

Thoughts on the Daily Word:

23rd Week of Year. Saturday 11th September. Readings: 1 Timothy 1:15-17; Psalm: 112; Luke 6:43-49.

Last Monday we celebrated Mass for our school staff as they returned to work. Our headteacher chose a theme called 'Imposter Syndrome'. It began with quotes from the experience of a writer who reflected on her personal experience of feeling inadequate in the face of many people around her who seemed so successful. Her response was to challenge that feeling of inferiority. It was a great reflection that I understood perfectly as it referred to so much of my life. However, I found myself at the end saying that I always found the company of such 'imposters' a real blessing! Rather than just rejecting my feelings of weakness I felt that I should rejoice in just being who I am, failures and all. This comes to mind in Paul's confession of his sinfulness. Probably Timothy felt inadequate faced with Paul and the reality of continuing where he had left off. Paul just says that we are all weak sinners, let's just get on with it. Building on the reality of who we are, accepting our frailty is a strong foundation. Perhaps it is the cross on which we must surely rest.