

Open your heart

9 NOVEMBER 2025

SUNDAY

Plus

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica **Divine Office Week IV** Year C

Remembrance Day

One of many



In early 1944, the Japanese were preparing to attack Imphal in Assam, the gateway to India – a crisis indeed. The Chindits were to drop behind them with a view to cutting off their supply routes around Indawa. John's brigade was to be crash-landed into this operational area by gliders. Landing strips had been cut in the thick of the forests where these gliders could land.

Prior to take-off Wingate himself

inspected the brigade of which John was a member. Wingate walked down the line of officers, stopping in front of John. John was taken aback. Wingate looked him straight in the eye, shook him by the hand and said: "Congratulations, Captain Bradburne, on your escape and upon your M.C." (Military Cross)...

John never spoke much about his war. He told me a little of their

landing in Burma. A large force was in fact crash-landed behind the Japanese lines...

He spoke even less of the year or more that he spent there with the Chindits. A mutual friend told me that John had to be forced into a [protective] slit trench in the thick of battle. He loved to watch the birds...

Perhaps the experience of war helped his eventual detachment

from the world, his withdrawal from conventional society. Grace builds upon nature. I believe that God called John to an inner life and the beginnings of a withdrawal from "the world" early in the Malaya campaign. At that time, and later... the seed thus sown began to urge him on in his search – "O Beauty, so ancient and yet so new".

John Dove SJ, Strange Vagabond of God

Peace be with you! It is the peace of the risen Christ, a peace that is unarmed and disarming, humble and persevering, a peace that comes from God, the God who loves us all, unconditionally.

Pope Leo XIV

Wherever I am

Wherever I am, I will love you day by day.
I will keep you safe, cling on to faith, along the dark, dark, way.
Wherever I am, I will hold on through the night.
I will pray each day, a safe return, will look now through the light.
Light up the darkness, my wondrous star.
Our hopes and dreams, my heart and yours, forever shining far.
Light up the darkness my prince of peace.
May the stars shine all around you.
May your courage never cease,
Courage never cease.

"Wherever You Are", words by Paul Mealor, sung by the Military Wives

Ever living God, we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence; may the same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  Amen.

Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope Builders of peace

To be pilgrims of hope and builders of peace, then, means to base our lives on the rock of Christ's resurrection, knowing that every effort made in the vocation that we have embraced and seek to live out, will never be in vain. Failures and obstacles may arise along the way, but the seeds of goodness we sow are quietly growing and nothing can separate us from the final goal: our encounter with Christ and the joy of living for eternity in fraternal love. This ultimate calling is one that we must anticipate daily: even now our loving relationship with God and our brothers and sisters is beginning to bring about God's dream of unity, peace and fraternity. May no one feel excluded from this calling! Each of us in our own small way, in our particular state of life, can, with the help of the Spirit, be a sower of seeds of hope and peace.

Pope Francis, Message for the Sixty-first World Day of Prayer for Vocations



READINGS

Today:
Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12
1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17
John 2:13-22

Monday:
Wisdom 1:1-7
Luke 17:1-6

Tuesday:
Wisdom 2:23 – 3:9
Luke 17:7-10

Wednesday:
Wisdom 6:1-11
Luke 17:11-19

Thursday:
Wisdom 7:22b – 8:1
Luke 17:20-25

Friday:
Wisdom 13:1-9
Luke 17:26-37

Saturday:
Wisdom 18:14-16;
19:6-9
Luke 18:1-8

Next Sunday:
Malachi 3:19-20a
2 Thessalonians 3:7-12
Luke 21:5-19