



**Donaghcloney & Waringstown – 1 March**

**Rector:** Mark Lennox, **Curate:** Matthew Gaw

- Please pray for the new Community Church Service which began on 8 February in the Parish Hall, Waringstown (Mill Hill Community Church).
- For the Alpha Course running on Thursday evenings in St. Patrick's Hall, Donaghcloney.
- For the restructured Sunday evening services across the Parish.
- Pray for the upcoming joint churches mission in May.

**Dromara & Garvaghy – 8 March**

**Rector:** George Okikiolu

Please pray for our parishes that:

- We may be a body of Christ growing in maturity and love.
- We may be devoted, love and serve one another.
- We will continue to hold to the truth of the gospel.
- We will continue to make known God's glory and give generously.

**Diocesan St Patrick's Day Celebrations, Tuesday 17 March – 15 March**

**Theme: 'Courage in the Line of Fire'**

- Please pray that many will make the trip to Downpatrick and join our celebrations.
- Pray for our preacher at Holy Communion in Saul, Mr Ian Bingham, Director of CARE NI, and for the Prayer Pilgrimage led by Mr Laurence Bellew.
- Give thanks and pray for the preacher at our Festival Service, Dr Päivi Rasanen. A medical doctor and Finnish MP, Päivi is also a sought-after speaker and leader who bravely stands by Christian values and freedom of speech.
- Pray that we too will be courageous Christians even when it is personally costly.

**Dromore Cathedral: 22 March**

**Rector & Dean:** Geoff Wilson

- Please pray for the ongoing work in the Cathedral as we rewire and upgrade the lighting in the whole of the building and replaster areas where the plaster has blown; pray for the protection of the contractors, that the work would be completed as scheduled and that ongoing fundraising would not only raise the shortfall in funding but further deepen parishioners commitment to one another and the surrounding community.
- Please pray for each initiative currently in place to enable us to go deeper with the Lord; that no one would consider that they are the 'finished article' but rather continue to seek out opportunities to become more like Jesus.
- Please pray for our walk and witness in this season of Lent; that we would commit to engaging with reading more of the Bible each day and give towards the Lenten campaign in support of feeding school children in South Sudan.
- Please pray that each of our outreach initiatives would show that we really care for the people in our community and that we long to see them loving, and living for, the Lord.

**Drumgath & Drumgooland – 29 March**

**Rector:** Ian Linton

- Give thanks for our *Bereavement Journey* course just concluded. Pray that those who attended will continue to work through their grief, whether recent or in the past. Pray that Christ's resurrection may be a source of hope, especially as Easter approaches.
- Pray for our Parish Weekend Away planned for June at the Kilbroney Centre. This is a new initiative for us. Pray that it will be a time of building up faith and friendships in our churches. Pray for Revd Mark Lennox, our guest speaker and for safety and fun in our outdoor activities.
- Give thanks for strengthening relationships with other churches in Rathfriland, particularly for a recent shared *Hope Explored* course. Pray for us as we consider how to reach out to newcomers in our town.
- Pray for ministries in local schools. Pray especially for Scripture Union NI as they seek to fund and appoint a Schools Worker in our area. Give thanks for recent initiatives such as the SU Prayer Bus visiting a local primary school.

***Thank you for praying***