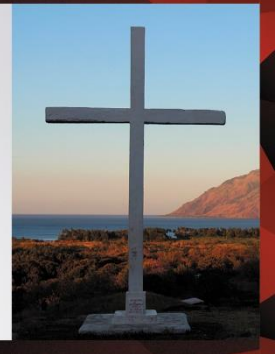




SPEAKERS' CORNER

Your internal newsletter for ABM happenings around the country



O Come, O Come Emmanuel...

In this final issue of Speakers' Corner for 2019, I'd like to say 'Thankyou' to our faithful Diocesan Representatives and all who assist you as you promote our partners' amazing work. ABM couldn't achieve any of that without your ongoing commitment. Thanks also to our dedicated staff, Board and governance committee members. Finally, thanks to our partners, who are our hands and feet in communities where they are most needed. We are all connected to each other in many ways, but most importantly, through prayer. As we journey through Advent, awaiting Emmanuel, may your prayers be full of thanksgiving for the wonderful gifts we already have and seek God's heart for how to share those gifts with others.

One way to share our gifts is to encourage others to join us in God's mission by engaging with our [2019 Advent and Christmas resources](#) and [appeals](#). These are fabulous ways for parishes and individuals to engage meaningfully with God's mission, by providing a powerful antidote to the hyper-commercialisation and consumption driven Christmas fever promoted elsewhere in our communities.

Finally, I'm sincerely excited about the opportunities that await us in 2020. Til then, may you know the peace, hope, joy and love of Christ this Christmas and always.

Focus on Victoria and Tasmania Provincial Meeting

At the July Conference, the Victorian and Tasmania Dio Reps agreed to meet on 26 November to continue their sharing, learning and planning to increase ABM support in their Dioceses. Brett, Meagan and Lyn developed an agenda, and new tools – a Stakeholder Engagement Survey and a 5 Year Parish Giving Analysis – to support Dio Reps in prioritising a range of engagement 'contact' points for 2020, relevant to their Diocese's needs.

The 5 yr Parish Giving analysis is being used by participants to identify which parishes might benefit from a visit or a simple phone call to increase involvement with ABM and giving. It gives a 'bigger' picture to spot patterns and trends, and complements the current rolling report provided. We will progressively share this data with individual Provinces/Dioceses in the next 6 months as part our work in developing our Fundraising Strategy and Plan.

The Engagement Survey showed that Synods and the giving of stoles were consistently used across the Province to engage people in mission. Other areas, such as speakers, parish council visits, communications through diocesan publications etc varied across the Dioceses.

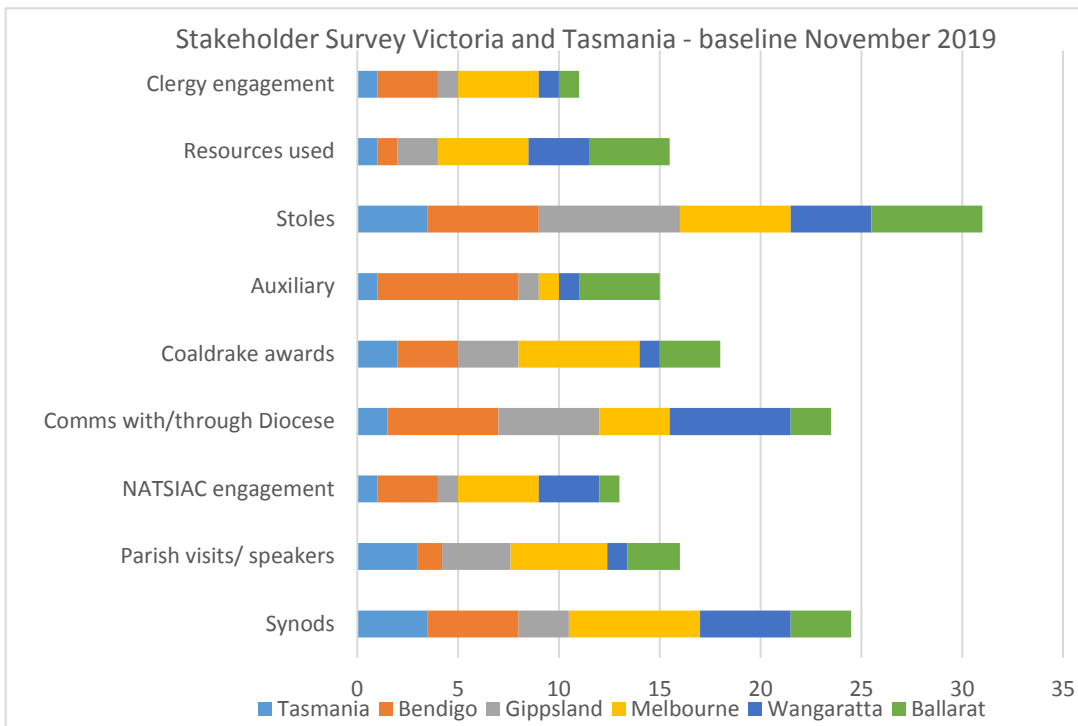
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Speakers' Prayer

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.



We have provided a summary of the results by category of engagement as an example of what was used to generate discussion and the Diocesan plans for 2020. Reflection on the survey results highlighted how different

activities can be linked to each other to provide a coherent strategy to promote ABM across a diocese. We plan to roll out the survey tool in early 2020 for all Diocesan Reps, as a self-reflection measure and a tool to prioritise our efforts.

All present were greatly encouraged by the day, leaving with concrete plans for how to best engage with clergy, parishes and individuals in their dioceses in 2020.

Appeals Update – Advent and Christmas Appeals NOW OPEN

ADVENT APPEAL

Wontulp-Bi-Buya College and Nungalingya College

Wontulp Bi-Buya College in Cairns and Nungalingya College in Darwin empower Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to be leaders with the faith, vision and skills to build up their people, their churches and their communities. Your support will help these ecumenical training colleges deliver quality educational programs appropriate to the contexts and cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from all around Australia.

Sustainable Livelihoods Program, Kenya

This project is bringing real hope for a better future to thousands of subsistence farming families who struggle to put food on the table in the semi-arid Ukamba region of Kenya. You can help to give farmers better access to water, all year round and train those farmers in drought-resistant cropping. Children in the local schools will also be taught about water conservation through an innovative tree-planting scheme. You can put smiles on the faces of Kenyan farmers and their children this Advent.

CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL

St John's Theological Seminary, Zambia

St John's Seminary, located in the northern Zambian city of Kitwe, aims to meet the needs of clergy training for the whole church, regardless of whether the diocese or individual can afford to pay. In order to give access to students from poorer dioceses, the college does not charge for tuition. Your generous gift can help the work of St John's, contributing to strengthening the church in Zambia, this Christmas and well beyond.

Visit [Advent and Christmas Appeals](#) for more details or [Appeals Page](#) for details on all current appeals

Around the Traps

Diocesan happenings

Diocese	Upcoming	Reports (prev 2 months)
Adelaide <i>See also South Australia</i>	2 February Meagan speaking at St Martin's Campbelltown	30 November St Andrew's Prayer for Mission, St Andrew's Walkerville 13 November Auxiliary meeting 8 November Auxiliary Thanksgiving Day, St. Theodore's, Toorak Gardens, Meagan Schwarz spoke to 28 guests 18-20 October Synod – items distributed October Auxiliary Christmas Pudding and Mince Pies fundraising drive
Armidale	Nothing scheduled <i>Awaiting appointment of new Dio Rep</i>	No news
Ballarat	8 February Ordination – stole to be given	25-26 October Synod – items distributed
Bathurst	Nothing scheduled <i>Awaiting appointment of new Dio Rep</i>	No news
Bendigo	Nothing scheduled	30 November 2 deacons and 1 priest received stoles and info packs 12 November 21 people attended annual gathering
Bunbury	Nothing scheduled	4-6 October Synod – items distributed
Canberra & Goulburn	Nothing scheduled	24 November Sarah Macneil spoke to 77 people at Holy Cross Hackett
Central Qld (Rockhampton)	Coming months: several more meetings with parish priests scheduled	September & October Meetings with ABM support group and Bishop David; Presentation of a report on ABM annual conference to Bishop in Council; Presentation of paper to BIC on a way forward for ABM support – followed by extensive discussion at BIC; Meetings with 4 parish priests
Gippsland	Nothing scheduled	<i>New Dio Rep – The Rev'd Amy Turner</i> No news
Grafton	DATE TBC Jackie Draffan speaking at Bellinger Valley Parish	No news
Melbourne	Dates TBC Brett Collins speaking at St Margaret's Eltham 1 December John preaching at Christ Church South Yarra 16 February Launch of Lenten Appeal, Christ Church South Yarra Committee meetings 2020: 3/2, 4/5, 3/8, 7/9, 2/11	16-19 Oct Synod – SDG motion passed, display table and items distributed 6 Oct Brad spoke to 90 people at St John's East Malvern Committee Meetings: 4/11

Diocese	Upcoming	Reports (prev 2 months)
Newcastle	<i>Working Group Meetings: TBA</i>	30 Nov Ordinations to the priesthood 25-26 Oct Synod <i>Working Group Meetings: 3 October</i>
North Queensland	Nothing scheduled	No news
North West Australia	Nothing scheduled <i>No Dio Rep appointed</i>	No news
Perth	Committee meeting: date TBC	30 November Ordinations 11-13 October Synod – John spoke, items distributed, Coaldrake Award presented to Lionel Snell
Riverina	Nothing scheduled <i>Awaiting appointment of new Dio Rep</i>	18-19 October Synod – items distributed
Southern Qld (Brisbane)	7 December Ordinations 14 December Chelmer Parish Mission Breakfast, Tony Naake guest speaker TBC Greg Henderson speaking, Parishes of Maranoa Warrego & Mitchell TBC ABM Trivia Night, St Alban's Wilston Coaldrake Award Presentations none planned Committee meetings 11 Dec, 12 Feb, 22 Apr, 10 Jun, 19 Aug, 14 Oct, 9 Dec Auxiliary meetings TBC	<i>Coaldrake Award Presentations: nil</i> <i>Committee meetings: 9 Oct, 13 Nov</i> <i>Auxiliary meetings: 18 Oct, 15 Nov</i>
Sydney	15 December John preaching at Christ Church St Laurence Committee Meetings: TBC	27 November Sydney Auxiliary Committee end of year meeting. 23 October Sydney Auxiliary Committee meeting. Guest Speaker: Lyn Moorfoot Committee meetings: TBC
Tasmania	Committee Meetings TBC	12 Nov AGM held to elect office bearers: Fr Warwick, Chair and Sue B, Secretary 10 Nov Warwick preached to 34 people at Cressy Committee meeting: 12 Nov
The Murray <i>See also South Australia</i>	Nothing scheduled	20 Oct Meagan spoke with 7 people at St Andrew's Lucindale (Naracoorte)
The Northern Territory	<i>Awaiting appointment of new Dio Rep</i>	
Wangaratta	Nothing scheduled	No news
Willochra <i>See also South Australia</i>	Nothing scheduled	26-27 Oct Synod – items distributed

Provincial happenings

Province	Upcoming	Reports (prev 2 months)
NSW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing scheduled 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No news
Queensland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing scheduled 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No news
South Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing scheduled 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30 November St Andrew's Prayers for Mission 6 November Committee Meeting Committee Meeting: 6 November
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"> 26 November 4 Dioceses represented at Provincial Gathering
Western Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing scheduled 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No news

National happenings

Upcoming

- **5 December** ABM Marketing & Fundraising Committee Meeting
- **6 December** ABM Board/Staff Day, Sydney
- **6-7 December** ABM Board Meetings 2019

Reports

- **No reports**

Three Months at a Glance ...

DECEMBER

- 1 Sun** Melbourne Speaking Engagement
- 5 Thu** National Marketing and Fundraising Committee meeting
- 6 Fri** National Board/Staff day
- 6-7 Fri-Sat** National Board meeting
- 7 Sat** Southern Qld Ordinations
- 11 Wed** Southern Qld Committee Meeting
- 14 Sat** Southern Qld Speaking Engagement
- 15 Sun** Sydney Speaking Engagement
- 24 Tue** National ABM Office closes for Christmas/New Year

JANUARY

- 2 Thu** National ABM Office opens

FEBRUARY

- 2 Sun** Adelaide Speaking Engagement
- 3 Mon** Melbourne Committee meeting
- 8 Sat** Ballarat Ordinations
- 12 Wed** Southern Qld Committee Meeting
- 16 Sun** Melbourne Lenten Appeal Launch

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