

# Message Stick BUNURU Season

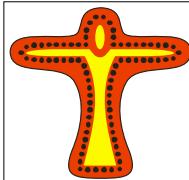
Bunuru—February–March 2018

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## ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC MINISTRY ARCHDIOCESE OF PERTH, WA

*“Helping our mob grow in faith and culture”*

### Bunuru—season of the Adolescence

#### Second summer: February–March

Macrozamia riedlei time.

In the Bunuru season it is the hottest time of the year with little to no rain. The season sees hot easterly winds continue with a cooling sea breeze most afternoons if you're close to the coast. Therefore, traditionally this was, and still is, a great time for living and fishing by the coast, rivers and estuaries. Because of this, freshwater foods and seafood made up major parts of the diet during this time of year.



Bunuru is also a time of the white flowers with lots of white flowering gums in full bloom, including Jarrah, Marri and Ghost Gums. Another striking flower that is hard to go past is the female Zamia (Macrozamia riedlei). Being much larger than that of its male counterpart, the huge cones emerge from the centre of the plant with masses of a cotton wool like substance.

As the hot, dry weather continues the seed upon the cones change from green to bright red, indicating they're ripening and becoming more attractive to animals, particularly the emu, that will eat the toxic fleshy outer.



ABORIGINAL SEASONS OF SOUTH WESTERN AUSTRALIA

**For more information visit Bureau of Meteorology—**  
<http://www.bom.gov.au/iwk/nyoongar/>

# Our Catholic Faith and Aboriginal Culture

## GOSPEL READING (LUKE 22:24-27) The Shepherd and the angels.

**24.** All the disciples began arguing, which one of them was greatest among all of them.

**25.** Jesus said to them, “The kings of the people who do not know God, they have much power, telling people to do everything they want. These kings call themselves ‘Friends of the People.’



**26.** But you must not behave the same way. No! The greatest person among you must become low, like the lowest person, and the boss must become the servant

**27.** Who is the greatest? The person sitting eating? Or the person giving him his food? Truly, the one sitting. But I sit among you like a person working for you.”

## Reflection on the Gospel by Reg Carnamah and Father Sebastian

The one who serves is the greatest:

Jesus noticed his disciples were arguing among themselves as who were the greatest. Then Jesus told them those who consider themselves greatest demand others come and serve them. But in the eyes of Jesus the greatest among them should serve and share with others. Authority, in the eyes of Jesus is in our service. Lk. 22:27 ‘For who is greater: the one at table or one serves? The one at table surely? Yet here I am among you as one who serves’

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## LUKE-ANG The Good News Translation taken from Warda kwabba

### Luke-Ang 22: 24-27

**24.** Mandang ngooldjara kwadjin waangki-waangkiny, natjkeny baalapang moorditj-ngatti nyiny baalapany mandang kardakor.

**25.** Jesus waangki baalapany, “Djelyiba moortakang ngiyan yoowart kaaditj Boolanga-Yira, baalap kadak boola mardayin, warranginy moortany dono mood-looka baalap koordook. Nidja-nidja djelyiba kol baalapaal ‘Moortang Babina.’

**26.** Yalga noonooka yoowart djarnyak karra wardjin. Yoowart! Moort moordjitj-ngatti noonookany kardakor, baal djarnyak ngarda-bini, ngarda-ngatti moort-mokiny, kidji birdiyar djarnyak yakin-bini.

**27.** Ngiyan moorditj-ngatti? Moort nyininy ngarniny? Ka moort baalany yanginy baalang mereny? Karnayal, keny nyininy. Yalga ngany nyiny noonookany kardakor moorta-mokiny yakiny noonookang.



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Sharing and serving our community is one of the greatest qualities of Aboriginal people. When one goes hunting all around him would come and share. We believe in sharing what we have with others. At our dinner table there is always room for one more plate. We see our elders making sure that everyone else is looked after before they look after their own needs. This might be with money, food, or time. We are not about making ourselves look good, be the first or look the greatest. This Gospel story and message of Jesus makes sense to us, as this is our cultural way. We probably wouldn't ever ask a question about who is the greatest as we all have a place to serve and love each other. When we share what we have we are reflecting Jesus in our actions.

# Lent Reflection

Reflection taken from—  
<https://sacredheartmessenger.com/tag/luke-216-21/>

## During Lent and Easter

The songs are going,  
The fires are dying,  
The ritual dance seems useless,  
But somewhere deep within  
Our sorry hearts cry out,  
The fractured circles of the Dreaming  
Must be renewed.

During this Lenten time  
Let us breathe life into the dying coals  
Till the spark of love ignites the flame  
Of the Spirit –  
Here still are the Hidden springs  
Beneath the plains,  
Giving out their life-restoring water

Let us now in Lenten  
Till the sparks of love ignites the flame  
Of the Spirit –  
Here still – beneath the parched red earth.

Here still are the mountains  
We once climbed.  
Here still are the hidden springs  
Beneath the plains,  
Giving out their life-restoring water.

So let us now in Lenten preparation  
Embrace once more our traditional ways  
Our deep stillness, Quiet awareness.  
Our own way of contemplation.

As we let go the ills and bitterness of the past,  
Centre our hearts on love and hope.  
Then our own spirit  
And the Dreaming will be renewed.

Holy Creator Spirit,  
In this Sacred Time  
Of searching for new life,  
Open up our inner being  
To a greater awareness  
Of your care for us.

In the stillness of our desert silence  
Lead us gently away from  
Our fears, huts and despair.  
Reconcile us all  
Into your forgiving love.

During this Movement of your presence  
Heal us within the very depths  
Of our spirit  
Allowing Wisdom and her truth  
To spring forth,  
Transforming us for all humanity.

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## Renewal of the Spirit during Lent and Easter

Great Creator, from the beginning you have given us the Sacred Times, the cycles we call 'The Seasons'. During these special times, you made us the mystery of the rhythm of life. They also remind us of your constant care, providing times to wait, to listen, to learn, to grow, to rest.

Wisdom called the early Christians to celebrate these times in the light of the life lived by Jesus. So our liturgies are based on the seasons.

Through the seasons we also become aware that change is one of the certainties of life given to us by the Creator. Everything changes – people, weather, seasons, the cosmos – even the stars have seasonal patterns. Everything dances to a rhythmic pattern of life.



## Thank You Father Joseph

*We are grateful for the 2 years that Father Joseph was our Chaplain. He has lovingly walked alongside our community and we are glad that it is not a proper farewell as Father Joseph will continue to be the Parish Priest at Embleton Parish and will help out now and then!*



# Father Tiernan Remembered

***ACM is deeply saddened with the death of Father Bryan Tiernan, yet forever thankful for his life of service to the Aboriginal community. We are were we are today in so many ways because of him. He will be remembered forever.***

Father Bryan Tiernan SAC will be remembered as a true priest, mentor and friend following his death on 24 December last year.

Pallottine Regional Leader Fr Eugene San SAC was the principal celebrant for the Funeral Mass held on Friday 5 January at Riverton Parish, Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church and was joined in celebrating the Mass by Perth Emeritus Archbishop Barry Hickey, Geraldton Emeritus Bishop Justin Bianchini and some 20 other priests.

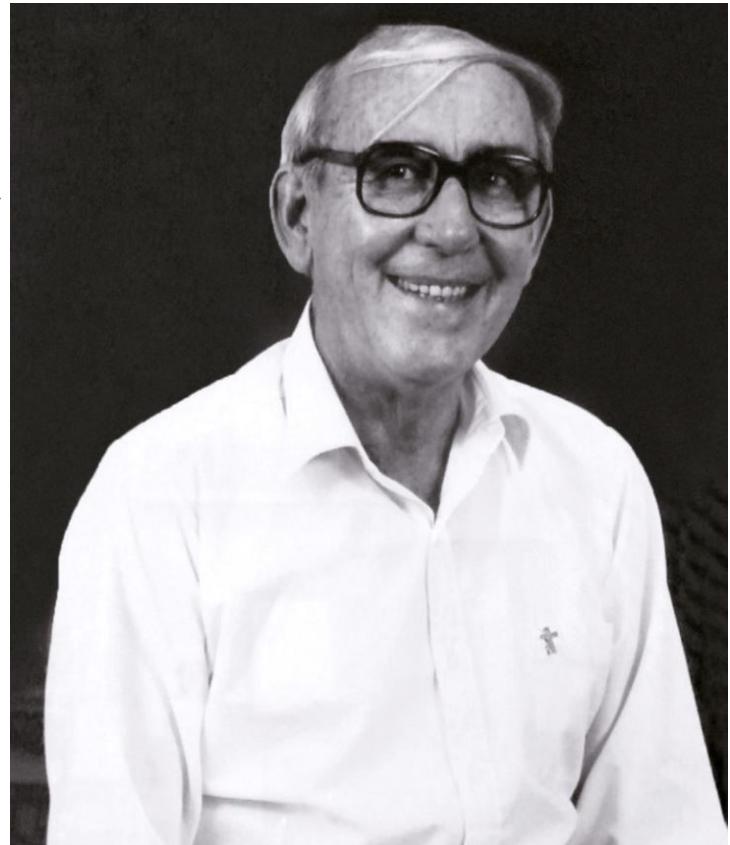
In a moving homily for the funeral Mass, Fr San reflected on Fr Tiernan's five decades of service among people in Western Australia, Victoria and India.

"Fr Tiernan opened his heart to the people and gave of himself without reservation," Fr San told the congregation.

"As a true son of St Vincent Pallotti, (he) seized every opportunity to promote collaborative ministry, encouraging everyone to be apostles in whatever capacity or walk of life they find themselves in ...

"An innate desire to help and heal people, especially the lowly and those on the fringes, never left him.

*Article originally produced by Josh Low in the Erecord-  
<http://www.therecord.com.au/news/local/aboriginal-catholic-ministry-founder-remembered-for-open-heart-giving-without-reservation/>*



# Father Tiernan Remembered

Born in 1928, Bryan Tiernan was 20 years old when he joined the Pallottines, making his final profession – and becoming ordained – in 1955.

He then spent five years as a missionary in India, where he helped to bolster new Pallottine communities and also established the Khristsevikas Community – a secular institute for women.

Returning to Australia, he spent the following five years as Provincial Bursar in Kew, Victoria, before moving to WA in 1966, where he would spend the next 27 years ministering among the State's diverse Aboriginal population.

In 1967, he began operating Aboriginal Catholic Ministry and Aboriginal Mobile Ministry in the Archdiocese of Perth, the Dioceses of Geraldton and Bunbury, and in New Norcia, running hostels in Albany and Mosman Park for Aboriginal students.

Fr Tiernan's final mission field was an urban one, serving as chaplain for 10 years at St John of

God Hospital in Subiaco before retiring due to illness. In his homily, Fr San made mention of the personal testimonies given by Robert Isaac, Marlene Jackamara, Ben Taylor and Reg Carnamah at the Rosary Vigil on the previous evening, regarding "how this gentle and humble priest changed their lives for the better".

"(Someone) told me yesterday that Fr Tiernan helped not just the Aboriginal people but anyone who was down and out, white people included," Fr San said.

"She said we need to acknowledge good priests like Fr Tiernan.

"Like our founder St Vincent Pallotti, Fr Bryan believed that where there is no love there is no apostolate. He realised that without love our ministries will be futile," Fr San said.

Fr Tiernan passed away on Christmas Eve in Rossmoyne after a long illness. He was 90 years old.

# 2018 ACM Team

## MEET THE 2018 ACM TEAM!

### Contact Us

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### Vicky Burrows: Director



Coordinates the activities of the ministry  
Support to Parish's in their Aboriginal ministry  
Youth Team  
Relationships with other organisations  
Support & Referrals  
(Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Sunday)

### Father Sebastian Fernando: Chaplain



Hospital, Hostel and Home Pastoral Visitations  
Liturgical Celebrations  
Funeral Ministry & Support  
Pastoral Counselling  
(Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Sunday)

### Shirley Quaresimin (nee AhChee) Safeguarding Officer (Volunteer)



WA Rep for National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council.

- be a source of support, advice and information on all matters of safeguarding children and vulnerable adults in our community
- be the first point of contact for children, vulnerable adults and other members of the parish community regarding suspicions of abuse and other safeguarding concerns

Contact her on 93827529

### Aboriginal Catholic Council



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The role of the Aboriginal Catholic Council is to support and advise the work of the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry to achieve the mission and made of the ministry.

The Council is made up of members of the Aboriginal Catholic Community. Currently the Council consists of the following people: Charon Ryder Donella Brown, Rosemary Walley, Shirley Quaresimin, Karen Ryder, Billy Ah Chee, Cheryl Bradly-Lennox, Vanessa Corunna and Christine Taylor.

### Reg Carnamah: Pastoral Assistant

Hospital, Hostel and Home Pastoral Visitations  
Funeral Ministry & Support  
(Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Sunday)

### Sr Helen Ockerby: Religious Assistant

Sacramental Program  
Hospital, Hostel and Home Pastoral Visitations  
(Tuesday, Thursday and Sundays)

# Welcome Father Sebastian and Sister Helen

## Father Sebastian

Father Sebastian Fernando, is ACM's new Chaplain and comes to our ministry after a vast life of service in the Church here In Australia, India and the United States of America. He has followed the mantra that his ministry is where the Church needs him, thus he has lived in many different places. Prior to joining us he was Parish Priest at Corrigin/Kulin Parish in the Wheatbelt. He has worked in Hospital Ministry in the Unites States with mainly South American people where he learnt to Speak Spanish, so we think he will be well suited to the work that the Ministry does visiting Aboriginal people in hospitals and hostels.



He moved to Australia in 1984 to work with Aboriginal people in the Kimberly and from this date till 1995, he served in the following communities Wirru manu, Mulan, Billilina, Yagga Yagga, Beagle Bay, Lombadina, Djarrindjin, One Arm Point and Kalumburu in the North West corner of Western Australia. Here he learnt a lot about Aboriginal people, culture and spirituality and he is looking forward to learning more about the Noongar people and the many different Aboriginal people who live in the Archdioceses

## Sister Helen

Sr Helen grew up in Perth and until she was ten years old and went to St Joseph's School, Victoria Square - opposite St Mary's Cathedral. Her family then moved to Albany and Bunbury, later returning to Perth. As a member of a Secular Institute of the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary – the initials in Latin being ISSM her ministry has been in three areas teaching primary school students in W.A, teaching primary and secondary school as well as TAFE students in NSW and then as a Pastoral Associate in NSW Hospital Ministry before joining the ACM team in October 2017.



One of the things I enjoy about working at the Ministry is the "no frills" approach and manner of Aboriginal people; their honesty and their seemingly innate sense of humour. My dream for ACM is to see more and more Aboriginal people enjoying and enthusiastic in their following of Jesus, the way, the truth and the light – wanting to share this Christian and Catholic way of life with others.

The dream includes, that each person finds support in the Catholic faith community and that each person is encouraged to discover a spot within this faith community, where their effort helps build the future. When I am not working at the Ministry I enjoy learning about history, doing photography, art and writing.



### Auxiliary Bishop of Perth

On the 10-year Anniversary of the National Apology to the Stolen Generation, the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth renews its apology to the Aboriginal community for the role the Church played in the removal of children. In the words of JP II speaking after the Ecclesia In Ocean Synod in 2011, we say “

“The Church expresses deep regret and asks forgiveness where her children have been or still are party to these wrongs. Aware of the shameful injustices done to indigenous peoples in Oceania, the Synod Fathers apologized unreservedly for the part played in these by members of the Church, especially where children were forcibly separated from their families.<sup>(103)</sup>”

The relationship between the Church and Aboriginal people is a complex one. We can recall the great work of many Christian missionaries who supported, loved and cared for Aboriginal people from the beginning of settlement, such as Bishop Rosendo Salvado. However, we also acknowledge that we did not always live up to the vision of Jesus Christ and participated in actions that at times oppressed Aboriginal people. Today many Aboriginal people experience deep pain because of this.

As a Catholic community we continue to work with the survivors of the stolen generation and their families towards truth, justice and healing. This occurs through the various ministries and services of the Catholic community who work alongside these families on a daily basis. These include Day Dawn Advocacy Centre, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Shopfront, larger organisations like St Vincent de Paul Society, Caritas Australia Catholic Missions as well as our schools and hospitals.

In fidelity to our ongoing commitment to reconciliation, today I announce that we will be embarking on a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) journey with the establishment of a Working Group to explore the development of a RAP Plan for the Archdiocese of Perth.

For all enquiries related to Aboriginal ministry please contact the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry on 93287529.

*+ D. Sproxton*

Bishop Don Sproxton  
Auxiliary Bishop Archdiocese of Perth  
Member of the Bishops Commission for Relations with Aborigines

30 January 2018

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Hosted by the Centre for Faith Enrichment and the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry

# ABORIGINAL COURSES 2018



## Heads, Heart and Hands: Aboriginal Community & Our Church

When: Saturday, 12 May, 10am - 4pm

Location: Kolbe Catholic College - Dowling St, Rockingham

A day workshop exploring the experiences of Aboriginal people over the generations and what this means for our Catholic community. Co-facilitated by Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Catholics, the workshops are an important foundation to begin our journey of reconciliation together.



## Celebrating the Liturgy: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday and Beyond

When: Tuesday, 5 June, 6pm - 8pm

Location: Centre for Liturgy - 28 Marda Way, Nollamara

This is a workshop to give you the tools to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday in your parish and ways that you can incorporate Aboriginal symbols and acknowledgment into the life of your parish.



## Indigenous Spirituality & Our Catholic Faith Reflection Afternoon

When: Sunday, 12 August , 2.30pm - 5.30pm

Location: St Francis Xavier Catholic Church  
279 Forrest Rd, Hilbert WA 6112

An afternoon to reflect on your relationship with God, drawing upon wisdom from Aboriginal spirituality and our Catholic faith.



## Aboriginal Ecological Perspectives

When: Sunday, 4 November

Location: TBC

An afternoon exploring Whadjuk Noongar Country and exploring the interconnectedness and the Pope's Encyclical Laudato Si. Hosted by Gosnells Parish in conjunction with Catholic Earthcare.

## Holy Trinity Church

8 Burnett St, Embleton

**1st Sunday of the Month**

**11am** Children's Liturgy  
and family Mass

**2nd Sunday of the Month**

**11am** Sacraments Sunday

**3rd Sunday of the Month**

**11am** Mass

**3.30pm - 6.30pm**

Clontarf Faith Yarns

Mass & meal

*295 Manning Rd Waterford*

19 March, 20 May, 17 June,

19 August, 16 September,

21 October, 18 November

Transport available 3.15pm  
from Cannington Station

**4th Sunday of the Month**

**11am** Mass and picnic

*Mass at various locations*

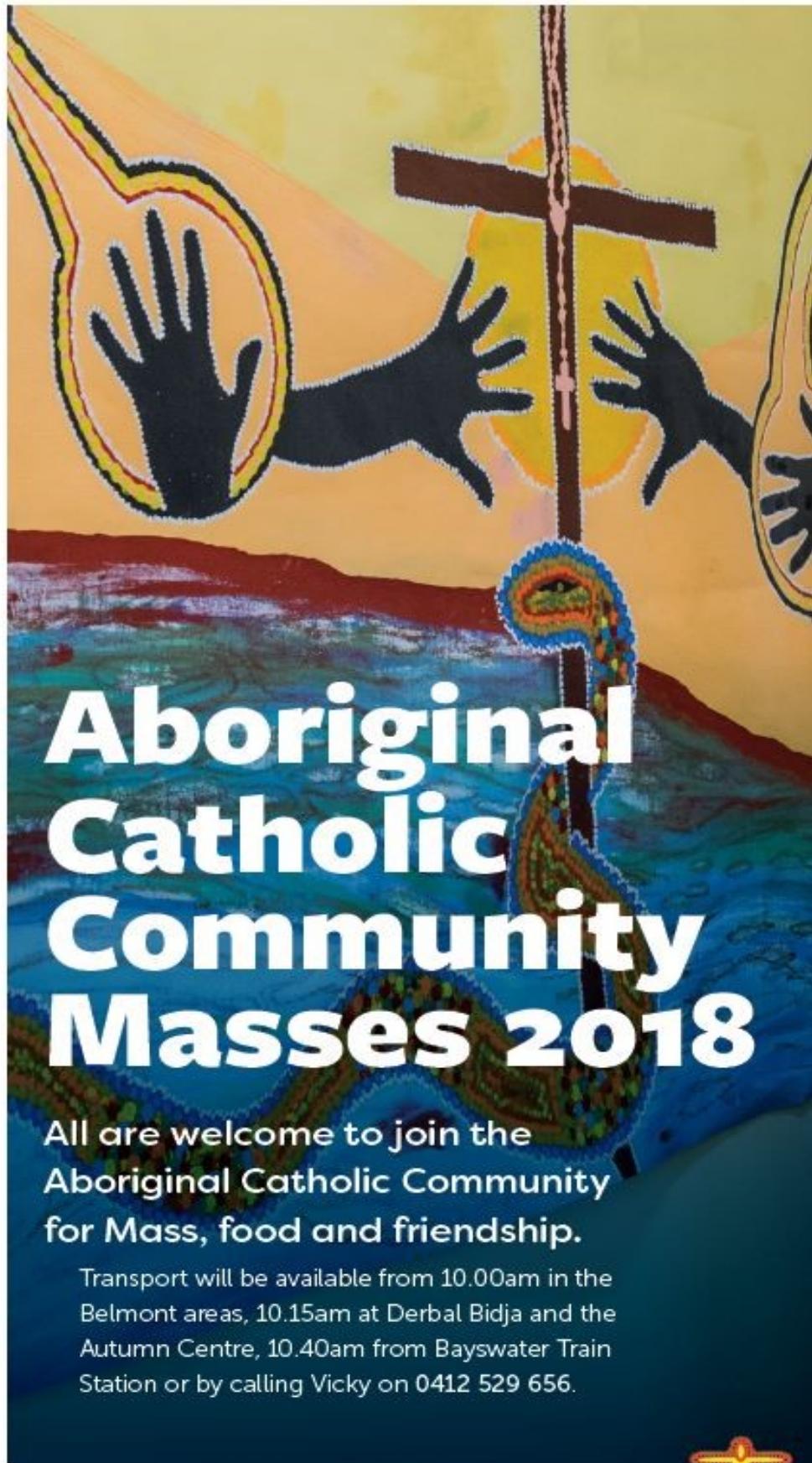
26 February, 26 March,

11 April, 23 September,

28 October, 25 November

**5th Sunday of the Month**

**11am** Mass



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# NATSICC 2018 Assembly in Perth

NATIONAL ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CATHOLIC COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

Celebrating Faith, Spirituality and Culture in Perth 1–5 October 2018



**STRONG FAITH.  
STRONG YOUTH.  
STRONG FUTURE.**

Join over 250 delegates from all over Australia and the world to celebrate and share Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Culture and Spirituality in the Catholic Church in Australia here in Perth from the 1st-5th of October. The Assembly program has been built around the theme - **Strong Faith. Strong Youth. Strong Future.**

and strong focus has been placed on celebrating Young people, who are not only the future of the Church but also the 'now'.

The organising committee has embraced the following concepts when designing the Assembly experience - Celebration, faith, spirituality and positivity. The result is an Assembly unlike any other Assembly or conference you have attended. Wellness sessions, authentic Mass celebrations, engagement of Youth and Elders and time to sit and share are all elements that have been incorporated into the event. Visit this website to watch previous Assembly's  
[https://youtu.be/VT\\_4LNeCc8k](https://youtu.be/VT_4LNeCc8k)

**REGISTER YOUR INTEREST TODAY** at <http://www.natsicc.org.au/2018-natsicc-assembly.html>

## **WORKSHOP & PRESENTER CALL OUT!**

We are looking for people to run workshops, sell gifts, lead music and perform. So please contact us to register your idea!



# Upcoming Events: 2018

## What's happening in the next few months?

- **Parish Mass Embleton—Every Sunday 11am**
- **Clontarf Faith Yarns, Mass & Meal—Sunday the 18th of March, 20th of May, June 17th**
- **Aboriginal AA:** Monday's (11am) this will continue all through January.
- **Women's Healing Retreat:** Friday the 23rd to Sunday the 25th of March
- **Coming Home Together Network:** Friday the 23rd to Sunday the 25th of March

## COMMUNITY FORUM 6th of May

Twice a year the ACM and Aboriginal Catholic Council will be facilitating a Community Forum where you have the opportunity to hear about the work of the Ministry, provide ideas and input into the needs of the community and connect to the different activities and programs the ministry is engaged in.

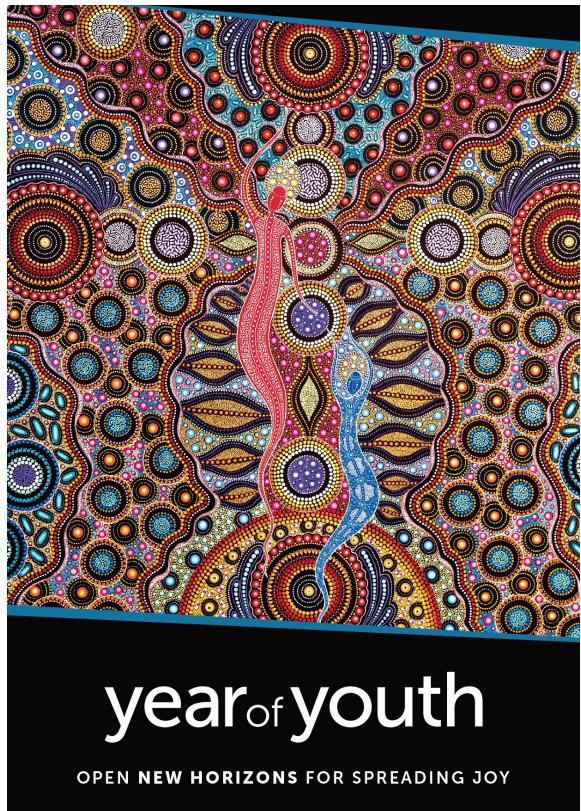


It will be a great day to yarn and connect different members of the community. We will start the day with 11am Mass at Embleton Parish followed by a feed and Forum. We will have activities organized for kids so all are welcome and will finish up at 2pm.

Please come along and tell others whom will be interested.

The second Community Forum will be held on Sunday the 9th of September

# 2018 The Year of Youth! Christ Our Joy



The Year of Youth image is titled *Christ our Joy* and was painted by artist, Amunda Gorey in Alice Springs.

The image, which will be central to the celebration and prayerful discernment of local Australian communities throughout the Year of Youth, will be unveiled at the Youth Festival. The image is titled *Christ our Joy* and was painted by artist, Amunda Gorey in Alice Springs.

"The image tells the story of young people in the current landscape of our Australian Church as they journey toward Christ. It is a story of rich diversity and great joy," said Malcolm Hart, Director of the Australian Catholic Bishop Conference's Office for Youth.

Ms Gorey was identified by the Australian Catholic Youth Council for her use of vibrant colour which depicts youthfulness and the joy that is central to the spiritual focus of the Year of Youth. Her previous work has also shown a depth of spirituality that is authentic to our Australian tradition.

*Christ our Joy* is rich in symbolism, tradition and meaning. It depicts the diversity of young people through the use of varied colour, shaped and sized dots. Some are gathered in communities, others more isolated. Some are closer to God or the cross, others further away. The central figures are Jesus and Mary against a cross. They point to the Resurrection as the source of our Joy. Jesus extends a hand toward his mother Mary, and with her to the Church; with his other hand, he points them all to his Father-God.

"Everyone will see, feel and sense the painting differently. Each is valued as our stories and experiences are different," Ms Gorey said.

It is hoped that all communities of faith will find inspiration in this image as they respond to the invitation to a Year of Youth.

**Official Description - Christ Our Joy**  
Artist: Amunda Gorey, Alice

# Youth



ABORIGINAL  
CATHOLIC YOUTH TEAM

## ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC YOUTH LEADERS TEAM (ACM)

### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR 2018

*We would love to have you join our Youth Leaders Team.*

The ACYLT is aimed at Aboriginal Youth in high school, that are willing to be a voice for young people while growing into Christian and Cultural Leaders. It is an opportunity to develop ideas, projects, camps and connect with students from across Perth. Contact Vicky at the ACM office for more information

#### Prayer for Year of Youth

##### Come Holy Spirit of this Great Southland

Inspire our entire faith community,  
as we prayerfully discern new horizons for spreading joy  
in the lives and communities of the People of God.

##### Come Holy Spirit of Youth

Fill the hearts of young people with the hope and love of Jesus Christ;  
enliven our community with the creativity, energy and joy of youth;  
guide us together, as we strive to offer God's mercy  
to those who feel abandoned or outcast.



##### Come Holy Spirit of Faith

Empower our community to be courageous;  
unite your people as witnesses of love.  
Walk with us, as we blaze new trails of discipleship;  
accompanying young people as we renew the Church together.

##### Come Holy Spirit of Vocation

Stir within young people an awareness of God's call;  
reveal to us the graces of young people;  
guide us all, in finding our place and raising our voices  
To build a civilisation of love.

Amen

## Kids Corner



Christ gave me the work of preaching the Good News.