

# Partners Praying Together

**February 2020**



## **EACH DAY THIS MONTH**

- ✠ *ABM Prayer Theme:* Give thanks for the work and witness of Nungalingya College in Darwin. Many of the students who come to Nungalingya are already church leaders, and across a year, people attend from over 100 different communities. In 2019, it was wonderful to see pastors from the Kimberley region in Western Australia make their way to the College for the first time and for a new cohort of Diploma of Translating students to begin their journey. Nungalingya continues to offer holistic care and training and invites you to continue to partner with them in 2020.

## **Saturday 1 February**

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the work ABM has been engaged in to support the Anglican Church of Melanesia (ACOM) in the Solomon Islands. With your help, we've supported the church to develop their strategic planning, train Mothers' Union members in counselling skills, improve financial management and help ACOM members get community development training. With the Diocese of Brisbane, we've supported an ACOM development staff member to travel to a climate reality workshop in Brisbane, and funded the engagement of a consultant to review ACOM's child protection policy. Each of these activities has been in response to the Church's request.
- ✠ *Australian Cycle of Prayer (ACP):* The Anglican Church of Australia; the Primate – Archbishop Philip Freier; the General Secretary – Anne Hywood; the General Synod and the Standing Committee

## Sunday 2 February – The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for ABM's Reconciliation Program and those who support it. ABM's Reconciliation Coordinator Celia Kemp says: "If the Australian Church wants to know what really happened in Australia's past, what is really happening now, and where God is speaking into the Australian church - we need to listen to the voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples." Support for this project enables ABM to create resources and events which help the Anglican Church and the wider community to hear the voices of First Nations peoples. This includes resources for National Reconciliation Week and support for liturgies developed by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Adelaide – Archbishop Geoffrey Smith, his assistant bishops, clergy and people

## Monday 3 February – First Anglican Service at Sydney Cove, 1788

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for Newton Theological College in Papua New Guinea, for the College Council, for its Acting Principal (Bishop Jeff Driver), its Deputy Principal (Fr Giles Motisi), and for all other staff, students and their families. Over the past couple of years some things have significantly changed around the college. Here are some examples: some of the buildings have been repaired, a contemporary curriculum is being developed, some water tanks have been installed, the college is about to be connected to mains electricity for the first time, and the library has been updated with some books. However, with the limited financial support the college is able to receive from the national Church, things are still very tough.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Armidale – Bishop Rick Lewers, the clergy and people

## Tuesday 4 February – Anskar, missionary bishop in Sweden († 865)

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for St George's College, a community for pilgrimage, education, hospitality and reconciliation located in East Jerusalem. Pray for the college's dean, the Rev Canon Richard Sewell, and for all the student-pilgrims who come from around the world to spend time in the Holy Land, following in the footsteps of Jesus. Pray for the work of the Australasian Regional Committee in promoting the college, and for its Chair, Bishop Brad Billings.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Ballarat – Bishop Garry Weatherill, the clergy and people
- ✠ *UN:* World Cancer Day

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## Wednesday 5 February – the Martyrs of Japan, crucified at Nagasaki († 1597)

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for asset-based community development in the Philippines. ABM works in that country with two partners, E-CARE (part of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines) and IFI-VIMROD (part of the *Iglesia Filipina Independiente*, the Philippine Independent Church). Both partners work closely with poor people in often very remote local communities to strengthen their capacity to engage in profitable, sustainable farming and related activities. They help communities to form small groups or cooperatives, and train them in a form of development known as 'Asset-Based', where communities are encouraged to consider their assets, and build from those, to help address their own development issues. E-CARE reports that many of the communities they have helped through the asset-based approach are now well on their way to becoming independent cooperatives. With ABM's support this year E-CARE will provide training to these cooperatives in financial management and enterprise management to ensure they are sustainable for years to come.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Bathurst – Bishop Mark Calder, the clergy and people.

## Thursday 6 February

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the Sustainable Livelihoods project in Kenya. Many Australian farmers will recognise this scenario. You see promising signs of rain, the start of a good growing season. So you plant out your seed, hoping for a bumper harvest. But two months later you are looking at a crop that has died before maturing. The rains, so full of promise, have stopped almost as soon as they had started, and now you have nothing to show for your hard work or your investment in the seed. And for Kenyan farmers living in marginal agricultural areas southeast of the capital, Nairobi, this sadly common scenario has even more dire consequences. Since, for them, a failed crop means they have nothing for their children to eat, let alone any produce to sell so that they can pay their school fees. This is what life was often like for farmers in Kyua and Kiangini locations in the Kenyan districts of Machakos and Makueni. Life, that is, before ABM's partner, Anglican Development Services, Eastern (ADSE), came on the scene.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Bendigo – Bishop Matt Brain, the clergy and people
- ✠ *UN:* International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation

## Friday 7 February

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the National Council of Churches in Australia and for the state- and territory-based ecumenical councils. May we all be one so that the world may believe.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Brisbane – Archbishop Phillip Aspinall, the regional bishops, clergy and people

## Saturday 8 February

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for NATSIAC and its work. The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council (NATSIAC) provides a vital and prophetic voice in the church. Your support of NATSIAC helps Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglicans to support one another and raise their voice in the wider church. NATSIAC's vision is to be the primary voice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglicans, promoting Gospel mission, encouraging ministry and generating resources so that they may walk together with God and the wider church.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Bunbury – Bishop Ian Coutts, the clergy and people

## Sunday 9 February – the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Project in the Solomon Islands. The support of ABM's generous donors is making a difference to communities and schools in low-lying parts of the Solomon Islands which have been affected by rising sea levels. Your donations mean a lot to the people in these vulnerable places. For example, during 2019 funds for this project were used to provide three rainwater tanks to communities in Fanalei which have been impacted by increased salinity of previously fresh water supplies. We all know how essential water is for life. But, as the sea level rises, so does the hardship people face in having to go further and further afield to fetch water each day and move their gardens away from the encroaching salty water.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn – Bishop Mark Short, the clergy and people

## Monday 10 February

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the wonderful gifts of literacy and numeracy and for those who bring them to others. From participating more in church leadership, to improved self-confidence, to mobilising a community to build a road, to becoming a church pastor – these are just some of the impacts on people who have learned to read, write and do basic maths through the Adult Literacy, Language and Numeracy Project implemented in many parts of PNG by ABM's partner, Anglicare PNG.
- ✠ *ACP:* Ministry to the forces – Bishop Ian Lambert, chaplains and members of the Armed Forces

### Omissions and displacements in February this year:

23 Feb Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, martyr († ca. 155)

## Tuesday 11 February

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day*: Give thanks for the staff and students at Gawura School . Gawura is a unique, coeducational school for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children who live close to Sydney's CBD. Gawura had a momentous year in 2019 with the first student to finish year 12 after starting in kindergarten when Gawura was established in 2007. Izak reached this milestone and will be the first of many Indigenous students to walk this path. He has exciting dreams for his future and plans to be a cardiothoracic surgeon one day, working in his community. Gawura also had more reasons to celebrate in 2019 when one of their graduates commenced a PhD and another started her Masters at Oxford University. Gawura is the first freestanding, deliberately all Indigenous school in NSW in the independent sector. Gawura was established by St Andrew's Cathedral School in response the inequalities and poor educational outcomes of First Nations people.
- ✠ *ACP*: The Diocese of Gippsland – Bishop Richard Treloar, the clergy and people
- ✠ *UN*: International Day of Women and Girls in Science

## Wednesday 12 February

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day*: Give thanks for ABM's Encounter Program, remembering especially all those who generously donate to it. Give thanks for the mutual learning and understanding that occur when Australian Anglicans are able to encounter fellow Anglicans from another part of our world-wide Communion.
- ✠ *ACP*: The Diocese of Grafton – Bishop Murray Harvey, the clergy and people

## Thursday 13 February

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day*: Give thanks for the Integrated Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Project in Myanmar. This year we are increasing our support of the work of our partner, the (Anglican) Church in the Province of Myanmar, enabling them to provide clean drinking water to people in eight villages remote from the large towns and cities. As well as gaining better access to clean water, communities participating in the project also learn about how to care for the environment, about safer agricultural practices, and how projects can be used to increase women's participation and empowerment.
- ✠ *ACP*: Ministry with the Aboriginal People of Australia – Bishop Chris McLeod, Aboriginal clergy and people
- ✠ *UN*: World Radio Day

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**Friday 14 February – Cyril († 869) and Methodius, bishop († 885),  
missionaries to the Slavs**

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for Walkabout Ministries, run by the Reverend Gloria Shipp, the first Aboriginal woman to be ordained in the Anglican Church of Australia. She maintains an active ministry that goes beyond the walls of the church to embrace the entire community. In response to requests, last year Gloria began a new Sunday School that meets at the Buninyong Community Centre. The Sunday School began meeting monthly but now meets each fortnight. Many of the children come from the nearby housing estate and are very keen to learn about Jesus. Your support provides a small stipend to Gloria and one day/week of administrative assistance. It also goes towards hall hire, petrol for the mini bus, dinners, rallies, catering and Christmas gifts for the boys at the Juvenile Justice Centre in which she ministers.
- ✠ *ACP:* Ministry with the Torres Strait Islander People of Australia – Torres Strait clergy and people

**Saturday 15 February**

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the Integrated Gender Program in Zambia. Our Partner, the Anglican Church in Zambia, through the Zambia Anglican Council Outreach Program, is passionate about eliminating gender-based violence. This is the third year that this project has operated in four villages in the Diocese of Eastern Zambia: Msoro, Mawanda, Mzenje and Petauke Boma. And already much has been achieved. Last year alone, thanks to ABM supporters, messages about gender issues, including gender-based violence (GBV), reached 28,100 villagers – many more than anticipated. This happened through a combination of door-knocking and presentations by volunteer community drama groups.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Melbourne – Archbishop Philip Freier, the regional bishops, clergy and people

**Sunday 16 February – the Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany**

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mission Grants. Your support for the mission grants empowers NATSIAC to direct funding to initiatives which best represent the aspirations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglicans. Last year, grants helped to establish new Aboriginal ministries at Point Pearce in South Australia and at Toronto in New South Wales. Mission Grants assist local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander churches by strengthening ministry and providing the resources for hopes and dreams to be turned into action.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Newcastle – Bishop Peter Stuart, the regional bishops, clergy and people

## Monday 17 February – The Holy Innocents

[if not observed on 28 December]

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for community development work in Vanuatu. ABM is excited to announce that this year, for the first time in our work with the Anglican Church of Melanesia in Vanuatu, we are integrating the Water, Hygiene and Sanitation (WASH) project with the Literacy, Language and Numeracy Project. Thus, the project will also build literacy and numeracy skills amongst 170 early school-leavers in largely remote communities of Vanuatu. What will this mean? It means that communities who are eligible to benefit from getting a WASH project will have the added opportunity to establish a Literacy school in their community as well. Most of the rural areas in Vanuatu suffer from both lack of access to clean water and sanitation, and lack of literacy and numeracy skills. It makes sense for ACOM to develop both projects in the same community, saving time and money on expensive inter-island boat transport, among other benefits. Already, the committees who manage the water projects and the Literacy Schools are often the same people. The project will be more efficient and cost-effective.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of North Queensland – Bishop Keith Joseph, the clergy and people

## Tuesday 18 February

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks that, having listened to the call of Aboriginal people for a voice, through the Statement from the Heart, the Diocese of the Northern Territory would like to empower Aboriginal Anglicans to form a council or reference group. This group would meet several times each year. It is hoped that the group might be able to be a voice in diocesan life on matters of relevance, such as strategic planning questions and on matters of their own initiative, as well as questions referred to it by Diocesan Council.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of North West Australia – Bishop Garry Nelson, the clergy and people

## Wednesday 19 February

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Pray that many barriers can be removed for people living with disabilities through the Kenyan Disability Inclusion project. This project, implemented by ABM's partner, the Community-based Rehabilitation Program of the Diocese of Eldoret in Kenya's Rift Valley, supports people with a disability through interest-free loans and small business training to lead dignified, independent lives. It also works to raise greater awareness among church members and others in the community about the rights and experiences of people living with a disability.  
  
The Rev Wycliffe Ngeiywo notes: 'The direct involvement of clergy in the creation of [disability] awareness in public forums and worship services has strongly enhanced our outreach. Church youth forums have also provided a good platform for awareness. It is a path worth taking.'
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Perth – Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy, the clergy and people

## Thursday 20 February – William Grant Broughton, first bishop of Australia († 1853)

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day*: Pray for the pediatric nutrition program at Al-Ahli Hospital in the Gaza Strip. Once recommended for the project by locally-based NGOs, the children and their caregivers are provided with free bus travel to the hospital for a nutritional assessment and clinical examination, together with lab and radiology tests when indicated. Each child is seen by the hospital paediatrician every two weeks for three months or until their nutrition condition improves. Medicines are provided for those children suffering from infectious diseases. The project also provides high-energy fortified biscuits for malnourished children. Children who present with congenital heart disease may be referred to Government consultants for follow-ups and treatment.
- ✠ *ACP*: The Diocese of the Riverina – Bishop Donald Kirk, the clergy and people
- ✠ *UN*: World Day of Social Justice

## Friday 21 February

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day*: Give thanks for the work of the religious communities working within ABM's overseas partners, among them: the Community of St Francis (Korea), the Congregation of the Sisters of the Visitation of our Lady (PNG), the Community of St Mary (the Philippines), and the Community of the Sacred Name (Tonga)
- ✠ *ACP*: The Diocese of Rockhampton – Bishop David Robinson, the clergy and people
- ✠ *UN*: International Mother Language Day

## Saturday 22 February

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day*: Give thanks for the work and witness of St John's Theological Seminary at Kitwe in Zambia. ABM supports the seminary, founded by the Australian priest Fr Charles Helms, and invites you to join with other Australian parishes and individuals in praying that the Church in Zambia is able to produce graduates with vision who have the skills to lead their parishes into the future.
- ✠ *ACP*: The Diocese of Sydney – Archbishop Glenn Davies, the regional bishops, clergy and people

## Sunday 23 February – the Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day*: Give thanks that, in order to strengthen the Church in the Torres Strait, the Diocese of North Queensland plans to hold an annual Regional Council with election and appointment of Torres Strait Clergy to senior positions. The Torres Strait Islands leadership will need to travel. In addition, it is intended to place a household of Melanesian Brothers on Thursday Island who will have a role in running the parish on Thursday Island and in providing mission through the Torres Strait Islands.
- ✠ *ACP*: The Diocese of Tasmania – Bishop Richard Conde, the Assistant Bishop, clergy and people



## Monday 24 February – St Matthias, apostle and martyr

✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the General Community Development Fund, and for those who support it. The fund allows ABM to continue to measure and evaluate our effectiveness in the aid projects we deliver, enabling us to learn from and improve the work we do. It means we can support the Anglican Communion to amplify the voices of smaller churches around the world, especially in the Pacific region, in advocacy on climate change, prevention of violence against women, and ending human trafficking and slavery. It allows us to support the ecumenical work of the Church Agencies Network which works to prevent, mitigate or effectively respond to disasters in our region, and to support the ecumenical work of Action by Churches Together in responding to disasters across the world.

✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of the Murray – Bishop Keith Dalby, the clergy and people

## Tuesday 25 February

✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day* Give thanks for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ministry Formation happening in the Diocese of North Queensland. For both the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander churches there is a lack of leadership under the age of 50 years – but there are suitable candidates in the younger age range coming forward. Whilst there are no fees for attending Wontulp-Bi-Buya College, support is needed for studies: including a suitable laptop for each student, financial support when on residential courses, provision of mentoring, and Anglican formation in conjunction with the Ministry Development Officer.

✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of the Northern Territory – Bishop Greg Anderson, the clergy and people

## Wednesday 26 February – Ash Wednesday

✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the Companion Diocese links between the Diocese of Perth and the Diocese of Eldoret (Anglican Church of Kenya), and between the Diocese of Bunbury and the Diocese of Kapsabet (Anglican Church of Kenya), remembering especially Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy and Bishop Christopher Ruto, Bishop Ian Coutts and Bishop Paul Korir. May the relationship between the dioceses be beneficial to all involved as they journey together this Lent.

✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Wangaratta – the Ven Clarence Bester (Bishop-elect), the clergy and people.

## Thursday 27 February – George Herbert, parish priest, poet († 1633)

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Youth Engagement Grants. Youth Engagement grants support mission activities that benefit Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people. The grants are appraised and prioritised by NATSIAC, the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council. In the Northern Territory, a Youth Engagement grant has assisted with the production of culturally relevant Sunday School material for use by Aboriginal congregations. Funds have also assisted the burgeoning youth ministry at Bamaga on the Cape York Peninsula. Your support for this work is used for projects across Australia to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and youth.
- ✠ *ACP:* The Diocese of Willochra – Bishop John Stead, the clergy and people

## Friday 28 February

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for Positive Parenting program run by MU. The Anglican Church of Melanesia's Mothers' Union has been rolling out the Positive Parenting Program in both the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu for around eight years. In that time, with strategic assistance from ABM's donors, the program has reached all of ACOM's nine dioceses. Facilitators have been trained, with Hanuato'o, in the country's south, the most recent diocese to join the program. The Positive Parenting Program aims to equip parents to support their children's development, establish community support networks for families, and address a range of social challenges including gender-based violence, child abuse, early marriage, and improve disability inclusion. As well as training parents (both men and women) in the church and communities, the program has also been successfully implemented in prisons, helping prisoners to understand the sources of, and solutions to, their own violent behaviour.
- ✠ *ACP:* Anglicare Australia – Chair: Bishop Chris Jones, Executive Director: Kasy Chambers

## Saturday 29 February

- ✠ *ABM Prayer for the Day:* Give thanks for the Sustainable Agriculture in Hpa-an Villages project in Myanmar. ABM is working with the Diocese of Hpa-an, part of the Church in the Province of Myanmar, in two villages in Kayin State. The project provides farming skills to 155 families who have been 'internally displaced' (living as refugees within their own country). Their lives have been completely torn apart by earlier ethnic conflicts and they are now seeking a new start. The project will also assist these families to strengthen their resilience and help them build stronger communities.
- ✠ *ACP:* Theological Colleges and Church Schools

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A stamp showing a cross discovered at Birka where St Anskar, the 'Apostle to the North' (4 February) set up his mission to Sweden



# Partner Profile

## Nungalinya College, Darwin



Nungalinya College teaches courses in the following areas:

- ✦ Literacy and Numeracy courses aimed at assisting Indigenous people in their life situation and in their understanding of the Bible. This course provides a foundation for students to go on to other courses at Nungalinya or at other colleges.
- ✦ Theology courses that address the unique nature of Aboriginality and Christianity. They are designed to develop personal faith and equip people for practical Christian ministry.
- ✦ Music and Media courses that teach practical skills in recording and performance while developing discipleship and creativity for church communities.
- ✦ Cross-cultural Awareness workshops that are available to non-Indigenous Australians who work with Indigenous people.

Nungalinya is named after 'Old Man Rock' which is a reef off Casuarina Beach sacred to the Larrakia people. They gave the College this special name and a home in their land. We honour their gift with the rock-shaped *omega* symbol represented in our Nungalinya logo, above. It reminds us we rest on Jesus, *alpha* and *omega*, the Rock of our faith from beginning to end. The *omega* was also an early Christian symbol of the resurrection, because the letter looked like and reminded them of the stone which was rolled away from the tomb when Jesus rose from the dead.

Nungalinya or Old Man Rock is an excellent name for this Combined (Anglican, Catholic, and Uniting) Churches Training College. We read many times in the Old Testament that the Lord God is a rock. The same word is used in the New Testament. Our Lord Jesus said to Peter, 'You are Peter (*Petros* – a stone) and on this rock (*Petra* – a rock) I will build my church'. For more than 40 years, the continuing prayer of trustees, faculty and students has been that Nungalinya may be the place where the Church our Lord will be built on the Rock foundation, especially among the indigenous people of Australia.

On 4 August 1974, Archbishop Sir Frank Woods, the then Anglican Primate of Australia laid the foundation stone for the College, in the form of a big, round granite stone from the Mount Bundy mines.