

The Wilford Benefice
Bible Readings from Epiphany 4 to Third Sunday of Easter
1st February 2026 to 19th April 2026

Date	First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel	Psalm
1 st February 2026 Epiphany 4 <i>Presentation of Christ / Candlemas Gold or W</i>	Malachi 3.1–5	Hebrews 2.14–end	Luke 2.22–40	24.[1–6] 7–end
8 th February 2 nd Sunday before Lent G	Genesis 1.1 – 2.3	Romans 8.18–25	Matthew 6.25–34	136.1–9, 23–26
15 February Sunday next before Lent G	Exodus 24.12–end	2 Peter 1.16–end	Matthew 17.1–9	2 or 99
22 nd February 1 st Sunday of Lent P(La)	Genesis 2.15–17; 3.1–7	Romans 5.12–19	Matthew 4.1–11	32
1 st March 2 nd Sunday of Lent P(La)	Genesis 12.1–4a	Romans 4.1–5, 13–17	John 3.1–17	121
8 th March 3 rd Sunday of Lent P(La)	Exodus 17.1–7	Romans 5.1–11	John 4.5–42	95
15 th March 4 th Sunday of Lent P(La) or Mothering Sunday	1 Samuel 16.1–13	Ephesians 5.8–14	John 9.1–41	23
	Exodus 2.1–10 Or 1 Samuel 1.20–end	2 Corinthians 1.3–7 Or Colossians 3.12–17	Luke 2.33–35 Or John 19.25–27	34.11–20 Or 127.1–4
22 March 5 th Sunday of Lent P(LA)	Ezekiel 37.1–14	Romans 8.6–11	John 11.1–45	130
29 th March Palm Sunday Red Liturgy of the Palms (<i>outside church</i>) Liturgy of the Passion	Isaiah 50.4–9a	Philippians 2.5–11	Matthew 21.1–11 Matthew 26.14–end of 27 Or Matthew 27.11–54	31.9–16 or 18
2 nd April Maundy Thursday W	Exodus 12.1–4 [5–10] 11–14			116.1, 10–end or 116.9–end
3 rd April Good Friday (<i>Hangings Removed</i>)	Isaiah 52.13 – end of 53	Hebrews 10.16–25 or Hebrews 4.14–16; 5.7–9	John 18.1 – end of 19	22 [or 22.1–11 or 22.1–21]
4 th April Easter Vigil Gold/White	Job 14.1–14 or Lamentations 3.1–9, 19–24	1 Peter 4.1–8	Matthew 27.57–end or John 19.38–end	31.1–4, 15, 16 or [31.1–5]
5 th April Easter Day Gold/White	Jeremiah 31.1–6 or Acts 10.34–43	Colossians 3.1–4 or Acts 10.34–43	John 20.1–18 or Matthew 28.1–10	118.1–2, 14–24 [or 118.14–24]
12 th April 2 nd Sunday of Easter W	Exodus 14.10–end; 15.20, 21 or Acts 2.14a, 22–32	1 Peter 1.3–9 or Acts 2.14a, 22–32	John 20.19–end	16
19 th April 3 rd Sunday of Easter W	Zephaniah 3.14–end or Acts 2.14a, 36–41	1 Peter 1.17–23 or Acts 2.14a, 36–41	Luke 24.13–35	116.1–3, 10–end [or 116.1–7]

[optional] ***If an Old Testament reading is used, the reading from Acts must be used as the second reading.***