

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

*24<sup>th</sup> Week of Year. Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Exaltation of the Holy Cross.*

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

Today I thought of the opposites of the Taliban and Emma Raducanu. Both apparently totally bemused by victory. Both had belief in themselves, and both stepped out in faith. Today used to be called the 'Triumph' of the Cross. Somehow, in terms of expression, I find that the most personal and powerful. The triumph of the cross is in fact the Resurrection, something that touches us all with faith. It isn't something that happens at the end of our lives but is a reality living in us now. Holding on to the triumph in the midst of struggle and even suffering leads to new life. It is a basic human capacity and can be used for good or evil. That is where Christ himself comes in. He is the focus, he is the one whom we welcome in the Eucharist to empower us to embrace the cross in order to live the new life of the Kingdom, Resurrection life. We can learn from my examples, but they challenge us to see the Cross of Christ as the sure way.