

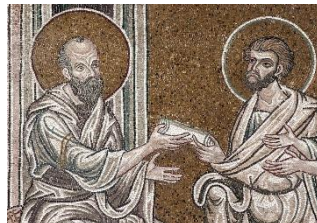
People of the Word: St Paul's companions

No man is an island, not even the greatest of the saints! St Paul, whom we met last week, was a great missionary, but relied on the help and companionship of others. Today we briefly meet a few of them.



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SPEAKS

Timothy and **Titus** were two of Paul's converts who became early bishops in the Church. They stand out especially because of the letters written to them by Paul, which form part of the New Testament. Timothy is mentioned many times in Paul's other letters, sometimes as co-author. He accompanied Paul on some of his missionary journeys. Titus is also spoken of elsewhere, and he seems to have been significant in restoring peace between Paul and the Church at Corinth after a serious disagreement.



Other travelling companions of Paul include **Barnabas**, **Silvanus (Silas)** and **Apollos**. Another figure who travelled with Paul is **St Luke**, clearly a great friend of Paul's, who wrote Luke's Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles – in total, more than a quarter of the New Testament.

In Corinth Paul met **Priscilla and Aquila**, a married couple who became his close friends, initially because they, like him, were tentmakers. They hosted Christian gatherings in their home. Later they travelled to Rome to spread the Gospel there.

There are many other men and women, mentioned in Paul's letters and in Acts, who worked alongside Paul in his missionary endeavours, providing support, hospitality, companionship and practical help. Even the great saints cannot work alone!

Questions for reflection:

- What part do I play in helping to share the Gospel of Christ today?
- How willing am I to accept help from others in my journey of life and faith?

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Office: Psalter Week 4; Sundays: Year A; Weekdays: year 2, week 32

Morning Mass is livestreamed each day and will be available for viewing later in the day on our YouTube channel. All information and links at www.saintclares.co.uk

At this time it is not possible to attend Mass in person.

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Sunday 8 th	9:30am	THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	For the War Dead
Monday	9:30am	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	For a successful operation
Tuesday	9:30am	St Leo the Great	Barrie Cliff RIP
Wednesday	9:30am	St Martin of Tours	Joe Noblet RIP
Thursday	9:30am	St Josaphat	People of the Parish
Friday	9:30am		Mary O'Gara RIP
Saturday	9:30am		Tresamol RIP
Sunday 15 th	9:30am	THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Trevor Hughes RIP

LATELY DEAD: Please pray for **Johanna (Joan) Price, Bernard Harrison**, and all who have died recently.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: on request. Contact Fr Andrew to arrange.

ROSARY: Prayed after 9:30am Mass, Monday-Friday.

ANNIVERSARIES: Bert Brooks, Ron Cornah, Barrie Cliff, Harold Ellison, Monica Wyatt, Francis Sherridan, Frances Harding, Mary Winifred McAteer, Judith Reilly, Catherine Murray, Ann Ashton, Irene Pye, Jeffrey Beswick.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER: We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve mankind.

Supporting your parish financially

To avoid use of cash, it is better, if possible, to support the parish using standing order/BACS. Contact us directly for the details. If you don't use online banking, we can send you a mandate which you can fill in and post to your bank. If you have been saving offertory envelopes, these may be pushed through the presbytery letterbox or handed in at the end of Mass. Thank you for supporting our parish.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: Today we remember all who have lost their lives in war, and we pray for peace in the world. The Mass will be offered for those who died in war, and a period of prayerful silence will be observed for them.

NATIONAL LOCKDOWN: At this time it is not possible to attend Mass in person. The Mass is livestreamed each day at 9:30am. The church remains open each day for private prayer – for opening times and more information, see the back page.

NOVEMBER LIST: A box containing all the names submitted for November is in front of the altar throughout this month; they are remembered each day at Mass.

INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE: This national enquiry will present its final report on the Church on Tuesday. Conscious as we are of sins and failings within the Church, let us continue to pray for all who suffer as a result of abuse, and pray for the protection of children and all who are vulnerable.

METANOIA PROJECT are hosting various online events with opportunities for prayer, worship and growing in faith. Visit www.metanoiaproject.co.uk for more.

CATHOLIC VOICE OF LANCASTER: The November edition of our diocesan newspaper is now available on our website, in the newsletter section.

ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH: Catholic Medical Association is hosting a free 1-hour seminar on this subject on Tuesday 17th November, 7-8pm. Particularly aimed at healthcare professionals. Please register by Tuesday 10th. For details or to register please contact Cath Morgan: bha@lancasterrcdiocese.org.uk

CAN YOU HELP MAIRA? Aid to the Church in Need are asking the Prime Minister to grant asylum to Maira Shahbaz, a 14-year old Pakistani Christian girl. Maira was raped, forced to marry and convert, and is now threatened with death. Please sign the petition, which can be found online – it only takes a minute. [Click here to sign.](#)

FOOD BANK CHRISTMAS APPEAL: There is great need especially for tinned meat, potatoes, spaghetti hoops, cordial and treats for children (mince pies with a date past Christmas, tinned sweets/chocolates, selection boxes, tinned biscuits etc). They also hope to provide 500 toys to children whose families use the food bank. Donations are welcome, but must be made by 27th November. New toys only please.

CAFOD CHRISTMAS CARDS: Because of COVID, the local CAFOD team is offering an ordering and delivery service (within a 2-mile radius of church) for CAFOD Christmas cards and Traidcraft goods. Cards can be viewed online: <https://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk/christmas/charity-christmas-cards>. Please order by e-mail to fairpreston@gmail.com or by phone to 717376 by Sunday 15 November. Payment on delivery by cash or cheque (Payable to Traidcraft plc).

Events this week (occasional/one-off events in bold type)

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Every day	Anytime	Food Bank Collection	House Porch
Sunday 8 th	3pm-4pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Mon-Fri	5-6pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Tuesday	7:30pm	Fabric and Finance Committee	Zoom
Friday	5-6pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Saturday	12-1pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Sunday 15 th	3pm-4pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church

All events marked 'YouTube' are streamed live on our channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/StClaresChurch>

A prayer of spiritual communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Second National Lockdown

As we enter a second national lockdown, which is expected to be much shorter than the first, let's continue to look out for one another, especially for those who are isolated or have particular needs. If you need help, or know someone who does, please contact us – there are many parishioners who are willing to help out. Don't be stuck and don't suffer in silence!

Public Masses will continue until and including Wednesday; from Thursday onwards Mass will not be open to the public, by order of the government. We will continue to livestream the Mass each morning at 9:30am.

After the lockdown, everyone who currently has a place at Mass will be able to resume coming to the same Mass without rebooking.

As the rules stand, we will still be able to open the church for private prayer, for limited periods each day – these are shown in the table above.

Please keep an eye on our website: www.saintclares.co.uk for further information and updates.