

Thoughts on the Daily Word

22nd Week of the Year. *Friday 6th September. Readings: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Psalm: 36; Gospel: Luke 5:33-39.*

In biblical times, and, until relatively recently, a bridegroom was a man with a mission. He was part of an extended family, and his role was to serve and build up that family. He went to seek out his bride and bring her home to the safety of his family and to integrate her into the mission of building that family. With no welfare state, everything depended on the family. In one sense the mission of Christ would challenge that dependence but in another sense, it enhanced the mission, or the community/family of the Church or Body of Christ. Paul enhances this by seeing every Christian as a servant of Christ, building up his Body. As Christ is the true bridegroom so does each one of us take on that role. It is our mission too.