

Lectio Divina

- **Read and re-read**, out loud and slowly the Gospel
- **Meditate** on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life
- **Pray** - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition
- **Action** – Attitude (Call to change / to act / to do)

December 11th 2011 3rd Sunday of Advent – Year B – John 1:6-8, 19-28

This week's gospel again sees John the Baptist on his mission to "speak for the light". He was growing very impatient not allowing himself to be categorised and affirming his mission humbly but courageously. We see John the Baptist's conviction that "the One who is to come after" is actually standing there even though the community does not recognise him.

There is a lot of darkness around us at the moment and it can get us down. Have we become cynical and settle for mediocrity? Have we been overcome with apathy?

Prayer:

We thank you Lord that if we trust you someone always comes on the scene sent by you as a witness to speak for the light. They bear witness to us that somewhere in the dark a light always shines.

Lord forgive us when we feel incompetent. Forgive us for becoming discouraged when we feel the church is not doing enough not believing that "the one who is to come after" is actually standing with us even though we do not see him.

Help us to be your voice crying out to those in the wilderness telling them that you want to be present with them with your love and compassion if only they open themselves to you.