



NATIONAL FRIDAY KHUTBAH (SERMON)

18 December 2025

The **Australian National Imams Council (ANIC)** urges all Imams, Khateebhs (speakers), and community leaders to dedicate their **Friday Khutbah (Sermon)** on this **Friday, 19 December 2025**, to address:

Unity, Harmony, and Standing Together as One Nation

Introduction

- Islam is a religion founded on mercy, justice, peace and responsibility toward all people and humanity.
Allah says: **“And We have not sent you ‘O Muhammad’ except as a mercy to all of creation.”** (Qur’an 21:107)
- The recent acts of terror and violence in Bondi are unequivocally condemned. These criminal and evil acts have no place in our society and world, and we must stand united in rejecting and condemning them and supporting all the victims and those affected.
- The pain, fear, and shock felt across Australian society and the world highlight how moments of crisis test character, faith, and moral responsibility.
- Islam calls believers to respond to such moments with compassion, justice, wisdom, and moral clarity.
Allah SWT says: **“O you who believe, stand firmly for justice as witnesses for Allah.”** (Qur’an 4:135)

Condolences and Solidarity

- Sincere condolences are extended to the Australian Jewish community, the victims, their families, and all those affected.
- The grief, distress, and deep sense of insecurity felt within the Australian Jewish community are fully acknowledged, and our solidarity and compassion are unequivocally affirmed. We empathise deeply, as Muslims understand the trauma of having a sacred space and time violated, as tragically experienced during the Christchurch massacre. While these attacks targeted the Australian Jewish community, they are in reality an attack on all communities, including the Muslim community, and an assault on the safety, dignity, and harmony of our entire nation.



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- Offering condolences, empathy, and support to those who are hurting is a core Islamic value and a shared national responsibility.
The Prophet ﷺ said: **“Show mercy to those on earth, and the One in the heavens will show mercy to you.”** (Tirmidhi)
- Reaching out to neighbours, friends, and colleagues from the Jewish community to offer comfort and reassurance reflects the true teachings of Islam and character of a Muslim, shared humanity and moral responsibility.
The Prophet ﷺ said: **“Whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day, let him honour his neighbour.”** (Bukhari and Muslim)
- Standing with those who are hurting embodies the Prophetic values of compassion, mercy, and care for others, regardless of their faith, race or background.
The Prophet ﷺ said: **“The most beloved people to Allah are those who are most beneficial to people.”** (Tabarani)

Sanctity of Human Life

- Human life holds absolute sanctity in Islam, without distinction of faith, race, or background. The killing of innocent people is among the gravest crimes in Islam.
Allah (SWT) says: **“Whoever kills a soul unless for a soul or for corruption upon the earth, it is as if he has killed all of mankind; and whoever saves one, it is as if he has saved all of mankind.”** (Qur’an 5:32)
- Islam unequivocally condemns violence, terrorism, and the spreading of fear in all their forms.
Allah (SWT) says: **“And do not cause corruption on the earth”** (Qur’an 7:56)
- Muslims have always been an integral part of Australian society and its social fabric, and have made, and continue to make, valuable contributions to this country while sharing responsibility for its peace, safety, and harmony.
- Islam places a duty on all believers to be a source of reassurance, stability, and goodness in times of challenges.
Allah (SWT) says: **“Allah commands justice, excellence, and giving to relatives, and forbids immorality, wrongdoing, and oppression.”** (Qur’an 16:90)
- An attack on one community is an attack on all communities, undermining the safety, security and dignity of all communities and weakening the fabric of the nation.
- The Prophetic character is demonstrated through patience, wisdom, calmness, and compassion, particularly in times of distress and grief.
- Acts of kindness, empathy, and reassurance are powerful forms of worship and social responsibility in Islam and the fundamental message of our beloved Prophet ﷺ.
The Prophet ﷺ said: **“I was sent only to perfect good character.”** (Ahmad)
- Draw upon events in the life of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ that show his compassion, such as his supplications for the people of Ta’if despite their humiliation of him, the conquest of



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Makkah and his granting asylum to those who persecuted him, and the honourable interactions with Thumamah ibn Uthal despite his repeated harm.

Responsibility, Vigilance, and Reporting Islamophobia and Anti-Muslim Hate

- During these challenging times, the Muslim community, particularly those who are vulnerable, particularly women and the elderly, should remain vigilant and calm, acting with wisdom during periods of heightened tension.
- Misinformation and the sharing of unverified or harmful content, primarily through social media, must be avoided.
- Wisdom, restraint, and responsibility in speech and conduct are essential Islamic virtues. The Prophet ﷺ said: **“Whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day should speak good or remain silent.”** (Bukhari and Muslim)
- Reporting Islamophobic incidents is essential. These include vandalism such as graffiti and arson attacks, physical and verbal assaults, online and cyber threats, hate speech, and anti-Palestinian racism.
- Islamophobia and anti-Muslim hate should be reported regardless of scale, whether minor or severe, so incidents are addressed appropriately. Reports can be made through ANIC’s platform and initiative, **Action Against Islamophobia:**
www.actionagainstislamophobia.org.au

Closing Reminder

- Islam calls believers to be builders of unity and peace, not agents of division and harm.
- Unity, justice, and compassion are among the most explicit expressions of true faith and authentic character of a Muslim.
- Muslims are encouraged to carry these values beyond the mosque and the Muslim community, and act as ambassadors of this great and wonderful religion with dignity, harmony, and peace throughout Australia.
- This is a time for unity, **not division**; for compassion, **not hatred**; and for standing together as one nation.

ANIC extends its thanks and gratitude to all Imams, Khateebis, and community leaders for their leadership and support during these challenging times for our nation, a time of unity, not division, a time of compassion, not hate.

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