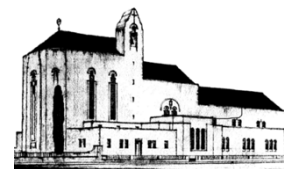


THE PARISH CHURCH OF SAINT COLUMBA, ANFIELD



'MISSIONARY DISCIPLES: POINTING PEOPLE TO JESUS'

Sunday 1st February 2026

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's reading is the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. We quickly note in this reading that the people whom Jesus calls "blessed" and "happy" are not people we think of as blessed or happy . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. This Gospel is one of reversals. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness. "Blessed" is sometimes translated as *happy*, *fortunate*, or *favoured*. In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favour is upon those who are poor, those who mourn, those who are persecuted. This news might have been welcome – and surprising – to the crowds who heard Jesus that day. The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. By referring to the good things that the faithful will experience, Matthew reminds us that those who act in the manner described in the Beatitudes will find their reward with God.

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: 29th January, 11.30 am

Bible Study

Resumes this Wednesday at 10.30 am.

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 to 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.

Key Dates: January – June 2026

Ash Wednesday: 18th February

Palm Sunday: 29th March

Easter Day: 5th April

Ascension Day: 14th May

Pentecost: 24th May

St Columba's Day: 7th June

Confirmations: 14th June

Family Mass

Today at 4.00 pm.

Candlemas

We celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord on Monday 2nd February with Mass at 7.00 pm. Do make every effort to attend this Mass.

Parish Bingo

Thank you to those who came/organised the bingo on Friday. We raised £206.00

Chapter of the Transfiguration

The next event is 'Mercy Works: Love for God, Love for the Poor'. Exploring how we serve the poor in our midst, as an expression of our love of God. Here at St Columba's, Saturday 28th March 2026.

Lent

Lent packs will be distributed in the next few weeks and details of the Lent course for this year. Please do start to think how you will use Lent this year to grow closer to God and serve those in need.

Services & Activities

This week

Day	Mass	Other Services/Activities
Sunday 1st February IV in Ordinary Time	Mass, 9.00 am Parish Mass, 10.30 am Family Mass, 4.00 pm	
Monday 2 nd February <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>	Mass, 7.00 pm	
Tuesday 3 rd February <i>Feria</i>	Mass, 7.00 pm	Confessions 6.30 pm
Wednesday 4 th February <i>Feria</i>	Mass, 10.00 am	Bible Study, 10.30 am
Thursday 5 th February <i>S. Agatha</i>	Mass, 10.00 am	
Friday 6 th February <i>Feria</i>		Columba's Kitchen, 9.30 am
Sunday 8th February V in Ordinary Time	Mass, 9.00 am Parish Mass, 10.30 am	

Please pray for:

The sick: Ellie, Vicky Goldie, Linda Campbell, Margaret Mousley, Michael Riddick, Jennifer Dowds, Pauline Skinner, Margaret Brooks, Joanne Robinson, Derek Smith, Sophie Leavesley, Tom Gregory, Fr Ray Bridson, Charlie Neill, Jean Gibson, Roger Johnson, Gladys Jump, Joanne Kerr, Irene Campbell, Barbara Head, Dorathy Ejike, Helen Andrews, Pam Smith, Margaret Winterbottom, Jeff Manson, Stephen Coxhead & Betty Doran.

Recently Departed: Irene Jeynes, Mihaela Arbid, Rhoda Vaughan & John Gaisford (Bishop)

Anniversary of Death: Bill Ward, Ken Beckett, Ronald Ainsworth, George Birkett, John Fletcher, Irene Smith, Evelyn Dunn, Francis Cuttress, Ethel Mason & Leslie Clensy.