

Thought for the Week
11th August, 2019
19th Sunday in Ordinary time

'By faith....'

This phrase is repeated rather often throughout the second reading - giving examples of how our forefathers and others mentioned in the readings lived their lives - by faith.

Of particular note is the suggestion that living by faith will not necessarily lead to receiving what may have been promised. We are urged instead to be like our forefathers who foresaw what lay ahead, and welcomed it.

This cannot be easy today. Our lives are probably made up of endless to do lists - each item to be ticked off sooner rather than later. Some of us are fortunate enough to live in the first world, a world of immediacy and plenty - instant purchases of anything we want at one click of a button: 'next or same day delivery' - we plan for things, and get them within our own timeframes - more often than not. We want it all, and we want it now.

These conveniences are fine in themselves. One of the lessons I draw from this, which continues the theme of last week's readings, is the need to keep an element of detachment as we go about our day to day lives, acknowledging that we are on a journey to even better things.

It takes faith to hand over the control of our lives and our future to another. It takes faith to discern how we must live our lives today, in order to receive the promises in store for us...

By faith, we live.

A Parishioner