

**Thoughts on the Daily Word**

29<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year. *Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October. Readings: Ephesians 4:1-6; Psalm: 23; Gospel: Luke 12:54-59.*

Paul reminds us today that at the heart of the Gospel is that call to be who God has prepared us to be. To be one with the Word is to be a part of the plan of God. Our vocation to be Christlike is to be not an identikit of Jesus of Nazareth but to be who he has called us to be in his plan, the Word. Being in Christ makes that possible. The unity of the Spirit makes us a part of his Body, united with each other in the Spirit and together making up the Shalom, the peace that draws us together. The new creation that is healing our world. Jesus tells his disciples to make the choices, the discernment, that makes this possible. The sign of the times is a vital attribute in making the response to God's call. Vatican 11 reminded us so powerfully that our vocation is to be the sign of the Kingdom in today's world.