

Thoughts on the Daily Word

1st Week of Year. 13th January 2021. Readings of Day: Hebrews 1:1-6; Psalm: 96; Gospel: Mark 1:14-20.

This time is known as ‘ordinary’, it means the basic and underlying liturgical process of forming disciples as Church. Advent and Christmastide is the wake-up and encounter time. It is the time of vision but even more importantly of hearing the call, just like Mary, the shepherds and even the magi. Now at this Ordinary time catechesis really begins as we listen and engage with the Word in the midst of a community of faith. This means not just listening but being like Simon, Andrew, James, and John, ready to say yes and move out. They begin the new community of faith we call the Church, those who are ‘called out’. Our first reading begins with the same call out. There are the ancestors and prophets but now there is something that they prepared the way for, the Son. They are being called out from race and biological family to a new kind of community embracing all the nations and peoples. The Advent vision of universal peace is becoming a reality in me and you!