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

Feast Days: Mon 9th St. Columba abbot, **Tues 10th** St. Ephrem, **Weds 11th** St. Barnabas, Apostle, **Thurs 12th Our Lord Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest,** St. John of Sahagun**, Fri 13th** St. Anthony of Padua, **Sat 14th** St. Davnet.

We as a parish community offer our sincere sympathy to the family, friends and relatives of Joe Owens, Ballyfruit.
May he rest in peace.

Bucket Collection in Aid of Cope Galway
On the 14th and 15th of June, there will be a bucket collection taking place in aid of COPE Galway 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.

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

Parish of Killursa & Killower

7th & 8th June 2025, Pentecost Sunday
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 7th	**7.00pm**	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 & Charles O'Connor, Anniversary Thomas & Mary McDonagh, Ballynakillew, (A) Pat & Mary Margaret Joyce & the decd. of the Joyce family, Carrowbeg.
Mon 9th	**10.00am**	Jenni McGrath (M.C.)
Fri 14th	**10.00am**	Willie Farragher RIP (M.C.)
Sat 15th	**10.00am** **7.00pm**	Private Intention The People of the Parish Rita Dooley, 5th Anniversary
Sun 8th	**11.30am**	Joan Hardiman, 3rd Anniversary Joe & Teresa Geoghegan, (B.R.) and all the decd. of the Geoghegan family.

Mass Intentions for St. Mary's Church, Claran

Sun 8th	**10.00am**	Helen Walsh Months Mind John Joyce, Lexlip & formerly Knocklahard, Months Mind.
Tues 10th	**9.00am**	Private Intention
Weds 11th	**9.30am**	Willie O'Toole RIP (M.C)
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.

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.

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.

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)



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!

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.

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.

'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 www.eventbrite.ie

This year's Day for Life, Sunday 15th June 2025, is an invitation to pray for those who suffer and to remain with them like the Good Samaritan, bearing witness to their unique and unrepeatable value. We see this closeness in the generous and fruitful service of healthcare professionals, whose mission continues even when there is no longer any prospect of physical healing. We see it in another way in families, carers and chaplains who support their brothers and sisters who are sick or frail or struggling with the many burdens of life. As Christians, we affirm them and hold out to them the hope of Jesus Christ who does not disappoint us. To read the full bishops' message visit www.councilforlife.ie



Pentecost Sunday

O God,
who by the mystery of today's great feast
sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation,
pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit
across the face of the earth and,
with the divine grace that was at work
when the Gospel was first proclaimed,
fill now once more the hearts of believers.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son, who lives and reigns
with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

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. 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.

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