## Deacon's Beacons

June 16, 2025

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. 1 Peter 4:12–13

One of the problems with living in a post persecution Christianity is that we do not have a real sense of suffering for our faith. While everyone may not agree with us, it is not like we will be hunted down and killed for professing our faith. Yet that was a real threat in the early Church. The message survived because of the zeal of those who would risk death to proclaim it. In today's world, we are afraid to proclaim the Gospel because it might hurt someone's feelings. We have lost that zeal. We must strive to recover it if the message is to continue.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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