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 19th St. Celestine V, St. Dunstan, **Tues 20th** St. Bernardine of Siena, **Weds 21st** St. Christopher Magallanes and his companions, **Thurs 22nd** St. Rita of Cascia, **Fri 23rd** St. William of Rochester, **Sat 24th** St. Vincent de Lerins.

We as a parish community offer our sincere sympathy to the family, friends and relatives of **Paddy Jordan,** Lakefield, Gort, father of Yvonne Greaney, Secretary in Claran National School. **Mary Doherty (née Purcell)** England, sister of Jimmy Purcell, Curraghmore. May they rest in peace.

Anam Cara - supporting parents after bereavement, are hosting an **Online Bereavement Information Evening on Thursday 22nd May 2025 at 7pm**. Our guest speaker will be **Diane Clabby**. Diane is an accredited Trauma Informed Psychotherapist with an Honours Degree in Integrative Counselling and Psychotherapy. She also holds a Diploma in Trauma Informed Psychotherapy, a Level 7 QQI Certificate in Suicide Postvention. Diane has a special interest in working with trauma, loss and bereavement, suicide prevention, intervention and postvention.

Parish of Killursa & Killower

17th & 18th May 2025, Fifth Sunday of Easter
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 17th	**7.00pm**	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
Mon 19th	**10.00am**	Private Intention
Fri 23rd	**10.00am**	Private Intention
Sat 24th	**10.00am** **7.00pm**	Ann & James Fitzgibbon, High St. Anniversary Phylis Monaghan, Galway Road, 2nd Anniv. Conal Gillespie
Sun 25th	**11.30am**	Joe Kyne, Main Street, 1st Anniversary Tommy Geraghty, High St. 10th Anniversary Paschal Hynes, 7th Anniversary Aidan Hickey, Laragan, Shrule, 7th Anniversary

Mass Intentions for St. Mary's Church, Claran

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
Tues 20th	**9.30am**	Fr. Thomas Earner RIP (Mass Card)
Weds 21st	**9.30am**	Ellen Lee RIP (Mass Card)
Sun 25th	**10.00am**	The People of the Parish Paddy & Bridget Myres & their son John, Owermor, Anniversary Private Intention

Congratulations to the Children of** Scoil Naomh Fursa (Claran National School) & Clydagh National School**, who made their First Holy Communion.

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

Galway Hospice needs volunteers for its Sunflower Days collections on Friday 6 June and Saturday 7 June. If you can spare 1–2 hours either day, please contact Galway Hospice Fundraising at 087-1933032, 091-770868, or fundraising@galwayhospice.ie

The next Latin Mass will take place on Sunday June 8, at 6pm, in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel Knock.

Join over 10,000 Pilgrims | All Ireland Rosary Rally | Knock | Saturday, 7th June at the 40th All-Ireland Rosary Rally on Saturday, June 7th at Knock Shrine. Events begin at 9:30am with a Marian Conference and conclude with a Pentecost Vigil and Healing Service from 8–10pm. Highlights include a Rosary making workshop, a 250-person Rosary formation for filming. Keynote at 1 PM by Msgr Steve Rossetti, USA.Rosary Procession led by children follows the Stations of the Cross at 2:30pm, with Holy Mass at 3pm celebrated by Bishop Donal McKeown. Music by Dana. A youth conference runs 6–7:30 PM. Rosary Rally ends with a Croagh Patrick climb and Mass on Sunday at noon. Full schedule and bus info: www.allirelandrosaryrally.com.

International speaker and catechist David Wells at Knock Shrine Friday 23rd May: **'Can what matters to us matter to our children'** - an evening for parents from 7.30pm to 9pm. Free admission.
Saturday 24th May: **"Be united, in mind and purpose"** - a synodal approach to building up Parish Councils from 10.30am to 4pm. Cost per person: €10. Limited places available. Both events take place in the Prayer Centre at Knock Shrine. **Booking is required.** For enquiries and bookings, email Nicola Mitchell at faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie or phone 094 93 88100. Online bookings at www.knockshrine.ie

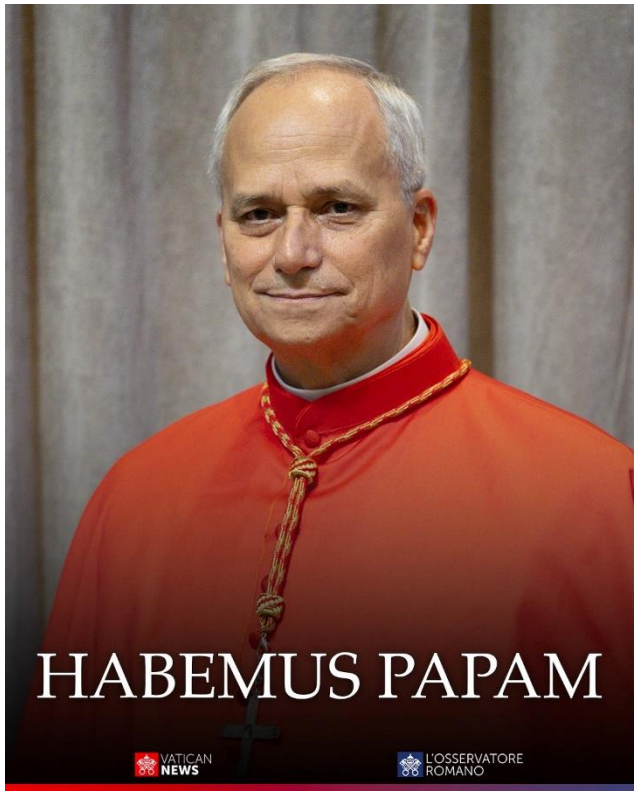
The National Pilgrimage for Life takes place in Knock on Saturday 21 June at 3pm (Anointing of the Sick). We invite you to join us in Knock to celebrate the gift of life and to pray for the protection of all human life.

Glencorrib Kilroe Community Presents: A Special Two-Night Film Showcase! on Wednesday 21st or Thursday 22nd at 8pm as we transform the Glencorrib Community Centre into a pop-up cinema for a unique fundraising event for Glencorrib Kilroe Sportsfield development. We'll be screening three powerful short films, including the local premiere of *Where The Old Man Lives* a moving drama by local filmmakers Ruaidhrí Hallinan and Eamonn Keane, starring Michael Harding and Ruth McCabe. Inspired by true events, the film explores rural isolation, resilience, and the emotional toll of losing one's sense of safety. Also showing: Radha & Rapacious. Followed by a Q&A with the filmmakers. Tickets: https://glencorrib-film.eventbrite.ie

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.

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

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.



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."

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. Iucho Alvarez. **Advent Preparation Retreat** 28th – 30th November led by the Benedictine community. From more information, please contact retreats@kylemoreabbey.ie or phone 095 52098.

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.

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.