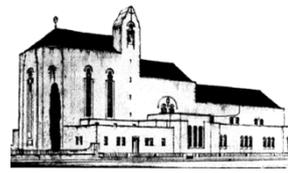


# THE PARISH CHURCH OF SAINT COLUMBA, ANFIELD



## 'MISSIONARY DISCIPLES: POINTING PEOPLE TO JESUS'

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 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...**

In the gospel Jesus meets a Samaritan woman at the well. The story is centred on salvation and how he is able to give that gift to all those who seek him. The woman, in question was on the edge of society. She had a chequered moral life and was ostracised from the rest of the community; hence she would visit the well at midday, the hottest point of the day, and alone, not the usual custom the day. Women would generally go the well in groups. The encounter with Jesus changes her life. He promises the gift of living water, which is life in all its fullness. The initiation of the conversation by him reveals that he thirsts for us, each of us, and longs to bestow the gift. We must simply open our hearts to that truth and not 'harden our hearts'.

# 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.*

## Find us online:

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## **Food Pantry - Columba's Kitchen**

Setup: 12<sup>th</sup> March, 11.30 am

## **Bible Study**

Please note there is no Bible study this week due to a funeral taking place in Church at 11.15 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.

## **Unwanted Gifts**

Do you have any unwanted gifts from Christmas or birthdays? If so, and you don't mind parting with them, could you donate them to our bingo? Thank you!

## **Family Mass**

Today at 4.00 pm

## **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 28<sup>th</sup> March 2026. Sign up from today.

## **Lent Course**

This Tuesday at 7.30 pm. On Matthew's gospel. No preparation required.

## **Key Dates: January - June 2026**

Palm Sunday: 29<sup>th</sup> March

Easter Day: 5<sup>th</sup> April

Ascension Day: 14<sup>th</sup> May

Pentecost: 24<sup>th</sup> May

St Columba's Day: 7<sup>th</sup> June

Confirmations: 14<sup>th</sup> June

## **No Mass on Tuesday**

Unfortunately, there will be no Mass on Tuesday due to Fr Daniel attending a longstanding meeting at St Agnes with Bishop Stephen. The Lent course will continue as normal.

## **Wednesday Mass**

At the earlier time of 9.30 am due to a funeral.

## **Congratulations**

to Iain Parks from the 9.00 am congregation, being made a lay Canon of Blackburn Cathedral today for his work as Director of Education!

## Services & Activities

### This week

Day	Mass	Other Services/Activities
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Lent III</b>	<b>Mass, 9.00 am</b> <b>Parish Mass, 10.30 am</b> <b>Family Mass, 4.00 pm</b>	
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March <i>Lenten Feria</i>		Lent Course, 7.30 pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March <i>Lenten Feria</i>	Mass, 9.30 am	Funeral, Jackie Littlewood 11.15 am
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March <i>Lenten Feria</i>	Mass, 10.00 am	
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March <i>Lenten Feria</i>		Pantry, 9.30 am Stations of the Cross, 12 noon
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Lent IV</b> <b>Mothering Sunday</b>	<b>Mass, 9.00 am</b> <b>Parish Mass, 10.30 am</b>	

### 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, Helen Andrews, Pam Smith, Margaret Winterbottom, Jeff Manson, Stephen Coxhead, Joan Whittle, Eunice Jones, Betty Doran, Harry Christian & Libby Humphries.

**Recently Departed:** Kathy Adams.

**Anniversary of Death:** David DeSilva, Frank Forshaw, Ryan Dugdale, Sylvia Smyth, Edna Parry, Winefred Davies, Irene McCarthy, Joe Curran, Catherine McCoy, Flo Wilkinson, Wilfred Sutton, Brenda Ellis, Iris Brightman, Florence Andrew, Patricia Patterson, Jim Davis, Patricia Allmark, Dylan Bennett & Joyce Reed.