

Reflection Easter Saturday 2021

It is good to hear the uneducated were the first to preach the Gospel, the good news of Jesus Christ and all that Jesus had done for us. Of course, they had listened to the teaching of Jesus but most of all they had experienced his presence. They spoke from their hearts, from their experiences and from their faith. All who are followers and believers in Christ can be preachers of the Good News for, like Peter and the apostles, we have received the Holy Spirit who will inspire us. The good news that Mary Magdalen and Peter shared was not believed, but this did not stop them. Their belief and love of Jesus was far, far stronger than any rejection they faced. As we know, love is stronger than death just as Jesus showed us. In baptism we, too, were asked to go out to the whole world and preach the Good News. Let us not be like the Sanhedrin disbelieving the Good News that Peter spoke of or like the apostles who disbelieved the Good News that Mary had brought to them, but always be open to the Good News that we hear and experience from others, be encouraged by it, and share it with those around us. We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song!

St Augustine of Hippo explores the effects of the Good News:

- *A Christian is: a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks, and a hand through which Christ helps.*
- *To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek him the greatest adventure; to find him, the greatest human achievement.*
- *The Holy Scriptures are our letters from home.*
- *Trust the past to the mercy of God, the present to His love, and the future to His providence.*
- *Since love grows within you, so beauty grows. For love is the beauty of the soul.*

A man was walking past an asylum pushing a wheelbarrow full of manure. An inmate asked the chap what he was going to do with the manure and the chap said. *"I am going to put it on my rhubarb."* The Man from the asylum said, *"You want to come in here, we put custard on ours!!!!!"*