

Thoughts on the Daily Word

28th Week of Year. Friday 17th October. Readings: Romans 4:1-8; Psalm: 31; Luke 12:1-7.

The word 'hypocrite' means an actor. Someone whose words do not necessarily reveal the real person. The words do not comply with actions. Faith means belonging and justification means being in a right or true relationship. Hence the pharisees criticised by Jesus use the right words, and even rituals, but do not necessarily belong in the right relationship. Community lies at the root of what Paul is trying to explain to the Romans and Jesus is unpacking for his disciples. Without true community, the oneness that will be lived out by Jesus in the Paschal Mystery, rules and regulations are useless, they cannot bring us close to one another or God. Only love can bring that faith and community alive.