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** €1345 last weekend and in **Claran** €465**. 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 May:
Headford Private Intention
Claran: Teresa & Paddy Joyce & Family.

Ministers for May Headford
Readers: Sat 7pm Rita O'Shea
Sun 11.30am: Sharon Joyce
Ministers of the Eucharist:
Sat. 7pm: Bernie & Jimmy Sweeney
Sun 11.30am Maura Moran, Siobhan Waldron
Baskets: Sat 7pm Mary Fahy, Declan McDonagh. **Sun 11.30am** Andy Curran, Redmond Newell
Ministers for May Claran Readers: Nessa Cosgrove **Minister of the Eucharist**: Martina Walsh Stephanie Cahill

Feast Days: Mon 12th Ss Nereus & Achilleus, St. Pancras, **Tues 13th** Our Lady of Fátima, **Weds 14th** St. Mathias, **Thurs 15th** St. Carthage, **Fri 16th** St. Brendan, Sat 17th St. Paschal Baylon.

We as a parish community offer our sincere sympathy to the family, friends and relatives of **Helen Walsh,** Carnakib, Headford. May she rest in peace.

PRAYER FOR POPE LEO XIV
Heavenly Father,
You have chosen Pope Leo XIV to shepherd Your Church in this time of grace and challenge. With gratitude and trust, we lift him up to You.

Fill him with the fire of Your Spirit,
that he may preach the Gospel with courage, wisdom, and mercy.
Grant him the heart of a true servant, modelled after Your Son, Jesus—gentle and humble of heart, yet strong and unwavering in truth.

May he lead the Church in unity,
be a beacon of hope in a divided world,
and a bridge of peace among nations.
Under the mantle of Mary, Mother of the Church, and with the intercession of Saints Peter and Paul, protect him from all harm,
sustain him in moments of weariness,
and bless his every word and work
to bring souls closer to You.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Parish of Killursa & Killower

10th & 11th May 2025, Fourth Sunday of Easter
World Day of Prayer for Vocations
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 10th	**7.00pm**	Bridget Curran Anniversary & Michael & Pat Curran, Ballycolgan RIP Private Intention
Sun 11th	**11.30am**	Tom Sweeney Anniversary & Mary Sweeney RIP Pete Burke Anniversary The decd. members of the Lally & Kyne families, Cloughanover & Cahernaheena. Private Intention
Mon 12th	**10.00am**	No Mass
Fri 16th	**10.00am**	No Mass
Sat 17th	**10.00am** **7.00pm**	Martin Burke RIP (Mass Card) Peter Corbett 9th Anniversary Joseph Carr 9th Anniversary Todd Corbett, Main St, Anniversary & Roy Corbett, Birthday Remembrance.
Sun 18th	**11.30am**	Jaki Mitchell Fraser, Anniversary Peggy O'Connor, 11th Anniversary Mary & Anthony Cunningham, Anniversary, Michael Hanley & Martin Keville RIP

Mass Intentions for St. Mary's Church, Claran

Sun 11th	**10.00am**	The People of the Parish Mickey Greaney RIP (Mass Card)
Tues 13th	**9.30am**	No Mass
Weds 14th	**9.30am**	No Mass
Sat 17th	**11.30am**	*First Holy Communion Scoil Naomh Fursa – Claran National School & Clydagh National School*
Sun 18th	**10.00am**	The People of the Parish Ann Walsh, Carrowbeg, Anniversary Tom & Kathleen Mohan Anniversary & the decd. of the Mohan & Monaghan Families. Private Intention

Congratulations to the Children of Headford National School, who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday.

Trócaire Boxes: Final Call for Trócaire boxes which can be left into the sacristy after mass or into the parish office before Monday 12th May. Thank you to all who have donated. Last year our parish raised €3360.

Pastoral Council Meeting Tuesday the 20th of May at 8.30pm (please note new time) in the New Meeting Room behind the Parochial House.

We welcome into the Faith Community through the sacrament of Baptism Rían Faherty, Aoibhínn Cuffe, Robyn Ryan and Elizabeth Geraghty.

Galway Simon Community are looking for volunteers to help out with their churchgate collection which will take place outside Headford & Claran churches before mass on May 17th & 18th 2025. If you'd like to help out please contact Sharon in the Parish Office 093 35448 (10am - 2pm) or Carol Hynes in Galway Simon Community 0868439330.
Your help is greatly appreciated.

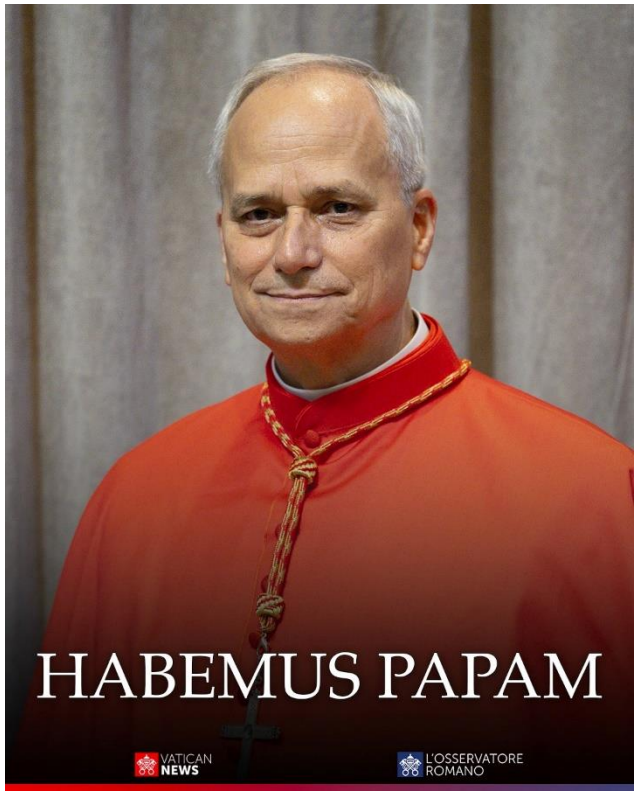
The National Pilgrimage for Life takes place in Knock on Saturday 21 June at 3pm (Anointing of the Sick). We invite you to join us in Knock to celebrate the gift of life and to pray for the protection of all human life.

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.

HELLO HEADFORD HOW ARE YOU? is a simple yet effective mental health promotion campaign developed by Mental Health Ireland, that encourages people to say 'Hello' and ask 'How, Are You?' The concept of the Hello, How are you? Campaign is to ask with meaning, and to really listen to the person's response. The campaign breaks down the steps: HE.L.L.O.(H: Hello E: Engage L: Listen L: Learn and O: Options) which supports people to reach out, say hello and ask how are you? On Thursday 15th May 2025 11am – 1pm. Solas Family Resource Centre invite all to join us for a cup of tea/coffee, a chat and a bit of banter. The event hopes to create a greater awareness and understanding of mental health. Help increase confidence in starting conversations about mental health and normalising conversations about mental health in all settings.

Lough Derg 252 Pilgrimage Season: Three-day pilgrimage Friday 30th May until Friday 15th August. (pilgrims can begin on any day until Weds 13th August) Admission €85. **Quiet Day** Saturday 10th May & Friday 12th September – a self-directed day in the peaceful setting of station Island. €40pp. **Residential Retreat:** Friday 16th – Monday 19th May "Called" young Adult (18-30) Retreat with Franciscan Brothers Ronan & Jacapo. Thurs 10th – Sunday 13th July "Hope in the Wilderness" with Eoin Madigan. €400pp or €325pps -Full board, booking essential. **One Day Retreat** – a day of guided prayer and reflection May Tue 13th, Sat 17th, Sat 24th, Mon 26th, August Tue 19th, Sat 23rd, Sun 24th, Mon 25th, Sat 30th, September Weds 3rd, Sat 6th, Sun 7th, Tue 9th, Sat 13th, Sat 20th, Sun 21st. Admission €50, booking essential. **Lakeshore Pilgrimage** along the pilgrim path Sunday 31st of August €25pp. Heritage Day Thursday 21st August, €15 Adults, €5 children (8-16years), under 8 free. For more info contact 071 9861518 or email info@loughderg.org. www.loughderg.org

Kylemore Abbey Retreats 2025: **Centring Prayer Retreat** 15th – 17th August Led by Fiona Quinn OP. **Icon Writing Retreat** 27th July – 2nd August, 24th August – 30th August, 14th Sept – 20th September Tutor Dr. lucho Alvarez. **Advent Preparation Retreat** 28th – 30th November led by the Benedictine community. From more information, please contact retreats@kylemoreabbey.ie or phone 095 52098.



Pope Leo XIV greeted the city of Rome and the world at his first appearance as the Successor of Peter from the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica.

"Peace be with you! Dearest brothers and sisters, this was the first greeting of the risen Christ, the good shepherd, who gave His life for the flock of God. I, too, would like this greeting of peace to enter your hearts, to reach your families and all people, wherever they are; and all the peoples, and all the earth: Peace be with you."

St. Pio Relics to visit Holycross Abbey (E41PH01): Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th May. Veneration and ceremonies from 10am to 8pm on Saturday and 9am to 8pm on Sunday (incorporating our annual St. Pio Pilgrimage on Sunday from 1.30pm). All are welcome. Contact 0504-43124 or hbparishoffice@gmail.com for information

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.***

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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



Prayer to Our Blessed Mother

Take my hand O Blessed Mother, Hold me firmly lest I fall, I am nervous when I am walking, And to thee I humbly call. Guide me over every crossing, Watch me when I am on my way, Let me know you are beside me, Listen to my frequent prayers. Bring me to my destination, Safely every single day, Help me with my understanding, As the hours pass away. And when evening falls upon me, And I fear to be alone, Take my hand O Blessed Mother, And once again guide me home.