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** €990 last weekend and in **Claran** €590**. 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 5th May St. Asaph, Bl Edmund Rice, **Tues 6th** St Edberto of Lindisfarne, St. Petronax, **Weds 7th** St. John of Beverly, **Thurs 8th** St. Victor Maurus, **Fri 9th** St. Pachomius, **Sat 10th** St. Comgall, Abbot, St. John of Ávila.

We as a parish community offer our sincere sympathy to the family, friends and relatives of **Conal Gillespie**, New York and formerly Donegal. May he 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 & 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.***

The Stranger, the Dream, the Bird by Sr. Mary Lee: is a collection of poetry that is a deeply spiritual and contemplative work that offers hope and grace amid life's challenges. On sale in the parish office €15 each or 2 for €25.

A four-evening **bereavement course** will take place in the Welcome Centre, Knock Shrine for four Thursday's at 8pm, beginning next Thursday May 8th run by Monica Morley. Booking is required, for information call 094-9375320 or email familycentre@knockshrine.ie

Parish of Killursa & Killower

3rd & 4th May 2025, Third 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 3rd	**7.00pm**	Jack Divilly, Main Street, 1st Anniversary Michael & Pauline Steed, Gort na Mona, 3rd & 20th Anniversary, & Frank Reddington, 10th Anniversary Tom and Ann Fahy, Liss, Anniversary Joe Gleeson, Bridge Street, Anniversary
Sun 4th	**11.30am**	The People of the Parish Maureen Bridget O'Donnell, 13th Anniversary Paddy Joyce, Headford, Anniversary
Mon 5th	**10.00am**	Newell Family Intentions & Conal Gillespie, New York RIP
Fri 9th	**10.00am**	Bridie Reilly RIP Private Intention
Sat 10th	**10.00am** **11.30am** **7.00pm**	Carmel O'Reilly McMahon RIP First Holy Communion – *Headford National School* 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

Mass Intentions for St. Mary's Church, Claran

Sun 4th	**10.00am**	Bridie & John James Earnor, Anniversaries Mike Walsh, Knocklahard & Patie Walsh RIP Patrick & Mary O'Malley, Remembrance Mass Margaret & Dermot O'Toole, Knocklahard, Anniv.
Tues 6th	**9.30am**	Get Well Mass
Weds 7th	**9.30am**	Mary Daveron RIP (Mass Card)
Sun 11th	**10.00am**	The People of the Parish Mickey Greaney RIP (Mass Card)

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

First Holy Communion will take place in Claran Church: Saturday the 17th May @ 11.30am Claran & Clydagh National Schools.

Trócaire Boxes can be left into the sacristy after mass or into the parish office. Thank you to all who have donated. Last year our parish raised €3360.

Galway Simon Community Church Gate Collection will take place on the 17th & 18th of May. Your support 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.

Due to the amazing turnout for our launch on Thursday the 24th, **Slimming World Headford** has now changed location to Kilcoona Social Centre, Mausrevagh, Headford H91 CK68 and added a further session. Our new times are Thursday's at 5:30p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Feel free to drop in or call/text Pauline on 085 7203377 for more information.

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.

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

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.