

**Thoughts on the Daily Word**

Holy Week. *Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March. Readings: Isaiah 49:1-6; Psalm: 70; John 13:21-33,36-38.*

We are reminded in this week that Baptism is a commitment to the Church, the Body of Christ. It is a dying to self and a new life in Christ. This early day of the week we see the dissension in the camp. Judas represents someone who has realised that their vision of triumph is not going to happen, and he covers his bets with the authorities and Jesus. The rest of the disciples are in a state of despair. Promising to die for Jesus while getting ready to run and hide. This has never been a perfect bunch. They have always been seeking their own advantage and power, perhaps even vying with Jesus for control. How like us this is. The Church in its long history has been the victim of much of this rivalry and power seeking. And yet! Jesus still trusts himself to them even though he knows that they will betray him. He has other plans for them, as he has for us, if we allow him to reach out to us. He can do for us what he did for Peter and the other apostles. That is why we go through this week with faith. Not thinking that we are any better than either Peter or Judas but that we know that Jesus can do great things in us if we allow him.