

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

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

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