



SPEAKERS' CORNER

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

Welcome back for another awesome year!

I hope you've all had a chance to rest and relax after the joyous Christmas season. ABM staff took time to rest, but they've also ensured that our mission resources and appeals materials were ready for parishes and individuals for Lent and Easter. Please see below for more information and please do promote these as much as possible.

2019 is already set to be a great year for ABM with work underway for international guest speakers and the Dio Reps Conference. But, of course, the reason why we are so keen to promote ABM is to share the stories of our partners in mission. We can do our work because our Program Staff and Partner staff work so hard! The [2019 Project Book](#) details the amazing work being done. Please encourage parishes to nominate their projects for 2019 and to request ABM speakers. They can also use ABM's new [Partners Praying Together](#) resource to support God's mission through prayer.

We start the year by farewelling Rev Trevor Smith as Dio Rep for Tasmania and welcoming Rev Warwick Cuthbertson. Warwick is not new to ABM and I know you will all welcome him warmly.

Finally, please let me know of any and all ABM related happenings in your Diocese

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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 LENT RESOURCES

ABM has 3 great options for Lenten Studies this year for both group and personal use:

Into the Desert: 40 days of Bible readings, reflections and prayers that will take you on a spiritual journey into the Australian wilderness. Available as an [App](#) and as a [booklet](#).

A Voice In The Wilderness: An 8-part study designed to help the church listen to the Statement from the Heart and to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Christians. Available for [download](#) and as a [booklet](#). Leader's Guide, containing special notes for studying the Statement from the Heart during Lent, is to be released soon.

Sustainable Development: 7 studies, written by former ABM Programs Director Dr Julianne Stewart, bring to life the Global Goals for Sustainable Development through stories from ABM's Partners.

Please promote these studies in your Dioceses as widely as possible!

Further details on all 3 can be found here:

<https://www.abmission.org/resources.php?action=list-items&catId=28>

APPEALS UPDATE

Current Appeals: *Advent and Christmas Appeals* still open – please remind parishes to send in any donations collected during Christmas Services.

Lenten and Easter Appeals and Good Friday Gift: Information on these will be available soon.

Information available from <https://www.abmission.org/appeals.php>

AROUND THE TRAPS*

DIOCESAN HAPPENINGS		
Diocese	Upcoming	Reports (prev 2 months)
Adelaide <i>See also South Australia</i>	3/2 Meagan speaking at St Martin's Campbelltown 12/6 Meagan speaking at St Richard's Lockleys	2/12 Coaldrake Award, Christ Church, Nth Adelaide 8/11 Auxiliary Thanksgiving Day, St Theodore's Toorak Gardens
Armidale	Nothing scheduled <i>Awaiting appointment of new Dio Rep</i>	No news
Ballarat	Nothing scheduled	No news
Bathurst	<i>Awaiting appointment of new Dio Rep</i>	15/12 Ordination as Priest – stole presented No news
Bendigo	Nothing scheduled	1/12 Ordination as Deacon – stole presented
Brisbane (Southern QLD)	TBC Greg Henderson speaking, Parishes of Maranoa Warrego & Mitchell TBC ABM Trivia Night, St Alban's Wilston Coaldrake Award Presentations none planned Committee meetings 13/2, 13/3, 10/4, 8/5, 12/6, 10/7, 14/8, 11/9, 9/10, 13/11, 11/12 Auxiliary meetings Start February 2019	19/12 St John's Cathedral Booklet launch – included PNG Martyrs 1/12 Ordinations: 6 Deacons and 7 Priests received stoles and info packs November Archbishops November Appeal 18/11 Speaking engagements: Ken at Mudgeeraba; Sarah at Gayndah 10-11/11 Arthur speaking at Grovely Parish <i>Coaldrake Award Presentations:</i> <i>Committee meetings:</i> 12/12 <i>Auxiliary meetings:</i> 16/11
Bunbury	16/2 2 priests and 1 deacon to receive stoles at their ordinations	No news
Canberra & Goulburn	3/2 Sarah Macneil speaking at Good Shepherd Curtin 25/2 4 Deacons to receive stoles at their ordination	24/11 Stoles presented to 2 newly ordained priests
Gippsland	<i>Awaiting appointment of new Dio Rep</i> TBC Stratford Parish speaker request	No news
Grafton	Nothing scheduled	No news
Melbourne	Date TBC Brett Collins speaking at St Margaret's Eltham 17/2 2019 ABM Lenten Appeal Launch , Christ Church South Yarra Committee meetings: 4/2, 25/3, 6/5, 24/6, 5/8, 23/9, 4/11	<i>Committee Meetings:</i> 3/12
Newcastle	Nothing scheduled	1/12 Stoles presented to 4 priests after their ordination

DIOCESAN HAPPENINGS		
Diocese	Upcoming	Reports (prev 2 months)
North Queensland	31/3 Consecration of Very Rev Dr Keith Jones as Bishop of North Queensland	November Stoles sent to Priests and Deacons ordained earlier in 2018
North West Australia	Nothing scheduled <i>No Dio Rep appointed</i>	No news
Perth	25/2 4 deacons to be ordained Committee meeting: date TBC	1/12 Stoles presented at Ordinations
Riverina	Nothing scheduled <i>Awaiting appointment of new Dio Rep</i>	No news
Rockhampton (Central QLD)	Nothing scheduled	30/11 2 priests received stoles at their ordination
Sydney	February Committee meeting 7/9/2019 Martyrs Day, St Paul's Burwood	5/12 Committee Meeting - cancelled
Tasmania	Nothing scheduled	22/11 AGM and Committee Meeting
The Murray <i>See also South Australia</i>	Nothing scheduled	27/1 Rev Paul Devenport preached on Australia Day and ABM's mission with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders
The Northern Territory	Nothing scheduled	No news
Wangaratta	2/2 Ordination as Deacon – stole to be presented 29/4 possible ordination	No news
Willochra <i>See also South Australia</i>	Nothing scheduled	No news

PROVINCIAL HAPPENINGS		
Province	Upcoming	Reports*
New South Wales	Nothing scheduled	No news
Queensland	June Wontulp-bi-Buya Pilgrimage	No news
South Australia	Committee Meeting 6/3	No news Committee Meetings: 7/11
Tasmania	Nothing scheduled	No news
Victoria	16-17 Feb Provincial Gathering	No news
Western Australia	Nothing scheduled	No news

NATIONAL HAPPENINGS
<p><u>Upcoming</u> ABM Board Meetings 2019: 15-16 March, 14-15 June, 13-14 September, 6-7 December 6/12 ABM Board/Staff Day, Sydney</p> <p><u>Reports</u> 30/11 ABM Board /Staff Day, Sydney 30/11-1/12 ABM Board Meeting, Sydney</p>

AT A GLANCE CALENDAR

February	W/B 1 st	W/B 8 th	W/B 15 th	W/B 22 nd	W/B 29 th
Friday					
Saturday	Wangaratta Ordination		Bunbury Ordination		
Sunday	Adl, Cbr&Glbrn Speaking Engagements		Melb Lenten Appeal Launch		
Monday	Melb C'ttee Mtg			Perth Ordination	
Tuesday					
Wednesday		Bne C'ttee Mtg			
Thursday					
March	W/B 1 st	W/B 8 th	W/B 15 th	W/B 22 nd	W/B 29 th
Friday					
Saturday					
Sunday					Nth Qld Consecration
Monday				Melb C'ttee Mtg	
Tuesday					
Wednesday		Bne C'ttee Mtg			
Thursday					
April	W/B 1 st	W/B 8 th	W/B 15 th	W/B 22 nd	W/B 29 th
Monday					Wangaratta Ordination TBC
Tuesday					
Wednesday		Bne C'ttee Mtg			
Thursday					
Friday					
Saturday					
Sunday					

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