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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

20 January 2019

First Reading Is 62:1-5

As the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God reloice in you.

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch.

The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.

You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord.

a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride,

so will your God rejoice in you.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1-3, 7-10, R. v.3

- (R.) Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.
- O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth.
 O sing to the Lord, bless his name. (R.)
- Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)
- 3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. (R.)
- 4. Worship the Lord in his temple.
 O earth, tremble before him.
 Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
 He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 12:4-11

One and the same spirit distributes different gifts as he chooses.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the

gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

Gospel Acclamation See 2 Thes 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 2:1-11

The first of the signs given by Jesus was at Cana in Galilee.

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews; each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them, 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from - only the servants who had drawn the water knew - the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink, but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

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Reflection by Greg Sunter

Today's first reading from Isaiah is one of several references in the Old Testament that use wedding imagery bride and groom - to describe the relationship between God and the people of Israel. The imagery is never that of an 'old married couple' but rather young lovers entering into a new life together full of hope; full of romance; and full of passion. This image of God and the people as bride and groom would not have been lost on the first audiences of today's gospel passage. Immediately, they would recognised the significance of Jesus' first outing in public ministry being at a wedding feast - at the coming together of God and God's people, Jesus is present! It is a very neat and quite deliberate follow on from the prologue of the Gospel of John where the gospel writer uses the image of 'the Word made flesh who lives among us' to describe Jesus. The Word has come into the world and the first public appearance is at an event that symbolises the relationship between God and God's people.

The interplay between Jesus and his mother is very interesting in this gospel event. In this particular gospel it is one of only two occasions that Mary is mentioned: this event at the beginning of Jesus' ministry and then at the foot of the cross as he is crucified. Mary does not ask Jesus to do anything. She simply states, 'They have no wine', but one can almost hear the motherly tone with which it was said. I'm sure Jesus was left in no doubt that he was expected to do something about it. When he tries to avoid the issue, Mary apparently ignores his objections and instructs the servants to do whatever Jesus tells them. No fuss: no argument. How do mothers do it?

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	1 st Sun	2 nd Sun	3 rd Sun	4 th Sun	5 th Sun
Penshurst 8:30am	No Service To Ham	Mass	SAWC	Mass	Mass
Dunkeld 8:30am	Mass	No Service to Glen	Mass	SAWC	SAWC
Glenthomp son 8:30am	SAWC	Mass	No Service to Dunkeld	Mass	SAWC
Macarthur 8:30am	Mass	No Service (To Ham)	No Service (To Ham)	No Service (To Ham)	No Service (To Ham)

PRAYER

O God of salvation,
the people in whom you delight
hasten with joy to the wedding feast.
Forsaken no more, we bear a new name;
desolate no longer,
we taste your new wine.
Make us your faithful stewards,
ready to do whatever Jesus tells us
and eager to share with others
the wine he provides.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

ST JOSEPH'S ROSTER 27th January 2019				
Lector	Brendan Kelly			
Prayers	Paul Cook			
Special Minister	Margie Eales			
Gifts	Cook Family			
Hospital	Anita Holmes			



FAMILY & FRIENDS

Are invited to the Last Mass on

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 10TH,

10.30AM

A light lunch will be served at the Hawkesdale Memorial Hall following the celebration.

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