

### 1. Our Pilgrim Walk Towards the MPC 2026

Since 2016, The Catholic Bishops of Malaysia have been discussing, deliberating and discerning with the faithful (Clergy, Religious and Laity) about the possibility and necessity of the coming together of all 9 dioceses in Malaysia as the Catholic Church in Malaysia. The Malaysia Pastoral Convention 2026 will be the first of its kind, an official gathering, similar in importance to a Synod, for the Catholic Church in Malaysia.

The Journey towards the Malaysia Pastoral Convention 2026; otherwise known as MPC2026, begins with the pastoral assemblies at the various levels. Beginning with a Parish Pastoral Assembly (PPA) followed by a Diocesan Pastoral Assembly (DPA) and then a Regional Pastoral Assembly (RPA). Regions are known as Sabah, Sarawak and Semenanjung, comprising 3 dioceses respectively. In addition to the mentioned assembly, the journey includes the Malaysia Religious Assembly and the Malaysian Catholic Youth Day which includes an assembly for young people within its itinerary. All the assemblies are culminating towards the MPC 2026.

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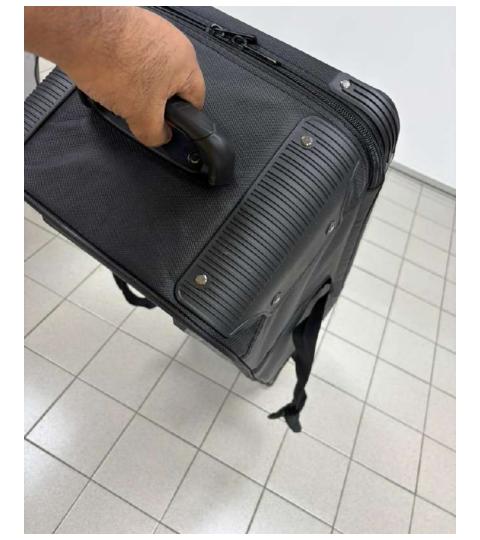
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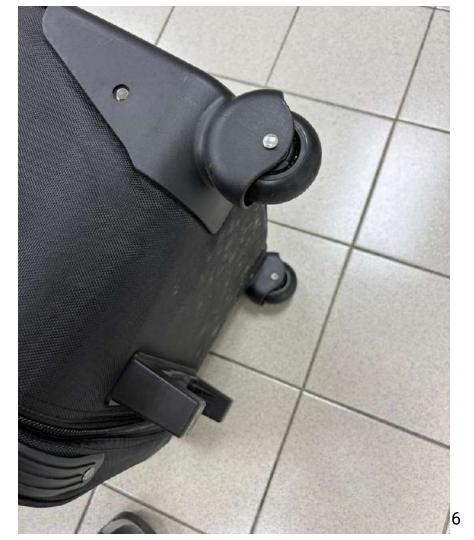


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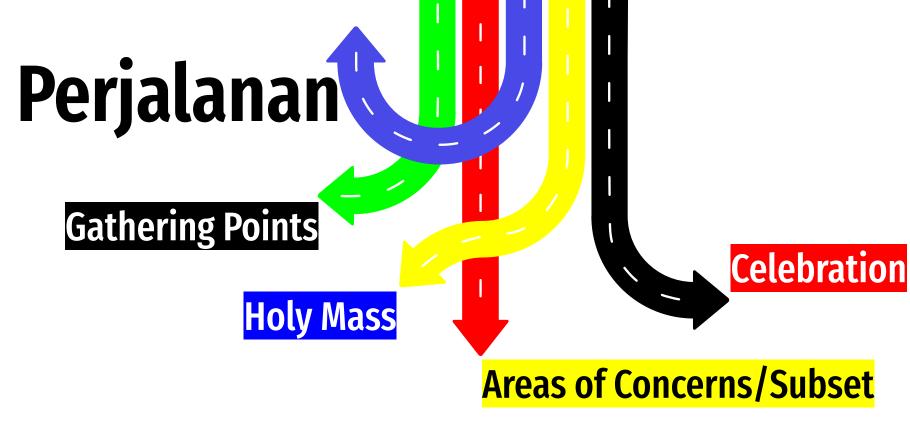


# **SALIB** 3. Engages Everyone

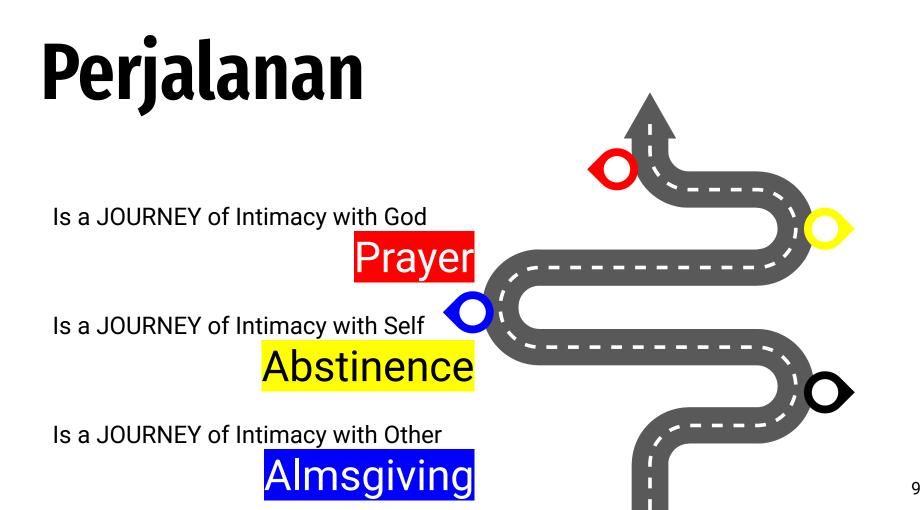
The journey or route taken by the salib in the respective dioceses will be facilitated by the entrusted diocesan coordinating team, giving priority to the smaller and distant communities from the centre of parochial life and diocese engagements. Learning from John 4"5-30, sometimes the salib needs to be present in the most unexpected place in order to facilitate an encounter.

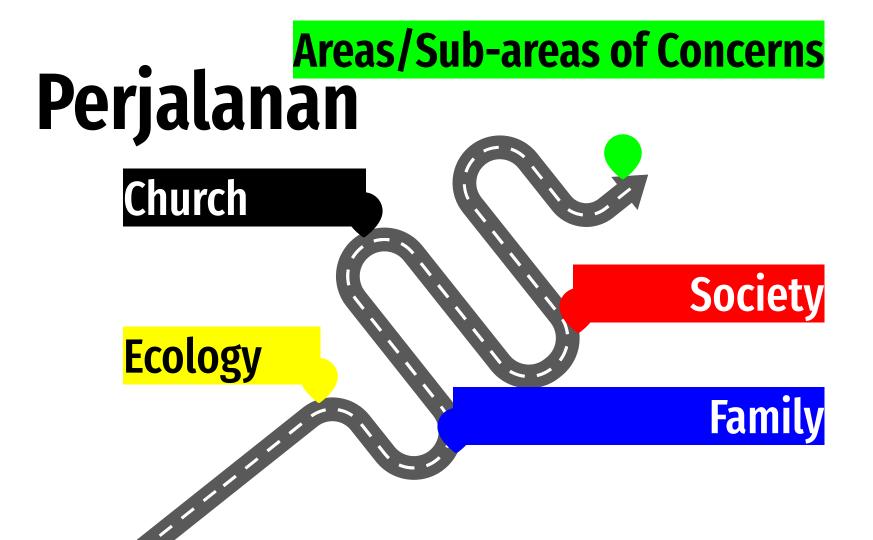
The hope is also for the faithful with more access and from more established communities to walk with the salib and make a pilgrimage to the selected gathering points, walking alongside, listening actively and celebrating together.

The Perjalanan SALIB is aimed at expressing the importance of accompaniment beginning at the grassroot level. The salib does not retain itself at a fixed point but it journeys to the faithful especially in the peripheries.



## **Turun Padang - Parish**





## 4. A Long Walk Together

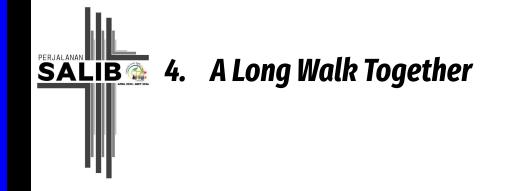
The Perjalanan SALIB is not to be treated as a relay, meaning that we, the faithful, are only to be engaged when the salib is thereabouts at the selected gathering point tethered to our parish community. We should treat the Perjalanan SALIB more like a triathlon, meaning that we are using 3 modes of movement on the same and one journey.

The first mode of movement is communion. The movement of gathering together as a diverse community rooted in the love and unity of the Trinity. Together, we encounter each other in respectful listening and to discern communally, how to receive the salib grounded in the sensus fidei that we share.

This is how we prepare before the salib arrives to us.

The second mode of movement is participation. The movement of genuinely making the effort to ensure the inclusion of those at the margins or who feel excluded. Together, the laity, consecrated and ordained, acknowledge that all the faithful are qualified and called to serve each other through the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

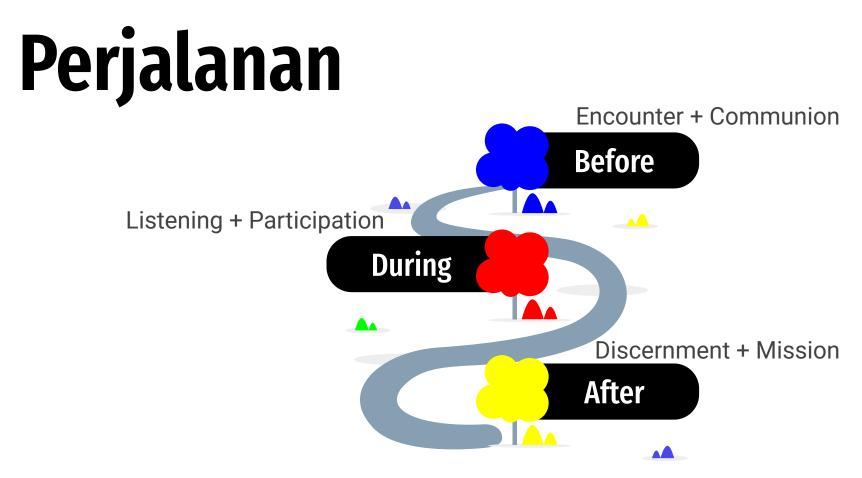
This is how we celebrate while the salib is with us.



The third mode of movement is mission. The movement to share and witness the love of God to everyone. Together we evangelise in the community through our relationships and dialogue of life as a result of our own personal and communal conversion.

This is how we continue after the salib departs from us.

The Perjalanan SALIB is aimed at expressing the importance of Synodality, where everyone is accounted for. The Perjalanan SALIB is an everyone's event and not an exclusive nor excluding event.





At national level, the Perjalanan SALIB 2025-2026 commences with the rite of solemn blessing of the SALIB during the Malaysian Catholic Youth Day in April 2025 and concludes during the Malaysia Pastoral Convention in September 2026. In the respective dioceses, the journey will commence from May 2025 and conclude August 2026. The duration of stay for the salib at the parishes or selected gathering points will be discerned by the Diocesan Coordinating team.

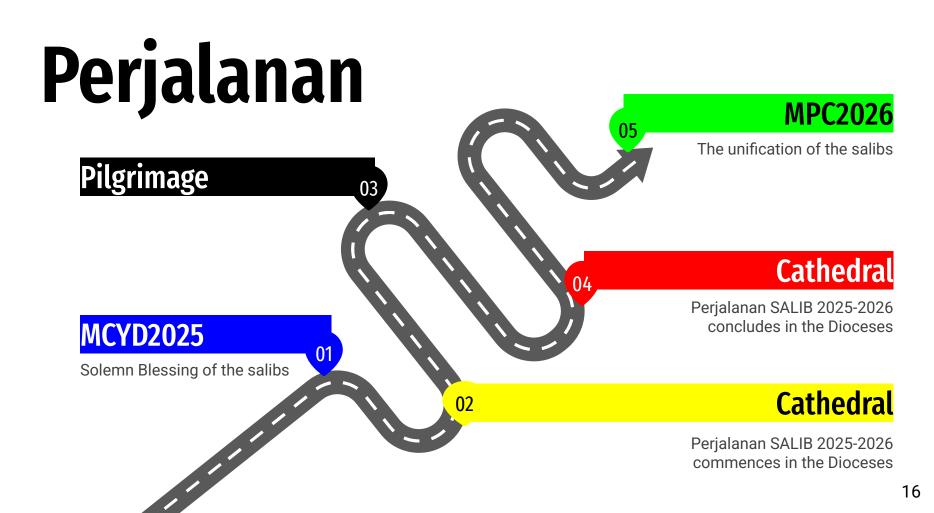
Keeping with the spirit of Synodality, that is to be more inclusive rather than instructive, the National coordinating team will provide suggestions and direction for implementation at diocesan or parish level but it is at the discernment of the collaborators at each gathering point, on how the community will walk, listen and celebrate the Perjalanan SALIB.

Through communal discernment, the coordinating teams both at diocesan and parish level will facilitate opportunities for the faithful to journey intimately with God, to journey intimately with Self and to journey intimately with the Other. These opportunities may be experienced and lived out either privately or publicly in the family, among friends and neighbours, at the workplace, in the parish or interparish and in any lived reality with the hope and desire for a true conversion.



The themes of these opportunities may revolve around the 4 areas of concern of the Malaysia Pastoral Convention 2026; family, society, church and ecology or a subset of these areas. In efforts to further assist the respective coordinating teams, the national coordinating team will provide an ecology kit to be used or adapted into other themes using the same format of journeying with God, the Self, and Others, for the benefit of the faithful.

The Perjalanan SALIB is aimed at expressing the importance of Holiness and that the entire community of the faithful by virtue of our baptism in cooperation with the Holy Spirit is able to recognise and discern what is holy.



# **SALIB** 6. A Local Design

The SALIB is a unique arrangement of 9 salibs together with a Corpus which forms into a crucifix. During the Malaysian Catholic Youth Day in April 2025, the SALIB Malaysia will be presented to the faithful for veneration before it is divided into its individual 9 salibs and sent to the respective dioceses. We will witness the unification of the SALIB once again in September 2026 during the Malaysia Pastoral Convention 2026.

The salib stands 9 feet tall and 5 feet wide, made of wood. The unique arrangements of the SALIB, while irregular but still recognisable, reflects the characteristic of our dioceses in Malaysia. Each independent but unites harmoniously in diversity. Both complementary and collaborative while still being dedicated and preferential to its community.

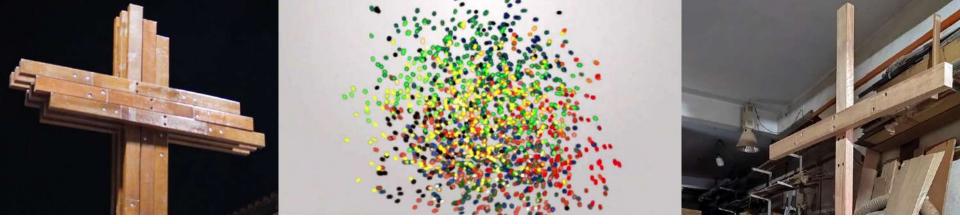
The SALIB will also bear the decorative design of the Bunga Raya. A symbol of love for the birth of our nation, a sign of our independence from foreign rule and unity among different races. Similarly, the Bunga Raya on the SALIB symbolises the triumph of our Lord Jesus over the world and has reconciled us to the Father and unites us with each other in the Holy Spirit.



The Corpus which is a reminder of the manner of how Jesus went about winning His victory over sin and death, that is by entering into death itself, is not the sole reflection of the crucifix. Hence, a hymn has been composed especially to accompany the SALIB. A hymn which reflects God, who willed that his Only Begotten Son should undergo the Cross to save the human race and we, who have known His mystery on earth may merit the grace of his redemption. The hymn is entitled "Bangkitlah".

In September 2026, Malaysia Pastoral Convention 2026 will begin with all the participants before the SALIB for a dedicated time of prayer. Summing up all the joys and blessings, the anxieties and struggles, the hopes and aspirations of the faithful in prayer. It is our hope that the Perjalanan SALIB 2025-2026 may unite all the faithful who have journeyed with the SALIB, together with the participants of the Malaysia Pastoral Convention 2026 for a truly synodal and communal discernment experience.

The Perjalanan SALIB is aimed at expressing the importance of culture and diversity.



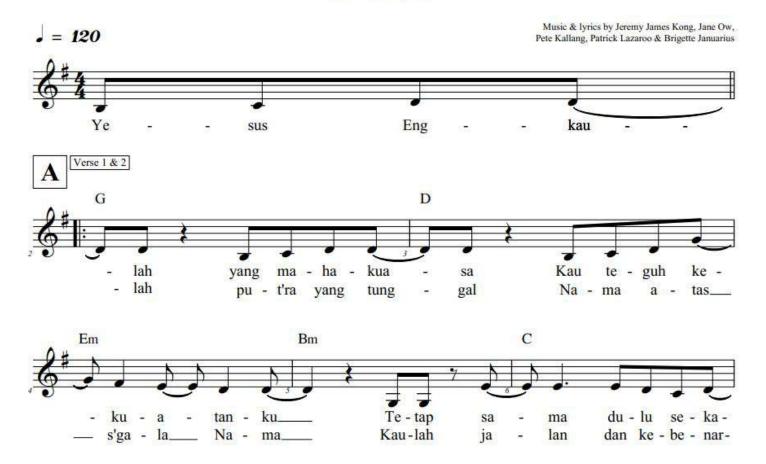
# **TUTORIAL VIDEOS**







#### Bangkitlah Salib Malaysia



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#### PERJALANAN SALIB

## Perjalanan SALIB - Coordinators and more

The following names have been entrusted as diocesan coordinators to facilitate and to accompany the faithful and the SALIB throughout the Perjalanan SALIB 2025-2026.

Sister Dora Obod, FSIC (Archdiocese of Kota Kinabalu) Roney Eming (Dlocese of Keningau) Sister Noemi Mejia, FSIC (Diocese of Sandakan) Father Davie Entalai (Archdiocese of Kuching) Father Jack Nayak, CMF (Archdiocese of Miri) Father Francis Go, OFM Cap (Diocese of Sibu) Gregory Pravin Rajah (Archdiocese of Kuala Lumpur) Simon Joseph (Diocese of Penang) Father John Yeow (Diocese Malacca Johore)

Behind them are too many to list down but who are all indispensable for the success of the Perjalanan SALIB 2025-2026. Including every Perjalanan SALIB assistant at the Parishes, who ensuring that the salib reaches the peripheries and every Perjalanan SALIB assistance and collaborators at the Diocesan level, who are responsible to support the parishes and to connect the Perjalanan SALIB among the dioceses.



### **Perjalanan SALIB - Coordinators and more**

St Helena, the patron saint of new discoveries, is offered to all the coordinators and assistants as a companion for their journey on this Perjalanan SALIB. St Helena, who went on a pilgrimage to search and discover Christian relics, bringing them back for the People of God did not only secure holy treasures for the Church but also opportunities for encounter and conversion for the people. Similarly, every Perjalanan SALIB coordinator and assistant has that bigger and greater responsibility to create the opportunity for new discoveries with our risen Lord.

The Perjalanan SALIB is aimed at expressing the importance of leadership that does journeys and discovers together.

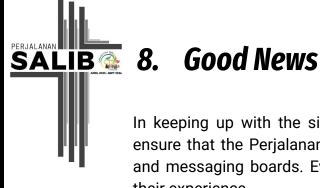






#### PRAYERS TO ST. HELENA OF THE CROSS

Holy and blessed Saint Helena, with the anguish and devotion with which you sought the Cross of Christ, I plead that you give me God's grace to suffer in patience the labors of this life, so that through them and through your intercession and protection, I will be able to seek and carry the Cross, which God has placed upon me, so that I can serve Him in this life and enjoy His Glory ever after. Amen.



In keeping up with the signs of times and the digital world, efforts have been made to ensure that the Perjalanan SALIB will be visible on the more used social media platforms and messaging boards. Everyone is encouraged to share their stories and testimonies of their experience.

A website (gerejakatolik.my) will be made available with all the resources prepared to assist the Perjalanan SALIB. The website also functions as an archive of our entire journey towards the MPC 2026. The faithful are encouraged to create and share their own prayers, poem, meditation, reflection, musical compositions, drawings, short videos and other inspired works of faith.

The Perjalanan SALIB is aimed at expressing the importance of sharing best practices and resources.

