

### **Thoughts on the Daily Word**

*Easter Octave. Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April. Readings: Acts 3:1-10; Psalm 104; Luke 24:13-35.*

Time and time again a meal with his disciples marks moments of challenge and change. While we are immersed in the story of Resurrection, we must not forget that framing many of these stories are gatherings and meals. We are meant to read into them the Eucharistic table that doesn't just begin with the Last Supper but also frames much of the ministry of Jesus. The Emmaus story is a classic of pulling together of the Word and the Breaking of Bread leading to a turn-around of life. Easter day and Pentecost day are set among Eucharistic gatherings. These gatherings are moments of anxiety, repentance, communion, praise, and empowerment. Literally, the disciples come alive in a new way. This points to what should be our expectation of the Eucharist. Not just a formal distant ceremony but a gathering of those who are seeking life and experience it in the Eucharist. How often does that happen? More than we think. Sadly, our expectation of that life often lags behind the promise.