

Thoughts on the Daily Word

18th Week of Year. Thursday 7th August. Readings: Numbers 20:1-13; Psalm: 95; Matthew 16:13-23.

Simon succeeds where Moses fails, if we take this juxtaposition of these readings seriously. Jesus, then, is the rock upon which the assembly of God rests. Simon becomes 'rock' by his faith in Jesus as Son of the living God. I think that quite rightly this is an invitation for all of us to become a 'Peter', by identifying with Christ, becoming like Christ, a Christian. This does not take away the faith and position of Simon Peter but rather helps us to see that we too are embraced in the Body of Christ. Peter is unique just like Christ is unique while we too are unique in our calling.