

# Newtbec

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**