

Thoughts on the Daily Word:

23rd Week of Year. Thursday 14th September. Readings: Colossians 3:12-17; Psalm: 150; Luke 6:27-38.

Back to the end of the Letter to the Colossians. Paul gives the priority to the love of God for his people, revealed in Christ. Knowing that love of God for us is the root of all that we do. It sounds so simple but is probably one of the hardest things to do. To really believe that I am loved, unconditionally, is so far from our normal human experience that we find it impossible almost to accept its reality. This is where the community that Paul talks about comes in. It takes time and support from others before we can realise that reality. It takes time and other to share it with others. The Gospel of Luke gives us that reality in sharp terms. Do good to those who do not do good to you. To lend even though you may not receive it back, to love even those who hate you. How on earth can we accomplish this? Only the love of Christ actually within us by the power of the Holy Spirit can make this happen. In other words, it has to come out of the heart, where Christ lives in us.