

Reflection for Saturday 17 April

Today our prayers and thoughts are with Her Majesty the Queen and the rest of the Royal Family as they attend the funeral of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

Today's Gospel reading from St John is about Jesus walking on the Sea of Galilee towards the boat where the disciples were. St John tells us that the wind was strong and the sea was getting rough. When Jesus got into the boat, no doubt all became calm. They were afraid but Jesus reassured them that it was he. What a difference the risen Lord Jesus made to those disciples.

In life's ups and downs we can experience the risen Lord Jesus making all the difference in giving us hope that that things will work out for us and his presence with us can give us the strength to help us see through our difficulties. We pray today that the risen Lord Jesus will help our Queen and her family in their grieving and loss from this earth of Prince Philip.

May he rest in peace. Amen.