

Thoughts on the Daily Word

22nd Week of the Year. *Tuesday 3rd September. Readings: 1 Corinthians 2:10-16; Psalm: 144; Gospel: Luke 4:31-37.*

In Luke Jesus is described as speaking with authority. The word can be understood as him speaking with authenticity. In other words, Jesus speaks from who he really is. To be authentic is to be truly yourself. Paul too is trying to explain where the spirit really comes from in a world where the Holy Spirit as yet had not been understood. The 'trinity' as a description of God had not yet been fully understood or defined. Paul is trying to find words to describe the inner life of God in a way that would allow frail human beings to embrace the immense love of God for us and in whose likeness, we have been made. To be spiritual is to be authentic, to be completely the person whom God has made us to be. This is not just the beginning, like a mold but actually living a God-like life and entering ever more deeply the life of him who Jesus calls Abba, Father. The challenge to discover who each of us really is and to live out that reality is the journey of holiness. It is at the root of living the life of the Spirit. It is not a journey into the self in a self-centred way, it is a journey of self-emptying, to discover our divine likeness.