

**Thoughts on the Daily Word:**

*33<sup>rd</sup> Week of Year. Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November. Readings: 2 Maccabees 6:18-31; Psalm: 3; Luke 19:1-10.*

I remember about this time, thirty-eight years ago, I was ordained. That day it poured with rain, and everything seemed to go wrong! In the end the equipment to record and video the event failed, so I just have memories. But what memories! A rich day and weekend followed. What had seemed something of a disaster turned out to be a time of celebration and rejoicing. That is what God does with us, he turns our sadness and sense of failure into joy. That joy lay in so many friends and companions on the journey with me. Many who had picked me up when I was down but had rejoiced with me in all the things that God had done for us. It was a time of community. That is the story behind the readings today, just how we need one another, in good times and bad. Praise the Lord!!