

**Thoughts on the Daily Word**

*7<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter. Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Readings: Acts 25:13-21; Psalm 102; John 21:15-19.*

Both readings today reveal the plan of God by preparing the two key apostles for their eventual journey to Rome, the capital of the known world. This seat of power is to be the place where that power is to be challenged by a different power. This symbol of military, political, and economic power, in short everything that this world exalts, will be challenged by a power that begins from below. The personal power of these two impoverished nobody's will overturn all expectations. But then, this is the story of Jesus himself. So often in our culture we privatise faith, just something personal that's nobody's business but our own. Others see it as a private dream world without an impact of others. Just how different this kind of power is will be revealed through these two men and yet it will be earth shattering in its impact.