

## Thursday 4 July

Today is Thursday 4 July, in the Thirteenth Week of Ordinary Time.

The monks of the Abbey of Keur Moussa sing Psalm 90: You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, say to the Lord, ?my refuge, my stronghold, my god in whom I trust.? ? Under his wings you will find refuge. You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day?. Upon you no evil shall fall?. For you he has commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways.

Today?s reading is from the Book of Genesis.

Isaac is the son of Abraham and Sarah?s old age?their only son. The son of the promise of as many descendents as the stars of heaven. And he is to be offered as a burnt-offering. How would you feel if you had to make the preparations for this burnt-offering? Have there been any similar times in your life?

As you hear the second half of today?s reading, try and see Abraham?s journey as a journey of faith.

Abraham had said, ?God himself will provide? and the Lord did provide. Abraham?s obedience showed great faith. Has your obedience to God ever shown faith? Are you grateful for that faith now?

Can you thank God for your journey of faith? Perhaps you want to say, ?Lord, I do have faith, help the little faith I have.?