

Thoughts on the Daily Word:

16th Week of Year. Monday 19th July. Readings: Exodus 14:5-18; Psalm: Exodus 15:1-6; Matthew 12:38-42.

I always feel sorry for this bunch of slaves who appear to be fleeing from the disaster zone that Egypt has become. Egypt is one of the most advanced civilisations of its time, with well organised structures that usually maintained peace and food for its people. This God of Moses and their ancestors is a disruptor god, someone who wants to take them from the relative stability and comfort that they have got used to, despite the arduous nature of their work. This god is a disruptor who seems to be leading them back into their primitive past. To learn again how to survive in the desert and to be desert warriors. Little do they know just how much they are going to have to leave behind and learn anew. The pharisees also struggle with a leader who wants to disrupt the pattern that they have got used to and potentially lead them into what could be a dangerous future. They want to test Jesus just like the Israelites will try to test Moses and ultimately the patience of God. Are we still doing just the same I wonder?