

Thoughts on the Daily Word

3rd Week of Lent. Wednesday 11th March. Readings: Deuteronomy 4:1,5-9; Psalm: 147; Matthew 5:17-19.

It would appear that Matthew wrote his Gospel for a largely Jewish Christian community. It was important that Jesus be seen in the light of Scriptural tradition. Hence, the teaching of Jesus is seen as consonant with that tradition. It is about Tradition as it entwines with history and the community. Our Catholic understanding of Tradition with a capital 'T', as an important understanding of Scripture, makes it vital in preparation for full membership of the community. New members of the community must be aware that they are the bearers of this Tradition. It is not just words in a book, Scripture or Catechism. We are the embodiments of that living Tradition. We are living history and understanding that Tradition in our modern context is vital. It is not dry history but living history.