

Thoughts on the Daily Word

18th Week of Year. Tuesday 5th August. Readings: Numbers 12:1-13; Psalm: 80; Matthew 14:13-21.

Rebellion, as always, starts pretty quickly. The rivalry of Aaron and Miriam adds to the rebellious attitude of the people. Sadly, it is the woman, Miriam, who gets punished, even though she is healed. This is basically the human pattern of inability to work together or cooperate for the greater good.

Everybody wants their share of the pie! No wonder Moses is exasperated after all that he has done for them. The Gospel gives the same pattern and shows how even the disciples of Jesus will eventually have a much better idea of what needs to be done. The famous saying on how to make God laugh, tell him your plans! Just as well God has a sense of humour.