Mass Times may need to be changed at short notice. **Confessions:** By appointment.

Parish Office Hours **9am** to **2pm** Tuesday – Friday.

Notices for Newsletter Deadline is 12noon on Wednesday. Email to **info@headfordchurch.com** **It is not always possible to publish all notices due to space, so parish takes preference.**

Baptisms: **1st Sunday & 3rd Saturday** of each month with prior notice.

First Fridays or a **Hospital visit**, please phone the office if you would like to be included in the list 35448.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Mon. 9.15 - 11am & 6-8pm and Tues 12-1pm & 6.45 - 8pm in **St. Mary's Church Headford** Tues 10-11am, Weds 10-11am and Thurs 6-7pm **St. Mary's Church, Claran.**

Adoration Every Friday 3-4pm with Divine Mercy and Stations of the Cross. St. Mary's Church Headford. Also available on churchtv.ie & Facebook

Offertory Collection: in **Headford €935** last weekend and in **Claran €660. Thank you.**

Headford & Claran Parish is committed to the protection of all children and young people. The Parish Safeguarding Policy is available on https://www.tuamarchdiocese.org/diocesan-safeguarding-policy/ Safeguarding Officers are PJ Newell and Maura Moran.

Altar Candle Intentions for October
Headford: Mary Margaret Lee & Family
Claran: Intentions of the Newell Family

Ministers for October Headford
Sun 12.00pm
Minister of the Word: Amanda O'Connell (4th 18th & 25th) Áine Farrell (11th)
Ministers of the Eucharist: Siobhan Waldron
Baskets: Andy Curran, Redmond Newell

Ministers for October Claran
Saturday Vigil at 7.30pm
Readers: Helen Ó Néill
Minister of the Eucharist: Mary Gillon, Nessa Cosgrove.

Feast Days: Mon 26th Ss Chad and Cedd, **Tues 27th** St. Otteran, **Weds 28th** Ss Simon & Jude Apostles, **Thurs 29th** St. Colman of Kilmacduagh, **Fri 30th** St. Alphonsus Rodrigues, **Sat** 31st St. Wolfgang.

As a parish community we offer our sincere sympathies to the family, friends and relatives of **Sr. Louise (Mary) Duffy,** Daughter of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul (Clontarf and late of Kiltrogue, Claregalway), aunt of John Curran, Deerpark, **Rita Leonard Finnerty** Kilcolgan and formerly of Headford, **Thomas (Tom) Murphy,** Kilgarriff, Headford and **Carmel Kearney (née Gavaghan)** Drumagh, Claremorris & Swinford**,** sister of Patricia Gorham, Cloughanover. May they rest in peace.

Christ's Little Poor Man: Devotion to St Francis of Assisi in Medieval Ireland. Talk takes place in Mountbellew Pastoral Centre (H53Y9K4) November 10th at 8pm & marks the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi. Within four years of his death his followers, the Friars Minor or the Franciscans, had reached Ireland. This talk explores the ways in which medieval Irish men and women expressed their devotion to St Francis, Speaker: Br Colmán Ó Clabaigh OSB, Glenstal Abbey who is a medieval historian specialising in the history of monasticism and religion in Medieval Ireland. All are Welcome.

Parish of Killursa & Killower

Fr. Ray Flaherty PP – 093 35448
25th & 26th October 2026 The Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Website: www.headfordchurch.com Online Streaming on Churchtv.ie/headford, churchtv.ie/claran or Headford Parish on Facebook

Mass Intentions for St. Mary's Church, Headford

Sun 25th	**12.00pm**	Mary Concannon, 1st Anniv, Jim Concannon (A) & the deceased of the Concannon family Christopher Scally 26th (A), Mary Scally 2nd Anniv. & Declan Scally 2nd Anniv. Patrick Lally, Cloughanover (A) & the deceased of the Lally family. Helen Kenny (née Divilly) 20th Anniv. Coventry UK, & formerly Luimneagh & her sister Ann Divilly RIP.
Sun 1st Nov	**12.00pm**	Sean O'Connor, Kilroe 16th Anniv. Johnnie Flatley, Castlegar RIP (M.C) Jack (40th A) & Mary Dooley (A) and Mary Pender 1st Anniv & her husband Noel Pender (A) Cloughanover Raymond Joyce, Luggawannia, 3rd Anniv Sarah Hardiman, Lisheennageeha & her husband Thomas (A) & the decd of the family.

Mass Intentions for St. Mary's Church, Claran

Sat 24th	**7.30pm**	Thomas and Mary Nohilly, Cordara (A) and the deceased of the Nohilly & Lydon family. Private Intention Special Intention
Sat 31st	**7.30pm**	Ned Walsh, Birmingham U.K. & formerly Carnakib, 1st Anniversary Laurance Martin, Gort na Mona and Mattie & Annie Martin, Cloughanover (A)

Parish Masses: Please note new Mass Times (until November approx.)
Saturday vigil Mass will move to Claran Church at 7.30pm
Sunday Mass will take place in Headford Church at 12pm.
All Mass Intentions that have been booked for Saturday evening 7pm and Sunday morning 10am will be said at the 7.30pm Mass in Claran Church.

First Friday Calls to the sick and the housebound will take place on Monday the 1st of November.

First Friday Novena to the Sacred Heart & Divine Mercy Chaplet: will take place on the 6th of November in Headford Church 9-10am.
First Saturday Devotions to Our Lady Of Fatima will take place on the 7th of November Headford church 9-10am.

Galway County Local Community Safety Partnership invites everyone to come along to the Galway Together Expo, a free community event taking place on Monday, 2 November 2026, from 11am to 3pm at The Galmont Hotel, Galway. More info: communitysafety@galwaycoco.ie

Next week the parish office will be open on Monday 26th Oct, Tuesday 27th Oct & Friday 30th Oct 9am – 2pm.

November: The Month of the Holy Souls: Special Envelopes are now available at the church doors for the names of your deceased relatives and friends. All will be included in our Nine-day Novena of masses which will take place in November (dates will be confirmed). ***We especially remember all who have died in our parish this past year and who are registered in the parish register:***



Malachy Keaveney *Headford 15/11/2025,*
Rose Wall *Carnakib, 20/12/2025,*
David Concannon *Bridge St. 23/12/2025,*
Julia Flynn *St. Mary's Road 16/02/2026,*
Marion Hannon *Cloughanover 24/02/2026,*
Phil Moran *Ballybane 07/02/2026,*
Declan Durkan *Ballyhale 29/03/2026,*
Bob Newell *Culleen 30/04/2026,*
Ann Divilly *Luimneagh 06/05/2026,*
Ann Kelly *Castleview 08/05/2026,*
Jimmy McDonagh *Balrickard 03/06/2026,*
Bridie Joyce *Lexlip/Annaghkeen 14/06/2026,*
Breda Grimes *Cloughanover 15/06/2026,*
Tom Brennan *Deerpark 28/08/2026,*
Dell O'Connell *Ballyconlought 12/09/2026,*
Michael Carey *Lettera 24/09/2026,*
Kay Ryder *High Street 25/09/2026,* ***May their gentle souls rest in peace.***

Headford Primary School: Part-Time School Cleaner Position Available please call the office on 093-35377 or email the school at info@headfordns.ie
Headford Primary School enrolment for the school year **2027-2028** will open on November 2nd, 2026. Enrolment forms will be available to download from our school website or hard copies will be available from the school office. For further information please contact the school office on 093-35377 or email info@headfordns.ie

Tesco Ireland have launched their **Lighting Up Christmas Fund**: Through the fund, 20 community organisations will receive grants of €5,000 towards Christmas lights, festive displays, switch-on events or other seasonal activities that bring communities together. Applications are open to Chambers of Commerce, residents' associations, community groups and other local organisations.
Applications close on 1st November Further information and application details can be found here: https://tescoireland.ie/lighting-up-christmas

The first Irish National Synodal Assembly took place in Gormanston, Co. Meath, on October 17th. Over 300 lay people, priests, religious and bishops gathered for prayer, listening and discernment on Church renewal. The Assembly considered 35 proposals, and the results of the discussions will help shape the Church in Ireland in the coming years. For more info, see www.synod.ie

🎉🎂 **Congratulations to Mary Murphy, Bridge Street, on celebrating her 100th birthday!** 🎂🎉
Wishing Mary a wonderful 100th birthday filled with love, happiness, laughter and special memories. What an incredible milestone to celebrate!
💐 Happy 100th Birthday, Mary! 💐

Abide In His Love: Woman's Conference: November 20 -22nd – The Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran. Tickets available on Eventbrite. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/abide-in-his-love-womens-conference-tickets-1981386140283.

Abbreviations: (A) Anniversary, **(R.D)** Recently Deceased **(P.I.)** Private Intention, **(S.I.)** Special Intention, **(M.C.)** Mass Card, **(B.R.)** Birthday Remembrance, **(G.W.)** Get Well/Healing, **(M.B)** Mass Bouquet.

AsIAm Community Support Hub 1 – Serving Galway, Mayo & Roscommon: The Community Support Hub 1 provides free information, advice and support to autistic people, their families and the wider community across Galway, Mayo and Roscommon.
Located at Unit 1 & 2, Liosbaun House, Liosbaun Business Park, Tuam Road, Galway, H91 795V, the Hub offers a range of one-to-one and group supports designed to help autistic people and their families navigate everyday life and access the services and opportunities available to them.
Information & Advice Sessions

Light a candle online: for those who are watching online, you can now light a candle on Churchtv.ie/Headford, anytime of the day or night.

The Retreat Village at Knock Shrine: Residential retreats & reflective stays in 2026: nestled within the peaceful grounds of Knock Shrine, The Retreat Village offers a simple and welcoming place to stay, along with contemplative retreat experiences for those seeking rest, reflection, renewal and deeper spiritual awareness. Stays include single occupancy accommodation in state of the art pods (€70 per night for personal self-directed retreats), access to sacred spaces and beautiful grounds of Knock shrine and a quiet and welcoming contemplative environment. **For more information please visit www.knockshrine.ie Retreat Experiences at Knock Shrine | Knock Shrine**

Sean Chairde Headford meet every Friday at 11.15am in St Fursa's Hall (opposite TESCO). We welcome new members, men and women over 55yrs. We are an older group who meet socially for light exercise, music, song and dance, guest speakers, arts and crafts and a light lunch with homemade baking. Transport available, phone Donnellan's Bus Hire @ 087-2873542 (the day before to book your seat). For further enquiries call Solas Resource Centre @ 093-36446.

Volunteers Needed – Readers of the Word & Collectors: We are currently seeking new volunteers to serve as Readers of the Word and at our weekend Masses. This is a rewarding ministry that plays an important role in our parish liturgy, and we would be delighted to welcome new readers. We are also always grateful for those willing to help with the collection at Mass. While we have a dedicated team of volunteers, we are in need of some new members to ensure that these ministries can continue to be shared.

If you would like to find out more or are interested in volunteering, please contact Sharon in the Parish Office on 0933 5448 or email info@headfordchurch.com. You can also speak to us in the Sacristy after any Mass.

Baptisms: To register for a Baptism please contact the parish office**.** Families wishing to have a baptism celebrated by a priest other than the parish priest must contact the parish office to fill in the necessary paperwork and obtain permission from Fr. Ray.
While Fr. Ray is on sick leave, baptisms will take place at 12.45pm on the last Sunday of each month in Headford Church. To book a baptism please contact the parish office 093 35448 or email info@headfordchurch.com.

Parish Website: As we continue to update and improve our parish website over the coming months, we invite all community groups to review their contact details. If you would like your group's information to be added, updated, or amended on the website, please contact the parish office at info@headfordchurch.com

Accord Marriage Care Service have launched their updated Marriage preparation course 'Marriage A Journey Not a Destination' Book today www.accord.ie, 01 5053112 or email marriagepreparation@accord.ie

Vincent de Paul provides a wide range of support services aimed at both immediate relief and long-term self-sufficiency. Our Headford Branch can be contacted on 087 172 7873 (You can leave a voice message)

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Information & Advice Sessions
The Hub offers free one-to-one support, including:

- **Information, advice and advocacy**
- **Support with education, housing and employment**
- **Guidance and support with daily life**
- **Pre-diagnosis support for adults and families who are awaiting an assessment**

Group Supports
There are also a variety of welcoming group activities and opportunities to connect with others, including:

- **Parent Coffee Mornings**
- **Autistic Adult Social Group**
- **Tween & Teen Hangouts**
- **Stay & Play**
- **Empower and Educate**
- **As We Are Teen Programme, offering social and educational opportunities**

The Community Support Hub is a space where Autistic people, parents, carers and families can access practical support, connect with others and feel part of their local community. For more information or to get in touch: ✉ csh1@asiam.ie ✆ 091 354 340

National Synodal Pathway Update Preparations are continuing for the National Synodal Assembly, which will take place in October. Working groups from across the country are reflecting on the key priorities identified through the synodal process and helping to shape the next stage of the Church's journey in Ireland. To learn more and view the latest video update from Fr Declan Hurley, Chairperson of the National Synodal Pathway, and Patricia Carroll, member of the National Synodal Pathway and Pastoral Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Dublin, https://theway.ie/the-irish-synodal-pathway-progress-and-purpose/

Child Safeguarding: Please note that due to new Child Safeguarding Policies, new child and parental/guardian consent forms (SG-04) for all Altar servers and their parents to be filled in and sent back to the parish office. Any adults that volunteer with children will also need to fill in the SG01 safeguarding recruitment form, which can be collected from the sacristy or the parish office.

A new book by Fr. Jim O'Connell, MHM entitled the Miracle of the Universe and Life on planet Earth, Science, Christian Faith and Personal Experience. This book makes for good reading. It blends developments in our contemporary understanding of nature with Christian spirituality and with personal witness. For Sale in the Parish Office at €15.

TheWay.ie 'the Way' is a digital multimedia platform set up by the Irish Bishops' Conference dedicated to sharing the Good News and the witness of the Catholic Church in Ireland**.** In the very early Church, the first believers were known as followers of 'the Way' (e.g. Acts 9:2). In answer to the question 'how can we know the way?' (John 14:5) Jesus declared that 'I am the Way, the Truth and Life.' This platform is intended to help people to know the Way – to discover the faith, live the faith and pass on the faith. It is for both seekers and followers. Together, we are led by Christ to be pilgrims of hope.

Irish Catholic Newspaper: Please note that the Irish Catholic Newspaper will now cost €3.50each. If you would like to receive a weekly copy, please contact Sharon 093 35448 in the office. Thank you to those who have paid their subscription this year, subscriptions can be paid in the office or put in the weekly basket.

Church Gate Collections: Anyone looking to organise a collection at the church gates must get a Garda Permit and notify the parish office in advance. It is advisable to check the date with the Parish office as collections are not recommended on certain dates e.g. Christmas, Easter…

RADIO MARIA IRELAND continues to grow. As an Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station we enjoy commercial free broadcasting - Prayer, Catechesis, Uplifting music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies – do join our growing faith family! Here's how you can listen: Digital TV - Saorview Channel 210, Download our FREE App "RADIO MARIA IRELAND", Streaming on our WEBSITE - www.radiomaria.ie , our 'Listen Live Radio' link on our Facebook Page, PHONE – get live radio feed by calling +353 (0) 1 437 3277 (no extra charges apply). Why not drop a line to our Spiritual Director, Fr Des Farren by text on 089-4672000, by phone on 01-4123456, or come and pay us a visit at Radio Maria Ireland, St. Anthony's Business Park, Ballymount Road, Dublin 22. D22 R7W2

Many Thanks to all who have sent in donations of Postage Stamps. These donations are forwarded on to Sr. Maria in the Mission Centre Dublin and help support the Missions in East Timor, Cuba and Indonesia.

Would you like to read at mass? Or help collect the baskets? We have a wonderful group of volunteers, but our numbers are dwindling, and more helps is always needed. If you'd like to find out more or put your name forward, please contact Sharon in the office on 093 35448 or info@headfordchurch.com or pop into the Sacristy after mass.

We kindly ask that you book anniversary Masses a good bit in advance (at least one month) rather than leaving it to short notice. We try to only take 4 intentions per weekend Masses & 1 for weekday masses & we ask that you be understanding if your preferred date is not available. ***Please note Mass times may need to be changed at short notice.***

Please note that Mass times may need to be changed at short notice. We will do our best to contact parishioners directly and to post any updates or changes on our social media platforms or newsletter.

Altar Servers: children that made their First Holy Communion in 2026 are now eligible to become Atlar Servers in the Parish. Registration/permission forms are available from the parish office or for info call Sharon 093 35448.

Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? A spouse, partner, child, close relative or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of Family Carers Ireland, the national charity supporting Ireland's 500,000+ family carers **nationwide. Contact 057 93 70221** and hear how we can support you or view www.familycarers.ie.

Rainbows Group Support: As part of the supports we offer children and young people in Solas FRC, we are very pleased to be able to provide support for those who may have experienced a bereavement or family change following parental separation, through the introduction of the Rainbows Programmes. Meeting others of a similar age and in a similar situation can be very supportive and helpful for children and young people. If you are interested on behalf of your son or daughter, please email rainbows@solasfrc.ie or phone 086-2323433 for more information.

Seniorline is a confidential listening service for older people by trained older volunteers, Freephone 1800 80 45 91 Phone lines are open every day from 10am to 10pm, 365 days a year. As well as responding to individual callers, Seniorline advocates nationally for older people in Ireland, representing their needs, concerns and wishes to media, the general public, politicians and key stakeholders.

Chy3 Charity Donations Scheme: Thank you to all who support the Parish through this scheme. In 2024 we entered a new cycle with this donation scheme, and all forms (enduring certs) need to be resubmitted to the revenue commissioners. They are available at all exit doors of the church. Please take one and drop it back to the parish office or pop it in the collection basket at your earliest convenience.

It's still not too late to sign up. Please consider doing so as it is a substantial income for our Parish, and it costs you no more than your usual contributions each week. Your PPS no. is forwarded to revenue along with the amount donated in your envelopes and revenue takes care of the rest. If you would like further information, contact the presbytery 093 35448. Again, sincere Thanks to you all for continued support.

Solas Family Support Drop-in Clinic: in conjunction with Tusla and Foroige are offering a Family Support Community Drop-In Clinic on the first Wednesday of every month. Contact John on 093-36446 or Eamonn on 086-1713384 for more information.

Parish Office. You can contact the office by phone or email, and we will get back to you. We can arrange masses and mass cards over the phone and post them out to you; we are now able to take card payments over the phone. Office Hours: **Tues to Fri 9.00am – 2.00pm**

The Drop-In Listening Service at Knock Counselling Centre is open to anyone. If you feel the need to talk to someone in confidence, you can 'drop - in' (no appointment necessary) on Thursdays. The drop-in service begins at 11am with final sessions no later than 3pm. This is an open and accessible service to help those who find themselves in need of support. Find out more by contacting Knock Counselling Centre; **T.** 094 93 75032 E. counsellingoffice@knockshrine.ie.

Headford Adult Learning Centre: Abbey House, Unit 2, Main St, Headford, Co. Galway. Classes available in the following for beginners to level 3: Computers, iPads, and Smart Phone, Music Appreciation, Book Club, Communications, Digital Media, Climate Justice, Career Preparation. English for Speakers of Other Languages. Also help with Reading Writing and Spelling. Phone 093 34746, 093 26609 or call in to the Centre.

Bealach Nua: We are a recovery-oriented family peer support service which offers families/friends of people with mental health challenges an opportunity to engage with family peer supporters through individual, group work, wellness days and information evenings. For further information or to access the service please call 094 9049392 or Fran 086 0450835/Noel 087 9749288.

Moveable Feasts in 2026/27

	2026	2027
Ash Wednesday	18th Feb	10th Feb
Good Friday	3rd April	26th March
Easter Sunday	5th April	28th March
Ascension	17th May	6th May
Pentecost	24th May	16th May
Trinity	31st May	23rd May
Corpus Christi	7th June	30th May
First Sunday of Advent	29th November	28th Nov.