

St. Patrick's Church, Tawau

Since 1917

28 December 2025

To build a strong Cell Church
that is Christ-centered,
committed to transforming lives,
equipping the saved,
evangelizing the lost,
and fulfilling God's mission.

YEAR OF
AWAKENING
苏醒 KEBANGUNAN

Diocesan Bishop

The Rt. Rev. Datuk Melter Jiki Tais

Suffragan Bishops

- **Area Diocese of Sabah East**
 - The Rt. Rev. Dt. Melter Jiki Tais
- **Area Diocese of Sabah West**
 - The Rt. Rev. Kenneth Thien
- **Area Diocese of Sabah South**
 - The Rt. Rev. John Yeo

Rector

The Rt. Rev. John Yeo

Assistant Rector

Rev. Ho Kee Chung

Priest / Pastor

Rev. Samamadin Uloi
Rev. Alexander Nenotek
Rev. Robert Chin Vun Chong (NS)
Rev. Chung Thau Yong (NS)
Rev. Dr. Moses Afful (NS)
Ps. Teh Chong Lay (NS)

Eng Zone: Rev. Nelson Tai

- Adult: Rev. Nelson Tai
- Young Adult: Rev. Richard Tai
- Youth: Rev. Nelson Tai
- Children: Doris Chin

Chi Zone: Rev. Ho Kee Chung

- Adult: Rev. Ho Kee Chung
- Young Adult: Alan Chung
- Youth: Yvonne Lee
- Children: Chan Mei Yong
- Senior Citizen: Kok Feh Ken

BM Zone

- Priest Advisor: Rev. Samamadin
- St. Patrick's Church: Rev. Anzen
- Apas Mile 5: Rev. Majelus Majar
- Adult: Rev. Anzen Daud
- Young Adult: Danny Daniel
- Youth: Sendi Yunus
- Children: Meros Majar

Support Ministries

- Love & Care: Alex Wong
- Counseling: Ps. Lim Bun Hui
- Prayer: Chu Sui Fun
- Sound: Jackson Samuel
- Worship: Esther Hoo
- Resource Centre: Jeanie Hiew

Administrative Office

- Rector's PA: Annie Chiew
- Administration: Margaret Khong
- Maintenance: Rommel Lumantas
- Transport: Rommel Lumantas
- Cleanliness: Margaret Khong

Mission Churches

- **Tarakan**
 - Rev. Jakobus Chong
- **Nunukan**
 - Rev. Martin Ataring
- **Seimenggaris, Sebakis**
 - Rev. Ferdenan Atonis

Rector writes...



Give thanks

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.”
(Philippians 1:3–5)

As we approach the end of another year, our hearts are drawn to gratitude to God for His unchanging faithfulness and gratitude for the precious gift of one another in the body of Christ.

Each member of our church family has played a meaningful part in God's work this year. Together we have embodied our theme *Awakened* — through serving, praying, giving, and walking in love.

As the calendar turns, let us continue to “give thanks in all circumstances” (1 Thessalonians 5:18), knowing that gratitude keeps our hearts anchored in God's goodness and opens our eyes to the ways He has been at work among us.

I strongly encourage all to end this year by coming together for our Church Year-end Thanksgiving Service on 31 December 2025. Your presence and thanksgiving will make this gathering complete, for together we can declare: “Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.” (Psalm 107:1)

May we step into the new year with deeper unity, renewed hope, and steadfast faith — rejoicing in the One who holds our future and who has sustained us every step of the way.

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PARISH NEWS



We would like to express our gratitude to all who had helped in the preparation and during the Christmas Celebration.

"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."
(1 Corinthians 15:58)

2026 Confirmation

05-06 JULY 2026
HOUSE OF PRAYER

RESOURCE CENTRE CHRISTMAS YEAR-END SALES

01-31 December 2025

The Resource Centre will also be open every Saturday night in the whole month of December.

Do make time to pay a visit and browse through the items on sale and make some purchases to be a blessing to others.



TRILINGUAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

31 December (Wed)

7:30pm

House of Prayer

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

CONDOLENCES

Our heartfelt condolences go to the family Janet Khong Shuk Lin on her demise on 24 December 2025.

Interment of cremains for the late Janet Khong Shuk Lin will be on:

30 December (Tuesday)

10:00am

Anglican Cemetery Mile 11

NOTICE

1. Church Office, Resource Centre & Cafeteria: Closed

01 January 2026 (Thursday)

2. Children Cell Group

Recess: 14 Dec 2025 - 04 Jan 2026

Resume: 11 January 2026

3. English Youth Cell Group

Recess: 23 Nov 2026 - 11 Jan 2026

Resume: 18 January 2026

ENGLISH YOUTH CONFIRMATION 2026 APPLICATION

Kindly contact Rev. Nelson Tai for more information.

Class time:

Starting March (Sundays)
7:30pm
Joy Room

Closing date for application:

01 February 2026

VISION SCHOOL 10% DISCOUNT FOR ANGLICAN MEMBERS

Vision School Tawau will offer a 10% discount on School Fees and Dormitory Fees for all Anglican Church Members starting in 2026.

Note: Students on existing Scholarship Programs are not eligible.

To prepare for implementation, Anglican members are requested to complete and submit the form provided by the school by 31 December 2025 (Wednesday) and select the correct school.

Required Documents:

1. Child's Baptism Card
2. Latest "Verification Letter" from your Anglican Church (signed by Rector/Priest-in-charge; can be obtained from the respective Church Office)

For any further inquiries, please contact Vision School (089-759277).

2026 MARRIAGE



Please book your wedding date with the Church Office six months ahead to avoid disappointment.

Prior to the booking, kindly discuss with your Zone Pastor and arrange for premarital counseling lessons. Kindly note that there will be no wedding services in Lent and Advent Seasons.

LENT SEASON

18 February - 04 April 2026

ADVENT SEASON

29 November - 24 December 2026

CHURCH E-BULLETIN



You may download from our church website:
www.hoprayer.org.my

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Online Banking Transfer:
Public Bank: 3091827035

Cheque payable to:
St. Patrick's Church, Tawau



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Persepuluhan



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Persembahan

Please send a copy of bank-in / transfer slip to: 011-5995 4101

Our Hope is on the Way

Luke 2:22-38

1. Wait in Hope

Luke 2:25-34 - Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: 'Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.' The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: 'This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

2. Hold Fast to Hope

Luke 2:36-38 - There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.'