

Thoughts on the Daily Word

26th Week of Year. Tuesday 30th September. Readings: Zechariah 8:20-23; Psalm: 86; Luke 9:51-56.

Jesus is on the journey now to Jerusalem where he will face death but also Resurrection, Ascension and therefore Pentecost. This will begin the reality of what Zechariah is concluding today, gentiles will seek to follow the Jewish people to Jerusalem, they too will take the journey that we call the Paschal Mystery. This is the time for vision. The darkness of winter is beginning to close in. A time of fear and uncertainty over that past generations of humankind and perhaps to many today in parts of the world still suffering from war and hunger. The Church's liturgy is slowly preparing us for what is to come in the following liturgical seasons. The disciple's reaction is fear and violence, Jesus rebukes them and continues to teach them the way of the Cross.