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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH **5th Sunday of Easter**
 SENT WITH JOY TO HEAL

MONTHLY THEME: **LIFE TO THE FULL**

God Walks with Us

Do you remember the famous song by Diana Ross that has the following lyrics?

*“Do you know where you're going to?
 Do you like the things that life is showing you?
 Where are you going to?
 Do you know?”...*



The loving Father who cares for you today will care for you tomorrow and every day.
 - St. Francis de Sales



Scripture of the Day:

- Acts 6, 1-7
- Ps 32, 1-2. 4-5. 18.19
- 1 Pt 2, 4-9
- Jn 14, 1-12

The haunting tune and lyrics of this song usually come to mind each time I hit a crossroad in my life. Perhaps these questions arise due to personal “baggages” or challenging milestones I face. And the final question will always be – *“Have I done enough for today, this week, this year or in my life, to reflect Christ in me?”*

Ever since my conversion to Christianity, I have realised that my life has been, and continues to be, a journey with the Lord. Reflecting back on my life, I have realised that I have never truly lived in solitude. Even during the best or worst moments of my life, I was never alone. Jesus has been a constant companion. Yes, both tears of joy and grief were shed, but always with the God of my life at my side. Truly, it hit me like an epiphany – the truth is that God never abandons us. He is a **God who walks with us**, every day of our lives. When Jesus said, *“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You trust in God, trust also in me”* (Jn 14:1), He assures us of His presence, and the presence of the Father. He who redeemed us, by offering His life for our sake, would surely not abandon us in any other situation or circumstance!

Furthermore, in today’s Gospel, Jesus tells us *“I am in the Father and the Father is in me”* (Jn 14:10). In His words, Jesus helps us understand not only the destination of our life’s journey, but also how we may get there. Ultimately, it is about going home to our Father, who will provide rooms for us (Jn 14:2), and we get there, by becoming more like His Son, who is *“...the Way, The Truth and Life”* (Jn 14:6).

And so, just as we receive, let us too, answer the call to be present companions to our neighbours. In so doing, we understand more of ourselves in this journey, we become more Christ-like in our words and actions, and finally, we slowly but surely make our way ever closer to full communion with our Father in heaven. †

Weekly WORD
God never abandons us



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THEME FOR 2020
DISCIPLESHIP : SENT WITH JOY TO HEAL.
Theme for May 2020
Evangelise/Call : Life to the Full.

PARISH OFFICE :
 Temporary closed
 due to MCO –
 Covid 19 until
 further notice



09th / 10th May 2020 :

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER : Ac 6, 1-7 Ps 32, 1-2, 4-5, 18-19, 1 Pt 2, 4-9, Jn 14, 1-12
“May Your Love Be Upon Us, O Lord, As We Place All Our Hope In You ” (Psalm : 22)

Donations received as from 18th March to 03rd May 2020 (during the MCO)

	Parish Donations	Adoration Room	PIHDM Food Bank
Cumulative Amount :	RM13,910.00	RM11,330.00	RM930.00

Thank you for all kind contributions. God Bless.

DONATIONS / OFFERINGS : For those who wish to contribute to any of the followings :

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| (1) Financial Contribution to the Parish | (2) Mass offerings |
| (3) Adoration Room Makeover | (4) PIDM Food Bank |

We would encourage you to use your banking online facility. The Parish Bank Account details are as follows :

- (a) Bank : Public Bank Berhad
- (b) Bank Account Name : Church of Visitation
- (c) Account No : 3121194612

Please indicate in the online transfer the following details so that the Parish Office could account for them appropriately :- (i) Amount (ii) Purpose - any of the following :

- (1) Financial Contribution to the Parish
- (2) Mass Intentions for (name) - (RIP, or Thanksgiving or Special Intention)
- (3) Adoration Room Makeover
- (4) PIHDM Food Bank

(For more info please call : John Davidson (017 6158961) or Bernadette (012 2715840)

Please email the transaction slip to the Parish email :

serembanvisitation@gmail.com for the Parish office record purposes.

No Masses during MCO until further notice : Due to Covid - 19

Parish Office will be closed on 01st to 12th May 2020.

Any Emergency kindly call : Nathan (012 6840750) or Collins (016 3647506)

Pray for the Departed Souls of :

- (1) All departed souls of Covid-19 victims

May Perpetual Light shine upon them

➤ **THE MOVER MOVES YOU :**

Dear Sisters and brothers, as there is a lax in MCO, many of us will be going back to our routined life-style. While at MCO, most of us would have adopted a quieter, more reflective and even a more prayerful and giving self. Most of the times, even 'bad things' work out for good, when we keep our focus right and noble as in the case of Covid-19. Let it serve as a learning for us to live a more conscious-filled life inspite of returning to our routines. Perhaps this pandemic has brought most of us to a greater awareness of life as was originally designed by God. Hence let us begin a newness of life pleasing more to God than merely meeting our selfish needs and greed.

Blessings and Peace always ! Frs. Xave and Kenneth.

➤ **Guidelines for Funerals under Movement Control Order**

- a) No public seven days memorial prayers at funeral parlours or at home. The family may perform their own prayers privately. Books may be made available by parish for family use. The family may receive visitors who will briefly pay their respects.
- b) Vigil prayers by the priest and funeral masses are to be conducted in the home or the parlour. This is limited to immediate family members according to National Security Council and MOH guidelines. The main Church cannot be used due to the prohibition under the order.
- c) Other public health precautions (social distancing etc) should be observed
- d) All weddings in March and April are postponed.

➤ **LIVE Broadcast of Archkl Masses from 09nd to 15th May 2020**

- watch the live broadcast at: www.Tv.ArchKL.org

Saturday : 09th May : 5.00 pm (English);

Sunday : 10th May : 7.30 am (Tamil)

9.00 am (Mandarin)

10.30 am (English)

Weekday : 13th May : 7.00 pm (Rosary with Archbishop Julian Leow)