

Thoughts on the Daily Word

7th Week of Easter. Thursday 21st May. Readings: Acts 22:30,23:6-11; Psalm 15; John 17:20-26.

Jesus makes a priority, in his prayer for his disciples, the unity, not only between himself and the Father but the utter oneness of the Godhead and his disciples. This is laying down the program of the Paschal Mystery that will follow. It is not a means to an end, it is the end itself, to be one. Everything we do has that aim in mind, to restore the oneness broken by human sin. It will take the work of the Holy Spirit, poured out through the Paschal Mystery, to accomplish this task. Humanity alone just can't do it and when we attempt it on our own disaster strikes, we break apart. Sometimes we think that unity is just a metaphor, like a 'body' of men. That is not how Scripture sees it. Jesus talks about the unity like that of the Father and himself, the Trinity. We are invited, adopted, into that Trinity. Not spectators but participants in the very life of God. Almost unimaginable! But what an incredible invite, to share, participate, in the creative life of God. That is the calling we have accepted when we accept our Baptismal vocation.