

Thoughts on the Daily Word

Easter Octave. Thursday 9th April. Readings: Acts 3:11-26; Psalm 8; Luke 24:35-48.

Repentance does not get a good press these days. We imagine some kind of religious nut that used to stand on street corners and tell us that we were doomed, to quote an expression from Dad's Army! Something different is happening here. We are being asked to choose life and life in its fulness. This Jesus is no ghost or cardboard cut-out. He is real and able to touch and be touched. The life he shares with his disciples changes them from frightened peasants to fiery prophets, not afraid to go anywhere across the world. It reminds us that we are anointed through our Baptism with this life and are therefore priests, prophets and kings. Our gifting now allows us to commit ourselves to the mission of Christ. This is the beginning of the time when we are being anointed with that prophetic spirit without which the other two can't function, it holds them together and gives life.