



SPEAKERS' CORNER

...your internal newsletter for ABM happenings around the country

Dear Diocesan Reps and ABM Speakers,

Advent Greetings! Advent and Christmas Appeal resources should now be with parishes across your Diocese. We've dedicated some space in this Issue to those appeals so we hope you find this useful.

As 2017 draws to a close, planning is well underway for 2018: Appeals, Publications, Synods and Adelaide Conference etc. Do you know any key Diocesan dates for 2018? Please let us know as early as possible to help with our planning and allocation of resources.

It's always exciting to hear about ABM happenings in each Diocese. Thanks to the Besters in Wangaratta Diocese for sharing their plans and progress. Calling for a volunteer for our 1st 'Focus on...' in 2018.

May we all find time this Advent to pause and remember our partner churches and their people - the reason why we do what we do. And may the power of the Holy Spirit dwelling within us enable us to continue to preach the Good News through the work of ABM and our partners.

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Speakers' Prayer

Almighty God, as we engage with our listeners around Australia, may the gifts that you have taught us give us the confidence to spread your word and bring the work of ABM into the hearts of all Australians. Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

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FOCUS ON Wangaratta

Achievements:

- ❖ Regular information sharing in [The Advocate](#)
- ❖ Formation of new ABM Diocesan Committee with representatives from Parishes

Plans for 2018:

- ❖ Speaking opportunities planned for Deanery meetings
- ❖ Parish engagements with Ministry Development Consultations to speak about ABM.
- ❖ Initial meeting for the new Diocesan Committee
- ❖ Start with Parishes who do (and did) support ABM then widen to engage with parishes who have not yet supported ABM.

Challenges:

- ❖ ABM Auxiliary has closed
- ❖ Strong Diocesan support for other 'mission' organisations and effort

APPEALS UPDATE

Advent and Christmas

Resources:

- ❖ Available [online](#) from ABM website with more resources to be uploaded soon
- ❖ Sent to parishes and individuals in late November

Projects supported:

ADVENT APPEAL

- ❖ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mission Fund
- ❖ Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Program in Vanuatu

CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL

- ❖ Evangelism and Christian Education in Myanmar

Details of all projects available from [Appeals page](#)



AROUND THE TRAPS*

DIOCESAN HAPPENINGS	
<i>* Reports only cover previous 2 month period</i>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Adelaide</p> <p><i>See also Provincial Happenings - South Australia</i></p> <p><u>Upcoming</u> 3/12 'St Andrew's Tide Prayer for Mission', St Matthew's Kensington 16/3 Auxiliary AGM, St Saviour's Glen Osmond</p> <p><u>Reports</u> 25/11 Ordination - +Chris will present stoles to 2 priests and 1 deacon 8/11 35 people attended Auxiliary Annual Thanksgiving Day Service and Lunch, St Theodores, Toorak Gardens. 247 Christmas Puddings distributed with funds going to General Fund. 27-28 October Diocesan Synod – ABM display table with promotional gifts</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Armidale</p> <p><u>Upcoming</u> 26/11 4th Annual "Breakfast on the Patio" at home of Bill and Judy Howarth</p> <p><u>Reports</u> 22/11 – 18 people attended ABM Fellowship Spring Luncheon at St. Mary's West Armidale, raising \$280 for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Youth Engagement Project 7-8 October: Cathedral Missions Weekend – Robert McLean spoke at Mission Dinner, and 2 Sunday Services</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Ballarat</p> <p><u>Upcoming</u> Nothing scheduled</p> <p><u>Reports</u> 20-21 October: Synod ABM items given to Synod Reps 14/10: Ordination ABM stole given to new Deacon</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Bathurst</p> <p><i>Awaiting appointment of new Dio Rep</i></p> <p><u>Upcoming</u> 2/12 Ordinations 4 Priests and 2 Deacons will receive an ABM information pack</p> <p><u>Reports</u> No Reports</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Bendigo</p> <p><u>Upcoming</u> Nothing scheduled</p> <p><u>Reports</u> 14/11 Auxiliary AGM – Michael Hopkins spoke to 25 Auxiliary members and others 11/11 Ordinations – 3 priests and 1 deacon received ABM stoles 9/11 Coaldrake Award presented to Myrtle Shay</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Brisbane (Southern QLD)</p> <p><u>Upcoming</u> 2/12 Ordination 8 Deacons and 9 Priests will receive ABM stoles 13/12 Committee meeting 14/2 Committee Meeting 16-17/2 St Francis College presentation</p> <p><u>Reports</u> 23/11 75 people witnessed ++Phillip Aspinall present Coaldrake Awards to 28 recipients at St Francis College 8/11 Committee meeting 5/11 Fr Ken spoke to 75 people at 2 services of Stanthorpe Parish 1/11 Fr Ken spoke to 8 clergy at South East Brisbane Deanery Clergy gathering 17/11 Auxiliary end of year lunch</p>



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DIOCESAN HAPPENINGS	
	<p>29/10 Fr Ken spoke to 100 people at 2 services of Bulimba Parish</p> <p>27/10 Ash-Lee, YA, spoke to 6 clergy at West Moreton Deanery Clergy meeting</p> <p>22/10 Ash-Lee, YA, spoke to 30 people at Booval Parish</p> <p>11/10: Committee meeting</p> <p>4/10: Ash-Lee, YA, spoke to 23 people at St John's Cathedral</p>
Bunbury	Canberra & Goulburn
<p><u>Upcoming</u> Nothing scheduled</p> <p><u>Reports</u> 25/11 Ordination – stoles to be given to ordinands 6-8 October: Synod</p>	<p><u>Upcoming</u> Nothing scheduled</p> <p><u>Reports</u> 25/11 Ordination – stoles given to 11 priests 6-8 October: Synod – ABM promotional items given out at Synod 3/9: Martyrs Day remembered during regular services, St John's Reid</p>
Gippsland	Grafton
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Awaiting appointment of new Dio Rep</i></p> <p><u>Upcoming</u> Nothing scheduled Awaiting appointment of new Dio Rep</p> <p><u>Reports</u> No Reports</p>	<p><u>Upcoming</u> November and December Meetings with Ministry and Mission Regions (MMR) Committees – dates TBC February 2018 talk to Clergy Conference – date TBC 26/5 2018: Fundraising Lunch - +Cam guest speaker</p> <p><u>Reports</u> 4/11 Committee meeting (+Sarah Chair) Meetings with MMR Committees</p>
Melbourne	Newcastle
<p><u>Upcoming</u> 3/2 Ordination – stoles to be given to ordinands 3/2 John Deane preaching Christ Church, Sth Yarra</p> <p><u>Reports</u> 25/11 Ordination – stoles to be given to ordinands 20/11 Committee meeting 19-21 October: Synod magnetic clips and other items to give away at display table 16/10 Committee meeting</p>	<p><u>Upcoming</u> 9/12 Ordinations – 5 priests and 1 deacon to receive stoles</p> <p><u>Reports</u> 3-5 November: Synod</p>
North Queensland	North West Australia
<p><u>Upcoming</u> Nothing scheduled</p> <p><u>Reports</u></p>	<p><u>Upcoming</u> Nothing scheduled</p> <p><u>Reports</u></p>



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DIOCESAN HAPPENINGS	
No news	No news
Perth	Riverina
<u>Upcoming</u> 20/11 Committee Meeting 17/1 Committee Meeting 21/2 Committee Meeting <u>Reports</u> 6-8 October: Synod 18/10: Committee meeting	<u>Upcoming</u> Nothing scheduled <u>Reports</u> No news
Rockhampton (Central QLD)	Sydney
<u>Upcoming</u> 2/12 Ordinations 2 priests and 3 deacons will receive stoles <u>Reports</u> No news	<u>Upcoming</u> 10/12 John Deane preaching, Christ Church St Laurence, Sydney 17/12 John Deane preaching, St James Kings St, Sydney Jan (date TBC) Moya Holle speaking, St Paul's Burwood 14/2 ABM Ash Wednesday Service and Lunch, John Deane speaking, St Luke's Concord-Burwood <u>Reports</u> 22/11 Auxiliary meeting & Christmas morning tea with ABM staff 17/11 Committee meeting 9-10 and 16-17 October: Synod
Tasmania	The Murray
<u>Upcoming</u> Nothing scheduled <u>Reports</u> 21/11 Committee Meeting and AGM 1/10 – St John's Devonport, Warwick Cuthbertson guest preacher and display	<i>See also Provincial Happenings - South Australia</i> <u>Upcoming</u> 2/12 Ordinations – 3 Deacons will received ABM Stoles <u>Reports</u> No news
The Northern Territory	Wangaratta
<u>Upcoming</u> Nothing scheduled <u>Reports</u> No news	<u>Upcoming</u> Nothing scheduled <u>Reports</u> No news
Willochra	
<i>See also Provincial Happenings - South Australia</i> <u>Upcoming</u> Nothing scheduled <u>Reports</u> No news	



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PROVINCIAL HAPPENINGS	
<p style="text-align: center;">New South Wales</p> <p><u>Upcoming</u> Nothing scheduled</p> <p><u>Reports</u> No news</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Queensland</p> <p><u>Upcoming</u> Nothing scheduled</p> <p><u>Reports</u> No news</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">South Australia</p> <p><u>Upcoming</u> 6/12 Committee meeting</p> <p><u>Reports</u> No news</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tasmania</p> <p><u>Upcoming</u> Nothing scheduled</p> <p><u>Reports</u> No news</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Victoria</p> <p><u>Upcoming</u> Nothing scheduled</p> <p><u>Reports</u> No news</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Western Australia</p> <p><u>Upcoming</u> Nothing scheduled</p> <p><u>Reports</u> No news</p>

NATIONAL HAPPENINGS
<p><u>Upcoming</u> ABM Board Meetings: 2018 9-10 Mar, 1-2 Jun, 14-15 Sept, 30 Nov-1 Dec ABM Board/Staff Day: 1 Dec ABM Volunteers: 13 Dec Christmas Afternoon Tea</p> <p><u>Reports</u> 30/11 ABM Board meeting 13/10 Visit by Catechisis of the Good Shepherd (CGS), Anglican Church of Kenya: The Venerable Canon Kistos Khisa, the Managing Director of CGS and Mr John and Mrs Kaye Corner, the Australian CGS Link Trainers</p>



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AT A GLANCE CALENDAR

December	W/B 1 st	W/B 8 th	W/B 15 th	W/B 22 nd	W/B 29 th
Friday	ABM Board/Staff Day				
Saturday	Ordinations <i>Brisbane, The Murray, Bathurst, Rockhampton</i>	<i>Newcastle Ordination</i>			
Sunday	<i>Adelaide St Andrew's Tide Mission Service Melbourne Ordination, John Deane at South Yarra</i>	<i>Sydney John Deane at Christ Church St Laurence</i>	<i>Sydney John Deane at St James, King St</i>		
Monday					
Tuesday					
Wednesday	<i>South Aus (Prov) Committee Mtg</i>	<i>Brisbane Committee Mtg</i>	<i>Perth Committee Mtg</i>		
Thursday					

January	W/B 1 st	W/B 8 th	W/B 15 th	W/B 22 nd	W/B 29 th
Monday					
Tuesday					
Wednesday			<i>Perth Committee Mtg</i>		
Thursday					
Friday				<i>Armidale Breakfast on the Patio</i>	
Saturday					
Sunday					

February	W/B 1 st	W/B 8 th	W/B 15 th	W/B 22 nd	W/B 29 th
Thursday					
Friday			<i>Brisbane St Francis College</i>		
Saturday	<i>Melbourne Ordination</i>		↓		
Sunday					
Monday					
Tuesday					
Wednesday		<i>Sydney Ash Wednesday, Concord-Burwood Bne Committee Mtg</i>	<i>Perth Committee Mtg</i>		



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