

Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 July

This weekend is Saturday the 13 and Sunday 14 July, beginning the 15th Week of Ordinary Time.

The monks of the Abbey of Keur Moussa sing the Te Deum: 'We praise you, O God, we acknowledge you to be the Lord.' As I enter into prayer now, can I begin by acknowledging the Lord? - by recognising the greatness of the One, True, Eternal God, the Holy One in whose presence I stand, right now?

Today's reading is from the Letter to the Colossians.

For the first three centuries after the death of Jesus Christians tried to work out what you should and should not say about Christ. In our reading today St Paul expresses, in a poetic way, who Jesus Christ is for him. How does this kind of poetry, this kind of writing about God, make you feel?

Christ is both human and divine. St Paul expresses this beautifully in today's text: 'He is the image of the invisible God'. When we see the man Jesus, we see the image of God. So when we read the stories of Jesus Christ in the gospels, something of God is revealed to us. Think back over the readings of the past week. How do you picture Jesus?

Listen again to the reading: Ask God to inspire you: pick just one word or phrase from the reading and chew it over: let it repeat in your head. What does it say to you?

If you were asked to say who Christ is for you, today, what would you say?