

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

7<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter. *Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Readings: Acts 19:1-8; Psalm 67; John 16:29-33.*

In the Gospel Jesus speaks about his victory while letting the apostles know that he is aware of their coming betrayal, they will all run away. The coming of the Holy Spirit is a vital part of the victory of Jesus. No matter how amazing the resurrection of Jesus is, no matter how much it might move to a faith in Jesus as messiah, without the power of the Spirit that resurrection cannot be effective in the lives of the disciples of Jesus. Even though they meet Jesus in the Upper Room it will take the outpouring of the Spirit at Pentecost to bring them out of the Room on to the streets and the Temple to witness to Jesus. Today's readings ask us the question of just how much we pray and celebrate the liturgy in our churches, and yet fail to express our faith outside in the world. It sometimes feels, in me as well, that the first bit is there but sometimes, not the power of the Spirit to move out and witness.