

Thoughts on the Daily Word

Christmas Season. Saturday 11th January. Readings: 1 John 5:14-21; Psalm: 149; Gospel: John 3:22-30.

We come to a closure on this period of the Epiphany of Jesus with a comparison with John the Baptist. The disciples of Jesus were keen to show how John interacted with Jesus and how he opened the way for him. This brings to an end this first part of the liturgical year, culminating tomorrow with the baptism of Jesus by John and it is John who baptises him at the request of Jesus. This period has been calling us to be attentive to the incarnation, the God who becomes Man. It holds out a vision of what humanity will become. The next stage, that we call today the Ordinary Time, takes us on a journey of the disciple, discovering the Word of God, how to live it and how it becomes incarnate in us.