

Reflection Saturday 4th Week Easter 2023

It is made very clear in the New Testament writings that the Word of God is never something to be forced on people. Only those who were open hearted and open to God were able to welcome the Word of God as a blessings, a gift and a special privilege. And it changed their lives. What is also clear is that, as always, God turns evil and opposition into something positive and good. So, when people refused to accept the Good News from Paul and Barnabas, they turned to the pagans who welcomed them and their message with open arms and received the inspiration and grace that the Good News offers to everyone willing to accept it.

Although there are differing views about the Monarchy which, like the Church, has not always been upfront or just in its use of power, it is possible that the readings at mass today are asking us to receive the coronation, which will take place later today, as good news. If we do, it may well change the way we see the Monarchy and inspire us to help it become a source of wise decision making and of true service that will inspire people to work for justice and peace, and for a loving and compassionate society that cares for the marginalised and the forgotten, especially for those who struggle with life. If, like Jesus, the monarchy wishes to work with us as well as for us, then all will benefit. If, however, we offer no help and the monarchy fails, will it not be our fault rather than theirs???