

Reflections on Easter Sunday 25C.

Mass: Acts 10:34,37-43; Psalm: 117; 1 Corinthians 5:6-8; John 20:1-9.

We stand before the impossible, and empty tomb. No matter how much Jesus tried to tell them that something would happen, they just couldn't take it in. death is the end, no matter how much we hope for the future. How many times have I been at funerals where people are looking towards some cosmic hope, that there is a meaning to life. In this story an ordinary, humble, man appears to rise from the dead. This does not seem like a great cosmic event! A human being will walk, eat, be touchable, almost as if nothing had happened. And yet! Something is different. The Gospel writers try to explain that Jesus is the same yet different. It will take them a long time before they can make sense of it. Yet it is precisely the ordinariness of it that is awesome. Jesus is not a celebrity event that forces everyone to take note. It is a new kind of relationship that will change the world. Today is just the beginning. The Gospel writers will take fifty days to unpack what the Resurrection event is all about and make it real for everyone.