

**Thoughts on the Daily Word**

*Easter Octave. Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April. Readings: Acts 2:14,22-33; Psalm 15; Matthew 28:8-15.*

The eight days of the Octave represent the New Creation and must be seen as one day. So happy Easter is really true for everyday this week! Easter eggs every day! Really the fifty days following Easter Day simply unpacks the full meaning of Easter Day. It is also the time of Mystagogia, the unpacking of the Mysteries of the Paschal Triduum. Essentially this is the unpacking of the Baptismal experience. For those of us already baptised this is a renewal of the Sacrament we have received, a renewal of our Baptismal Promises. Important for us who were baptised as babies. This Mystagogia time is the action or decision time. This is when we experience and enter into the full life of Communion. This is what we have been preparing for since the Advent time, the initial time of Pre-evangelisation. Communion is the fulfilment of all that we have been preparing for. We are now a living part of the Body of Christ, and all things are possible! Our vocation, the calling of God, the dream in God's heart, is now being fulfilled.