diocese of Down & Dromore



Diocesan Prayer Focus May 2025

Church of Ireland General Synod – 4 May Taking place from 9-10 May in Naas, Kildare

- We give thanks for General Synod which will meet in person in Naas and remotely on the evening of Tuesday 13 May and the evening of Wednesday 15 May (if required).
- 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.
- We pray for the mission and unity of the Church of Ireland, that we would be a vibrant source of God's saving grace in this island.
- For Synod staff as they work before, during and after the event.

Donaghadee –11 May

Rector: Ian Gamble

- Pray for the Select Vestry in our preparations for 2026 and the 400th Anniversary celebrations of the rebuilding of the Church in 1626.
- Please pray for our Youth Fellowship many of them are doing A-levels and going on to university. May God direct their paths.
- For the ministry of our Parish Music Group Sunday by Sunday.
- Pray for our outreach to the local community in Donaghadee.

Drumbo (Ballylesson) – 18 May

Rector: Mervyn Jamison

- Pray for the community and especially the new families who have recently joined our church.
- Pray for our planned new social space for the community at our hall, that it may continue to bless and become the central hub in Ballylesson.
- Pray for our Deacon Revd Dr Ryan Hawk and his family as he comes to the end of his internship and for the parish as it seeks to fill the role of Community Pastor.
- Pray for our youth ministry, Sunday School, youth club (primary school) and Genesis PM (our teenagers).

Dundonald, St Elizabeth's – 25 May **Rector:** Vacant, **Curate:** Thomas Murray, **Families Minister:** Sarah Carson

- We give thanks for the staff and volunteers who lead ministry in Dundonald. Please pray for Thomas and Sarah as they continue to nurture faith and share God's Word. Pray too for the newly appointed rector, Ross Mungavin.
- Please pray that people of all ages wouldn't give up meeting together but would come together joyfully to hear from and worship the Lord together each week. We pray that our Sunday gatherings would be centered on listening to God as His Word is read and preached and that we as a whole church family would respond rightly.
- With much going on in the lives of many across our church family, please pray that as a church we'd be good at bearing one another's burdens and pointing one another to Jesus amidst life's joys and sorrows. Please pray particularly for our Pastoral Care Team who help with visitations and for those caring for our children and young people as we enter exam season. Please pray that all of us, no matter our age, stage or situation, would be confident in our union with Jesus.
- Please pray that we would remain united as a church family, each preferring the needs of others rather than our own and seeking the glory of God and the furthering of the Gospel. Specifically, please pray that in our gathering and in our planning and preparation, we would unite around the gospel of the Lord Jesus.

Thank you for praying