

SPEAKERS' CORNER

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

Lenten Greetings from ABM!

I've been working my way through ABM's Lenten Studies and 'Into the Desert' and am thankful for the amazing work ABM is doing in so many areas. If anyone ever asks you 'What's so special/different about ABM?' then simply show them these resources and I think that will answer their question.

This month we continue to promote the Lent Appeal and prepare for the Good Friday Gift and Easter Appeal. It is not too late to promote the Lent Appeal throughout your Diocese or to extend an invitation to Parishes to request an ABM speaker. Whenever possible it is best to fill a speaking request with a local speaker. We can provide the information and other resources for that speaker to use.

As I've read through people's comments after they've spoken at a parish, I'm reminded that much of our work is to plant seeds in people's hearts and minds. But we mustn't forget that God also requires us to be *gardeners* – and so I encourage you to water, prune and weed those seeds by writing something for your Diocesan magazine or newsletter promoting the wonderful resources we have.

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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 – Armidale Diocese

St Peter's Cathedral Parish ABM Fellowship

- Started in 1975 with over 40 members
- 10 members now form the committee with strong support from Cathedral and St Mary's West Armidale Parishes
- Raised \$3,105 in 2017
- Project(s) to be supported decided before functions -leads to more financial support

Fundraisers:

- Australia Day 'Breakfast on the Patio' – since 2014
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast on Sunday before Lent – since 2017
- Seder Meal on Maundy Thursday
- Martyrs' Day Breakfast at St. Mary's on Sunday nearest Martyrs' Day
- Music and Mulled Wine Evening
- Breakfasts after church at St. Mary's
- Soup and Damper meals with Guest Speaker
- High Tea every second year with Guest Speaker
- Special Lunches with Guest Speaker

Annual Missions Dinner and Sunday Presentations

- Joint between ABM, CMS, BCA, and Bible Society with speakers rotated each year. ABM was invited speaker in 2017 – Robert McLean spoke at various formal and informal events
- Agencies bring videos and have displays

APPEALS UPDATE

Good Friday and Easter Gifts

“EDUCATING OUR PARTNERS FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE”

Projects supported:

❖ **THE GOOD FRIDAY GIFT - Celebrating a Centenary**

For 100 years ABM supporters have given to the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East. This year the GFG supports a range of projects across 3 Dioceses

❖ **THE EASTER GIFT**

Supports St John’s Seminary, Zambia, so that passionate, dedicated people may spread the Gospel and strengthen the Church across Zambia and beyond.

Details of all projects available from

[Appeals page](#)

AROUND THE TRAPS*

DIOCESAN HAPPENINGS

Diocese	Upcoming	Reports*
<i>* Reports only cover previous 2 month period</i>		
Adelaide <i>See also South Australia</i>	Feb-Mar Auxiliary fundraisers: making palm crosses and selling “Spring Flowering Bulbs” 16/3 Auxiliary AGM, St Saviour’s Glen Osmond 2/5 Auxiliary Film Morning fundraiser at Capri Theatre “Finding Your Feet” 2/9 Martyrs Day / Coaldrake Award Event details TBC	3/12 'St Andrew’s Tide Prayer for Mission', St Matthew’s Kensington
Armidale	29/3 Seder Meal Maundy Thursday	11/2 Pancake Breakfast at St Mary’s, in lieu of Shrove Tuesday, 19 people, raised \$245 26/1 3 rd Annual "Breakfast on the Patio" at home of Bill and Judy Howarth, 21 people, raised \$235
Ballarat	14/4 Ordination of 4 Deacons, stoles and info packs to be presented	No news
Bathurst	<i>Awaiting appointment of new Dio Rep</i> Nothing scheduled	2/12 Ordinations 4 Priests and 2 Deacons will receive an ABM information pack
Bendigo	Nothing scheduled	13/2 Shrove Tues Fundraiser, Cohuna Parish
Brisbane (Southern QLD)	3-4/3 2xACOM Visitors in Bne Dio for WASH Conference 11/3 Speaking engagement Greg H at Kawana Waters 14/4 Mission Support Breakfast , St Andrew’s Lutwyche 14/4 Consecration Most Rev John Roundhill	16/2 Sarah G and Stephen H spent time with 18 St Francis College students 16/2 Auxiliary Meeting 14/2 Committee Meeting 13/12 Committee meeting 2/12 Ordination 8 Deacons and 9 Priests received ABM stoles

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	15/4 Coaldrake Award Presentation St John's Cathedral, Anne Street, Brisbane May ABM Trivia Night, St Alban's Wilston 10/6 Maryborough Auxiliary Centenary Service Celebration, with John Deane Committee meetings 14/3, 11/4, 9/5, 13/6, 11/7, 8/12, 12/9, 10/10, 14/11, 12/12 Auxiliary meetings 16/3, 20/4, 18/5, 15/6, 20/7, 17/8, 21/9, 19/10, 16/11	
Bunbury	Nothing scheduled	No news
Canberra & Goulburn	1/7 Invitation to speak at St Albans Woden	No news
Gippsland	<i>Awaiting appointment of new Dio Rep</i> Nothing scheduled	No news
Grafton	May Mission & Ministry Region South meeting 26/5 Fundraising Lunch - +Cam guest speaker	23/2 Informal meeting with +Sarah to discuss way forward for ABM in Grafton 4/2 Discernment Synod – ABM display table 2/2 Installation of Dean of Cathedral – ABM stole be presented 3/2 Special Synod – ABM display table December Meetings with Ministry and Mission Regions (MMR) Committees – dates
Melbourne	Committee meetings: April TBA, 7/5, 25/6, 6/8, 3/9, 22/10, 3/12	18/2 Lenten Appeal Launch, Christ Church South Yarra 5/2 Committee meeting 3/2 Ordination – stoles to be given to 20 Deacons at post ordination meeting 3/2 John Deane preaching Christ Church, Sth Yarra
Newcastle		2/2 Installation of new Diocesan Bishop – ABM Stole presented 9/12 Ordinations – 5 priests and 1 deacon received stoles
North Queensland	Nothing scheduled	No news
North West Australia	Nothing scheduled	No news
Perth	18/3 Speaking Engagement Ven Lionel Snell speaking at St Andrews Anglican parish, Riverton - Shelley	24/1 Ordinations – 4 Deacons will receive a stole and info pack 2/12 Ordinations -
Riverina	Nothing scheduled	No news
Rockhampton (Central QLD)	18-20 May Synod	2/12 Ordinations 2 priests and 3 deacons received stoles

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Sydney	Nothing scheduled	28/2 Sydney Auxiliary Meeting 25/2 Moya Holle spoke to 53 people at Sth Hurstville 14/2 ABM Ash Wednesday Service and Lunch, John Deane spoke, St Luke's Concord-Burwood 1/2 Committee Meeting 28/1 John Deane preached , St James King Street 21/1 Moya Holle spoke to 98 people at St Paul's Burwood 17/12 John Deane preached, St James Kings St, Sydney 10/12 John Deane preached, Christ Church St Laurence, Sydney
Tasmania	Nothing scheduled	No news
The Murray <i>See also South Australia</i>	25-26 May Synod	2/12 Ordinations – 3 Deacons received ABM Stoles
The Northern Territory	29 May-1 June Diocesan Festival	21/2 Alice Springs Christian Minister's Fellowship Ecumenical Lenten Services Celia Kemp spoke on 'Into the Desert'
Wangaratta	22-23 June Synod	No news
Willochra <i>See also South Australia</i>	3/2 Ordination 2 Deacons will receive stoles	No news

PROVINCIAL HAPPENINGS		
Province	Upcoming	Reports*
New South Wales	Nothing scheduled	No news
Queensland	Nothing scheduled	No news
South Australia	4 April Committee Meeting	6/12 Committee meeting 9/2 Committee Meeting
Tasmania	Nothing scheduled	No news
Victoria	Nothing scheduled	No news
Western Australia	Nothing scheduled	No news

NATIONAL HAPPENINGS

Upcoming

ABM Board Meetings, Sydney: 2018 9-10 Mar, 1-2 Jun, 14-15 Sept, 30 Nov-1 Dec

Transforming Service Conference, Melbourne 12 April

National Auxiliary Council Meeting, Sydney 12-13 September

ABM Board Dinner, Sydney 14 September

ABM Board/Staff Day, Sydney 30 Nov

Reports – Board meeting and staff day held in December

AT A GLANCE CALENDAR

<i>March</i>	W/B 1 st	W/B 8 th	W/B 15 th	W/B 22 nd	W/B 29 th
Thursday					Armidale Seder Meal
Friday		ABM Board Meeting	↓	Adelaide Auxiliary AGM Bne Auxiliary Mtg	
Saturday					
Sunday			Perth Speaking Engagement		
Monday					
Tuesday					
Wednesday		Bne C'ttee Mtg			
<i>April</i>	W/B 1 st	W/B 8 th	W/B 15 th	W/B 22 nd	W/B 29 th
Sunday			Brisbane Coaldrake Award		
Monday					
Tuesday					
Wednesday	SA Prov C'ttee Mtg	Bne C'ttee Mtg			
Thursday		Transforming Service Conference			
Friday			Bne Auxiliary Mtg		
Saturday		Brisbane Mission Support Breakfast; Consecration Ballarat Ordinations			
<i>May</i>	W/B 1 st	W/B 8 th	W/B 15 th	W/B 22 nd	W/B 29 th
Tuesday					Nthn Territory Diocesan Festival
Wednesday	Adelaide Auxiliary Film Morning	Bne C'ttee Mtg			↓
Thursday					

Friday			<i>Rockhampton Synod Bne Auxiliary Mtg</i>	<i>The Murray Synod</i>	
Saturday				<i>Grafton Fundraising Lunch</i>	
Sunday					
Monday	<i>Melb C'ttee Mtg</i>				

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Tasmania	VACANT
South Australia	Ms Emma Riggs
Victoria	The Very Rev'd John Roundhill
Western Australia	Mrs Claire Duffy (Barrett-Lennard)