

Thoughts on the Daily Word:

24th Week of Year. Monday 14th September. Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

Readings: Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm: 77; Gospel: John 3:13-17.

The cross is at the centre of our faith. It can seem a paradox, victory comes through failure and even sin. It reveals a God who enters into our deepest fears, our deepest failures, and the greatest isolation. A God who identifies with us even to the point of death is an extraordinary God. A God who seeks to heal us precisely through our pain and sinfulness must have a love for us beyond anything we can either imagine or hope for. A God who triumphs through human weakness is a God who takes us seriously and who spares nothing of himself to redeem us from our failure and sinfulness. John's Gospel today sums up the whole of the Gospel, 'God so loved the world'. What more can be said of such a God who gave us his only Son? The Cross leads us on the ways of love and in that journey of the Cross we discover who we are and to whom we belong. In short, we discover the path to true community.