diocese of Down & Dromore



Diocesan Prayer Focus April 2025

St Gall's, Carnalea – 6 April **Rector:** Michael Parker

- We thank God for our hospitality ministry. We pray in thanksgiving for Pauline and her team as they organise regular lunches and coffee mornings. We pray that all who come will enjoy the fellowship and be encouraged in the life and faith of the church.
- We pray in thanksgiving for our worship ministry. We give thanks for our choir and pray for God's blessing on everyone who leads our worship week by week. We pray for Rosemary as she works to build up our children's choir and pray for Elizabeth as she recovers from her illness.
- We look forward to our shared Holy Week services with West Church Presbyterian and Carnalea Methodist. Please pray for our speaker the Reverend Harold Good OBE. We pray in thanksgiving for the fellowship that the three church families share.
- We give thanks for our Christian Aid organisers as they get ready to host a series of events and collections focusing on the role of the church in the world of international aid. May God raise up collectors to help make this a terrific week. May God keep us always mindful of the most vulnerable in our world and may we all be encouraged to respond with compassion to the needs of others.

Maridi Diocese, South Sudan –13 April Bishop Moses Zungo

With a fragile peace and increasing tension in the country we pray for our link diocese of Maridi on this Palm Sunday.

- For God's protection over the people of South Sudan, especially the communities in rural areas.
- For wisdom and courage for our leaders as they seek peaceful solutions to the rising tensions.
- For peace and security to prevail so that families can safely cultivate their crops without fear.
- For God's grace to sustain the Diocese of Maridi as we continue to minister to the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of our people.

Carrowdore & Millisle – 20 April **Rector:** Colin Davis

- Please pray that both our regular parishioners and visitors over the Easter period will have come closer to Christ through our Holy Week and Easter Services.
- Pray that there will opportunities through the weekly Car Boot Sale at St Patrick's, Millisle, to share the Gospel and have conversations with some of the many people who come each week between now and the end of September.
- Please pray that through our mid-week meetings and Bible studies we may discover more of Christ's love and purposes for us as we seek to serve Him where he has put us.
- Pray that God will be moving in the hearts of those he is calling to come forward for Confirmation later this year.

St Mary's Comber – 27 April

Rector: Sam Johnston

- We give thanks to God for the fellowship experienced during our joint Holy Week services and pray that the connections among the churches in our town will continue to strengthen and grow.
- As the work on our church tower project progresses, we pray for the safety of all involved and for the project to be completed according to God's plan.
- We pray for the continued growth of our Prayer Meeting, that it may be a source of strength, encouragement, and deeper communion with God for all who attend.
- We ask for God's guidance and provision as we seek to establish a vibrant and impactful ministry among young families and children in our community.

Thank you for praying