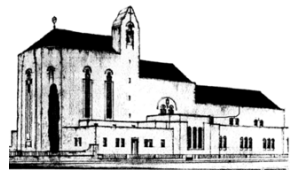


THE PARISH CHURCH OF SAINT COLUMBA, ANFIELD



'MISSIONARY DISCIPLES: POINTING PEOPLE TO JESUS'

Sunday 18th October 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 today's Gospel Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem continue their tense exchange of questions and challenges. At this point the disciples of the Pharisees, together with the Herodians, try to entrap Jesus by their question about the payment of taxes. Jesus' response to this attempt to trap him exposes the guile of his questioners. From his first words to them, Jesus shows that he is very much aware of what they are trying to do. He asks to see a Roman coin, which is readily provided to him. It may have come from the hand of a Herodian, but the Pharisees show themselves to be quite willing to accept this compromise. Jesus has already exposed the Pharisees as hypocrites. Jesus takes his response one step further. He asks that his questioners examine the coin. Agreeing that it is Caesar's image on the coin, Jesus tells them that it must belong to Caesar. Then, going further still, Jesus tells them that their obligation is to pay to God that which belongs to God. Jesus' response to the Herodians and Pharisees suggests the ethic that Christians ought to adopt. It reminds us of the importance of keeping things in their proper perspective. Do we attach ourselves to worldly things at the expense of the love and honour that we owe to 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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Food Pantry - Columba's Kitchen

Setup: Thursday, 11.30 am

Funding

Expressions of interest to Historic England and the National Lottery Heritage Fund for £2 million have been submitted for the restoration of the building. It is anticipated a decision will be made within 6 weeks. There are several further stages to this project should we get through this first stage, so the money is not guaranteed even if successful at this stage. Please, please do pray that we are successful so the work and witness of the church may continue into the future.

Wednesday

No Mass or Bible Study this Wednesday.

Family Mass

Takes place today.

Charity Boxes

If you collect for the children's society or the leprosy mission, could you please bring your boxes into church so the money can be counted and sent on to the charity. Thank you.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to all those who attended on Friday and Sunday. We raised a total of £482.50. Thank you to all who supported.

Clothing

The Whitechapel centre is in desperate need of warm clothing for the homeless. If you have any old/unwanted clothes, could you donate them? Please bring them, washed and bagged to Church and they will be collected. Thank you. Jesus reminds us in Matthew 25.44 that when we donate in this way, caring for the needy, and those without clothing we honour God.

Clothing is being collected on Thursday, so please do bring items in before then if you have any.

Advance Notice

The Christmas Fair will take place on 28th November this year

Services & Activities

This week

Day	Mass	Other Services/Activities
Sunday 18th October XXIX in Ordinary Time	Mass, 9.00 am Parish Mass, 10.30 am Family Mass, 4.00 pm	
Tuesday 20 th October <i>Feria</i>	Mass, 7.00 pm	Confessions, 6.30 pm
Thursday 22 nd October <i>Feria</i>	Mass, 10.00 am	
Friday 23 rd October <i>Feria</i>		Columba's Kitchen, 9.30 am
Sunday 25th October XXX in Ordinary Time	Mass, 9.00 am Parish Mass, 10.30 am	Holy Baptism, 12.15 pm.

Please pray for:

The sick: Ellie, Gordon Swift, Anne Sweeney, Charles Sweeney, Margaret Brooks, Joanne Robinson, Lynda O'Leary, Dereck Smith, Fr Ray Bridson, John Ellison, Vicky Goldie, Fr Luke Demetri, Agnes Hewison, Tony Ledsham, Roger Johnstone, Nick Walsh, Stephen Gallagher, Charlie Neill, Bobby Jones, Rhiannon Quirk, Marg Jones, Tony Bruns & Wayne Oldham.

Recently Departed: John Perkins & Enid Tapson.

Anniversary of Death: William Potter, Ronnie Orme, Karen Atherton, Eileen Leech, Barry Woods, Ronald Williams & Reg McAdam.