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What is the ACM?

The Aboriginal Catholic Ministry is a non-profit organisation, of the Archdiocese of Perth which was opened on 17th March 1975 by Father Brian Tiernan, which was founded to meet the spiritual needs of Aboriginal people within the Perth metro and surrounding areas. We promote the spiritual, cultural and social development of people of Aboriginal descent.

What inspires us?

Inspired by the words of JP II "And the Church herself in Australia will not be fully the Church that Jesus wants her to be until you have made your contribution to her life and until that contribution has been joyfully received by others." When we work with community we bring the 7 Messages of ACM which are Reconciliation, Healing, Growing in Gospel Faith, Living God's Mercy and Justice, Inculturation of Gospel and Culture and Our Community, Our Story and Leadership and Gifts.



What do we do?

Home Visitation

We visit the Aboriginal Community in their homes to connect with them pastorally and spiritually, to support families to be strong and healthy. People can contact us for a visit or we take referrals.

Hospital Visitation

The ACM team visits Aboriginal patients at Sir Charles Gardiner Hospital, Fremantle Hospital, Royal Perth Hospital as well as at Aboriginal Hostels and homes, and we are available to visit other patients in other hospitals upon request.

Sacramental Preparation

Sr Frances Wilson who has years of experience working with Aboriginal families and teaching students is able to work with any families who have members who wish to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion & Confirmation.

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Prayer, Services, Bible Reflections & Social Gatherings

Every Sunday we have an Aboriginal Mass at 11am at Holy Trinity Catholic Church , 8 Burnett St Embleton followed by morning tea.

During the warmer months we host an Outdoor Masses on the 1st Sunday of the month at 11am at various locations across Perth followed by a Picnic. Throughout the year we host various, faith discussions and community days.

We also celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday, the first Sunday in July.

Funeral Support & Celebration:

The ACM team can support families through the process of accessing funds for funerals and the logistics of organising the funeral. We can also provide pastoral and spiritual support if required as well as our Chaplain Father Joseph who can celebrate the Mass or Funeral Service. We also provide bereavement packs to families who have recently lost someone. Please contact the office to see how we can help.



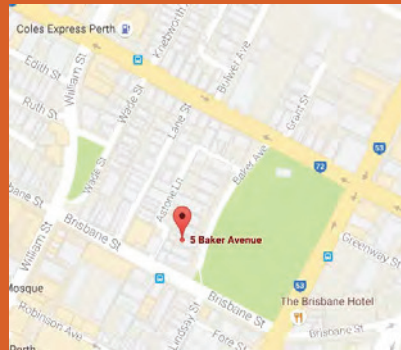
Providing Spiritual Guidance to Individual Families
We provide spiritual guidance to individuals and families upon appointment and through our various activities. We are in the process of developing some Women's, Men's, Children's and Youth Groups. If you are keen to be involved let us know.

Working with the Community, School, Church and Other Organisations
Another key part of our work is connecting with the wider community, Aboriginal organisations and the wider Catholic Church to promote reconciliation and support the desires and visions of Aboriginal people. Our current work includes:

- Hosting the Coming Home Together Network: Catholic Organisations for Reconciliation and Aboriginal Partnerships and Engagement. If your organisation or community want to be involved let us know.
- Supporting Parishes and Catholic organisation on their journey of Reconciliation
- Working with the Centre for Faith Enrichment to run a series of Cultural Awareness Workshops, Aboriginal Spirituality and Liturgy.
- Connecting with other Catholic services such as Day Dawn Advocacy Centre's and the Shopfront

Want to Volunteer or Intern with us:
We welcome community members who would like to volunteer in our work, develop new initiatives or get some work experience to contact us.

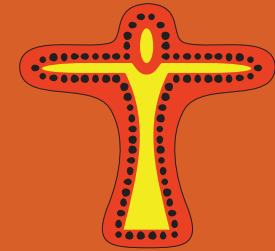
Our office is located at 5 Baker Avenue
(We are opposite Birdwood Square)



5 Our Church is located at 8 Burnett St Embleton
and have a mini map included (Above)
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*Helping our Mob grow in
faith and culture*