

Thoughts on the Daily Word

17th Week of the Year. *Monday 29th July. Martha, Mary & Lazarus. Readings: Jeremiah 13:1-11; Psalm Deut.32:18-21; Gospel proper: John 11:19-27.*

Jeremiah is quite startling as he takes his used underpants off and hides them! Even in those days that wasn't polite or pleasant. Exposing private bits reveals what is really going on underneath the top show, something all of us struggle with. To liken God's relation with us to God's relation to his underpants is challenging in the extreme! Yet God copes, tolerates our weakness, and still invites us to share his work. Getting down and dirty is the mission! A bit like the smell of us sheep. Our Gospel, in the midst of death, tells the story of Jesus the Christ, the one who will bring us to life. It fulfils the promise to Israel, that even in its failure God will bring life.