

Thoughts on the Daily Word

Easter Octave. Friday 10th April. Readings: Acts 4:1-12; Psalm 117; John 21:1-14.

Some of the disciples seem to have returned to their previous life as fishermen. Just like the two, probably man and wife, on the way home to Emmaus, returning to their old way of life. The Resurrection turns them around. Despite following in the footsteps of Jesus, when the crunch comes, they go back to the beginning. It takes an experience of meeting the new life of Christ that brings their undoubted faith to life. This is what the experience of Baptism is meant to be about. The turning around moment we call repentance. So often we catechise, teach the faith, but without an experience of Christ it has no power. This has to be the work of the Holy Spirit, whether we are aware of it or not. Not just a change of mind or thoughts but an experience that Jesus is alive and with us.