

Thoughts on the Daily Word

Christmas Season. Thursday 9th January. Readings: 1 John 4:19-5:4; Psalm: 72; Gospel: Luke 4:14-22a.

This week is about the revelation of who Jesus is, the unpacking of the mystery. It is also about the Word as the plan of God for the healing, or redemption, of his creation. This is why we have, between now and the baptism of Jesus, some of the key episodes in the ministry of Jesus as he reveals his work. It is why we have separate episodes from different gospels. Today's story is one of the most moving, as often happens with Luke. He focuses on the poor and most vulnerable in society and begins to explain just how he is fulfilling the promises made in the ancient prophets. This is meant to be the year of the Lord's favour for us too!