



SPEAKERS' CORNER

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

Dear Diocesan Reps and ABM Speakers,

In October, ABM welcomed to our Sydney Office 3 visitors from our partner the Anglican Church of Kenya: The Venerable Canon Kistos Khisa, the Managing Director of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) and Mr John and Mrs Kaye Corner, the Australian CGS Link Trainers. We thought it would be good to share some of what they told us, so this month's 'Focus on...' section includes a brief summary. For more on their visit, including photos, please visit [the story on our ABM website](#). Next month we'll feature Wangaratta Diocese

October was also a busy month with Synods, Appeals, Mission weekends and much more. Thanks to everyone who has let us know how things went – we love hearing what is happening.

As we always say, God makes great things happen under the banner of ABM – and you all play a critical part in that. So please let us know what's happening, and by the power of the Holy Spirit dwelling within us we will 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 Catechesis of the God Shepherd, Anglican Church of Kenya

Key features of the CGS:

- Uses a Montessori approach
- A special space, the Atrium, is created for children to gather in
- Adapted from Catholic model but expresses unique nature of Anglican Church of Kenya
- Children introduced to Word, Sacrament and Power of the Holy Spirit
- Well trained adults help to guide the children in their learning and to help them follow the leading of the Holy Spirit
- Age appropriate programs guide children through all aspects of faith and life

Key outcomes for children

- For traumatised children "...in the atrium the love of Christ and the influence of the Holy Spirit brings spiritual wholeness"
- 3-6 year olds: repetitive activities about the Good Shepherd's love for them help them discover their innate desire for learning
- 6-9 year olds: learn responsibility and leadership e.g. by leading prayers; helps with their moral development
- 9-13 year olds: guided to deeply consider what they will do for God in the time ahead; they want to help others know Christ.



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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> 8/11 Auxiliary Annual Thanksgiving Day Service and Lunch, St Theodores, Toorak Gardens 25/11 Ordination 2 priests and 1 deacon will receive ABM stoles 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> 27-28 October Diocesan Synod – ABM display table with promotional gifts 2/9: Meagan Schwarz spoke at Martyrs Day Service, St Cuthbert's, Prospect with 40 people.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Armidale</p> <p><u>Upcoming</u> 22/11 - ABM Fellowship Fundraising Luncheon at St. Mary's West Armidale</p> <p><u>Reports</u> 7-8 October: Cathedral Missions Weekend – Robert McLean spoke at Mission Dinner, and 2 Sunday Services 22-24 September: Synod, ABM promotional material given to Synod members 3/9: Martyrs Day Service, St Mary's West Armidale</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><u>Upcoming</u> Nothing scheduled Awaiting appointment of new Dio Rep</p> <p><u>Reports</u> 15-17 September: Synod – no ABM presence</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Bendigo</p> <p><u>Upcoming</u> 9/11 Coaldrake Award presentation 11/11 Ordinations – 3 priests and 1 deacon will receive ABM stoles 14/11 Auxiliary AGM – Michael Hopkins guest speaker</p> <p><u>Reports</u> 3/9 Martyrs Day remembered in prayers and sermon at Castlemaine, Maryborough/Avoca and Northern Mallee Parishes</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Brisbane (Southern QLD)</p> <p><u>Upcoming</u> 1/11 Ash-Lee, YA*, South East Brisbane 5/11 Fr Ken, Stanthorpe Parish 8/11 Committee meeting 23/11 Coaldrake Award Presentations, Holy Trinity, Fortitude Valley 2/12 Ordination 8 Deacons and 9 Priests will receive ABM stoles 13/12 Committee meeting</p> <p><u>Reports</u> 29/10 Fr Ken, Bulimba Parish 27/10 Ash-Lee, YA, Gatton Parish 22/10 Ash-Lee, YA, Booval Parish 11/10: Committee meeting 4/10: Ash-Lee, YA, St John's Cathedral</p>



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DIOCESAN HAPPENINGS	
	22-24 September: Synod – ABM display table and motion. 13/9 Committee meeting 7/9: Ash-Lee, Youth Ambassador, spoke to 8 Clergy at Gold Coast Deanery gathering
Bunbury	Canberra & Goulburn
<u>Upcoming</u> 25/11 Ordination – stoles to be given to ordinands <u>Reports</u> 6-8 October: Synod	<u>Upcoming</u> 25/11 Ordination – stoles to be given to ordinands <u>Reports</u> 6-8 October: Synod – ABM promotional items given out at Synod 3/9: Martyrs Day remembered during regular services, St John’s Reid
Gippsland	Grafton
<u>Upcoming</u> Nothing scheduled Awaiting appointment of new Dio Rep <u>Reports</u> 3/9: Martyrs Day remembered during regular services, in some parishes	<u>Upcoming</u> 4/11 Committee meeting (+Sarah Chair) November and December Meetings with Ministry and Mission Regions (MMR) Committees February 2018 talk to Clergy Conference 26/5 2018: Fundraising Lunch - +Cam guest speaker <u>Reports</u> Committee forming to support Janice Meetings with MMR Committees
Melbourne	Newcastle
<u>Upcoming</u> 20/11 Committee meeting 25/11 Ordination – stoles to be given to ordinands 3/2 Ordination – stoles to be given to ordinands <u>Reports</u> 19-21 October: Synod magnetic clips and other items to give away at display table 16/10 Committee meeting 16/9 – St Matthew’s Cheltenham 150 th Anniversary Celebrations. ABM items in bags	<u>Upcoming</u> 3-5 November: Synod <u>Reports</u> 7-8 August: Julianne Stewart spoke at MU Event at New Lambton and Umina Parishes
North Queensland	North West Australia
<u>Upcoming</u> Nothing scheduled <u>Reports</u> No news	<u>Upcoming</u> Nothing scheduled <u>Reports</u> No news



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Perth	Riverina
<p><u>Upcoming</u> Nothing scheduled</p> <p><u>Reports</u> 6-8 October: Synod 18/10: Committee meeting</p>	<p><u>Upcoming</u> Nothing scheduled</p> <p><u>Reports</u> No news</p>
Rockhampton (Central QLD)	Sydney
<p><u>Upcoming</u> 2/12 Ordinations 2 priests and 3 deacons will receive stoles</p> <p><u>Reports</u> No news</p>	<p><u>Upcoming</u> Committee meetings</p> <p><u>Reports</u> 9-10 and 16-17 October: Synod 2/9 Martyrs Day Service, St Alban's Epping. Fr Peter Yeats spoke to 65 people Committee meetings</p>
Tasmania	The Murray
<p><u>Upcoming</u> 21/11 Committee Meeting and AGM</p> <p><u>Reports</u> 1/10 – St John's Devonport, Warwick Cuthbertson guest preacher and display 23/9: Bishop's Training Day – ABM Committee set up display table with items given away</p>	<p><i>See also Provincial Happenings - South Australia</i></p> <p><u>Upcoming</u> 2/12 Ordinations – 3 Deacons will received ABM Stoles</p> <p><u>Reports</u> No news</p>
The Northern Territory	Wangaratta
<p><u>Upcoming</u> Nothing scheduled</p> <p><u>Reports</u> No news</p>	<p><u>Upcoming</u> Nothing scheduled</p> <p><u>Reports</u> No news</p>
Willochra	
<p><i>See also Provincial Happenings - South Australia</i></p> <p><u>Upcoming</u> Nothing scheduled</p> <p><u>Reports</u> No news</p>	



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PROVINCIAL HAPPENINGS	
New South Wales	Queensland
<u>Upcoming</u> Nothing scheduled <u>Reports</u> No news	<u>Upcoming</u> May 2018 Provincial ABM Gathering <u>Reports</u> No news
South Australia	Tasmania
<u>Upcoming</u> 6/12 Committee meeting <u>Reports</u> 27-29 Oct – Synod	<u>Upcoming</u> Nothing scheduled <u>Reports</u> No news
Victoria	Western Australia
<u>Upcoming</u> Nothing scheduled <u>Reports</u> No news	<u>Upcoming</u> Nothing scheduled <u>Reports</u> No news

NATIONAL HAPPENINGS
<u>Upcoming</u> ABM Board Meetings: 2017 30 Nov, 2018 9-10 Mar, 1-2 Jun, 14-15 Sept, 30 Nov-1 Dec ABM Board/Staff Day: 1 Dec <u>Reports</u> 13/10 Visit by Catechesis 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 15/9 ABM Board Dinner - The Reverend Victor Joseph, Principal of Wontulp-Bi-Buya Theological College in Cairns, spoke to guests at the annual dinner 13-14 September: National Auxiliary Council Meeting, Sydney. Reps from Diocesan Auxiliaries met in Sydney 3-8 September: General Synod – ABM represented by staff and with display table and promotional items given to all Synod members.



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AT A GLANCE CALENDAR

November	W/B 1 st	W/B 8 th	W/B 15 th	W/B 22 nd	W/B 29 th
Wednesday	Brisbane YA Talk	Brisbane Committee mtg Adelaide Auxiliary Service and Lunch		Armidale ABM Fellowship lunch	
Thursday		Bendigo Coaldrake Awards		Brisbane – Coaldrake Awards	ABM Board Mtg
Friday	Newcastle – Synod				
Saturday	Grafton Committee Mtg	Bendigo Ordinations		Ordinations – Bunbury, C&G, Melbourne, Adelaide	
Sunday					
Monday			Melbourne Committee Mtg		
Tuesday		Bendigo Auxiliary AGM	Tasmania Committee Mtg		

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 Brisbane, The Murray, Rockhampton				
Sunday	Adelaide St Andrew's Tide Prayer for Mission Melbourne Ordination				
Monday					
Tuesday					
Wednesday	South Aus (Prov) Committee Mtg	Brisbane Committee Mtg			
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					
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Friday					
Saturday					
Sunday					



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