

Djeran – April – May 2018

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# ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC MINISTRY ARCHDIOCESE OF PERTH, WA

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

## **Djeran – Ant season (Season of the adulthood) April-May 2018**

Djeran season at last sees a break in the really hot weather. A key indicator of the change of season is the cool nights that once again bring a dewy presence for us to discover in the early mornings.

The winds have also changed, especially in their intensity, with light breezes being the go and generally swinging from southerly directions (i.e. south east to south west). Many flying ants can be seen cruising around in the light winds.

Djeran is a time of red flowers especially from the Red Flowering Gum (*Corimbia ficifolia*), as well as the smaller and more petite flowers of the Summer Flame (*Beaufortia aestiva*). As you travel around the Perth area, you may also notice the red 'rust' and seed cones forming on the male and female Sheoaks (*Allocasuarina fraseriana*). Banksias start to display their flowers, ensuring that there are nectar food sources for the many small mammals and birds that rely upon them.

Traditionally, foods at this time of year included the seeds that had been collected and stored for treatment from the *Zamia* last season along with the root bulbs of the Yanget (Bullrushes), fresh water fish, frogs and turtles.

As the season progresses, the nights will become cooler and damper along with some cool and rainy days which also means that traditionally *mia mia*'s (houses or shelters) were now repaired and updated to make sure they were waterproofed and facing in the right direction in readiness for the deep wintery months to come.



ABORIGINAL SEASONS OF SOUTH WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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

ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC MINISTRY

## Message Stick Djeran Season

# Our Catholic Faith and Aboriginal Culture

## GOSPEL READING (LUKE 40:41-3)

### Jesus' Ancestors

<sup>23</sup> When Jesus was 30 years old, he began his work. People said he was he son of Joseph. Joseph was the son of Heli,<sup>24</sup> son of Matthat, son of Levi, son of Melchi, son of Jannai, son of Joseph, <sup>25</sup> son of Mattathais, son of Amos, son of Nahum, son of Esli, son of Nakgai, <sup>26</sup> son of Maath, son of Mattathias, son of Semein, son of Josech, son of Joda, <sup>27</sup> son of Joanan, son of Rhesa, son of Zerubbabel, son of Shealtiel, son of Neri, <sup>28</sup> son of Melchi, son of Addi, so of Cosam, son of Elamda, son of Er, <sup>29</sup> son of Joshua, son of Eliezer, son of Jorim, son of Mattath, son of Levi, <sup>30</sup> son of Simeon, son of Judah, son of Joseph, son of Jonham, son of Eleakim, <sup>31</sup> son of Melea, son of Menna, son of Mattatha, son of Nathan, son of David, <sup>32</sup> son of Jesse, son of Obed, son of Boaz, son of Salmon, son of Nahshon, <sup>33</sup> son of Amminadab, son of Admin, son of Arni, son of Herzon, son of Perez, son of Judah, <sup>34</sup> son of Jacob, son of Isaac, son of Abraham, son of Terah, son of Nahor, <sup>35</sup> son of Serug, son of Reu, son of Peleg, son of Eber, son of Shelah, <sup>36</sup> son of Cainan, son of Arphaxad, son of Shem, son of Noah, son of Lamech, <sup>37</sup> son of Methusalah, son of Enoch, son of Jared, son of Mahalalel, son of Kenan, <sup>38</sup> son of Enosh, son of Seth, son of Adam, son of God.



### Reflection on the Gospel by Reg Carnamah

Jesus was about thirty when he began his ministry. It blows my mind that for thirty years God lived in happy content as a humble carpenter...virtually no one knowing who he was. In our current culture, we are very greedy for success defined by how many people admire us and how much money you make. By all accounts, our culture would see Jesus as a nameless failure.

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# Our Catholic Faith and Aboriginal Culture

## LUKE-ANG Translation taken from Jesus-ang Maam-inrama

### (Luke-Ang 40:41-3)

<sup>23</sup> Nginda Jesus kadak 30 biro-  
kaka, baal malyak baalang ya-  
kiny.



Moorta waangki alidja baal Jo-  
seph-ang nop. Joseph nyiny He-  
kang nop, <sup>24</sup> Matthat-ang nop, Levi-kang nop, Melchi-kang nop, Jannai-  
kang nop, Joseph-ang nop, <sup>25</sup> Mattathais-ang nop, Amos-ang nop, Na-  
hum-ang nop, Esli-kang nop, Nakgai-kang nop, <sup>26</sup> Maath-ang nop, Matta-  
thias-ang nop, Semein-ang nop, Josech-ang nop, Joda-kang nop, <sup>27</sup> Joan-  
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ang nop, Adam-ang nop, Boolanga-Yirakang nop.

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Yet there is something to be learned from humbleness. It is here that one learns to seek the glory of God instead of their own. Here one learns the art of absent minded so that God takes centre-stage in one's life...a place or position designed for him alone. Jesus entered his ministry completely God-centred. Perhaps we should learn to retreat from the spot-light to make it shine upon the only one who deserves it. Jesus

# What's been happening in the past months?

The ACM Team is continuing our regular ministry, visiting Aboriginal patients at Royal Perth Hospital, Sir Charles Gardiner Hospital, Fremantle Hospital, visiting community at Derbal Bidjar, Allawah Grove, Star St Age Care, Disability Justice Centre, Catholic Homes and Autumn Centre and people in their homes. We also have our regular Church each Sunday and Sr Helen is working with a few young people in preparation for their Baptism!

## **Clontarf Mass**

We have enjoyed 2 Community masses at Clontarf Aboriginal College this year. It was wonderful to have the Youth Choir from Riverton Parish lead us in worship in March. We are excited to see this school and parish connection strengthen.

## **Picnic Mass**

We have held two picnic Masses in 2018 with a lovely Mass at Tomato Lake and one on Palm Sunday at the Mary Mackillop Centre in South Perth on Palm Sunday

## **Coming Home Together Network**

We held our first meeting for 2018 and explored the importance of cultural awareness and competency in Catholic organisations and



how to support Aboriginal staff and clients to thrive.

## **Visit to Goomalling**

Vicky Burrows and council member Charon Ryder were pleased to visit the Elders Circle in Goomalling. This is a group set up by Fr Patrick Toohey to help advise him in his work with Aboriginal people and to form partnerships between the Church and Aboriginal people.

## **Women's Season for Healing Retreat**

After much anticipation we held a Season for Healing Women's Retreat in late March facilitated by Sr Alma Cabassi with ten women from our community. A wonderful safe place of wisdom, sharing and learning was created with the fruits of the retreat seeing a women's group formed! We have set the dates for the next retreat on Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> and Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> of July. If you are interested, please contact the team.



# What's been happening in the past months?



# What's coming up in the next few months?

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- **ACM Community Day:** Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> of May 11-2pm. We are a big mob, we are a community. ACM has strong history and a hopeful future. You are invited to our inaugural bi-annual community forum. It is an opportunity to find out more about the work of the ministry in 2018, our plans, how you can get involved and to also give us feedback about what we can be doing better. We will have activities for kids, there will be lunch and lots of opportunities for yarnning.
- ♦ **The Power of Women in Circle: Women's Group**- 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday morning 1030-1230pm of each Month, 18<sup>th</sup> of April, 16<sup>th</sup> of May and 20<sup>th</sup> June
- ♦ **Heads, Hearts & Hands Aboriginal Community & Our Church:** Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> of May 10-4. This is a workshop for Parish's to explore the relationship between the Church and Aboriginal people and how to strengthen and grow relationships.
- ♦ **Celebrating the Liturgy Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday and Beyond:** Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> of June 6pm-8pm- A workshop to give Parish's the tools to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday.
- ♦ **Women's Seasons for Healing Retreat:** Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> and Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> of July
- ♦ **Seasons for Healing Companion Training:** Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> of July. This is a training for anyone interested in leading the Seasons for Healing Program.
- ♦ **NAIDOC Mass at St Mary's Cathedral:** Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> of July 445pm Smoking Ceremony, 5pm Mas and 6pm, Supper.
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- ♦ **Clontarf Sunday Session: Faith Yarn, Mass & Meal**. Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> of May 330-6pm and Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> of June with Bishop Don Sproxtton.
- ♦ **ACM Northern Pilgrimage:** We will be heading up North on a pilgrimage to various Aboriginal and Catholic communities including joining the Beagle Bay to celebrate the 100th Year Anniversary of their Church. It will be from Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> of August till Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> of August.

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More information will be available over the next few weeks and at the ACM Community Day.



It is going to be a great week celebrating, faith, culture, connection to country and our community.

Contact the ACM Team to express your interest in joining us

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.

## End of NAIDOC Week Mass

# 2018 NAIDOC WEEK

Sunday, 8 July  
at St Mary's Cathedral

4.45pm

Smoking Ceremony

5.00pm

Mass celebrated by Bishop Don Sproston

6.00pm

Dinner



## *Because of her we can*

Artwork by Richard Campbell

NATSICC has decided to use the same theme as NAIDOC week for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday celebrations - *Because of her we can!* Our Mothers, Sisters, Aunties, Grandmothers and Daughters have been, and continue to be the thread which holds our families together. They have fought for justice, reconciliation and social change. Women form the backbone of communities across Australia. This is particularly true for Aboriginal and Islander Catholic Ministries. Women are at the forefront of these community driven organizations designed to meet the spiritual and physical needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics. **The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Resources will be available at [www.natsicc.org.au](http://www.natsicc.org.au) in May.**



# Woman's Healing Retreat

ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC MINISTRY

## WOMEN'S SEASON FOR HEALING RETREAT



FRIDAY 6TH OF JULY (9AM) -  
SATURDAY 7TH JULY (5PM)

Mary Mackillop Centre, 16  
York St South Perth

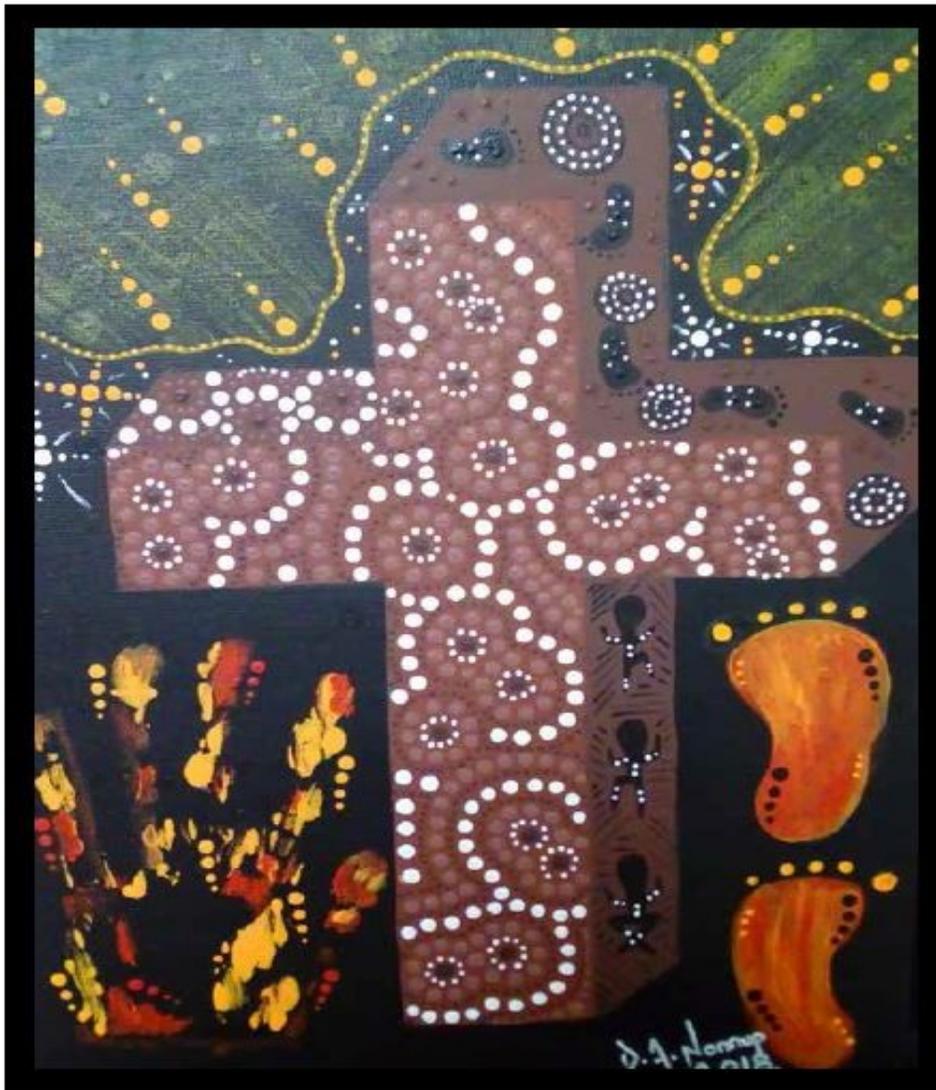
REGISTRATION BY 22ND OF JUNE

Contact Donna Ryder for  
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or 9328 7529)

There will be a space to reflect and heal by exploring the grief and loss we may have experienced in our lives using the Seasons for Healing program. It will be led by a Sr Alma Cabasis a facilitator with years of experience in the Aboriginal community and will provide a space for us to yarn, create and connect.



# NATSICC 2018 Assembly in Perth



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

NATSICC ASSEMBLY, PERTH 1-5 OCTOBER 2018

<http://www.natsicc.org.au/2018-natsicc-assembly.html>

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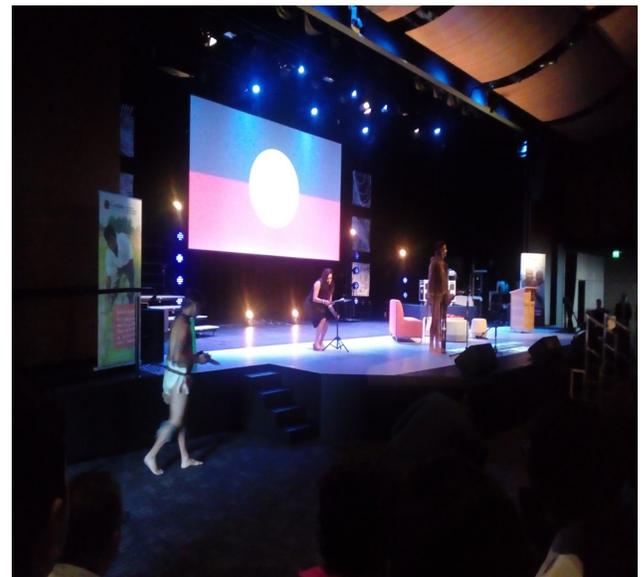
Join over 250 delegates from all over Australia and the world to celebrate and share Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Culture and Spirituality in the Catholic Church in Australia. The Assembly program has been built around the theme - **Strong Faith. Strong Youth. Strong Future.** and strong focus 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.

### **Registration**

The online registration portal is currently being built and will be available soon. The approximate cost of the Assembly will be \$600 (includes all meals, including dinner each evening, New Norcia Day Trip, delegate bag, all Assembly workshop presentations and activities).



# Community Awards

## Service to Community Awards

Celebrating and recognising the efforts of those involved in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ministry



Every day, in Parishes, schools, organisations and ministries around Australia there are people working with and alongside Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics to make a significant difference. They don't ask for accolades or want to be in the spotlight, but these people need to be acknowledged for all they do.

The NATSICC Community Services awards want to celebrate the contributions of the unheralded and we need your help to do so! If you know of someone that has lived out the gospel values in their lives and in their work, please consider nominating them.

The winner of each category will be presented with an award at their local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Celebrations. Their story will act as inspiration for the Catholic Community and will be shared across various platforms including Catholic Media, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander media and the NATSICC website and newsletters. Only 5 awards will be given out each year.

### Categories

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander:- Elder
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander:- Young Adult (18y to 25yrs)
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander:- Adult (25yrs+)
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander:- Youth (up to 17yrs)
- Non-Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander:- Open

### Criteria

The recipient of the 2018 NATSICC Service to Community Award will:

- be a member of the local Catholic Community.
- making Jesus present to others, through living out the Gospel values in their role.
- be working with an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community or is a member of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community.
- have given exceptional service in his or her role.
- have made a significant difference to the lives of others through his or her role.
- have set an example which would inspire others to follow.

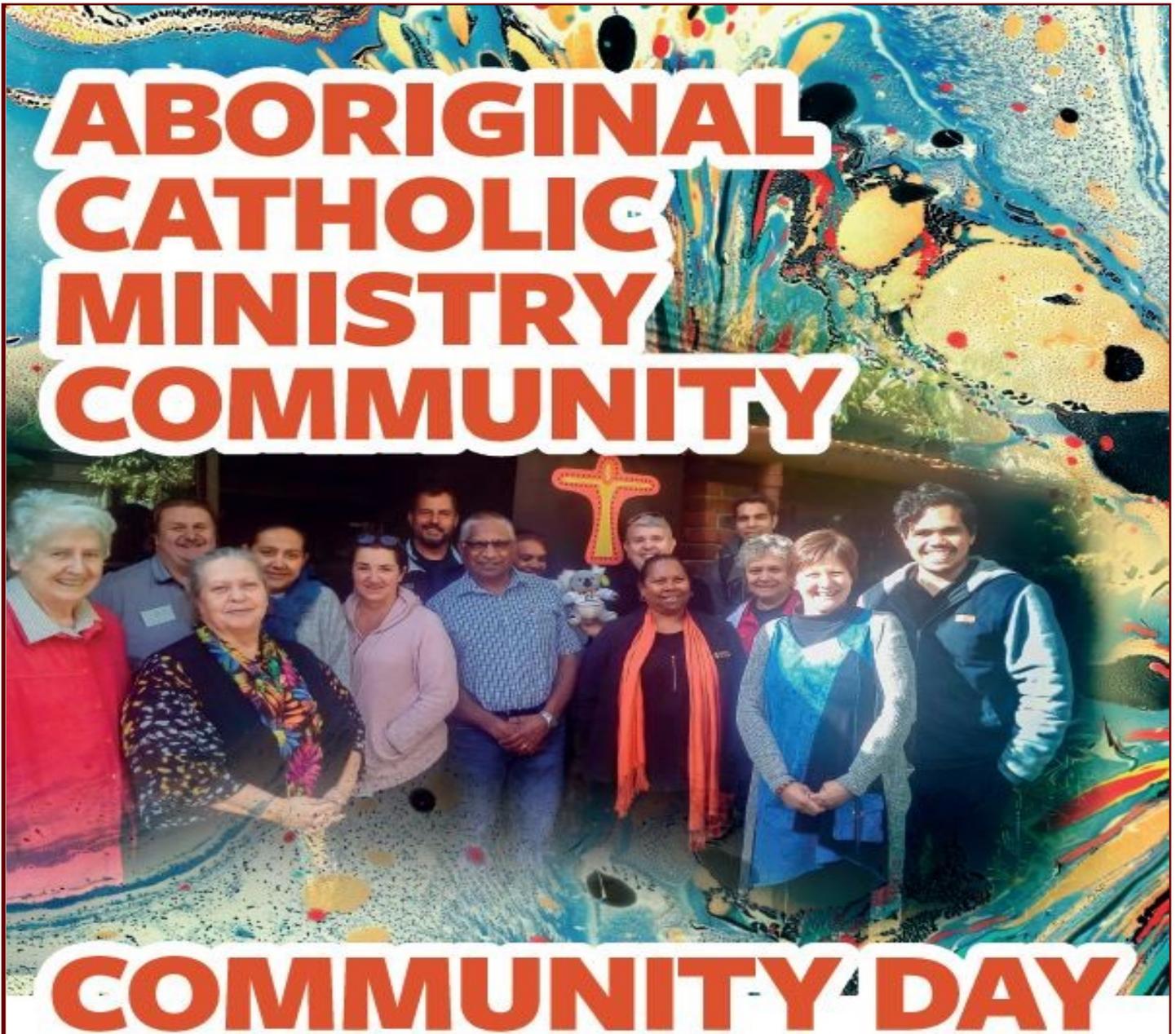
[Online Nomination Form](#)

[Print and Mail Nomination Form](#)

## Closing Date

Nominations will be accepted prior to 27 April 2018.

# Community Day



**WHEN** Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> of May • 11.30am-2pm

**WHAT** Mass, Lunch, Face Painting, Community feedback, connections with Catholic Schools, other agencies

**WHERE** Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 8 Burnett St Embleton

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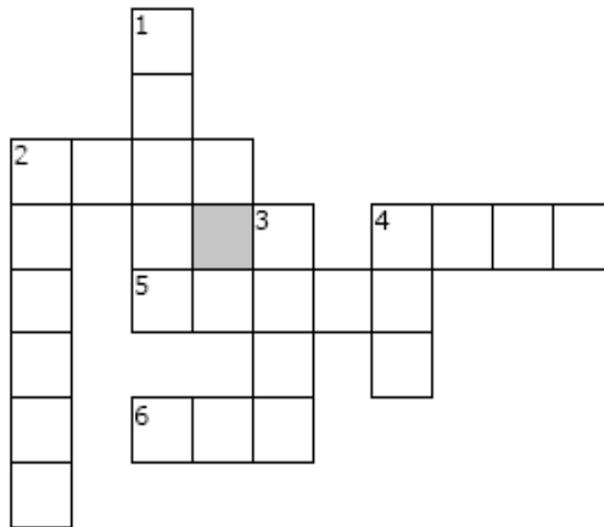


## Kids corner

# Fishing for People

Jesus replied to Simon, "Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be fishing for people!" Luke 5:10b (NLT)

This puzzle is based on Luke 5:1-11 (NLT)



### ACROSS

2. An animal which lives in water and is covered with scales
4. To go down below the surface of the water
5. The land along the edge of an ocean, sea, lake, or river
6. An openwork fabric of cords used to catch fish

### DOWN

1. The Son of God
2. To get behind someone and go where they go
3. A small vehicle for traveling on water
4. A large area of water, smaller than an ocean

Jesus  
shore

net  
boat

fish  
sea

sink  
follow

# Kids Corner



John  
Matthew 3, Mark 1, Luke 3

Baptizes

Jesus