



SPEAKERS' CORNER

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

"you are dust, and to dust you shall return" Gen3:19

Lent is around the corner and these words will be repeated over and over again on Ash Wednesday as the ashes of last year's palm crosses are marked on foreheads across Australia and around the world. It is one of the many things that connect us to each other in our different dioceses, and with our brothers and sisters in our partner churches; the ultimate beneficiaries of our hard work to raise awareness of and funds for the work ABM does with and through our partners.

It's also particularly poignant as so much of Australia is dusty from lack of rain, covered in ash after recent fires, or clearing away mud after floods. Our prayers are with all who are suffering from one or more of these.

It is always a delight to receive stories from dioceses about how they are fundraising for ABM. I hope you enjoy this small snippet of a story from Tasmania in this issue – appropriately 'earthy' for this time of year. If you know some green thumbs, perhaps this might be a new venture for you in 2019. A fuller story will appear on the ABM website soon. Please do keep sending in snippets, large and small, to share with our broader ABM supporter family.

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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 THE GARDEN STALL, HOLY TRINITY, LAUNCESON

Every year Dennis Mann's garden produces more food than he and his friends and family can eat, freeze, dry, preserve or just give away. No-one likes throwing food away especially if you have raised it. Inspired by a country market garden stall dedicated to selling excess community product, Dennis decided he could do this at Holy Trinity, Launceston. He asked parishioners to plant an extra row of veg, or dedicate a fruit tree branch, and gift the produce to his Garden Stall. From small beginnings, Dennis now holds a stall every fortnight, raising between \$200 and \$350 each time. They also now sell potted plants and herbs as well as homemade jams and preserves. A different ABM project is chosen each year to give the funds to. Dennis says, *"It is all very pleasant and friendly. People like what we are doing, they appreciate the really fresh, organic produce and the price. We set our prices at about half what Coles would charge"*. It's also an excellent 'Outreach' as they tell people about Holy Trinity Church services etc. Anyone willing to take up the challenge?

LENT APPEAL UPDATE

ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN SEMINARY forming and training future clergy in the **Zambian Anglican Church**
THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER MISSION FUND supporting missional activities led by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to build flourishing communities of love, hope and justice.

GENDER & GOVERNANCE INITIATIVE IN ZAMBIA ending child marriage and the conditions of poverty and ignorance, and the low status of women that sustain it.

Full information available from [2019 Lent Appeal webpage](#)

AROUND THE TRAPS*

DIOCESAN HAPPENINGS		
Diocese	Upcoming	Reports (prev 2 months)
Adelaide <i>See also South Australia</i>	12/6 Meagan speaking at St Richard's Lockleys	3/2 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	25-26 October	No news
Bathurst	<i>Awaiting appointment of new Dio Rep</i>	No news
Bendigo	Nothing scheduled	No news
Bunbury	Plans underway for Coaldrake presentations to be made	16/2 stoles and info packs presented to 2 priests and 1 deacon
Canberra & Goulburn	6-8 September Synod	3/2 Sarah Macneil spoke to 140 people at Good Shepherd Curtin
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> May Synod DATE TBC Stratford Parish speaker request	No news
Grafton	14-16 June Synod DATE TBC Janice Peate speaking at Bellinger Valley Parish	No news
Melbourne	Date TBC Brett Collins speaking at St Margaret's Eltham Date TBC Brett Collins speaking at St David's Moorabbin Committee meetings: 18/3, 6/5, 24/6, 5/8, 23/9, 4/11	17/2 2019 ABM Lenten Appeal Launch, Christ Church South Yarra <i>Committee Meetings:</i> 4/2
Newcastle	DATES TBC Speaking engagements at Thornton and Belmont parishes	No news
North Queensland	31/3 Consecration of Very Rev Dr Keith Jones as Bishop of North Queensland	No news
North West Australia	Nothing scheduled <i>No Dio Rep appointed</i>	No news
Perth	11-13 Oct Synod Committee meeting: date TBC	25/2 4 deacons ordained
Riverina	Nothing scheduled <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	19/12 St John's Cathedral Booklet launch – included PNG Martyrs 1/12 Ordinations: 6 Deacons and 7 Priests received stoles and info packs

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	TBC ABM Trivia Night , St Alban's Wilston Coaldrake Award Presentations none planned Committee meetings 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	November Archbishops November Appeal 18/11 Speaking engagements: Ken at Mudgeeraba 10-11/11 Arthur speaking at Grovely Parish <i>Coaldrake Award Presentations:</i> <i>Committee meetings:</i> 13/2 <i>Auxiliary meetings:</i> nil
Sydney	13/3 Launch of the Lent Appeal, St Luke's Enmore, 10am followed by morning tea 7/9 Martyrs Day, St Paul's Burwood	February Committee meeting
Tasmania	2/3 Ordinations – info packs only to be given with letter inviting ordinands to request stole Committee Meetings: 14/5, 13/8, 12	12/2 Committee meeting
The Murray <i>See also South Australia</i>	25-26 May Synod – display table	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	29/4 possible ordination 16-17 August Synod	2/2 Stole and info pack presented to newly ordained Deacon
Willochra <i>See also South Australia</i>	Nothing scheduled	No news

PROVINCIAL HAPPENINGS		
Province	Upcoming	Reports*
New South Wales	Nothing scheduled	No news
Queensland	Nothing scheduled	No news
South Australia	Committee Meeting 6/3	No news Committee Meetings
Tasmania	Nothing scheduled	No news
Victoria	Nothing scheduled	16-17 Feb Provincial Gathering – no update received
Western Australia	Nothing scheduled	No news

NATIONAL HAPPENINGS
<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 <u>Reports</u> No news

AT A GLANCE CALENDAR

March	W/B 1 st	W/B 8 th	W/B 15 th	W/B 22 nd	W/B 29 th
Friday			ABM Board Mtg		
Saturday	Tas Ordinations				
Sunday					Nth Qld Consecration
Monday			Melb C'ttee Mtg		
Tuesday					
Wednesday	Adl C'ttee Mtg	Bne C'ttee Mtg Syd Lenten Appeal Launch			
Thursday					
Friday					
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					
May	W/B 1 st	W/B 8 th	W/B 15 th	W/B 22 nd	W/B 29 th
Wednesday		Bne C'ttee Mtg			
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Friday			Central Qld Synod		
Saturday				The Murray Synod	
Sunday					
Monday	Melb C'ttee Mtg				
Tuesday					

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