

**Thoughts on the Daily Word**

*Holy Week Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April. Readings: Isaiah 42:1-7; Psalm: 26; John 12:1-11.*

We are back to the theme of service during Holy Week. Perhaps a reminder that being Baptised means precisely that commitment to service exemplified by Jesus. Isaiah's lovely four Songs of the Suffering Servant is used throughout this week. Today's excerpt from the third Song images the gentleness and gracefulness of the true Servant. Mary is such a lovely servant. So beautifully and gently she shows an intimate knowledge of where Jesus is as he prepares for the Passover. Mary seems to know that something terrible is going to happen. Perhaps she knew that she was preparing for his burial. The others were perhaps in cloud cuckoo land! Despite all the preparation that Jesus has put into preparing his disciples it takes this gentle woman to recognise what is happening and give the true example of service. Jesus himself will do almost the same when he washes the feet of the Apostles. Today we have to ask ourselves whether we have the qualities that made Mary such a beautiful disciple and servant.