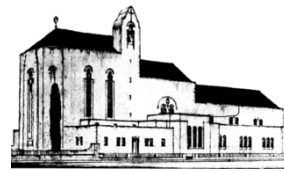


THE PARISH CHURCH OF SAINT COLUMBA, ANFIELD



'MISSIONARY DISCIPLES: POINTING PEOPLE TO JESUS'

Sunday 23rd November 2025

We extend a warm welcome to all who are joining us for worship today and especially to those who may be worshipping with us for the first time. St Columba's is an Anglican parish firmly rooted in the Catholic tradition. We strive to be Missionary Disciples who point others to Jesus Christ. Our worship is focussed on the presence and beauty of God – it is our prayer that you encounter Him here, today.

After Mass

We hope that you will be able to stay for some refreshments and a chance to meet new friends.

We try to be a child-friendly Church.

Please don't worry if your baby cries during the service, that's natural and it's what babies do. We run a Sunday School, 'Columba's Crew' on most Sundays, and your child is most welcome to participate. All our leaders are DBS checked. Should you wish to take your baby or a restless child out during the service, please feel free. At the back of church we have a selection of colouring/ activity sheets and books for babies and small children.

About our Readings...

Today as a Church, we conclude our liturgical year and celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. The Gospel shows the great mystery of our faith: in the moment of his crucifixion, Jesus is shown to be King and Saviour of all. Luke's Gospel has been loaded with surprises: the poor are rich, sinners find salvation, the Kingdom of God is found in our midst. Here we see the greatest surprise of all. We are confronted with the crucified Jesus, whom faith tells us is King and Saviour of all. The irony is that the inscription placed on the cross, perhaps in mockery, contains the profoundest of truth. As the leaders' jeer, the thief crucified by his side recognizes Jesus as Messiah and King, and finds salvation. Jesus is King, but not the kind of king we might have imagined or expected. His kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries, but those who had the eyes of faith were able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we, too, struggle at times to recognize Jesus as King. Today's Gospel invites us to make our own judgment. With eyes of faith, we, too, recognize that Jesus, the crucified One, is indeed King and Saviour of all.

Who's who

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Please inform one of the clergy at any time of those who require the Last Rites.

If you have a safeguarding concern and you wish to talk to somebody, please contact the Vicar or the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

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If you wish to give by credit/debit card, please scan the QR code below:



Food Pantry - Columba's Kitchen

Setup: 20th November, 11.30 am

Columba's Kids - Toddler Group

Is paused until after Christmas.

Family Mass

Today at 4.00 pm

St Paul's Chapel/outside Lady Chapel

Following a collapse in the ceiling, the architect has advised that, until the plasterwork is completely removed, people do not use this area for prayer. Please avoid it, and when returning to your seat after Communion, please do so quickly as more plaster may fall. Thank you for your understanding.

Christmas Fair Setup

From 12 noon on Friday. Doors open for setup on the day at 9.30 am. The Fair is 11am - 1.30 pm on Saturday.

Giving

You will notice that we now have QR codes dotted around the building and on the notice sheet, which you can scan to setup a regular amount to give to St Columba's or to make a one-off donation. In the months ahead we will be thinking about stewardship. Thank you for your generosity!

Bottles

We still need around 20 bottles for the bottle stall if possible please. They can be dropped in any time this week or to the Vicarage.

Christmas Raffle Hamper

If you could please bring in your items for the hamper ASAP but by Wednesday at the latest please.
Thank you.

Christmas Raffle Tickets

Are available today! Please see Irene Campbell after the Masses.

Christmas Decorations

Will be put up in the hall on Thursday this week from 12 noon if anybody would like to help.

Chapter of the Transfiguration

St Andrew's Day, West Kirby. Mass at 6.00 pm. Sign up sheet at back.

Flowers

Donated by Jean Dillon & Family. For David in memory of his birthday, much loved and sadly missed. And for Harry Molton on his anniversary.

Christmas Leaflets

Can you please deliver some leaflets before Saturday? If so please put your name against a road in the parish for delivery. Thank you!

Services & Activities		
This week		
Day	Mass	Other Services/Activities
Sunday 23rd November Christ the King	Mass, 9.00 am Parish Mass, 10.30 am Family Mass, 4.00 pm	
Wednesday 26 th November <i>Feria</i>	Mass, 10.00 am	Bible Study, 10.30 am
Thursday 27 th November <i>Feria</i>	Mass, 10.00 am	Columba's Kitchen Setup, 11.30 am. Christmas Decs, 12 noon
Friday 28 th November <i>Feria</i>		Columba's Kitchen, 9.30 am. Christmas Fair Setup, 12 noon
Sunday 30th November Advent I	Mass, 9.00 am Parish Mass, 10.30 am	

Please pray for:

The sick: Ellie, Sophie Leavesley, Jo Todd, Margaret Brooks, Derek Smith, Fr Ray Bridson, Robert Louie Jones, Joanne Robinson, Angela Manning, Roger Johnson, Eileen Robertson, Mark Wilson, Cath Robinson, Jean Gibson, Jennifer Dowds, Pam Smith, John James Smith, Vicky Goldie, Brian Tarte, Pauline Skinner, Paige Sophia Afellat, Gladys Jump, Joanne Kerr, Jeff Manson, Irene Jeynes, Margaret Mousley, James Williams, HM The King and HRH The Princess of Wales.

Recently Departed: Lois Waters, Barbara Fairclough & John Cox.

Anniversary of Death: Olive Russell, John Ellicott, Joyce Cowle, Joey Taylor, Rose Poole, Butch Frane, Frances Ward, John Ford, Francis Pritchard, Margaret Mason, Roy Lamb, Kay Winkless & Kenneth Southall.

Mass Sheet
The Mass sheet this week has been sponsored by Adrian Higham and family in loving memory of John Cox (1973 -2025) “The best and funniest friend I could have ever wished for. RIP xxxx”