

Thoughts on the Daily Word

1st Week of Advent. Wednesday 3rd December. Readings: Isaiah 25:6-10; Psalm: 22; Gospel: Matthew 15:29-37.

Once again Isaiah gives us a vision of the future. It is a meal but more than a meal, a banquet. Not many of us experience banquets, we are more likely to see one on TV or News programmes. It is for the rich and famous as they celebrate their achievements. The symbolism of the mountain means something close to God. That means we are being invited and celebrated and given a place with what was considered the gods in the ancient world. What a future for us! What an achievement! The Gospel completes the vision by revealing our poverty and need and yet still God, in Jesus, calls us to the heavenly banquet and celebrates us. It has Eucharistic overtones as a preparation for the coming Paschal Mystery that we will be invited to share. We are back to the Advent encounter; it happens as we meet Christ, and it happens as we encounter each other in a new way. The vision of God is revealed as a communion in each other and in Him. In Advent we are invited to look with new eyes on our encounters with one another and see the vision of God in each other.