

Thoughts on the Daily Word

28th Week of the Year. *Tuesday 15th October. Readings: Galatians 5:1-6; Psalm: 118; Gospel: Luke 11:37-41.*

The law is essentially about the struggle for power. Laws, almost by definition, are rules created to be enforced by someone or something. The struggle we have today over rule keeping and mask wearing is about who has power or not. The pharisees obsession with rules is essentially about who has power and who has the wealth to achieve and maintain that power. Poor people just can't keep the rules, it requires wealth, in some form, for utensils and the correct food plus the time to achieve everything. It is much more than wealth though, the attitude of the pharisee in challenging Jesus is asserting his superiority over Jesus. It sounds as though the Galatians are doing just the same. Jesus becomes second best behind the rule keeping. They do not realise that the freedom that Paul is talking about goes deeper than just choosing what to eat or what to wear. Ultimately it is the power to love which demands a deeper freedom because it comes out of the very person, the inner person.