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** €840 last weekend and in **Claran** €370**. 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 June:
Headford Private Intention
Claran: Creaven Family, Clydagh

Ministers for June Headford
Readers: Sat 7pm Pat Duddy
Sun 11.30am: Amanda O'Connell

Ministers of the Eucharist:
Sat. 7pm: Mary Margaret Kyne, Mary Fahy
Sun 11.30am Ina Curran, John McHugh

Baskets: Sat 7pm Mary Fahy, Declan McDonagh. **Sun 11.30am** Andy Curran, Redmond Newell

Ministers for June Claran
Readers: Teresa Logan
Minister of the Eucharist: Tom Darcy & Marian Creaven

Feast Days: Sun 1st June The Ascension of the Lord Mon 2nd Ss Marcellinus & Peter, **Tues 3rd** Ss Charles Lwanga & Companions, St. Kevin, **Weds 4th** Wednesday of the 7th Week of Eastertide, **Thurs 5th** St. Boniface, **Fri 6th** St. Norbert, St. Jarlath (Tuam), **Sat 7th** St Coman of Dronmore.

We as a parish community offer our sincere sympathy to the family, friends and relatives of **Michael Martin**, Late of Clydagh and Chelmsford, U.K. brother of the late Frances & Laurence Martin, Gortnamona, Maryann McDonagh & Joan Hardiman, Cloughanover and **Oliver Corbett,** New Jersey, USA, (formerly Ross) brother of the late Michael Corbett, Ross & Carmel Clewlow, England. May they rest in peace.

First Friday Novena to the Sacred Heart & Divine Mercy Chaplet: Headford Church Friday 6th June 9-10am followed by Mass.

First Saturday Devotions to Our Lady of Ftima: 9-10am Headford Church Saturday 7th June followed by Mass.

First Friday Calls to the sick and housebound will take place on Tues 3rd June Claran, Weds 4th Headford Town, Fri 6th Headford surrounding areas.

Parish of Killursa & Killower

31st May & 1st June 2025, The Ascension of the Lord
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 31st	**6.00pm**	Decd. of the Creaven, O'Malley & Fallon Families Joe, Jack & Nora Gibsey RIP Jimmy McDonagh, Ballyhale, (A) Mary Murphy, Rockhill, (A) Private Intention
Sun 1st June	**11.30am**	Thomas & Sarah Hardiman (RIP), Lisheenageeha & the decd. of the family. Martin Mannion & his sister Kate (A) Lisheenageeha Pat McDonagh, Owerbeg, 9th Anniv. Anna Potasinska, Poland, RIP (Mother of Karolina Ruszczymska) John Oliver Creaven, Tumnahulla Corrandulla RIP
Mon 2nd	**10.00am**	No Mass
Fri 6th	**10.00am**	Josie Qualter RIP (Mass Card)
Sat 7th	**10.00am** **7.00pm**	Nora O'Malley RIP (Mass Card) Mary & Martin Holleran, Shrule Road, (A) Josie Lee, Culleen, 3rd Anniv. Mary Patterson, Castleview (A) Josie Hughes (née Walsh), Keekill, (A)
Sun 8th	**11.30am**	Lucy O'Brien, Jacinta and John Burke & Mike Connolly, RIP Julia & Charlotte O'Connor, Anniversary Thomas & Mary McDonagh, Ballynakillew, (A). Pat & Mary Margaret Joyce & the decd. of the Joyce family, Carrowbeg.

Mass Intentions for St. Mary's Church, Claran

Sun 1st June	**10.00am**	The People of the Parish Anne Kenny Inchquinn Mamie & Thomas Murphy, Kilbeg, RIP Kathleen & Roddy Gillon, Loggawannia, (A)
Tues 3rd	**9.30am**	John & Paddy Keady and their parents John & Nora Keady, Owerbeg, RIP
Weds 4th	**9.30am**	Mickey Greaney RIP (Mass Card)
Sun 8th	**10.00am**	Helen Walsh Months Mind John Joyce, Lexlip & formerly Knocklahard, Months Mind.

The monthly mini vigil takes place at Knock Shrine on Friday, June 6th. Confessions 8pm to 9pm. The vigil begins in the Parish Church at 9pm and concludes at midnight. Info at www.knockshrine.ie or call 094 93 88100

Knocks annual Mass for students who are about to begin their Junior & Leaving Cert exams will take place on Monday, June 2nd, 7.30pm in the Basilica.

A Prayer for Students Doing Exams
Lord, pour out you Spirit of Wisdom on us students: help us to remain calm, to attend carefully to the questions asked, to think clearly, to remember accurately, and to express ourselves well.

Grant that we may reflect the best of the work we have done and the best of the teaching we have received. Accept our best efforts in these examinations and in the great test of life on earth.

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our trust in you.

Altar Candles for 2026 can be booked in the parish office or phone 093 35448 email info@headfordchurch.com.

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuam Archdiocese: Join us for 33 Hours of Adoration —a beautiful opportunity to encounter Christ in the Eucharist. At the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in Knock Shrine on Friday 6th June starting at 9am. In honour of the 33 years Christ lived on earth, we invite you to spend time with Him, offering your intentions, interceding for others, and deepening your love for the Eucharist. Headford's Special Hour is 6-7pm June 6th, Closing with Benediction & Mass at 5.15pm on Saturday 7th June. All are welcome.

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

Men's NCT Health Day: Solas Family Resource Centre hold their annual Men's NCT Health Day on Wednesday June 11th 2025 from 4pm to 8.00pm. The venue is St Furseys Hall Headford. Admission is free and all are welcome. After all, why should your car get all the love? Mens NCT. Do the test – it's free!

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. 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.

Chime Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Outreach clinic. Hearing aid maintenance; tubing & filter changing, advice on equipment & info. on all aspects of hearing loss. Old Health centre, Vicar St Tuam H54 HO28 (room 22) Friday, June 6th, 10am-1pm. Contact Tony Dolan for more information or an appointment 086 8341318 Tony.dolan@chime.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.

Annual Graveyard/Cemetery Masses Cargin Cemetery will be celebrated: **Cargin Cemetery** on Friday 1st of August at 7pm, **Killursa Cemetery** on Sunday 3rd August at 6pm, **Cloughanover Cemetery** on Friday 8th August at 7pm and (All dates and times are subject to weather permitting)



'Dare to Hope' is a national faith gathering of young adults, aged 18 to 30, that will be held in the new youth village at Knock Shrine on Saturday, 14 June. This event is hosted by the Irish Bishops' Conference in collaboration with Knock Shrine. As places are limited, booking is essential. Please visit www.catholicbishops.ie to register, or search for 'Dare to Hope' on www.eventbrite.ie

Make The Link: Galway Rural Development, GRETB, and the Department of Social Protection are joining forces to put together a series of free 'Make the Link' information events to showcase the education and training courses available in the region. There will also be information on the various financial supports and benefits available, advice on the SICAP programme and grants, the various employment schemes, and much more. The roadshow is open to all, including job seekers, career changers, and anyone interested in further education. The Tuam roadshow takes place at the Ard Ri Hotel on Wednesday, 11th June, from 10am to 1pm.

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.

Three-Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg: Friday, 20th June to Sunday, 22nd June 2025 **Cost:** €140 (includes bus and Island fee) **Pick-up Points:** Oranmore, Claregalway, Tuam. *Other pick-up points can be arranged upon request.* For more information or to book a place, please contact **Anne** at **086 838 1633**.

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.
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** 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



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."

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.

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…

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