

Reflection Tuesday 6th Week Easter 2023

How often people claim to know what others are thinking and feeling when all they are doing is a self-projection of what they would think and feel if they were in a similar situation. They may be right of course, but it is still pure conjecture.

In the acts of the Apostles, Paul and Silas do not dwell on what their gaoler was or was not thinking, they talked to him about Jesus and the Good News, and the Spirit that Jesus promised to send to his disciples (and did) opened the gaoler to a whole new way of life. A life he embraced whole heartedly.

We do not want control over other people knowing that Jesus never wanted this. However, putting them into boxes makes it easier for us to control them – boxes are stifling. Jesus always gives us the choice. We can accept the Holy Spirit but do not have to do so. Fortunately, Jesus always gives us plenty of air to breath and the freedom to make our own choices and sticks with us even when we make wrong choices.

Simply put by our greeting to the Gospel: ***Christ has risen and shone upon us whom he has redeemed with his blood.***

Dad went to the car showroom to look at potential choices. He asks “Cargo space?” The salesman, slightly confused, finally replies, “Car no do that... car go road.”