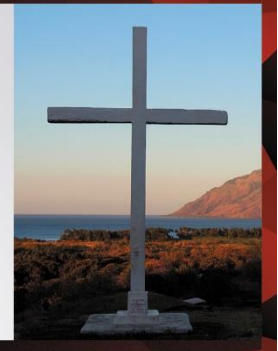




SPEAKERS' CORNER

Your internal newsletter for ABM happenings around the country



Easter: a new life and a new-look!

Welcome to the new-look Speakers' Corner! I know it's still Lent and that usually means reflectively awaiting Jesus' death and resurrection with no Halleluias, Glorias etc., so please excuse our anticipation of that celebration of new life to come in 3 weeks time. Thank you to those who provided input into this new look and format and we hope it makes for an easier and more enjoyable reading experience. Your feedback is welcome.

Our 'Focus on...' section features the Lenten Appeal Launches held in Sydney and Melbourne. Annual appeal launches like these are a great way to build and maintain support for ABM and our important appeals. Well done to all involved. Please let me know if something happened in your diocese and it's not included here.

April is also when we farewell The Rev'd Ken Spreadborough as the long serving and hard working Chair of the Brisbane ABM Committee. Ken feels very blessed to have shared time with other Dio Reps at Conferences and has enjoyed immensely the privilege of visiting parishes on ABM's behalf. And we say, Thank you Ken. I'm pleased to share with you all that The Rt Rev'd Bill Ray has been appointed to replace Ken as the new Chair for the Committee and will commence in May. I know you will all welcome Bill into the role and we look forward to seeing him at the Conference in July.

Focus on 2019 Lenten Appeal Launches

This year, 2 Diocesan Committees organised Lenten Appeal Launches. Each took a slightly different approach but both aimed to promote the Lent Appeal specifically and engage people in ABM's work more generally. Melbourne invited a theologian to reflect on mission, while Sydney invited ABM staff to present more specifically on the projects featured. Both involved a time of gathering around a shared meal to allow connections to form and strengthen between ABM supporters. You can read their full stories here: [Melbourne Lenten Appeal Launch](#) and [Sydney Lenten Appeal Launch](#). There are many ways to organise and hold such events to suit geographically larger dioceses and where there is only a single Diocesan Rep, so don't be put off organising an appeal launch in the future. It would be wonderful to see more such launches around Australia and for different appeals. Please talk to Meagan if you are interested.

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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.

Appeals Update - LENT, GOOD FRIDAY and EASTER GIFT APPEALS

LENT APPEAL - Full information available from [2019 Lent Appeal](#)

St John's Anglican Seminary, Zambian Anglican Church
The Aboriginal And Torres Strait Islander Mission Fund with NATSIAC
Gender & Governance Initiative In Zambia, Zambian Anglican Church

GOOD FRIDAY and EASTER GIFT - Full information available from [2019 Good Friday and Easter Gift](#)

Through education, we can change the lives of our Partners.

St Luke's Rehabilitation Centre in Lebanon - Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem
ABM's Encounter Program

Around the Traps

Diocesan happenings

Diocese	Upcoming	Reports (prev 2 months)
Adelaide <i>See also South Australia</i>	12 May Meagan speaking at St Richard's Lockleys	3 Feb Meagan spoke to 65 people at St Martin's Campbelltown
Armidale	Nothing scheduled <i>Awaiting appointment of new Dio Rep</i>	ABM received the sad news that the Rev'd Bill Howarth died on 16 February
Ballarat	4 May 2 priests and 1 deacon to be ordained and given stoles 25-26 October Synod	No news
Bathurst	Nothing scheduled <i>Awaiting appointment of new Dio Rep</i>	No news
Bendigo	7 April Ordination – stoles and info packs to be sent to 2 ordinands 24-25 May Synod	No news
Bunbury	Plans underway for Coaldrake Award presentations to be made	16 Feb 2 priests and 1 deacon receive d stoles at their ordinations
Canberra & Goulburn	6 April Consecration of Rev Dr Mark Short as Bishop 30 June Sarah Macneil speaking at Launch of St Paul's Manuka's partnership with ABM for Reconciliation 6-8 September Synod	3 Feb Sarah Macneil spoke to 140 people at Good Shepherd, Curtin 25 Feb 4 Deacons to receive stoles at their ordination
Central Qld (Rockhampton)	17-19 May Synod, John Deane speaking and presenting Coaldrake Award	No news
Gippsland	<i>Awaiting appointment of new Dio Rep</i> 17-19 May Synod 30 June Stratford Parish speaker request 24 August Ordination – stole and info pack to be presented	No news
Grafton	5 April Janice meeting with Bishop 14-16 June Synod DATE TBC Jackie Draffan speaking at Bellinger Valley Parish	No news

Diocese	Upcoming	Reports (prev 2 months)
Melbourne	Dates TBC Brett Collins speaking at St Margaret's Eltham and St David's Moorabbin Committee meetings: 6/5, 24/6, 5/8, 23/9, 4/11	17 Feb ABM Lenten Appeal Launch, Christ Church South Yarra Committee Meetings: 4/2, 18/3
Newcastle	DATES TBC Speaking engagements at Thornton and Belmont parishes 13 – 15 August Diocesan Leaders (Clergy) Conference Working Group Meetings: 4 April, 6 June, 1 August, 3 October	No news
North Queensland	Nothing scheduled	31 March Stole presented to The Rt Rev Dr Keith Joseph at his consecration
North West Australia	Nothing scheduled <i>No Dio Rep appointed</i>	No news
Perth	11-13 Oct Synod Committee meeting: date TBC	25 Feb 4 deacons ordained
Riverina	15 June Consecration of The Very Rev Donald Kirk as Bishop <i>Awaiting appointment of new Dio Rep</i>	No news
Southern Qld (Brisbane)	28-30 June Synod TBC Greg Henderson speaking, Parishes of Maranoa Warrego & Mitchell TBC ABM Trivia Night, St Alban's Wilston Coaldrake Award Presentations none planned Committee meetings 10/4, 8/5, 12/6, 10/7, 14/8, 11/9, 9/10, 13/11, 11/12 Auxiliary meetings March, April, May, June, July, Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec	10 March Ken spoke to 65 parishioners at Algester Parish <i>Coaldrake Award Presentations: nil</i> Committee meetings: 13/2, 13/3 Auxiliary meetings: February
Sydney	7 Sept Martyrs Day, St Paul's Burwood Committee Meetings: TBC	6 March ABM staff spoke to approx. 20 people at launch of the Lent Appeal, St Luke's Enmore, \$500 raised Committee meetings: 24/1, 28/3
Tasmania	14-15 June Synod TBC June Robert to speak at events organised in and around Hobart Committee Meetings: 14/5, 13/8	2 March Info packs only given with letter inviting ordinands to request stole Committee meeting 12/2
The Murray <i>See also South Australia</i>	24-25 May Synod – display table and SDG motion	No news
The Northern Territory	31 May -2 June Synod <i>Awaiting appointment of new Dio Rep</i>	No news
Wangaratta	29 April possible ordination 16-17 August Synod	2 Feb Stole and info pack presented to newly ordained Deacon

Diocese	Upcoming	Reports (prev 2 months)
Willochra <i>See also South Australia</i>	26-27 Oct Synod	2 Feb Ordinations – stoles and info packs sent to 2 priests and 1 deacon

Provincial happenings

Province	Upcoming	Reports (prev 2 months)
New South Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing scheduled 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No news
Queensland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June Wontulp-Bi-Buya Pilgrimage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No news
South Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 May Committee Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee Meeting: March cancelled
Tasmania	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to Diocesan Happenings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to Diocesan Happenings
Victoria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing scheduled 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No news
Western Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing scheduled 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No news

National happenings

Upcoming

- **ABM Board Meetings 2019** 14-15 June, 13-14 September, 6-7 December
- **6 December** ABM Board/Staff Day, Sydney

Reports

- **15-16 March** Board meeting

Three Months at a Glance ...

April

- 4 Thurs** Newcastle Working Group Meeting
- 5 Fri** Grafton Meeting with the Bishop
- 7 Sun** Bendigo Ordination
- 10 Wed** Brisbane Committee Meeting
- 29 Mon** Wangaratta Ordination – *to be confirmed*

May

- 3 Fri** South Australia Committee Meeting
- 4 Sat** Ballarat Ordinations
- 6 Mon** Canberra and Goulburn Ordinations
Melbourne Committee Meeting
- 8 Wed** Brisbane Committee Meeting
- 12 Sun** Adelaide Speaking engagement
- 14 Tue** Tasmania Committee Meeting
- 17-19 Fri-Sun** Synods Central Queensland, Gippsland
- 24-25 Fri-Sat** Synods Bendigo, The Murray
- 31 Fri** The Northern Territory Synod

June

- 1-2 Sat-Sun** The Northern Territory Synod
- 6 Thu** Newcastle Working Group Meeting
- 12 Wed** Southern Queensland Committee Meeting
- 14-15 Fri-Sat** Tasmania Synod
ABM Board Meeting
- 14-16 Fri-Sun** Grafton Synod
- 15 Sat** Riverina Consecration of new Diocesan Bishop
- 24 Mon** Melbourne Committee Meeting
- 28-20 Fri-Sun** Southern Queensland Synod
- 30 Sun** Speaking Engagements Canberra and Goulburn, Gippsland

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WA	<i>Vacant</i>