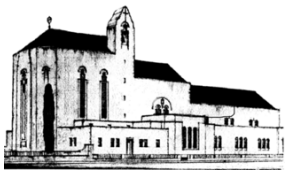
THE PARISH CHURCH OF

SAINT COLUMBA, ANFIELD



'MISSIONARY DISCIPLES: POINTING PEOPLE TO JESUS'

Sunday 8th November 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.

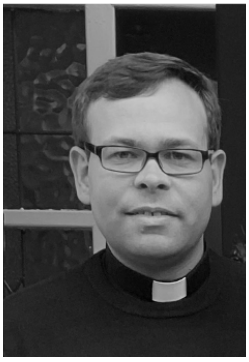
Please don't worry if your baby cries during the service, that's natural and it's what babies do. We run a Sunday School, 'Columba's Crew' on most Sundays, and your child is most welcome to participate. All our leaders are DBS checked. Should you wish to take your baby or a restless child out during 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 this week's Gospel, Jesus talks about what it means to be prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. This week's reading follows a series of warnings and predictions by Jesus about the coming of the Son of Man. Jesus wants his disciples to understand that the exact day and time cannot be predicted. He teaches the disciples that they must remain vigilant so that they will not be caught unprepared. In the chapter preceding this parable, however, Jesus warns about the destruction of Jerusalem, the tribulation of the end times, and the coming of the Son of Man. When read in this context, today's parable is a warning to the Christian community to remain vigilant and prepared to receive Jesus, the Son of Man who will return at the end of time. This interpretation is supported by the reference to the delay of the bridegroom. The Christian community for whom Matthew wrote this Gospel was coming to terms with the realization that the promise of Jesus' return would not be fulfilled within their lifetimes. The question remains for us to ask ourselves, are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive him?

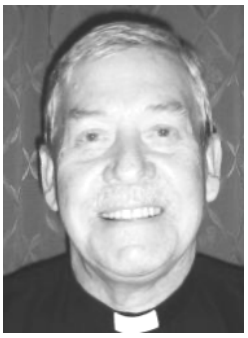
Who's who

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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:

www.stcolumbaanfield.com

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The parish email address is:

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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: Thursday, 11.30 am

Funding

Please take a letter that outlines where we are up to with our applications for funding.

Family Mass

New dates will be announced.

Bingo

Thank you to all whose who supported the bingo on Friday. We raised a total of: £184.00

Raffle Tickets

For the Christmas fair will be available after the Masses today. Please do take as many as you can. Thank you for your continued support.

Tuesday Mass

Please note that the Mass on Tuesday will be celebrated in the morning, at 9.30 am.

Bottles

The Christmas Fair is not far away. Are you able to starting brining bottles in for the stall please? Thank you.

Advance Notice

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

Church Cleaning

It is time for an winter clean-up of the church and parish centre. Are you able to spare an hour or so on Saturday 21st November from 10.00 am? Please sign up at the back of Church. Refreshments provided.

Visit to Chatsworth House

St John's Tuebrook have organised a trip to Chatsworth House on 10th December. The theme is 12 days of Christmas and a visit to the Christmas Market. Cost: £57.50. Please let Fr Daniel know if interested.

Services & Activities This week		
Day	**Mass**	**Other Services/Activities**
Sunday 8th November Remembrance Sunday	**Mass, 9.00 am Parish Mass, 10.30 am**	
Tuesday 10th November *S. Leo the Great*	Mass, 9.30 am	
Wednesday 11th November *S. Martin of Tours*	Mass, 10.00 am	Bible Study, 10.30 am
Thursday 12th November *Feria*	Mass, 10.00 am	
Friday 13th November *Feria*		Columba's Kitchen, 9.30 am
Sunday 15th November XXXIII in Ordinary Time	**Mass, 9.00 am Parish Mass, 10.30 am**	

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, 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: Roy Saville, Derek Cassin & Vicky Goldie.

Anniversary of Death: Doris Morris, Lucy Wynne, Marie Mumford, Helen Corner, John Stow, Ellen Oswald, Muriel Mounsey, Terry Rogers, Jeff Burke, Margaret Fishwick, Glenn Stanley, Dave Green, Ronald Daniels, Vera Wheeler, Janet Swindlehurst, George Jennings, Eileen Webb, Anne Bleasdale & Grace Davies.