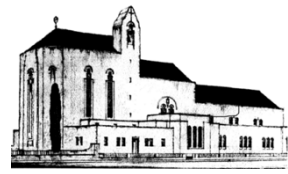


**THE PARISH CHURCH OF
SAINT COLUMBA, ANFIELD**



'MISSIONARY DISCIPLES: POINTING PEOPLE TO JESUS'

Sunday 24th May 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...

We previously heard today's Gospel on the second Sunday of Easter. In that context, we were led to reflect on belief and unbelief. In the context of the feast of Pentecost, this reading reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." As he breathes the Holy Spirit upon them, Jesus sends his disciples to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are washed clean from sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God in forgiving sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians.

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.

The Honorary Assistant Priest:

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Food Pantry - Columba's Kitchen

Setup: Thursday, 11.30 am

Family Mass

The next Family Mass will be on 7th June - St Columba's Day. Do come along!

The Summer Fair

Will take place on Saturday 4th July. Please do put the date in your diaries and encourage others to attend.

APCM

The report is available today. The APCM will take place on 31st May after the Parish Mass. Please make every effort to attend. The first meeting of the new PCC will follow immediately afterwards.

No Mass Thursday

Please note there will be no Mass on Thursday.

Tinned Goods

If you have any tinned items at home that are in date, that you're not going to use, why not donate them to the summer fair. Thank you!

Festival at York Minster

Bishop of Beverley's Festival - York Minster, Saturday 18th July. A coach will be leaving locally. Please sign up if interested. It'd be good to take a group of people.

Bible Study

Wednesday at 10.30 am.

Bottle Stall

We need to start collecting for bottles for the fair. If you could bring any in it would be much appreciated. Thank you.

Church Cleaning

In preparation for St Columba's celebrations. Saturday 6th June from 10.00 am. Please sign up today.

St Columba's Day

Sunday 7th June, 4.00 pm

Confirmation

Sunday 14th June at 10.30 am. Please note, there will only be one Mass that day in order that we can support our candidates.

Services & Activities

This week

Day	Mass	Other Services/Activities
Sunday 24th May Pentecost	Mass, 9.00 am Parish Mass, 10.30 am	Adult Confirmation Class <i>following Parish Mass</i>
Tuesday 26 th May <i>S. Philip Neri</i>	Mass, 7.00 pm	
Wednesday 27 th May <i>S. Augustine of Canterbury</i>	Mass, 10.00 am	Bible Study, 10.30 am
Thursday 28 th May <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest</i>		Pantry Setup, 11.30 am.
Friday 29 th May <i>S. Paul VI</i>		Columba's Kitchen, 9.30 am
Sunday 31st May The Most Holy Trinity	Mass, 9.00 am Parish Mass, 10.30 am	APCM, 12 noon Holy Baptism, 12.15 pm

Please pray for:

The sick: Ellie, Vicky Goldie, Michael Riddick, Jennifer Dowds, Pauline Skinner, Margaret Brooks, Joanne Robinson, Derek Smith, Tom Gregory, Fr Ray Bridson, Charlie Neill, Jean Gibson, Gladys Jump, Joanne Kerr, Stephen Coxhead, Eunice Jones, Libby Humphries, Craig Waters, Nick Walsh, Andrew Kummerfeld, Anne Sweeney, Rev Norma Nelson, Lynda O'Leary, Agnes Hewison & Charles Sweeney.

Recently Departed:

Anniversary of Death: George Highton, Rita Dixon, Alice Cunningham, Ernest Lee & Angela Mundy.