



*We proclaim a crucified Christ*  
*1 Cor 1.23*

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**Bishop of Broken Bay**

**STATEMENT**  
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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today our communities are coming to terms with the deep pain and loss that remains at the end of the terrorising and tragic circumstances that have occurred at Martin Place.

My heartfelt prayers go out to the families of those who have lost their lives; to those injured; to those that have suffered unimaginable anguish; and to those who have worked selflessly to bring about the best outcome in this sad and violent situation.

I am conscious, too, of the distress this event has created for the people of the city of Sydney, and in the wider Australian community. May I assure you that our Catholic community stands with all our neighbours at this time, and especially applauds the various displays of interfaith solidarity.

In this Advent season, as our communities look with expectation to the coming of the Christ-child, may we hold close to our hearts those whose lives have been forever changed.

I pray that in the shadow of this tragedy we remain committed to the cause of justice and peace, supported by healing and understanding.

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

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