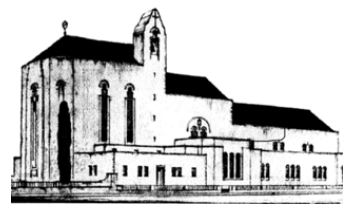


THE PARISH CHURCH OF SAINT COLUMBA, ANFIELD



'MISSIONARY DISCIPLES: POINTING PEOPLE TO JESUS'

Sunday 30th August 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 Gospel continues the story that began in last week – Simon Peter was called the "rock" upon which Jesus would build his Church, and yet Peter continues to show the limitations of his understanding of Jesus' identity. Now that the disciples have acknowledged that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he must suffer and die in Jerusalem to be raised on the third day. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely, calling him "Satan." In opposing this aspect of Jesus' mission, Peter shows that he is no longer speaking based on the revelation from God but as a human being. Jesus then teaches all of the disciples about the difficult path of discipleship: to be Christ's disciple is to follow in his way of the cross. The common view was that the Messiah would be a political figure, a king that would free Israel from Roman rule. This is perhaps what Peter envisioned when he was led to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. In this passage, however, Jesus is beginning to teach his disciples that he would be the Messiah in a different way. Jesus would be more like the suffering servant described by the prophet Isaiah than the political liberator. Those who would be Jesus' disciples would be called to a similar life of service. Perhaps this is what Peter feared most in Jesus' prediction of his Passion. He whom Jesus had called "rock" would also be called upon to offer himself in sacrifice and service to others.

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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Food Pantry – Columba’s Kitchen

Setup: Thursday, 11.30 am

Bible Study

Wednesday, 10.30 am.

Blessing of Bags!

Today, during the Parish Mass. Bring your new school items, and more importantly, yourselves, for a blessing at the beginning of the school term.

Prayer Calendar

Please take a copy of the September Prayer Calendar and unite your prayers and home to the ones made in Church.

Family Mass

New dates will be released shortly.

Columba’s Kitchen

Do you know somebody who is struggling the moment? Just a reminder that Columba’s Kitchen, our food pantry, operates each and every Friday to help people in the area. We are always ready to welcome new members.

Curate for St Columba’s

It was announced last Sunday that we are to receive a Curate from next year. James Williams is known to most of you and is about to embark on his final year at the College of the Resurrection before his ordination to the diaconate in June 2027. Please do pray for James in his final months of study and also for the preparation needed to take place here.

Services & Activities

This week

Day	Mass	Other Services/Activities
Sunday 30th August XXII in Ordinary Time	Mass, 9.00 am Parish Mass, 10.30 am	Holy Baptism, 12 noon.
Tuesday 1 st September <i>Feria</i>	Mass, 7.00 pm	Confessions, 6.30 pm
Wednesday 2 nd September <i>Feria</i>	Mass, 10.00 am	
Thursday 3 rd September <i>S. Gregory the Great</i>	Mass, 10.00 am	
Friday 4 th September <i>S. Cuthbert</i>		Columba's Kitchen, 9.30 am
Sunday 6th September XXIII in Ordinary Time	Mass, 9.00 am Parish Mass, 10.30 am	

Please pray for:

The sick: Ellie, Louise Fairclough, Gordon Swift, Anne Sweeney, Charles Sweeney, Margaret Brooks, Joanne Robinson, Lynda O'Leary, Dereck Smith, Fr Ray Bridson, Frank Birell, John Ellison, Vicky Goldie, Fr Luke Demetri, Agnes Hewison, Enid Tapson, Tony Ledsham, Roger Johnstone, Nick Walsh, Stephen Gallagher & Charlie Neill.

Recently Departed: Margaret Brady, Jennifer Dowds & Debbie Lees.

Anniversary of Death: Mabel Jones, Rick Coates, Rhoda Morris, Beryl Morgan, Astor Ugochukwu, David Morris, Joseph Cahill, Hazel O'Brien, Violet Marsh, Ken Dingwall, Elsie Hodson, Joan Roberts, Carl Rutland, Russell Banks, Hannah Williams & Herbert Jones.