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** €970 last weekend and in **Claran** €535**. 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

As a parish community we offer our sincere sympathies to the family, friends and relatives **of P.J. Conway,** Kilsallagh, Westport. Husband of Christina (née Keleghan) Gortnamona, Headford and brother-in-law to Mark & Teresa Keleghan, Headford & Ann McHugh, Ballycasey. May he rest in peace.

Feast Days: Mon 16th St. Aurelian, **Tues 17th** St. Botolph, **Weds 18th** St. Elizabeth of Schonau, **Thurs 19th** St. Romuald, **Fri 20th** The Irish Martyrs, St. Alban of England, **Sat 21st** St. Aloysius Gonzaga.

Bucket Collection in Aid of Cope Galway this weekend 14th and 15th of June, outside the Church gates before mass.

Pastoral Council Meeting will take place on Tues 17th of June at 7.00pm in the New Meeting room.

The Feast of Corpus Christi will be celebrated on Sunday the 22nd of June. We invite all children who have recently made their first Holy Communion (and their families) to dress in their communion outfits and come and join in with the Parade that will process down the down after 11.30am Mass in Headford Church.



Parish of Killursa & Killower

14th & 15th June 2025, The Most Holy Trinity
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 14th	**7.00pm**	The People of the Parish Paddy Jordan, Gort, Months Mind Rita Dooley, 5th Anniversary
Sun 15th	**11.30am**	Joan Hardiman, 3rd Anniversary Joe & Teresa Geoghegan, (B.R.) and all the decd. of the Geoghegan family.
Mon 16th	**10.00am**	Michael Brennan RIP (M.C.)
Fri 20th	**10.00am**	Seamus Francis RIP (M.C.) Special Intention
Sat 21st	**10.00am** **7.00pm**	Special Intention Thomas Paul Creaven, (B.R.) John & Teresa (Tess) Keady, Bridge St. (A) Julia Connell, (A) Tom & Philomena McDonagh, Ballyconlaught (A) Nelly Joyce, Mountross, 10th Anniversary
Sun 22nd	**11.30am**	Bridie Farragher, Carnakib, Months Mind Fr. Peter Conway 153rd Anniversary John & Mary Dooley, Cloughanover (A) Teresa Hill, Deerpark, (A) Pat, Mary & Christy Kilgarriff (A)

Mass Intentions for St. Mary's Church, Claran

Sun 15th	**10.00am**	Bridget Lee Colleran RIP & the decd. of the family, Annaghkeen. Joe Lee RIP & the decd of the family, Carnakib. Peter Lee, RIP, Ballyfruit & the decd. of the family.
Tues 17th	**9.30am**	Private Intention
Weds 18th	**9.30am**	Mai Murphy RIP
Sun 22nd	**10.00am**	Tommy Greaney, Claran (A) Special Intention Private Intention

Abbreviations: (A) Anniversary, **(P.I.)** Private Intention, **(S.I.)** Special Intention, **(M.C.)** Mass Card, **(B.R.)** Birthday Remembrance, **(G.W.)** Get Well/Healing, **(M.B)** Mass Bouquet.

Social Dancing St. Fursa's Hall, Headford, Sunday June 15th 6-8.30pm, Music by Chloe Sweeney & on Sunday June 29th 6-8.30pm music by Stehen Bennett. Tickets €10, buy on the night. All are welcome.

The Management & Staff of Solas Family Resource Centre invite the community to join them on Saturday 21st June 2025 in St. Fursa's Hall from 2pm – 5pm to celebrate their **20th Year serving the community** – Supporting Families – Building Communities. Lots of musical guests, entertainment for children & dancing. All are welcome.

Annual Graveyard/Cemetery Masses 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)



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.

The Lough Corrib 471 *project by Helena McElmeel Architects with local schools in Claran and Clydagh has been listed in RIAI Public Choice Awards. We would appreciate it if you could take a minute to vote on Lough Corrib 471 at: https://www.riai.ie/public-choice-award-poll/ and help spread the word. Online voting will close at 5pm on Monday, 16 June. We would appreciate your support!*

Life in the Spirit seminar including teaching and testimonies starting on Wednesday 18th June, 7.15 to 9pm.in CASTLEGAR CHURCH. H91E469. Continuing for following 6 Wednesday evenings. All are welcome. Further info: Madge 087 6797277.

Footsteps Preschool Headford & Knockroon enrolment open for school year 2025/2026. Summer Camp spaces available for some summer fun & games from June 22nd to July 18th. Open 7.30 am to 5.30 pm Monday to Friday. Ages 2 to 12 years. For more info contact Sinéad: 086-0380508.

Coill na nÓg Claran Community Childcare Service Summer Camps 9-2pm €25 per day or €110 per week. Full childcare facility Opening Hours: 7.45 - 6pm. NCS Scheme available. To book a place or for more information: clarancommunitychildcare@gmail.com or call Egiya 0876903212

Accord Marriage Care Service have launched their updated Marriage preparation course 'Marriage A Journey Not a Destination' Book today www.accord.ie, 01 5053112 or email marriagepreparation@accord.ie

A Word of Appreciation: We the family of the late Joe Owens, Ballyfruit, Headford would like to thank each and every one of the people of Headford, Claran and surrounding areas for coming to comfort and support us since our lives were shattered on June 2nd by the devastating and sudden passing of our beloved Joe. We were carried through the days that followed by all of you as we tried to understand this most unbelievably shocking and heartbreaking reality we faced. From the kind messages of condolence, the constant flow of refreshments and food delivered to our home, the many people who came to sympathise and say goodbye to Joe in our home, the outpouring of love and support has been deeply moving. In particular our wonderful neighbours in Ballyfruit and the neighbouring villages who went above and beyond to come to our aid we will be eternally indebted to all of you. To Father Ray and Fr. Dixie for comforting and praying with us , Fionnuala Deacy and Dolores Doyle and all the people took part in Joes funeral mass we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. I ask that you all continue to remember Joe and our family in your prayers as we try to process and come to terms with our terrible loss. God bless each and every one of you. Sincere gratitude, Clare, Kellee, Derek and Rachel Owens.



Glory be to the Father,
Who by His almighty power and love created me,
making me in the image and likeness of God.

Glory be to the Son,
Who by His Precious Blood delivered me from hell,
and opened for me the gates of heaven.

Glory be to the Holy Spirit,
Who has sanctified me in the sacrament of Baptism,
and continues to sanctify me
by the graces I receive daily from His bounty.

Glory be to the Three adorable Persons of the Holy Trinity,
now and forever.

Amen.
*Source Catholicorg.com

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.

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

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.

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.

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

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