



Church of Ireland General Synod – 3 May
Taking place in Newcastle, County Down, from 7-9 May

- We give thanks for the opportunity to host General Synod in Down and Dromore.
- Pray for the President of General Synod, the Most Revd John McDowell, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, and for the House of Bishops.
- Please pray for the presence of the Holy Spirit in all the proceedings and that Synod members, clerical and lay, would be guided into wise decisions that are true to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- For Synod staff as they work before, during and after the event and for those from our diocese who will lead worship.

Christ Church Kilkeel – 10 May

Rector: Alison Calvin

- For new believers, that they might grow in their faith.
- For our sunflower field project which has a missional, evangelistic focus this year. Pray that the seed which has been planted will grow and that in our planning we will hear God's heart.
- For our food bank and food giveaway table, that we would be able to share Jesus well as we meet physical needs.
- For James, our newly commissioned Diocesan Lay Reader and for Musa our new Pastoral Assistant, that their ministries would be blessed.

Kilmegan & Maghera – 17 May

Priest-in-charge: Isaac Hanna

- Father, we pray for the plans for the prayer garden in Maghera. We ask for Your wisdom, guidance, and provision in every stage of its development. May this space become a place of peace, encounter, and healing—where many will come to meet with You, find rest for their souls, and be drawn closer to Christ.
- We thank You for calling Callum Taylor into ministry as a Parish Reader in Kilmegan. We pray that You would equip him with Your Spirit, grant him confidence in Your Word, and give him a shepherd's heart. May his ministry bear lasting fruit, encouraging and strengthening all those he serves.
- Gracious God, we lift up our Sunday School and all the children and young people in both parishes. We pray that they would come to know and love Jesus personally. Bless the leaders with creativity, patience, and joy, and may Your Word take deep root in young lives, shaping a strong and lasting faith for the future.
- We pray for the grouped parishes. Renew our unity and guide us forward in Your purpose. Help us to be welcoming, faithful, and bold in our witness. May our churches grow in love, in discipleship, and in impact within our communities.

Knocknamuckley – 24 May

Rector: Ian McGrath

- Please pray for our Boys' Brigade and Girls' Brigade summer activities. The BB Junior Section are going for a weekend at Ganaway Activity Centre, whilst our annual joint BB and GB camp will be at Tollymore Forest Park. Please pray for safety, good weather, loads of fun, a deepening of friendships, and for our young people to encounter and respond positively to Jesus in new and fresh ways.
- We give thanks for those in our parish who are faithfully attending our midweek Bible study in Romans and for the one or two new faces who have joined us. Please pray for all attending, especially any who don't know Christ, that they will deepen their understanding of what it means to know and follow Jesus, and that they will be encouraged and strengthened to live and share their faith in their everyday lives.
- Please pray for our parish vision morning in June when we will explore where God is leading us as a church in mission and ministry. Please pray that many from our church family will attend, for healthy and life-giving conversations, and for God to inspire us with love for him, one another, and our community as we seek to discern how best we can live out his Great Commission in our locality. Pray that we will effectively use our buildings for outreach.
- Please pray for wisdom and inspiration as we seek to grow our church younger as well as in depth of discipleship and number, and for God to resource us in people as well as in finance and material resources. Pray for the strengthening of links with our parish primary and nursery schools and that good relationships may be a vehicle for further mission and outreach into the community.

St John's Lurgan – 31 May

Rector: Raymond Kettyle

- Pray for continued renewal in the life of St John's Lurgan during the 50 days of prayer from Easter to Pentecost - that the Holy Spirit would deepen faith, increase unity, and stir a lasting hunger for God's presence.
- Pray for God's provision for the church's building project - that all financial and practical needs would be met, and that the plans to revitalise our buildings would serve the mission of the gospel in the community.
- Pray for evangelism and growth - that the congregation would be bold and faithful in sharing the good news, and that many in Lurgan would come to know Jesus and be established as his disciples.
- Pray for discipleship and spiritual growth - that those already part of St John's would grow in maturity, be rooted in God's Word, and be equipped to serve, so that the whole church is built up and strengthened for God's mission.

Thank you for praying