

Thought for the week
12th May 2019
Fourth Sunday of Easter

The children being confirmed in our parish this weekend receive a very clear message, as do the rest of us - *'listen to my voice...follow me... I give eternal life'*.

The readings continue to narrate the spreading of Jesus' preaching and the growth of the church after His resurrection. We see how the apostles, filled with joy and the Holy Spirit, went about preaching the word of God, contributing to His work of salvation.

We are all asked to contribute to this work and we can do this because the second reading reminds us that we, like the apostles *'have been made a light for the nations, so that God's salvation may reach the ends of the earth'*.

We are asked to live lives of service to the Communion of the Church - at the heart of which is the Eucharist. The Sacrament of Confirmation increases and deepens all the special graces of the Holy Spirit granted us at Baptism. So, young or not so young, we continue to listen to His voice, to follow Him and thus continue His work of salvation as the Holy Spirit enables us to.

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