

Thoughts on the Daily Word

1st Week of Advent. Tuesday 3rd December. Readings: *Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm: 71; Gospel: Luke 10:21-24.*

As usual Isaiah, the great prophetic tradition of the 6th and 7th centuries BC, provides us with a great vision of a world restored and healed. He also points towards one who will make that possible, the root of Jesse. It is a continuation of pattern and rhythm. Of human failure and God's amazing providence. It is also a very personal vision of new relationships. The infant placing his hand in the viper's lair and a little boy leads cattle and lion. Beautiful imagery of a world made new. A recognisable world, like ours but transformed. Not floating on clouds but real and tangible. The Gospel also places the vision in human terms. A father who cares for little and uneducated children, an intimacy that is open to all. We have the beginning of the kerygma, the proclamation, or evangelium, of good news and its embodiment in real and struggling humanity.