

Thoughts on the Daily Word

6th Week of Easter. Wednesday 13th May. Readings: Acts 17:15,22-18:1; Psalm 148; John 16:12-15.

In Acts today Paul engages a whole new world. The new Christian faith begins to engage with the world outside Judaism. Paul starts the engagement in this symbolic place, the home of ancient Greek philosophy and politics. It does not seem to be a success, but it sets a marker for future developments. Some laugh but some are touched, and it is significant that men and women are actually named. Paul touches on ancient gods and ancient philosophies, but he comes down from a vision of the world to the human. This is always the journey, from philosophies and ideologies to the human and the personal. It is a journey that we all have to take.