

Thoughts on the Daily Word

14th Week of Year. Friday 11th July. Readings: Genesis 46:1-7,28-30; Psalm: 36; Matthew 10:16-23.

Joseph is reunited with his father and provides a safe refuge for his family. And yet in the background is lurking Pharaoh and the Egyptian state. The drawing in of nomad refugees somehow seems more like a fairy-tale! Perhaps, the purpose of the Egyptians is to provide workers for the immense building projects of the Pharaohs? Does that sound cunning? The whole story of Joseph, much shortened in the Lectionary, sounds like a cunning plan that will lead to the development of a people ready to take their place in the story of salvation despite the best efforts of the Pharaoh. Jesus tells us that we are meant to be as cunning as serpents while having the innocence of doves. Perhaps that simply means imitating our Father God? It does tell us that God has a cunning plan!