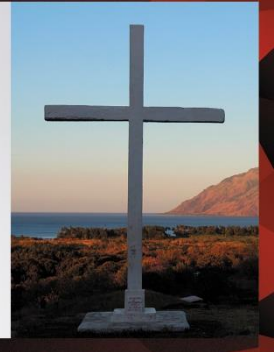




# SPEAKERS' CORNER

Your internal newsletter for ABM happenings around the country



## Telling stories about God's mission

I had the pleasure of visiting Naracoorte earlier this month and spoke to a small but engaged and very appreciative gathering at St Andrew's Lucindale. Gathered around a laptop, over a cup of tea, I told stories from my time in PNG, introducing them to some of the people our partners serve and telling them of the life changing and, in some cases, life saving work that is only possible because people like themselves have donated to ABM over the years. One lady, now in her late 70s, remarked that I was the first ABM speaker to visit Lucindale. While she had supported ABM since she was a little girl, and knew that good things were done, she'd never really felt a part of God's mission. But now she saw that her prayers, her donations to ABM and even her faithful service to her parish and her community, were all part of God's mission. What a blessing!

Telling stories from our partners is a key way in which we can engage people in God's mission – all our projects and updates from our partners can be accessed [here](#) via an interactive map or the country listing. Recent updates are also listed in our monthly e-news, 'On-a-Mission', and often featured on the [front page](#) of our website and also on Facebook. These are great stories to share with ABM supporters in your diocese so that they too know they are a valuable part of God's mission.

## Focus on Synods 2019

Congratulations everyone - we survived Synod season 2019! And what a great result all your hard work produced. In total, ABM had a presence at 21 Synods this year with 3,490 lens cleaner cloths given away to Synod members. Synod members were also able to view ABM promotional and mission-related resources at 14 Synods. Eight Synods passed an ABM-related motion, 6 of which were the SDG motion and one was a motion on the Uluru Statement from the Heart. Five Synods had a formal ABM report tabled and a further 5 Synods had an ABM speaker. Let's see if we can improve on this result in 2020...but I'll let you rest first! Thank you to everyone who helped make this Synod season such a success – especially Viv For and Denise Geddes in the Sydney Office for packing up all your parcels of goodies and all those who tabled reports, spoke to motions and attended display tables. Let's pray that the seeds planted at Synods will continue to be watered by our ongoing promotion of ABM at parish and diocesan events and through diocesan publications.

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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

**Advent and Christmas Appeals – watch your inboxes!** Website live in mid-November. Contact Viv if you need advertising materials before then, especially if you can arrange for an ad or article to be put in your diocesan magazine, newsletter, e-news or other communication channel. Printed materials will be posted to parishes to arrive before Advent 1.

### Martyrs Appeal – still open!

It's not too late to promote this year's Martyrs' Day Appeal, supporting projects in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands. Put reminders in *Ad Clerums* (or equiv) or in other communication channels. More details on the projects can be found [here](#). This year's featured projects are:

Newton Theological College, PNG

Positive Parenting Program, Solomon Islands

Visit our [Appeals Page](#) for details on all current appeals

## Around the Traps

### Diocesan happenings

Diocese	Upcoming	Reports (prev 2 months)
<b>Adelaide</b> <i>See also South Australia</i>	8 November Auxiliary Thanksgiving Day, St. Theodore's, Toorak Gardens, Meagan Schwarz guest speaker 2 February Meagan speaking at St Martin's Campbelltown	18-20 October Synod – items distributed October Auxiliary Christmas Pudding and Mince Pies fundraising drive 29 September Peter Burke spoke at St Mary's, 8 September Meagan and +Nestor spoke at St Saviour's Glen Osmond
<b>Armidale</b>	Nothing scheduled <i>Awaiting appointment of new Dio Rep</i>	27-29 September Synod – items distributed
<b>Ballarat</b>	Nothing scheduled	25-26 October Synod
<b>Bathurst</b>	Nothing scheduled <i>Awaiting appointment of new Dio Rep</i>	13-15 September Synod – ABM talk, promo items given out and a display table
<b>Bendigo</b>	Nothing scheduled	No news
<b>Bunbury</b>	Nothing scheduled	4-6 October Synod – items distributed
<b>Canberra &amp; Goulburn</b>	Nothing scheduled	10 September 25 people attended dinner with ECP Bishops. 6-8 September Synod- items distributed 1 September St John's, Reid, hosted Martyrs Day Commemoration Services
<b>Central Qld (Rockhampton)</b>	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

Diocese	Upcoming	Reports (prev 2 months)
<b>Gippsland</b>	Nothing scheduled	<i>New Dio Rep – The Rev'd Amy Turner</i> <b>September</b> discussion with Bishop about ABM support
<b>Grafton</b>	DATE TBC Jackie Draffan speaking at Bellinger Valley Parish	<b>22 September</b> Rev John Deane preached in Christ Church Cathedral <b>21 September</b> John Deane spoke at luncheon following service at Christ Church Cathedral, Grafton with Bp Murray attending <b>1 September</b> ABM Sunday/PNG Martyrs Day, Ballina Parish. Diocesan Archdeacon Tiffany Sparks spoke
<b>Melbourne</b>	Dates TBC Brett Collins speaking at St Margaret's Eltham Committee meetings: 4/11	<b>16-19 Oct</b> Synod – SDG motion passed, display table and items distributed <b>1 Sept</b> Martyrs Day Service at St Peter's Eastern Hill with lunch Committee Meetings: 23/9
<b>Newcastle</b>	<b>30 Nov</b> Ordinations to the priesthood Working Group Meetings: TBA	<b>25-26 Oct</b> Synod <b>1 Sept</b> Martyrs Day Service at All Saints Church, The Entrance Working Group Meetings: 3 October
<b>North Queensland</b>	Nothing scheduled	No news
<b>North West Australia</b>	Nothing scheduled <i>No Dio Rep appointed</i>	No news
<b>Perth</b>	Committee meeting: date TBC	<b>11-13 October</b> Synod – John spoke, items distributed, Coaldrake Award presented to Lionel Snell
<b>Riverina</b>	Nothing scheduled <i>Awaiting appointment of new Dio Rep</i>	<b>18-19 October</b> Synod – items distributed
<b>Southern Qld (Brisbane)</b>	TBC Greg Henderson speaking, Parishes of Maranoa Warrego & Mitchell TBC ABM Trivia Night, St Alban's Wilston Coaldrake Award Presentations none planned Committee meetings 13/11, 11/12 Auxiliary meetings 15 Nov	<b>1 September</b> Martyrs Day focus at many parish services across Diocese <i>Coaldrake Award Presentations: nil</i> Committee meetings: 11/9, 9/10 Auxiliary meetings: 20 Sept, 18 Oct
<b>Sydney</b>	<b>27 November</b> Sydney Auxiliary Committee end of year meeting. Committee Meetings: TBC	<b>23 October</b> Sydney Auxiliary Committee meeting. Guest Speaker: Lyn Moorfoot <b>25 Sept</b> Auxiliary Mission Morning Tea – John spoke to 20 guests about A Voice in the Wilderness <b>7 Sept</b> about 90 people attended Martyrs Day service with guest speaker Rt Rev Cam Venables, St Paul's Burwood Committee meetings: TBC

Diocese	Upcoming	Reports (prev 2 months)
<b>Tasmania</b>	10 Nov Warwick preaching at Cressy Committee Meetings 12 Nov	25 Sep Warwick spoke at Burnie Women's Fellowship 1 Sep Martyrs Day services at All Saints, Hobart and Holy Trinity, Launceston <i>Committee meeting:</i>
<b>The Murray</b> <i>See also South Australia</i>	Nothing scheduled	20 Oct Meagan spoke with 7 people at St Andrew's Lucindale (Naracoorte) 8 September +Brent preached at Barmera and Waikerie 7 September +Brent spoke at a reception at Barmera
<b>The Northern Territory</b>	<i>Awaiting appointment of new Dio Rep</i>	
<b>Wangaratta</b>	Nothing scheduled	No news
<b>Willochra</b> <i>See also South Australia</i>	Nothing scheduled	26-27 Oct Synod – items distributed

### **Provincial happenings**

Province	Upcoming	Reports (prev 2 months)
<b>NSW</b>	• Nothing scheduled	• No news
<b>Queensland</b>	• Nothing scheduled	• No news
<b>South Australia</b>	• 6 November Committee Meeting • 30 November St Andrew's Tide Prayers for Mission	• 6 September ABM Provincial Dinner with guest speakers from ECP • 2 September Martyrs Day Evensong, St Cuthbert's, Prospect • Committee Meeting: 4 Sept postponed
<b>Tasmania</b>	• Refer to Diocesan Happenings	• Refer to Diocesan Happenings
<b>Victoria</b>	• 26 November Provincial Gathering at Christ Church South Yarra	• No news
<b>Western Australia</b>	• Nothing scheduled	• 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**

- **11-12 September** National Auxiliary Conference, Sydney
- **13-14 September** ABM Board Meeting
- **13 September** ABM Board Dinner with three ECP guest speakers

## Three Months at a Glance ...

### NOVEMBER

- 4 Mon** *Melbourne* Committee Meeting
- 6 Wed** *South Australia* Provincial Committee meeting
- 8 Fri** *Adelaide* Auxiliary Thanksgiving Day
- 10 Sun** *Tasmania* Speaking Engagement
- 12 Tue** *Tasmania* Committee Meeting (AGM)
- 13 Wed** *Southern Qld* Committee Meeting
- 15 Fri** *Southern Qld* Auxiliary Meeting
- 26 Tue** *Victoria and Tasmania Province* Provincial Meeting, Melbourne
- 27 Wed** *Sydney* Auxiliary Committee end of year meeting
- 30 Sat** *SA Provincial (Adelaide)* St Andrew's Tide Prayers for Mission  
*Newcastle* Ordinations

### DECEMBER

- 5 Thu** *National* Marketing and Fundraising Committee meeting
- 6 Fri** *National* Board/Staff day
- 6-7 Fri-Sat** *National* Board meeting
- 11 Wed** *Southern Qld* Committee Meeting
- 24 Tue** *National* ABM Office closes for Christmas/New Year

### JANUARY

- 2 Thu** *National* ABM Office opens

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