

**Thoughts on the Daily Word**

2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter. *Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April. Readings: Acts 4:23-31; Psalm 2; John 3:1-8.*

The Word moves on from the Day of Resurrection that we have been celebrating for eight days. We return again to the unpacking of what this Resurrection life means. It begins with the experience of Baptism, being born again, according to John. What an amazing experience that must be, even Nicodemus can't quite credit it! This is a reminder that the Gospels are not a biography but an evangelistic tool to bring us to faith. Here, right at the beginning of John's Gospel Jesus is talking about the experience that he wants to share with others. This is life in the kingdom of God, life in its fulness. Just what that means is described in the Acts of the Apostles from now until Pentecost. Today's word from Acts reminds us that Pentecost is not a single experience but a constant immersion in the Holy Spirit. We hear of many examples of Pentecost, as in today's reading, each one a new experience of the power of the Holy Spirit. We are invited at this time to expect these experiences and welcome them. Come Holy Spirit!