

Thoughts on the Daily Word

29th Week of the Year. *Thursday 24th October. Readings: Ephesians 3:14-21; Psalm: 32; Gospel: Luke 12:49-53.*

It is hard for us to imagine, in our western society, just how important the family has been in human history. Especially so for small nations and peoples where survival meant family survival. Paul himself, before his conversion, felt like this and was prepared to defend the inviolability of Judaism with his life. This is where Jesus brings a radical change. The peace that Jesus brings, the 'shalom' of all the broken pieces, means much more than the blood relationship. It is a new concept of family. Deriving as Paul tells us from a new relationship with 'abba', as Jesus describes his Father God. Ephesians gives us the most beautiful image of family, united with Christ and the Holy Spirit. Who wouldn't want to be a part of this universal family?