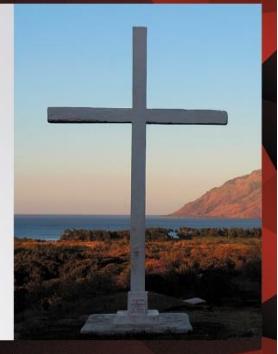




SPEAKERS' CORNER

Your internal newsletter for ABM happenings around the country



People of Hope!

During Holy Week and Easter I was reminded again and again, in different ways, and by different people, that we are people of Hope! Our hope is not based on anything that we can do but solely on the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ – the eternal, living and redeeming Hope. Then, as I returned to work the following week, started preparing a talk to a parish, read updates from our partners, and heard supporter stories from parishes, I realised that the work that you and I do for ABM is founded on, enabled by and witnesses to that Hope. Our 5 Marks of Mission all, in one way or another, point to that Hope: when we *Witness to Christ's saving, forgiving and reconciling love for all people* we witness to that Eteral Hope; when we *Build welcoming, transforming communities of faith* we create places where people can learn about and be changed by that Hope; when we *Stand in solidarity with the poor and needy* we show that Hope endures even when darkness and despair seem to have won; when we *Challenge violence, injustice and oppression, and work for peace and reconciliation* we shine the light and peace of Hope into pain and fear; and even when we *Protect, care for and renew life on our planet* we show that our Hope is not just for a future eternal life, but for our lives lived today and those to come. We do, of course, have many hopes for our work, our families, our parishes, our country and the world, and these may or may not come to fruition. But because we are people of Hope, we can continue to be beacons for the Hope that conquered the grave and continues to live in our hearts. And so I'd like to encourage you all in your work as Diocesan Representatives, even if things are looking a little 'thin on the ground', never forget the Hope that is at work in and through us. May this issue of Speakers' Corner share some of the fruit of that Hope. As always, let me know what else is happening in your diocese so that we can give thanks and continue to uphold each other in prayer.

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Focus on ABM in the Media...Diocesan Media that is!

Each month, Vivienne For and Meagan Schwarz diligently search diocesan publications for mentions of ABM. Here's a snapshot of ABM in diocesan publications for the first quarter of 2019:

Total Mentions: 25 No. of Dioceses: 10 Most common: Lenten Appeal and Lenten/Easter Apps
Dioceses with most mentions: Southern Queensland (8) and Ballarat (7)

A challenge for next quarter: to get at least ONE mention of ABM into EVERY diocese publication.

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

ALL APPEALS STILL OPEN – *time to put reminders in diocesan publications*

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 14 July Meagan speaking at St Aidan's, Payneham	No news
Armidale	Nothing scheduled <i>Awaiting appointment of new Dio Rep</i>	No news
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	24-25 May Synod – ABM materials to be distributed	7 April Ordination – stoles and info packs sent to 2 ordinands
Bunbury	Plans underway for Coaldrake Award presentations to be made	No news
Canberra & Goulburn	30 June Sarah Macneil speaking at Launch of St Paul's Manuka's partnership with ABM for Reconciliation 6-8 September Synod	6 April ABM stoles presented to the Rt Rev Dr Mark Short
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 - ABM display, SDG Motion to go to BIC 30 June Stratford Parish speaker request 24 August Ordination – stole and info pack to be presented	April Interim Dio Rep met with Bishop; SDG motion to go to Bishop in Council for consideration

Diocese	Upcoming	Reports (prev 2 months)
Grafton	14-16 June Synod DATE TBC Jackie Draffan speaking at Bellinger Valley Parish	5 April Janice met with Bishop with positive outcomes for Synod, communications and other matters
Melbourne	25 Aug Coaldrake Award presentation 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	Committee Meetings: 4/2, 18/3
Newcastle	8 May Stole to be presented at ordination and installation of new parish priest DATES TBC Speaking engagements at Thornton and Belmont parishes 13 – 15 August Diocesan Leaders (Clergy) Conference Working Group Meetings: 6 June, 1 August, 3 October	Working Group Meetings: 4 April,
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	No news
Riverina	15 June Consecration of The Very Rev Donald Kirk as Bishop October Synod <i>Awaiting appointment of new Dio Rep</i>	No news
Southern Qld (Brisbane)	8 May John Deane attending Committee meeting 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 8/5, 12/6, 10/7, 14/8, 11/9, 9/10, 13/11, 11/12 Auxiliary meetings 17 May, 21 June, 19 July, 16 Aug, 20 Sept, 18 Oct, 15 Nov	27 Apr Ken spoke to 30 people at Parish of Lutwyche Mission Breakfast 10 March Ken spoke to 65 parishioners at Algester Parish Coaldrake Award Presentations: nil Committee meetings: 13/2, 13/3 10/4, Auxiliary meetings: 15 March, 12 April,
Sydney	7 Sept Martyrs Day, St Paul's Burwood Committee Meetings: TBC	28 April Viv spoke to 30 parishioners at St Luke's Concord-Burwood 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

Diocese	Upcoming	Reports (prev 2 months)
Tasmania	14-15 June Synod – SDG motion to be moved 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 <i>Committee meeting 12/2</i>
The Murray <i>See also South Australia</i>	24-25 May Synod – display table and SDG motion 30 June Meagan Speaking at St Francis', Christies Beach	No news
The Northern Territory	31 May -2 June Synod – ABM items to be distributed, SDG motion to go to BIC <i>Awaiting appointment of new Dio Rep</i>	No news
Wangaratta	29 April possible ordination 16-17 August Synod	No news
Willochra <i>See also South Australia</i>	7-9 June Diocesan Bible and Mission Conference 26-27 Oct Synod	No news

Provincial happenings

Province	Upcoming	Reports (prev 2 months)
New South Wales	• Nothing scheduled	• No news
Queensland	• June Wontulp-Bi-Buya Pilgrimage	• No news
South Australia	• 8 May Committee Meeting	• Committee Meeting: March cancelled
Tasmania	• Refer to Diocesan Happenings	• Refer to Diocesan Happenings
Victoria	• Nothing scheduled	• No news
Western Australia	• Nothing scheduled	• No news

National happenings

Upcoming

- **ABM Board Meetings 2019** 14-15 June, 13-14 September, 6-7 December
- **26-28 July** Diocesan Representatives Conference, Sydney
- **11-12 September** National Auxiliary Conference, Sydney
- **6 December** ABM Board/Staff Day, Sydney

Reports

- **15-16 March** Board meeting - deferred

Three Months at a Glance ...

May

- 4 Sat** Ballarat Ordinations
- 6 Mon** Canberra and Goulburn Ordinations
Melbourne Committee Meeting
- 8 Wed** Southern Queensland Committee Meeting
Newcastle Ordination
South Australia Committee Meeting
- 12 Sun** Adelaide Speaking engagement
- 14 Tue** Tasmania Committee Meeting
- 17 Fri** Southern Queensland Auxiliary 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
- 7-9 Fri-Sun** Willochra Diocesan Bible and Mission Conference
- 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
- 21 Fri** Southern Queensland Auxiliary Meeting
- 24 Mon** Melbourne Committee Meeting
- 28-20 Fri-Sun** Southern Queensland Synod
- 30 Sun** Speaking Engagements Canberra and Goulburn, Gippsland, The Murray

July

- 10 Wed** Southern Queensland Committee Meeting
- 14 Sun** Adelaide Speaking engagement
- 19 Fri** Southern Queensland Auxiliary Meeting
- 26-28 Fri-Sun** National Diocesan Representatives Conference, Sydney

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Vic	<i>To be confirmed</i>
WA	<i>To be confirmed</i>