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

Parish Office Hours 10am to **2pm** Monday – 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 & 7-8pm and Tues 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** €875 last weekend and in **Claran** €556**. 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 March:
Headford Int. of Tommy & Mary Creaven
Claran: Int. of the Woulfe Family, Cloon.

Ministers for March Headford
Readers: Sat 7pm Pat Duddy
Sun 11.30am: John McHugh
Ministers of the Eucharist:
Sat. 7pm: Mary Fahy
Sun 11.30am John McHugh
Baskets: Sat 7pm Mary Fahy, Declan McDonagh. **Sun 11.30am** James Moran, Siobhan Waldron
Ministers for March Claran
Readers: Michelle Kenny
Minister of the Eucharist: May Kenny & Nessa Cosgrove.

Feast Days: Mon 10th St. John Ogilvie, **Tues 11th** St. Aengus, **Weds 12th** St. Maximillian, **Thurs 13th** St. Euphrasia, **Fri 14th** St. Leobinus, St. Matilde, Lent Fast **Day, Sat 15th** St. Louise de Mariallac.

We as a parish community offer our sincere sympathy to the family, friends and relatives of Martin Burke, Castleview, Headford and Bridie Maguire (née Joyce), New York and late of Ballyconlought, sister of Tommy Joyce, Ballyconlought. May they rest in peace.

Would you like to read at mass? Or help collect the baskets? Or help out in any way in your church. 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.

Galway Hospice is looking for volunteers to sell Sunflower pins at Tesco Headford on Hospice Sunflower Days this June, Friday 6th June and Saturday 7th June. If any groups or individuals can give a few hours either day, please contact fundraising@galwayhospice.ie or 087-1933032.

Glencorrib Kilroe CFR Group are hosting a 25 Card Drive on Wednesday 12th March at 8.30pm in Glencorrib Hall. Admission €10. We hope to see you there!

Parish of Killursa & Killower

8th & 9th March 2025, First Sunday of Lent
Fr. Ray Flaherty PP – 35448 info@headfordchurch.com
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 & Claran

Sat 8th March	**7.00pm**	Susan (1st Anniv) & Patricia Steed (6th Anniv) & the decd. of the Steed family Eric Rotchford, Tipperary RIP & his wife Stella RIP Ollie Higgins RIP Get Well Intention
Sun 9th	**11.30am**	Michael Dooley, Clooneen, Anniversary Nora Fitzgerald, Meadow Hill, Anniv, her husband Tom RIP & Son Gerard Fitzgerald, Anniversary Alice and Patrick Grimes & the decd. of the Grimes and Brazil families. Kevin Joyce, 45th Anniversary Private Intention
Mon 10th	**10.00am**	Fr. Charlie O'Connor, RIP (Mass Card)
Fri 14th	**10.00am**	Nora O'Malley RIP (Mass Card)
Sat 15th	**10.00am** **7.00pm**	Paddy Joyce, Knocklahard Rip (Mass Card) John and Nelly Lee, Cahergal, Anniversary Mary Daveron, Inchquinn, Anniversary Mrs. Margaret Mongan, Cluide, 10th Anniversary & her husband Bernie Mongan RIP Tony Fahy, Liss & the decd. members of the Fahy & Breslin families.
Sun 16th	**11.30am**	'Do this in Memory' Mass The People of the Parish Mary Walsh, U.S.A & Carnakib RIP & the decd. members of the Walsh family. Special Intention

Mass Intentions for St. Mary's Church, Claran

Sun 9th	**10.00am**	Peter, Delia & Mary Nally Anniv. & all the decd. of the Nally family Fr Fursey O'Toole, John, Celia & Pat O'Toole, Anniv Jim & Bridie Lee, Curramore, Anniversary & the decd. members of the Lee family. Patrick & Bridget Walsh, Anniversary & their son Michael Joe Walsh RIP Cairín Darcy, 4th Anniversary
Tues 11th	**9.45am**	Padraic Greaney, Anniversary
Weds 12th	**9.30am**	Tomas Mannion, RIP (Mass Card)
Sun 16th	**10.00am**	'Do this in Memory' Mass Joe O'Toole, 6th Anniversary Private Intention Julia Carroll, RIP Wiktoria Kubaczyk, 12th Anniversary & her great grandma Irena Lubanska RIP

First Friday Calls to the Sick & the housebound will take place on Tues 11th of March in Claran, Weds 12th Headford Town, Fri 14th Headford surrounding area.

Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock, Sunday, May 4th, 2025. Ceremonies commence at 2.30 p.m.

A Sincere work of Thank's to Fr. Enda Howley, Fr. Dixy Faber and Fr. Des Walsh who all stepped in to help out during the month of February.

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for the Month of March is for families in crisis *Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.*

Tuam and Killala Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Archbishop Francis Duffy, August 29th to Sept 4th, 6 nights. Contact 01 2410800 for details and booking.

Lilypad Montessori & Afterschool: Located at Cloughanover N.S.
Enrolment now open for all Preschool Children and Afterschool Children.
For more Info please contact 0863761417maughanchildcare@gmail.com

Trócaire: Guatemala is among the top ten most vulnerable countries in the world when it comes to climate disasters and emergencies. Due to poor access to healthcare, food and clean water many families and communities are already living in extreme poverty, and life is a constant struggle. Please support communities and families through the **Trócaire box appeal this lent & pick up a box from either of our churches.**

"Live Life to the Full" National Youth Retreat at Knock Shrine. On May 8th students from all over the country will gather in Knock Shrine to celebrate the life of Donal Walsh and to reflect on his message - to 'Live Life!'. If you are interested in learning more about the day or registering a group, please email youthministry@knockshrine.ie.Whisper of God'

The Youth 2000 Connaught one-day retreat takes place on Saturday, March 29, at St. Mary's Church / Dominican Priory in the Claddagh in Galway City, beginning at 9.30am. Workshops, music, talks, testimonies & more. Donation only. Register online at Youth2000.ie, contact connaught@youth2000.ie for more information.

'Whisper of God' One Day Retreat takes place in the Prayer Centre at Knock Shrine on Saturday, March 22nd. The day will include quiet prayer, reflection and spiritual direction. For bookings and more information, contact John Farrelly, prayerguidance@knockshrine.ie or telephone 086 0108623. See www.knockshrine.ie for more details.

Fr. Benny McHale will conduct a four-night programme on volume two of Luke's New Testament writing, the Acts of the Apostles, which will be read during the Easter season. No previous knowledge is required, and Bibles will be provided. The course takes place on Weds 19 & 26 March, 2 & 9 April from 7:30pm to 9.30pm in The Prayer Centre at Knock Shrine. Places are limited. For bookings, contact Nicola Mitchell at Knock Shrine. Tel 094 93 88100 or email nicolamitchell@knockshrine.ie

T**he members of the Cortoon/Lavally Biodiversity Group** invite you to join them in a Climate Conversation with Jacintha Barrins in Cortoon Hall (H54 CP74) on Wednesday 19th March @ 7.30pm. All welcome.

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.

An Evening with John O Conor (world renowned pianist) at the Great National Hotel on Monday March 10th at 7.30pm. Tickets €25 are available at Ballina parish office 096 70555 (no booking fee), or from any Lions Club member or online at ballinaartscentre.com. All proceeds go to St Muredach's Cathedral Restoration Fund. Please support!

Adult Faith Formation: sessions take place every Wednesday in the new meeting room behind the parochial house 7.30 - 9pm. For more information, please contact the parish office 093 35448 or just show up. All are welcome.

Easter Triduum Retreat: Come and stay for 3 nights with the Benedictine Community of Kylemore Abbey to learn about and celebrate the Easter Triduum. Arrive Holy Thursday, April 17th between 4pm and 5.30pm Depart after Easter Sunday Mass, April 20th. Three nights' accommodation and meals for €150. For more information or for bookings please email retreats@kylemoreabbey.ie or call +353 95 52098.

Eve of St Patricks Day Eucharistic Procession Athlone: Starts at 3 pm with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at St. Mary's Church Athlone N37 XP66 Jubilee Eucharistic Procession through Athlone's streets; Extraordinary Grace's for The Renewal of Ireland's Faith!5pm Adoration and finish with Holy Mass at 6pm. Everyone is welcome to this moment of grace to celebrate our Patron Saint and the treasure of the faith he brought to us**.**

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…

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.

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.

God's Influencer: A Short Biography of Carlo Acutis on sale in the parish office €10 each. 'Carlo Acutis' life was cut short in his early teens. His religious faith and sensitivity to sick people and people living with money problems shows a young man mature before his age. As his story unfolded, people both in Italy and across the globe learned of an extraordinary young man who achieved much and influenced many. In time he became known as Gods Influencer' written by Fr. Michael Collins.

Pastoral Council Dec 2024-Dec2027 Thank you to everyone who voted and contributed towards the selection of the new Parish Pastoral Council. From the names put forward the below have accepted to their nominations.
Claran Church: Michelle Kenny, Martin Langan, Helena Hastings & Alan Daveron. **Headford Church:** Deirdre King, John Devlin, Mary Fahy & Tom Corbett. ***The first meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Monday the 24th March (please note date change) at 7.30pm in the new parish meeting room.***

We kindly ask that you book anniversary Masses a good bit in advance (at least a month) rather than leaving to short notice. We try to only take 4 intentions per weekend Masses and 1 for weekday masses and we ask that you be understanding if your preferred date is not available.

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.

Meals4Health a Social Enterprise of COPE Galway are looking for volunteers to deliver meals to their customers on Thursday mornings across Galway City or County area? Please contact 091 354000 for details.

Adult Faith Formation: sessions take place every Wednesday in the new meeting room behind the parochial house 7.30 – 9pm. These enquiry sessions are suitable for adults who want to refresh their own Fatih, for adults who are considering joining the Catholic Faith community or adults seeking to join a church to call their own. It's an opportunity for us to accompany one another on our Faith journey. For more information, please contact the parish office 093 35448 or just show up. All are welcome.

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.

Holy Water: If anyone would like water to be blessed, please leave in a sealed container with name behind the Altar & it will be blessed and can be collected the next day.

Tús Opportunities: Galway Rural Development has a number of part-time administration and other vacancies now available. Supported by the Tús programme: if you are a year or more on a Jobseeker's payment and would like to contribute to a charity or community group in your locality, then this is your chance. Placements are for 12-18 months with pay and PRSI contributions recorded. Completion of the Tús programme provides future employers with evidence of work experience, training, a reference, and a CV. For more information, contact GRD's Tús team at 087 9335477 or email tusadmin@grd.ie.

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: **Mon to Fri 10.00am – 2.00pm**

HopeSpace - a free support service for children and young people in Galway city and county who have been bereaved has opened recently. You can contact HopeSpace by phone at 091 342566, by email support@hopespace.ie or through the website at www.hopespace.ie. HopeSpace is only the second such service in Ireland (there is already a children's grief centre in Limerick). Please pass the word on and contact HopeSpace if you have any questions or need help.

Western Alzheimer's: Can you spare a couple of hours per week? A little time goes along way. Become a Befriender to those living with Dementia. Full Training Provided Contact Caroline on 087-3694477 or 0949364900 Email: Volunteer@westernalzheimers.ie

WESTDOC: New Westdoc phone number will be **0818 360 000**. Please save the new number to your mobile phone or keep it near your landline. Please remember when phoning Westdoc to have your Eircode close to hand and your Medical Card Number if applicable.

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.

Senior Line Freephone: If you are an older person and would like someone to talk to, particularly since Covid-19, consider phoning Senior Line. We are Ireland's national confidential service for older people. We are open every day of the year from 10am-10pm. We are older people too, trained to listen and support. We would love to hear from you. Freefone 1800 80 45 91.

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.

Bereavement Support: Losing a loved one is always a difficult experience. During Covid many support services were missing but from February 2nd, the weekly Bereavement Support Group will resume every Wednesday morning at 11am in the Family Centre at Knock Shrine. These meetings aim to help those who are grieving to find healing, hope and comfort. All are welcome. Further information from Monica Morley on 094-9375320.

Moveable Feasts in 2025/26

	2025	2026
Ash Wednesday	5th March	18th Feb
Good Friday	18th April	3rd April
Easter Sunday	20th April	5th April
Ascension	1st June	17th May
Pentecost	8th June	24th May
Trinity	15th June	31st May
Corpus Christi	22nd June	7th June
First Sunday of Advent	30th November	29th November