

### **Thoughts on the Daily Word**

*3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent. Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Readings: Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm: 23; Gospel: Luke 1:26-38.*

I am always moved by this part of the story, the Annunciation. Firstly because of its place in history. Isaiah prophecies in Hebrew, a girl, but, about two hundred years before Jesus is born, the translation into Greek changes it into a virgin. That is the process of history, just like the connection, via Joseph, with King David. The human story is vital to the Scriptures. It is what makes the story real. Emmanuel is not just a name but a reality, inserted into human history. The story itself is that amazing relationship between human choices and divine purposes. It is that relationship that brings the story of Jesus alive and real among us.