

Open your heart

SUNDAY *Plus*

9 NOVEMBER 2025

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

Remembrance Day



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 Indaw. 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



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The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Sunday 9th November 2025

"To dedicate or consecrate" a place to God is a ritual that is found in every religion. To "reserve" a place to God is an act of recognizing His glory and honor.

When the Emperor Constantine granted full liberty to Christians in 313, they did not spare in order to construct places for the Lord – numerous are the churches constructed at that time. Constantine himself also constructed churches, one of which he was a magnificent basilica on the Caelian Hill in Rome, over the ancient Lateran Palace, which Pope Sylvester I dedicated to Christ the Savior (318 or 324). A chapel dedicated to Saint John the Baptist was built inside it which served as the baptistry. This moved Pope Sergius III to dedicate it to Saint John the Baptist as well. Lastly, Pope Lucius II also dedicated it to Saint John the Evangelist in the 12th century. Thus, the name of this Papal Basilica is the Basilica of the Most Holy Savior and of Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist in the Lateran. Christians consider the Basilica to be the mother church of all churches in the world.

The church was destroyed several times in the course of the centuries, and always rebuilt. The final reconstruction took place under the pontificate of Benedict XIII. The church was rededicated in 1724. It was at that time that the feast celebrated today was established and extended to the universal Church.



Mass Times 9th November 2025		
Sunday 9th	Vigil - Saturday 8th Sunday Morning	4pm - Parish 11am - Pat Collins (LD)
Monday 10th	Mass	9.30 – Tom Lally (RIP)
Tuesday 11th	No Mass 1st Holy Communion meeting (St. John Fisher children) 1st Holy Communion Meeting (St Marys children)	3.30 St John Fisher school hall 6.30pm St Marys parish hall
Wednesday 12th	Mass Scripture course	9.30 – Deceased members of the Lally family 6.30pm Parish hall
Thursday 13th	Exposition Mass	6pm 6.30pm --Forgotten Souls
Friday 14th	Mass	9.30 – Thomas Beirne
Saturday 15th Sunday 16th	Vigil Mass All Saints	4pm —Deceased members of the Coriam family 11am – Parish
Saturday & Sunday	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Available 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass

Mass Offerings

Mrs Ruane and family;

Please obtain permission from any living beneficiary of a Mass offering before sending it in.)

Mass Intentions

We have no Masses left to offer in November. Once all the Masses in December have been allocated, we will then be passing any intentions to Fr Lawrence Gambella to offer on our behalf, until the start of the new year.

Vigil Mass; 4pm St Mary’s, Denton ; 5pm St Josephs, Reddish; and 6.30pm Holy Family, Dane Bank

Sunday Morning; 9am St Joseph’s, Reddish; 10am Holy Family, Dane Bank and 11am St Mary’s, Denton

What’s coming up in our parish

November

Tuesday 11th November Sacramental Programme meeting (SJF Cohort) 3.30pm SJF School Hall

Tuesday 11th November Sacramental Pro-gramme meeting (StM Cohort) 6.30pm Parish Hall

Wednesday 12th November **Scripture Course** 6.30pm Parish Hall

Wednesday 19th November **Faith in Action** 6.30pm to 8.30pm in Parish Hall

Saturday November 29th 9.30am
CATHOLICISM COURSE Parish Hall

December

Wednesday 3rd December **Scripture Course** 6.30pm in Parish Hall

Wednesday 17th December **Faith in Action** 6.30pm to 8.30pm in the Parish Hall

ADVENT Reconciliation Services

Tuesday 9th December. 7pm at **St Josephs**,

Wednesday 10th December 7pm **St Mary’s**

Thursday 11th December 7pm **Holy Family**

Altar Prayer Candles W/C 9th November 2025

The Sanctuary	Anthony Scanlon
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Sacred Heart	
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Our Lady	
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Altar Prayer Candles

Our Seven Day Candles can be lit next to the Sanctuary, Our Lady’s Altar and The Sacred Heart Statue at St Mary’s. To dedicate a candle for your own intentions please pick up a green form at the back of church and return in an envelope with your donation. This is another way for your special intentions to be remembered and prayed for in the Parish.



November Remembrance List -

Envelopes are at the back of each church to list those loved ones you wish to be remembered in the month of November.



Deceased Members of the Parish in the last 12 Months.

Mary Ryan; Michael Meaney; Tom Lally

Pam Slater; Geoffrey Parsons; Joan Hill

Irene Harrop; Sarah Smith; Mary Murray

Catherine Kirkham; Terence O’ Neill;

William Lister; John Hall; Richard Tarnowski

Bosiljka Mirjana Sijan; Pauline Cleary

Johanna Hassall; Frances Josephine Lewis

Kathleen Dovey; Winifred Holden

Marie Mulholland & Frank Mulholland

Patricia Farnworth; Adriana Robinson

Irene Oaks; Patricia Morrison

CATHOLICISM - JOURNEY AROUND THE WORLD AND DEEP INTO THE FAITH.

A once-monthly course that explores the rich beauty and truth of our Catholic faith. In a series of films, Bishop Robert Barron travels to many different locations showing how our faith is celebrated throughout the world.

9:00am - Refreshments - Course starts 9:30 - 11:00.

Saturday 29th November

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New Monthly youth Group for Yr4,5 & 6

The group will take place monthly from 6:30pm until 7:30pm.

The dates are as follows: 19/11/25; 17/12/25; 21/01/26; 25/02/26; 18/03/26; 22/04/26; 20/05/26; 17/06/26

This is a lovely opportunity to allow our Faith in Action young people to develop their skills further as well as bringing the young of the Parish together.

If you are interested in your child attending or would like any further information please could you speak to Claire Cull after Sunday mass for a parental application form.

Scripture Course

Due to the interest in the Scripture course last year. We are putting on a new course which will start in October.

It will be held on a Wednesday Evening from 6.30m in the Parish Hall. The dates are:

2025 **12th November; 3rd December**

2026 **28th January; 11th February; 4th March; 1st April (Holy Week); 6th May; 11th June**

Christmas Hamper Raffle

There is a Christmas Hamper on display at the back of church for which raffle tickets will be sold after each Mass. Your support for this will raise much needed money for Church Funds.

Thank you for your support.



SADDUCEES	QUESTION	MASTER
MOSES	BROTHER	CHILDLESS
MARRY	WIDOW	SEVEN
FIRST	SECOND	THIRD

