

Thoughts on the Daily Word

Christmas Season. Saturday 10th January. Readings: 1 John 5:5-13; Psalm: 147; Gospel: Luke 5:12-16.

Today's story centres, for us, on the healing of disease. This is totally understandable, as this is about making whole the person who is ill and wounded. For the time, however, being clean meant much more than physical healing. It meant being acceptable in society. Being healed needed immediate acknowledgement by the authorities, the priest. This man would now be able to enter society as a whole person. Once again Jesus lines up with the Old Testament prophets. Not only in healing but also in the symbolism once again of the desert, the Exodus story. It puts this man and his healing into the larger context of the story of God's People.