

Thoughts on the Daily Word

13th Week of Year. Saturday 5th July. Readings: Genesis 27:1-5,15-29; Psalm:134; Matthew 9:14-17.

The Scripture is full of dodgy characters, none more so than Jacob and his mother Rebekah! Yet, God uses their deceit to get what he wants for Israel. In the end Jacob turns out to be faithful to the covenant and be an important part of the story. Time and time again God seems to use the unexpected to produce his ends. John the Baptist is the kind of leader everyone expects and yet the humble carpenter from Nazareth, and what good can come from there? He is the one who is the messiah. This should be comforting for us in that we cannot be perfect, fulfilling all the rules, jumping through all the hoops. We can just be ourselves and let God deal with us as he wills.