosen people. Pharaoh's heart was hardened to reveal God's power (see Romans 9:17). Invading armies were used to punish Israel's sins (see 2 Maccabees 6:7–16). The Roman occupation during Jesus' time was, in a similar way, a judgment on Israel's unfaithfulness. Jesus' famous words in today's Gospel, "repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar," are a pointed reminder of this. And they call us, too, to keep our allegiances straight. The Lord alone is our king. His kingdom is not of this world (see John 18:36) but it begins here in His Church, which tells of His glory among all peoples. Citizens of heaven (see Philippians 3:20), we are called to be a light to the world (see Matthew 5:14)—working in faith, laboring in love, and enduring in hope, as today's Epistle counsels. We owe the government a concern for the common good and obedience to laws—unless they conflict with God's commandments as interpreted by the Church (see Acts 5:29). But we owe God everything. The coin bears Caesar's image. But we bear God's own image (see Genesis 1:27). We owe Him our very lives—all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, offered as a living sacrifice of love (see Romans 12:1–2). We should pray for our leaders, that like Cyrus they do God's will (see 1 Timothy 2:1–2)—until from the rising of the sun to its setting all humanity knows that Jesus is Lord.

Announcements

1. St. Jude SCC will animate the Rosary on Saturday 24th October, after the 5.00 pm mass. All are welcome
2. Today is **Mission Sunday**, there will be a 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. During the Month of November, Parishioners are encouraged to remember in a special way their departed relatives, friends and the Souls in purgatory. All the Masses in November will be offered for the eternal rest of the deceased listed in the November cards. The cards which are available at the entrances of the Church will be kept at the Altar throughout the month. Kindly fill out the forms with the names of the deceased and drop the envelope into the blue box.
5. Consolata school learners and teachers will animate the 9.00am and 1.00pm Masses on Sunday 25th October.
6. The harambee for the gate and gatehouse project will be held on 15th November 2026. The following groups will animate as follows;
 1. 9:00am –The Allamano board and professional group.
 2. 11:00am- Jumuiya and CWA
 3. 1:00pm-CMA and Youth

We warmly invite you to contribute towards the successful completion of this project.

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. 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. 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 an Online Webinar on Trauma and Recovery on **Tuesday October 27th at 7.30 pm**: Let us walk together as Christ calls us to support one another. Details and the link will be shared on the Parish WhatsApp platforms.
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. Our Parish has a **WhatsApp group** created to help us share important Parish announcements, updates, and information about upcoming activities. Parishioners who wish to join the group are kindly requested to visit the Parish office

12. The Consolata Shrine Self Help Group membership recruitment drive will take place today, during all Masses. Parishioners are invited to visit their desk at the blue tent outside the Church

Wedding Banns

There is a promise of marriage between:

1. *Benson Muturi and Jane Alice Wanjiru*
(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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