

Thoughts on the Daily Word

3rd Week of Year. Monday 26th January. Readings: 2 Samuel 5:1-7,10; Psalm: 88; Gospel: Mark 3:22-30.

In the Scripture the work of the evil one, or Beelzebul here, is always that of division, hence the Greek word ‘diabolic’ or ‘demonic’. The work of David is to the broken community of Israel and create a new symbol of the unity, Jerusalem, the City of David. Sadly, that work begins to fail under his successor, Solomon. The whole journey of the Old Testament can be summed up in the drive towards unity. First within Israel and then embracing the whole of creation. Jesus is the foundation of that unity, and he tells the scribes that division destroys kingdoms. Just like Jerusalem there has to be a centre of unity around which creation can gather. The Book of Revelation describes a new Jerusalem, no longer the broken and destroyed one of John’s day, but one built on the foundation of Jesus Christ.