

**Thoughts on the Daily Word**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent. Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Readings: Genesis 37:3-4,12-13,17-18; Psalm: 104; Matthew 21:33-43,45-46.*

In our challenge to become truly Christian we will have to face rejection just like Joseph and the landowner's son. That rejection will not just be about suffering, though that is important, but it will be the rejection itself that makes us followers of Christ. In other words, it goes with the job. Things go wrong when we become accepted, become the elite and achieve power. The past history of the Church is just such a lesson. One that we still struggle to learn. We naturally want a quiet life to go on doing what we feel the need to do. There is nothing wrong with that, but the following of Christ means that rejection in some form makes us into the image of Christ. His image not the one we make for ourselves. That's the challenge, we would much rather be in the safe image of ourselves, however we perceive that image to be. Joseph was in his own dream world and needed to become something else through rejection from those closest to him. In that rejection the course of salvation history was transformed. 'It is wonderful to see!'