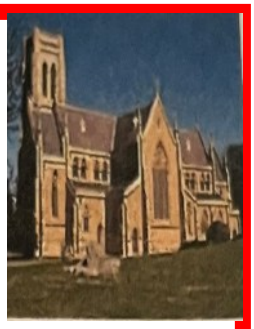
**The cathedral Church of**

**St Saviour's Goulburn**

**Mother Church for**

**The Anglican Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn**



# Sunday 21st of December
# Thomas, Apostle & Martyr

**Preacher: 8am and 10am: Fr. Peter Bertram**

**Presider: 8am: Canon Anne**

**10am: Dean Gavin**

## Readings

Habakkuk 2:1-4; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Ephesians 2:19-22; John 20:24-29

**Midweek Services**

Monday 9:30am - Morning Prayer

Thursday 9:30am - Eucharist

**Cathedral Mission Statement**

**As the mother church of the Canberra Goulburn Diocese and Cathedral of Goulburn, St Saviours seeks to be a haven for nurturing Christians and fostering new faith in Christ. In the love of Christ and the grace of the Holy Spirit the Cathedral community is committed to reinforcing the wisdom of the Anglican tradition and engaging with the ever changing world.**

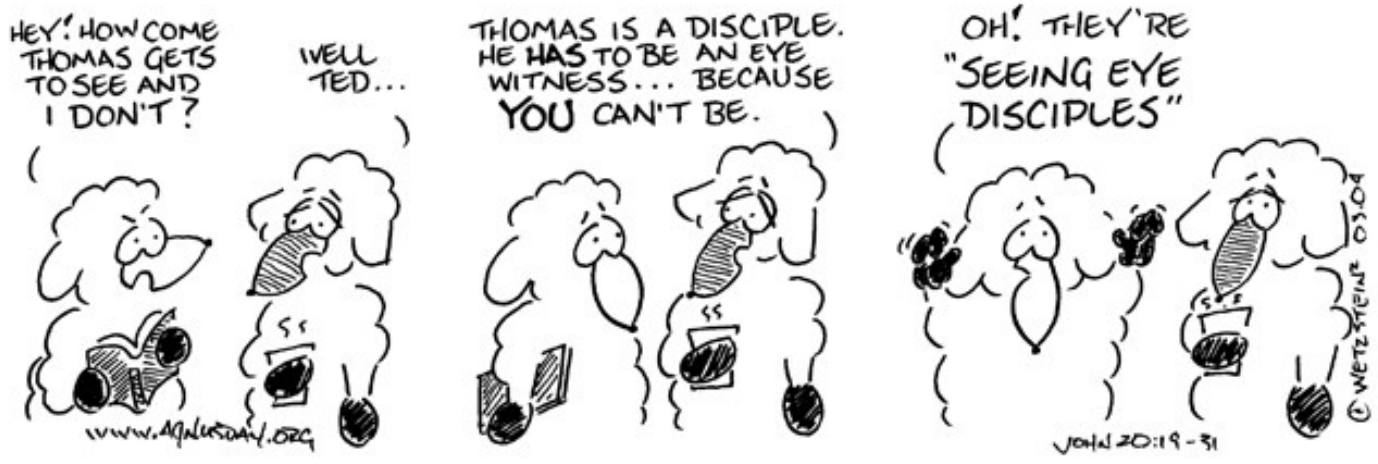
**We Are Committed to :**

**Prayer and joyful worship**
**The ministry of hospitality**
**Serving the broader community**
**Supporting those from diverse backgrounds including those with special needs**
**Supporting Goulburn and the Diocese in good times and in times of adversity**

## Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the triune God, the Creator of heaven and earth and His ownership of all things. (Psalm 24:1) We recognise that He gave stewardship of these lands upon which we meet to the First Nations Peoples of this country (Acts 17:26). We acknowledge the cultures of our First Nations Peoples and are thankful for the community that we share together now. We pay our respects to the people of this land and their elders/leaders, both past and present, and those emerging.

Adapted from BCA Indigenous Resources
https://www.bushchurchaid.com.au/content/indigenous-resources/gk9320



Introit Hymn

Light one candle for hope,
one bright candle for hope.
He brings hope to every heart.
He comes! He comes!

Light one candle for peace,
one bright candle for peace.
He brings peace to every heart.
He comes! He comes!

Light one candle for joy,
one bright candle for joy.
Every nation will find salvation
in Beth'lem's baby boy.

Light one candle for love,
one bright candle for love.
He brings love to every heart.
He comes! He comes!
He brings love to every heart.
He comes! He comes!

## Sentence

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe. John 20.29

## Collect

Almighty and eternal God,
who, for the firmer foundation of our faith, allowed the apostle Thomas to doubt the resurrection of your Son until word and sight convinced him:
grant that we, who have not seen, may also believe,
and so receive the fullness of your Son's blessing;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Habakkuk 2:1-4

I will stand at my watch-post,
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,
and what he[a] will answer concerning my complaint.
Then the LORD answered me and said:
Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.
For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.
Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith.

Psalm 80 vv 1-7, 17-19

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that led Joseph like a flock:
**you that are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine out in glory;**

Before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh:
**stir up your power, and come to save us.**

*Restore us again,* O *Lord of hosts:*
***show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.***

O Lord God of hosts:
**how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?**

You have fed them with the bread of tears:
**and given them tears, to drink in good measure.**

You have made us the victim of our neighbours:
**and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

*Restore us again,* O *Lord of hosts:*
***show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.***

Let your power rest on the man at your right hand:
**on that son of man whom you made so strong for yourself.**

And so we shall not turn back from you:
**give us life, and we will call upon your name.**

*Restore us again,* O *Lord of hosts:*
***show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.***

Ephesians 2:19-22

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver;
born a child and yet a king;
born to reign in us for ever;
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thy own eternal Spirit,
rule in all our hearts alone:
by thy all-sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Charles Wesley
1707-1788

John 20:24-29

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.’

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.’ Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Offertory Hymn

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
*Rejoice! rejoice!*
*Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.*

O come, O come, great Lord of might
who to the tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times did give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.
*Rejoice! rejoice!* ...

O come, O key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high
and close the path to misery.
*Rejoice! rejoice!* ...

O come, O branch of Jesse, free
your own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell your people save
and give them victory o'er the grave.
*Rejoice! rejoice!* ...

O come, O dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by your advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night
and death's dark shadows put to flight.
*Rejoice! rejoice!* ...

Anon., Latin, 18th cent. or earlier
based on Antiphons from 9th cent. or earlier
*tr.* John Mason Neale 1818-66 *alt.*

Final Hymn

Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding;
'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;
'cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day.'

Wakened by the solemn warning,
let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her Sun, all ill dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.

Lo, the Lamb, so long expected,
comes with pardon down from heaven;
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all to be forgiven;

That when next he comes with glory,
and the world is wrapped in fear,
with his mercy he may shield us,
and with words of love draw near.

Honour, glory, might, and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
with the everlasting Spirit,
while eternal ages run.

Latin
*tr.* Edward Caswall
1814-78

# From the Dean's Desk:

*Romans 12:9-21*
*Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*

Romans 12:9–21 calls us to a love that is undisguised, a love that clings to what is good even when evil rends the fabric of our community. In the wake of the Bondi shooting, Paul's words strike with both ache and urgency: "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." This is not a naïve dismissal of horror, but a summons to resist cycles of vengeance and despair. The text insists that genuine love is active, hating what destroys, holding fast to what heals, blessing even in the shadow of violence. To weep with those who weep is not optional, it is the church's vocation. To extend hospitality in the face of fear is not weakness, it is Christ's strength. And in this moment, we must be attentive to all who are hurting—from victims and families to bystanders, responders, and communities shaken by grief. Love does not narrow its gaze; it stretches wide enough to hold every wound, every sorrow, every cry for healing. In tragedy, the temptation is to let hatred define us. Romans 12 denies us that option. It dares us to imagine a community where grief is named honestly, where victims are honoured, and where goodness becomes our defiance. In Bondi's sorrow, the call is clear: love must be without hypocrisy, hope must be stubborn, and peace must be pursued even when the world feels shattered.

*Dean Gavin*

## Our Cathedral Prayer

Almighty God whose hand has guided and sustained your Church through many generations, accept our prayers for this Cathedral church, bless all who serve within its walls and strengthen the hands of those who seek to ensure its future. Make it a constant witness to your glory and a place of peace and joy: for the sake of your Son our Saviour. Amen.

A Prayer for St. George's Cathedral,

Our God, as you nurture the Body of Christ in different places, we ask your blessing for our sister church, St. George's in East Jerusalem. In these difficult times, may your Spirit sustain, guide and protect your people there. Bring peace to all as they witness to your presence. In Jesus' name. Amen .

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

*Archbishop Justin Welby/Archbishop Stephen Cottrell*

## CATHEDRAL FOOD PANTRY
## FOR THOSE IN THE COMMUNITY IN NEED.

**Next time you are doing your shopping please consider purchasing some long life staples ie tins of soup, long-life milk etc. We are handing out food parcels at the Community Dinner on Monday evenings.**

## AFTER SERVICE FELLOWSHIP

**Every Sunday in the Mary Thomas Room.**

**Come and join us.**

Thank You to Joan Gilroy, Paula Clegg, Peter Ogilvie, Elizabeth & members of the Choir who set up and bring food for us each week. Please assist them in any way you can by carrying used cups to the bin, plates to the sink, etc.

# Regular Meetings:

**Parish Council meetings 2025:** tba 2026.

**Chapter Meetings 10-12noon:** tba 2026

**Cathedral Markets on the first Saturday of the month:** 3rd January

**Mothers Union:** Meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month in the Mary Thomas Room at 1.30pm

**The Cathedral Craft Group** is on Summer Break during December. There is no meeting of the Craft Group in December. If Craft group members make Christmas decorations, they will be found at the December Cathedral Markets. Craft group will begin again in 2026, watch this space for more information. More information ring Rev'd Theresa on 0408762651

## Anglican News:

https://anglicancg.org.au/news-and-events/anglican-news/

If you are a visitor to our service today or a new resident to Goulburn, **WELCOME !**

**We hope you are uplifted by the worship and enjoy your time with us .**
**Please make yourself known to our Clergy.**

## Our Parish Bank Details:

**Name: St Saviour's Cathedral Parish**
**BSB : 032 721**
**Account : 280 248**
**Reference : Ministry**
**Envelopes : Place them in the offertory plate. If you are unable to attend please phone to arrange pick up of your envelopes.**
**For collection phone : 4821 2206**
**Tap –Go is available in the narthex.**

**Please note donations to regular ministry and Sowerby Trust are not tax deductable**

## SOWERBY TRUST

This Trust is vital to our Cathedral's continuing ministry should you wish to contribute, please note:

**BSB: 702389**
**ACCT: 05209886**

Thank you.

# A Special Appeal.

*Water and Electricity Rates for the Catheral Precint will be higher due to greater use of our facilities.*

*Please consider helping us by making a one off donation, placing it in an Envelope marked UTILITIES and leaving in the Offering Plate up until Christmas.*

*Thanking you so much.*

*Envelopes are to be found on the Table with the Newsletter at the door as you go out this morning. Direct Debit or the Paywave Station at the door can also be used with the code UTILITIES or writing the amount of your contribution on an envelope and placing in the Offering Plate.*

## THE ANGLICARE GIVING TREE

Gifts for the Anglicare Giving Tree need to be in no later than the end of our Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols on Sunday, 21 December 2025.

If you have not yet had the chance to contribute, now is the time. Your generosity helps ensure that hope, warmth, and joy reach families who need it most this Christmas.

## CHRISTMAS -CLEANING

### ALL WELCOME

Those who would like to help Rev'd Anna spruce up St Saviour's for Christmas are warmly invited to join her on Tuesday, 23 December at 10.00am.

Your help will make the Cathedral gleam for the Nativity celebrations.

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**Rev'd Canon Margaret Emil, Hon. Asst Priest (On Leave)**

**Rev'd Canon Kevin Stone: Thursday for Pastoral visiting**

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**Jenny Lacey, Richard Orchard,**

**Pamela Shaw, Phil Fraser, Elizabeth Penning**

**Director of Music: Debra McConnell**

**Organists: Phil Fraser, Dr Brett McKern**

# Holy Innocents
# 28th December 2025

Jeremiah 31:15-20; Psalm 124

1 John 1:5-2:2; Matthew 2:13-18