

**Thoughts on the Daily Word**

Holy Week. *Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Readings: Isaiah 50:4-9; Psalm: 68; Matthew 26:14-25.*

We continue with the story of betrayal. It is about the challenge of just how to be a member of the ekklesia, those called out by God to be his People. It is also the story of an individual. In Isaiah the Suffering Servant may well be himself as a prophet who is leading his people from slavery, or Exile, home to freedom. It is a personal story of suffering and betrayal that fits so well into the Paschal narrative of Jesus. Jesus must have been aware of the Songs and must have seen them as modelling his life story. We are invited to do the same as we move closer to the Sacred Three Days. It is both the story of each one of us as followers of Christ and of all of us as his Mystical Body. These two realities must come together at this time, or we lose all real sense of what is happening to Jesus. He is giving birth to the New People of God, the New Covenant, in which each of us lives his life and enters his Kingdom. It is the big challenge for us. To be a spectator sport or a part of the drama of Redemption. Our decision.