

Reflections on 17th Sunday of Year 24B.

Mass: 2 Kings 4:42-44; Psalm: 144; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15.

There is movement here. We can just focus on the amazing miracle, work of power, while missing out on the journey or change. The bread is food for the journey, tradition calls it viaticum in Latin. It is a sign of change, of people being prepared to let go and move forward. Too often we have seen the Eucharist as something static, a place and event to gather. It became for Christendom the centre of the community. It lost the sense written into the word 'nave' of a ship on the move. Our world is changing rapidly, and we have the equipment, given by Jesus, to move with what God is doing in his world. The Bread of Life is a bread that moves us forward, empowers us to move with the change that God is about. Only fear holds us back, a fear of letting go and moving out into the unknown.