

Thoughts on the Daily Word:

24th Week of Year. Monday 18th September. Readings: 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Psalm: 27; Luke 7:1-10.

The liturgy always has an impact on us now that it is intelligible to our ears. Gone are the beautiful and sonorous Latin phrases that went straight over our heads. It has become something of a battlefield, especially in recent years, with the publication of the new translation in 2012 that many of us struggle to understand never mind speak out aloud! One of the changes that comes to mind was actually promulgated earlier by Pope Benedict. In the prayer of consecration at Mass we now pray of 'many' rather than 'all'. A bit like the new translation of the Creed that says, 'I believe' rather than 'we believe'. Little things that have an impact on us. If even the Popes cannot agree on many or all then at least we have the freedom to disagree. Today's first reading is precisely the struggle by the early Christians to decide who can be saved. Jesus sees amazing faith in Cornelius and Paul says God wants everyone to be saved. I can live with that.