

## Reflection Easter Saturday 2024

Proclaiming the Good News to all the nations is a task for all, who are followers of Christ, to do! The initial refusal by the disciples to believe the witnesses who had encountered the risen Christ did not disqualify them from the mission Jesus intended for them. We can also find ourselves in a place where we seem incapable of hearing the good news that the Lord is risen, that life is stronger than death and that love is stronger than sin. Yet, the Lord never gives up on us and continues to come gently towards us persevering until our eyes are opened. Even though the Lord may initially have met with resistance from us in one form or another, he continues to hold out to us the privilege of proclaiming by our words and our lives the good news of Easter.

However, Peter and John testify that proclaiming the Good News is not always accepted by everyone. Despite healing a cripple, the authorities did not want to accept that the cripple was healed in the name of Jesus whom they had crucified. Yet, try as they might the authorities could not prevent the good news spreading once it had been proclaimed. Let us take heart in doing the same by recognising the power of the proclamation of the good news to spread once proclaimed.

For Christ is risen; Jesus is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!