



18th July 2018

REPORT FOR ABM NATIONAL CONFERENCE ADELAIDE 27-29th JULY 2018

November 2017

Stoles were presented to 5 ordinands - 3 Priests stoles and 2 Deacons. These were received with thanks.

We followed this up with an article in the Gazette highlighting ABM as the donor and the handiwork of those from the "Easter Weaving Room" in the Philippines.

January 2018

An article was written for the local Tri-annual Gazette, highlighting the fast approaching Lenten Season and the thoughtfully produced Lenten Study ABM offered.

News of the Lenten Study was emailed to all on Defina's mailing list, followed up again with all those on the Diocesan mailing list.

February/March 2018

Wandal Parish engaged with the Lenten Study - all were better informed and our passion for Mission was re-kindled.

April 2018

The National (?) Auxilliary wrote to Bishop David asking if he may appoint someone to the local Auxilliary in our Diocese. Two from our diocese have expressed an interest in fundraising. So far they have not committed to this aim though. Both are in the process of retiring and will re-visit this with them at a more timely moment.

May 2018

Wrote another article for the Gazette re the Lenten Study - this time giving feedback re the Lenten Study at the Wandal Parish. This was not published as (quite appropriately) the next edition focussed entirely on the Church's presence at Beef Week.

ABM sent Merchandise - mousemats and a few diaries and related informational material - for Synod.

Synod - Defina gave the ABM report speaking about :

- the possible formation of a local auxillary
- reminded the synod reps of ABM's 5 Marks of Mission
- outlined the Lenten Studies as having been formed around UN Sustainable Development Goals;
- the new study being released for National Reconciliation week, flagging the date for this and the liturgical resources available and...
- finally inviting anybody interested to check the display and/or contact either of us, before showing the ABM You Tube clip

The financial statements of diocesan giving encouraged Val to move a motion at Synod on ABM's behalf.

It was amended and passed, reading:

That this Synod laments the declining diocesan funding for ABM-A and encourages all parishes and organisations to consider fundraising for or gifting ABM-A as part of their annual budget.

Bishop David also lamented the declining giving for Missions and spoke in favour of motion.

June 2018

BIC - the Motion was raised for discussion. Members were asked what questions or suggestions they had for ABM. Two were put forward:

- that feedback be provided - to keep them and their parish in the loop (We have since sent Megan's "Speakers Corner" as a means of following through with this.)
- That a delegation to the Parishes be useful - money is raised on the day and it brings ABM right into their "front yard"

ABM Diocesan Reps: Cannon Val Gribble and Revd Defina Trail