

## **Bourne and Deepings Roman Catholic Parish**

This list of readings is intended as a guide and is by no means a definitive list.

Alternative readings may be acceptable, please check with the Celebrant.

The bible book, chapter and verse reference are given to enable you to read the full reading in the bible and aid your choice.

### **Old Testament Readings**

1. A reading from the book of Job 19:1. 23–27  
*This I know: that my Avenger lives.*

2. A reading from the book of Wisdom 3:1–9  
*He accepted them as a holocaust.*

A shorter form of this reading is also permitted

A reading from the book of Wisdom 3:1–6. 9  
*He accepted them as a holocaust.*

3. A reading from the book of Wisdom 4:7–15  
*Untarnished life, this is ripe old age.*

4. A reading from the prophet Isaiah. 25:6–9  
*The Lord will destroy Death for ever.*

5. A reading from the book of Lamentations 3:17–26  
*It is good to wait in silence for the Lord to save*

6. A reading from the prophet Daniel 12:1–3  
*Those who lie sleeping in the dust will awake.*

7. A reading from the second book of Maccabees 12:43–45  
*A fine and noble action, in which he took account of the resurrection*

## Responsorial Psalms

**The Lord is my light and my help.**

**Or**

**R. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.**

1. The Lord is my light and my help.  
Whom shall, I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life.  
Before whom shall I shrink? R.

2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,  
For this I long,  
To live in the house of the Lord,  
All the days of my life,  
To savour the sweetness of the Lord,  
To behold his temple. R.

3. O Lord, hear my voice when I call.  
Have mercy and answer.  
It is your face O Lord that I seek.  
Hide not your face. R.

4. I am sure that I shall see the Lord's  
goodness  
In the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord! R.

or

**R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
In the land of the living.**

1. How gracious is the Lord and just;  
Our God has compassion.  
The Lord protects the simple hearts;  
I was helpless so he saved me. R.

2. I trusted even when I said:  
'I am sorely afflicted,'  
And when I said in my alarm:  
'No man can be trusted.' R.

3. O precious in the eyes of the Lord  
Is the death of the faithful.  
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;  
You have loosened my bonds. R.

Or

**R. If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
No evil would I fear  
For you are there with me.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
Where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
To revive my drooping spirit. R.

2. He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
No evil would, I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
With these you give me comfort. R.

3. You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. R.

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow  
me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever

or

**R. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.  
Or**

**Those who hope in you, O Lord,  
shall not be disappointed.**

1. Remember your mercy, Lord,  
And the love you have shown from of old  
In your love remember me,  
Because of your goodness, O Lord. R.

2. Relieve the anguish of my heart  
And set me free from my distress.  
See my affliction and my toil  
And take all my sins away. R.

3. Preserve my life and rescue me.  
Do not disappoint me, you are my refuge.  
May innocence and uprightness protect me:  
For my hope is in you, O Lord.

## **New Testament readings**

Readings 1- 4 are intended for use as the First Reading during the season of Easter.

1. A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 10:34–43  
*God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead*
2. A reading from the book of the Apocalypse 14:13  
*Happy are those who die In the Lord!*
3. A reading from the book of the Apocalypse 20:11–21:1  
*The dead were judged according to what they had done in their lives*
4. A reading from the book of the Apocalypse 21:1–7  
*There will be no more death*

Readings 5-11 are for use at any time of the year

5. A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 5:5–11  
*Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger?*
6. A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 5:17–21  
*However great the number of sins committed; grace was even greater.*
7. A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 6:3–9  
*Let us live a new life.*
8. A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:14–23  
*We wait for our bodies to be set free*
9. A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:31–35. 37–39  
*Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ*
10. A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 14:7–12  
*Alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.*
11. A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 15:20–28  
*All men will be brought to life in Christ.*

## **Gospel Readings**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:1–12  
*Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 11:25–30  
*Come to me, and I will give you rest.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 25:1–13  
*The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 25:31–46  
*Come, you whom my Father has blessed.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 15:33–39; 16:1–6  
*Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 7:11–17  
*Young man, I tell you to get up*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 23:33. 39–43  
*Today you will be with me in paradise*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 23:44-46. 50. 52-53. 24:1-6  
*Father, into your hands I commend my spirit*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 24:13–16. 28–35  
*Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 6:37–40  
*Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 11:17–27  
*I am the resurrection and the life.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 6:51–58  
*Anyone who eats this bread has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 11:32–45  
*Lazarus, come out*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 12:23–28  
*If a wheat grain dies, it yields a rich harvest*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 17:24–26  
*I want them to be with me where I am*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 19:17–18. 25–30  
*Bowing his head he gave up his spirit*