

Reflections on 22nd Sunday of Year. 25 C.

Mass: Ecclesiasticus 3:19-21,30-31; Psalm 67; Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24; Luke 14:1,7-14.

Jesus is often pictured at meals of all kinds. The principal active memorial of Jesus will be a meal. He is accused often of eating with the unclean, tax collectors and even prostitutes! Meals were an important part of life in the ancient world. It could express both hospitality and exclusiveness. Hence the way that Jesus often challenges those presenting meals. For Jesus meals are an important part of his proclamation of the kingdom. The heavenly banquet is represented as a wedding feast. It is all about inclusivity, everyone belongs, and all have their place. The beautiful expression, 'Friend move up higher', has long been an important part of the Christian journey. Movement is important in Scripture as God leads us on our journey of faith. In that we say yes to allowing Jesus to call us forward, onward and upwards!