



## ***SPEAKERS' CORNER***

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

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Ordinations and stoles have been on our minds and to-do lists this past month: perhaps "Ordination Season" is a better name for this time of year?!

But what a joy it has been to help you give stoles to such a large number of ordinands! Thank you for helping ABM to acknowledge their achievements and promote ABM at the beginning of their ministry. We'd love any photos or stories from these events: we can share stories or Facebook posts or write our own if you supply the photos and details. Thank you also for your responses to our Stoles Survey so that we can continue this 'Ministry of the Stoles' across our Church.

This month we farewell one long time Dio Rep, welcome a new one and congratulate another. After more than 6 yrs, Val Gribble is stepping down as Co-Dio Rep for Central Queensland Diocese (formerly Rockhampton Diocese), to focus more on the Diocesan relationship with PNG and her work with Girl Friendly Society (GFS). We wish her well and give thanks to God for her faithful service. We joyfully welcome Rev Peter Tinney as Dio Rep for Newcastle and Chair of the newly formed Diocesan ABM Working Group. Finally, if you haven't heard already, our NT Dio Rep, Keith, has been elected as the next Bishop of Nth Qld. Well done! May we all pray for those Dioceses seeking new Dio Reps in 2019.

Planning is already underway for the Dio Reps Conference in July in Sydney and resources for 2019 Synods. If you know any significant dates for your Diocese, please do let me know ASAP.

I pray you all have a wonderful Advent, Christmas and New Year with your family, friends and parishes. *Pax et bonum*

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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 ORDINATIONS AND STOLES***

**Some statistics on the giving of stoles in 2018(compared with 2017) – correct as of end November**

- # of Diocese distributing stoles: **15 (16)**
- # of stoles given to ordinands: **87 (101)**
- # of Bishops receiving a stole: **4 (3)**

### ***APPEALS UPDATE***

#### ***ADVENT and CHRISTMAS APPEALS***

Materials for Advent and Christmas Appeals should all have arrived in parishes this past week. All resources are able to be downloaded from the [Appeals Website](#).

# AROUND THE TRAPS\*

<b>DIOCESAN HAPPENINGS</b>		
<b>Diocese</b>	<b>Upcoming</b>	<b>Reports (prev 2 months)</b>
<b>Adelaide</b> <i>See also South Australia</i>	<b>2/12 Coaldrake Award</b> , Christ Church, Nth Adelaide <b>3/2</b> Meagan speaking at St Martin's Campbelltown	8/11 Auxiliary Thanksgiving Day, St Theodore's Toorak Gardens Oct-Nov Auxiliary Christmas Pudding fundraiser 19-21 Oct Synod 5/10 Auxiliary Afternoon Tea, St Andrew's Walkerville. Fr Michael and Janice Whiting guest speakers
<b>Armidale</b>	Nothing scheduled <i>Awaiting appointment of new Dio Rep</i>	No news
<b>Ballarat</b>	Nothing scheduled	31/10 AWG Fundraising Lunch for ABM 26-27 October Synod items to be distributed
<b>Bathurst</b>	<b>15/12</b> Ordination to Priest – stole to be given <i>Awaiting appointment of new Dio Rep</i>	No news
<b>Bendigo</b>	<b>1/12</b> Ordination to Deacon – stole to be given	No news
<b>Brisbane (Southern QLD)</b>	<b>1/12</b> Ordinations: 6 Deacons and 7 Priests to receive stoles and info packs <b>19/12</b> St John's Cathedral Booklet launch – includes PNG Martyrs <b>Dec TBC</b> Greg Henderson speaking, Parishes of Maranoa Warrego & Mitchell <b>TBC</b> ABM Trivia Night, St Alban's Wilston <b>Coaldrake Award Presentations</b> none planned <b>Committee meetings</b> 12/12, 13/2 <b>Auxiliary meetings</b> Start February 2019	November Archbishops November Appeal 18/11 Speaking engagements: Ken at Mudgeeraba 10-11/11 Arthur speaking at Grovely Parish 5-7/10 Synod, display table and items to be given to Synod members; 76kg of stamps collected; \$220 raised through sales of food and craft / art items <i>Coaldrake Award Presentations: Committee meetings: 14/11, 10/10 Auxiliary meetings: 16/11, 19/10</i>
<b>Bunbury</b>	Nothing scheduled	5-7 Oct Synod
<b>Canberra &amp; Goulburn</b>	<b>Feb 2019</b> Speaking Request from Good Shepherd Curtin	24/11 Stoles presented to 2 newly ordained priests
<b>Gippsland</b>	<i>Awaiting appointment of new Dio Rep</i>	Met with Bishop to discuss ABM matters esp. giving of stoles
<b>Grafton</b>	Nothing scheduled	No news
<b>Melbourne</b>	<b>Date TBC</b> Brett Collins speaking at St Margaret's Eltham <b>17/2 2019 ABM Lenten Appeal Launch</b> , Christ Church South Yarra	17-20 October Synod – display table and items distributed to members <i>Committee Meetings: nil</i>

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<b>Diocese</b>	<b>Upcoming</b>	<b>Reports (prev 2 months)</b>
	<b>Committee meetings:</b> 3/12, 4/2, 25/3, 6/5, 24/6, 5/8, 23.9, 4/11	
<b>Newcastle</b>	<b>1/12</b> Ordinations of 4 Deacons to priesthood	26/11 Diocesan ABM Working Group formed – Rev Peter Tinney, Chair 26-27 Oct Synod, ABM lanyards used
<b>North Queensland</b>	Nothing scheduled	November Stoles sent to Priests and Deacons ordained earlier in 2018
<b>North West Australia</b>	Nothing scheduled <i>No Dio Rep appointed</i>	No news
<b>Perth</b>	<b>1/12</b> Ordinations <b>Committee meeting:</b> date TBC	5-7 Oct Synod items distributed
<b>Riverina</b>	Nothing scheduled <i>Awaiting appointment of new Dio Rep</i>	No news
<b>Rockhampton (Central QLD)</b>	Nothing scheduled	30/11 2 newly ordained priests received stoles
<b>Sydney</b>	<b>December</b> Committee meeting <b>7/9/2019</b> Martyrs Day, St Paul's Burwood	18/10 Committee Meeting
<b>Tasmania</b>	Nothing scheduled	22/11 AGM and Committee Meeting
<b>The Murray</b> <i>See also South Australia</i>	Nothing scheduled	No news
<b>The Northern Territory</b>	Nothing scheduled	No news
<b>Wangaratta</b>	<b>2/2/19</b> Ordination as Deacon – stole to be presented	No news
<b>Willochra</b> <i>See also South Australia</i>	Nothing scheduled	

<b>PROVINCIAL HAPPENINGS</b>		
<b>Province</b>	<b>Upcoming</b>	<b>Reports*</b>
<b>New South Wales</b>	Nothing scheduled	No news
<b>Queensland</b>	Nothing scheduled	No news
<b>South Australia</b>	Nothing Schedules	No news Committee Meetings: 7/11
<b>Tasmania</b>	Nothing scheduled	No news
<b>Victoria</b>	Nothing scheduled	No news
<b>Western Australia</b>	Nothing scheduled	No news

<b>NATIONAL HAPPENINGS</b>
<p><u>Upcoming</u>  <b>ABM Board Meetings, Sydney: 2018</b> 30 Nov-1 Dec  <b>ABM Board/Staff Day, Sydney</b> 30 Nov</p> <p><u>Reports</u>  30/11 ABM Board /Staff Day, Sydney</p>

# **AT A GLANCE CALENDAR**

<b>December</b>	W/B 1 <sup>st</sup>	W/B 8 <sup>th</sup>	W/B 15 <sup>th</sup>	W/B 22 <sup>nd</sup>	W/B 29 <sup>th</sup>
Saturday	Ordinations <i>Bne, Perth, Bendigo, Newcastle</i>		<i>Bathurst</i> Ordination		
Sunday	<i>Adl</i> Coaldrake				
Monday	<i>Melb</i> C'ttee Mtg				
Tuesday					
Wednesday		<i>Bne</i> C'ttee Mtg	<i>Bne</i> Cathedral Booklet Launch		
Thursday					
Friday					
<b>January</b>	W/B 1 <sup>st</sup>	W/B 8 <sup>th</sup>	W/B 15 <sup>th</sup>	W/B 22 <sup>nd</sup>	W/B 29 <sup>th</sup>
Tuesday					
Wednesday					
Thursday					
Friday					
Saturday					
Sunday					
Monday					
<b>February</b>	W/B 1 <sup>st</sup>	W/B 8 <sup>th</sup>	W/B 15 <sup>th</sup>	W/B 22 <sup>nd</sup>	W/B 29 <sup>th</sup>
Friday					
Saturday	<i>Wangaratta</i> Ordination				
Sunday	<i>Adl</i> Speaker		<i>Melb</i> Lenten Launch		
Monday	<i>Melb</i> C'ttee Mtg				
Tuesday					
Wednesday		<i>Bne</i> C'ttee Mtg			
Thursday					

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