



Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn

Tuesday 16 December 2025

Statement: Bondi Beach Tragedy

The Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn joins the universal condemnation of the cowardly attack on innocent people at Bondi Beach last Sunday evening.

It was clearly an anti-Semitic terrorist act. We stand close to all our Jewish brothers and sisters as they grieve the loss of life and injury to so many families and loved ones.

Such an attack is totally un-Australian. It goes against all that we hold and cherish as good and beautiful in our beloved land.

In the days ahead let us pray for the dead and all families affected. May the healing light of Christ come upon them all.

Let us reach out to our Jewish friends and console them.

May this tragic event not lead to a further fracturing of the social cohesion that unites all Australians.

Finding scapegoats to blame is of little value. What is needed is a deepening of our corporate responsibility to dismiss completely all forms of anti-Semitism. Our words and deeds must never divide but rather unite us all in our beautiful Australia.

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- **Wednesday, 17 December 2025 at 10am:** Along with other faith leaders from the ACT, the Archbishop and Vicar General will be attending the Memorial Service at the Meeting Place near the Great Cross, ACCC, 15 Blackall Street, Barton at 10am this Wednesday. The Archbishop and Vicar General will also be making a personal visit to the local Jewish leadership later the same day.
 - **Saturday, 20th December 2025 at 12.15pm:** This coming Saturday, 20th December 2025, 12.15pm Mass at St Christopher's Cathedral, will be celebrated by Archbishop Christopher Prowse with the intention for peace and reconciliation in Australia. Prayers will be prayed for the dead and injured in the Bondi Terrorist Attack.

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