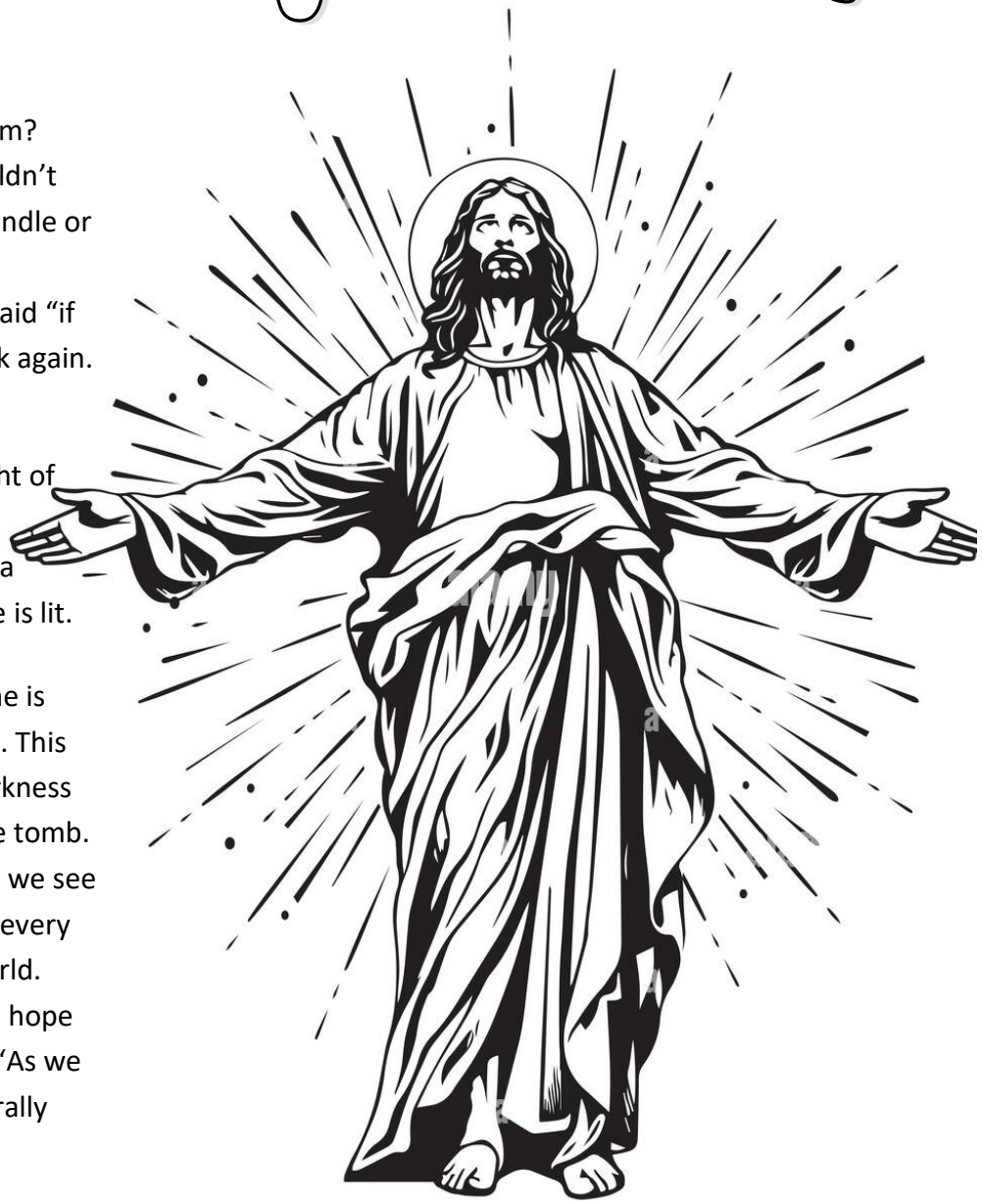
Sharing the Light of Jesus

Have you ever been in a really dark room? Maybe the lights went out and you couldn't see anything. But then someone lit a candle or turned on a flashlight, and suddenly everything felt a little less scary. Rumi said "if everything around you seems dark, look again. You may be the light".

At Easter, we celebrate Jesus as the Light of the World. On the night before Easter Sunday, in churches all over the world, a special candle called the Paschal Candle is lit.

It starts in the darkness, but as the flame is shared, the whole church fills with light. This reminds us that Jesus shattered the darkness of sin and death when He rose from the tomb. But the Easter light isn't just something we see in church—its something we can share every day. Jesus asks us to be lights in the world. That means bringing kindness, love and hope to others. Mary Anne Rasmacher said, "As we work to create light for others we naturally light our own way".



How can you be a Light?

Be kind – A smile, a helping hand, or a kind word can brighten someone's day. Just as one candle can light another, your kindness can spread.

Forgive others – sometimes people make mistakes, just as we do. Jesus forgave others and when we forgive we bring peace and light to our hearts.

Include everyone – Jesus welcomed everyone. If you see someone left out invite them to play or talk to them. Your friendship can be like a warm light on a cold day.

Pray for others – When we pray, its like sending a little spark of light and love into the world. You can pray for a friend who is sad, for someone who is sick, or even just to thank God for the good things in your life.

This Easter, when you see a candle or a bright light, remember Jesus is always with us, even when things feel dark. And just as that candle spreads its light, you can spread hope, love and joy wherever you go

Jesus said "you are the light of the world"
Matthew 5:14-16

Courtesy of the Salesian Bulletin Magazine—copies available at the back of the church

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** €845 last weekend and in **Claran** €280. **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 April:
Headford Bernie & Jimmy Sweeney and Maureen Hynes Intentions
Claran: Ann O'Toole & Family Intentions

Ministers for April Headford
Readers: Sat 7pm Deirdre King
Sun 11.30am: Mary McHugh
Ministers of the Eucharist:
Sat. 7pm: Mary Fahy**,** Geraldine Hannon
Sun 11.30am Mary McHugh
Baskets: Sat 7pm Mary Fahy, Declan McDonagh. **Sun 11.30am** James Moran, Siobhan Waldron
Ministers for April Claran
Readers: Helena Hastings
Minister of the Eucharist: Mary Fahy, Carmel O'Malley

We as a parish community offer our sincere sympathy to the family, friends and relatives of **Marian Reynolds, New York and formerly of Bridge Street.** May she rest in peace.

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 and 1 for weekday masses and we ask that you be understanding if your preferred date is not available.

Easter Triduum Cards are available in the Parish Office: 5 Cards for €10, the Triduum of Masses will be said Mon 14th April in Headford Church, Tues 15th April & Weds 16th April in Claran Church.

Parish Office: Will be closed Thurs 17th - 23rd April inclusive for the Easter Break and will reopen on Thurs 24th of April, 10am-2pm.

Slimming World Group starting in Moyne Villa FC on Thursday the 24th of April at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

Tuam Cancer Care will be holding their Annual Church Gate Collection on Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th April at St Mary's Church Headford, and St Mary's Church Claran. We would greatly appreciate your support.

Parish of Killursa & Killower



12th & 13th April 2025, Palm Sunday
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

Sat 12th	**7.00pm**	Kathleen & Matt Murray, Ballyhale 2nd & 38th Anniv Jimmy Walsh, Main Street, Anniv. & all the decd. of the Walsh family.
Sun 13th Palm Sunday	**11.30am**	'Do this in Memory' Mass Joseph Daly, Dublin & Headford and the decd. of the Mullins & O'Malley families.
Mon 14th	**10.00am** **7.30pm**	Triduum Mass (1) Penitential Service
Fri 18th	**3.00pm** **8.00pm**	Stations of the Cross Passion of Our Lord
Sat 19th Holy Saturday	**11-12pm** **12.00pm** **10.00pm**	Confessions Święconka – Blessing of the Easter Baskets Easter Vigil Mass Michael Corbett, Ross, 40th Anniversary & the decd. members of the Corbett & Kilcoyne families. Kees & Maida Schalks, Anniversary
Sun 20th Easter Sun	**11.30am**	Matt Murray Anniversary & Kathleen Murray 2nd Anniversary

Mass Intentions for St. Mary's Church, Claran

Sun 13th Palm Sunday	**10.00am** **7.30pm**	'Do this in Memory' Mass The People of the Parish Carmel O'Donoghue, 3rd Anniversary A Lenten Reflection
Tues 15th	**9.30am**	Triduum Mass (2)
Weds 16th	**9.30am**	Triduum Mass (3)
Thurs 17th	**8.00pm**	Mass of the Lords Supper Followed by Adoration until 10pm.
Fri 18th	**3.00pm**	Stations of the Cross
Sat 19th Holy Saturday	**5.00pm**	Kathleen Keady Anniversary & the deceased of the Keady Family John Molloy, Ower, Anniversary Healing Mass
Sun 20th Easter Sunday	**6.00am** **10.00am**	The People of the Parish – **Greenfields** Bridget Greaney Lee, 3rd Anniversary Martin Joe and Mary Kate O'Connor, Birthday Rem.

First Friday Calls to the sick and the housebound will take place during Holy Week, Mon 14th April Claran, Tues 15th April Headford Surrounding area, Weds 16th April Headford Town.

Archbishop Francis will celebrate the annual Chrism Mass in Tuam Cathedral on Wednesday, 16 April 2025 at 6.00 p.m. Refreshments will be served afterwards in St. Jarlath's College. All are welcome.

A Penitential Service for all the Local Parishes will take place in Headford Church on Monday the 14th of April at 7.30pm. There will be 4 priests to guide you in your confessions. All are welcome.

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. Blessed Carlo Acutis will be canonized as a saint by Pope Francis on April 27th, 2025 during the Jubilee of Adolescents in Rome.

The annual Easter Sunday commemoration takes place on April 20th, meeting at Donaghpatrick cemetery gates at 3.00 pm.

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.

Footsteps Preschool Glencorrib. Enrolment now open for 2025 preschool children. ECCE, NCS and Daycare available. Open evening Thursday, 10th April @ 6pm. Contact Helen 0861717833.

'Raising Hope for our common home': Celebrating 10 years of Laudato Si on from 10am to 4pm on Saturday, April 26th in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at Knock Shrine. Guest speakers, Cost per person: €15. contact Nicola Mitchell at faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie or phone 094 93 88100.

Corofin Medjugorge trip Direct flights to Mostar on June 4th – 11th. Spiritual director Fr Ciaran Blake and group leader, Dymphna Glynn. For more information call 085 8197155.

Sins of Ireland documentary, directed by Alex Fegan, is a portrait of Ireland through the lens of the confession box. Fifteen Irish priests who have long heard the sins of others, offer their own confessional on the rise and fall of a sacrament that now epitomises the turbulent changes in faith and spirituality in contemporary Ireland in the Eye Cinema from Saturday the 19th of April.

BUS TO MARCH FOR LIFE, DUBLIN (Meeti: St. Stephens Green), 5th May To draw attention to the rapidly increasing abortion rates in Ireland and call for support for pregnant women and their babies. To book your seat on the bus from Galway call Teresa @ 087 7514387