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** €1185 last weekend and in **Claran** €325**. 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 July:
Headford: Paddy & Phil Ryder
Claran: The Walsh & Heverin families.

Ministers for July Headford
Readers: Sat 7pm Fintan O'Malley
Sun 11.30am: Aine Farrell

Ministers of the Eucharist:
Sat. 7pm: Michel Hughes,
Sun 11.30am Siobhan Waldron

Baskets: Sat 7pm Sun 11.30am James Moran, Siobhan Waldron.

Ministers for July Claran
Readers: Josie O'Malley
Minister of the Eucharist: Michelle Kenny & Mary Fahy.

Feast Days: Mon 28th Ss Nazarius and Celsus, St. Alphonsa Muttathpadathu, **Tues 29th** St. Martha, Mary and Lazarus, **Weds 30th** St Peter Chrysologus, **Thurs 31st** St. Ignatius of Loyla, **Fri 1st** St. Alphonsus mary de'Liguori, **Sat 2nd** St. Eusebius of Vercelli, St. Peter Julian Eymard.

As a Parish Community, we offer our sincere sympathies to the family, friends and relatives **of Ann Mellett (née Conroy)** Shrule & formerly Clonbur, sister of Mary Donoghue (Headford), Maggie Keady (Headford). May she rest in peace.



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)

Parish of Killursa & Killower

26th & 27th July 2025, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 26th	**7.00pm**	Private Intention Special Intention Private Intention
Sun 27th	**11.30am**	The People of the Parish Fr. Micheál Thornton 2nd Anniversary & his parents Nora & Willie RIP.
Mon 28th	**10.00am**	Mary Lally RIP (M.C.)
Fri 1st August	**10.00am**	Vincent Kyne RIP (M.C.)
Sat 2nd	**10.00pm** **7.00pm**	Maureen Monaghan, (A) Sean Murphy, Greenfield, 7th Anniv. & the decd. members of the Murphy family Alan Moran, 10th Anniv. & his grandparents Thomas & Mary Ellen Kavanagh, Inchquinn Martin Gerard Ward, 7th Anniv.
Sun 3rd	**11.30am**	May Molloy Months Mind Special Intention (for the friends & neighbours of Dympna Mullins)

Mass Intentions for St. Mary's Church, Claran

Sun 27th	**10.00am**	John and Nora Keady and their sons John & Paddy, RIP, Owerbeg. Jamesie & Katie Holleran & thier son Patrick RIP Eric & Karen Lavelle
Tue 29th	**9.30am**	The deceased members of Claran ICA
Wed 30th	**9.30am**	Monica & John Monaghan, 60th Anniversary
Sun 3rd	**10.00am**	The People of the Parish Eileen Greaney, Claran (A) Peggy Casey, Slieveroe, 2nd Anniv. & the decd. members of the Casey & Reddington families.

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.

The Parish Office will be closed Monday 28th & Tuesday 29th of July 2025.

First Friday Calls to the sick and elderly: will take place on Friday August 1st in the surrounding area Headford, Tuesday August 5th in Claran & Weds August 6th Headford Town.

First Friday Novena to the Sacred Heart & Divine Mercy Chaplet: Headford Church Friday 1st August 9-10am followed by Mass.

Friday Saturday Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima: 9-10am Headford Church August 2nd followed by Mass.

Trócaire: Thank you to all who donated to Trócaire this year, as a parish we raised €3065. If anyone has any Trócaire boxes at home or would like to add to the donation, we will issue another payment at the end of August.

Irish Catholic Newspaper: if you would like to receive a weekly copy of the Irish Catholic Newspaper (at €3 each) please contact Sharon 093 35448 in the office. Thank you to those who have paid their subscription this year, subscriptions can be paid in the office or put in the weekly basket.

75th Anniversary Mass for the Korean Martyrs – Fr. Frances Canavan, Headford, Fr. Anthony Collier, Louth, Fr. James Maginn, Montana, Fr. Patrick Reilly, Westmeath, Msgr. Patrick Brennan, Chicago, Fr. Tommie Cusack, Clare and Fr. Jack O'Brien, Roscommon ***with a special blessing of the 'Woven into Memory' tapestry – designed and created by Jacqueline Née Creaven d'Towey.*** Monday the 4th of August at 7.30pm in Headford Church. All are welcome.

The annual August pilgrimage to Máméan will take place on Sunday, 3 August 2025. *Turas na Croise* at 3.00 p.m. followed by Mass.

The monthly mini vigil takes place on Friday, August 1st at Knock Shrine. Confessions from 8pm to 9pm in the Chapel of Reconciliation. Vigil takes place from 9pm to Midnight in Knock Parish Church. All are welcome.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival (16-35yrs) in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare, Aug. 7-10. Pack a sleeping bag & snacks and come along for a weekend of prayer, friendship, inspirational talks & workshops. Donation only. Free bus from each province - book early! Register online at Youth2000.ie for info contact connaught@youth2000.ie - see you there.

Dementia cafe the 1st Tuesday of every month, Tacu Resource Centre, Ballinrobe from 11am to 12.30. The guest speaker on the 5th of August is from Family Carers Ireland and who provide essential supports and services including information and advocacy on rights and entitlements for family carers. All welcome and refreshments supplied. Contact Marie on 087 170 8706 for further details.

Grandparents and Elderly: join us at knock shrine! Sunday 27 July at 2:30 pm celebrate the national grandparent's pilgrimage and the world day for grandparents and the elderly. All are welcome, bring your family - bring hope and joy. Anointing mass, rosary (weather permitting).

Come and celebrate our Catholic faith on Slane Aug 3rd - the hill where St Patrick lit the first Paschal fire in 433AD. This is a divine invitation to witness the Archbishop of Armagh symbolically light the fire of faith, hope and love, first kindled by our patron saint. Eurovision's Dana will sing her song for St Patrick, Light the Fire. Gathering begins at noon and includes mass, Eucharistic healing, praise and worship and Rosary. More info at lightthefire.ie or email info@lightthefire.ie

Adult Faith Formation: an introduction into the teachings, traditions and beliefs of the Catholic Church. If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or know someone who might be or would like to renew your faith, don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office, where we can provide you with more information and a registration form. Phone 093 35448 or email: info@headfordchurch.com or call into the office H91XA4A. A meeting will take place in September for those who register or express an interest.

Tuam Cancer Care are running the 6 week CLIMB programme for children aged 6-12yrs, who are experiencing the impact of a parent's cancer diagnosis. Starting Tuesday 16th Sept, 5-6.30pm. Contact the Centre, on 093 28522, for more details.

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.

ATU St. Angela's is inviting applicants to their Part-time Certificate in Religious Education for Primary School with online delivery. Closing date August 15th 2025, for more info contact: Ms Mary Kearns T:+353(0)71 9179624 E:mary.kearns@atu.ie.

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

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.

Carlo Acutis God's Influencer: A Short Biography of Carlo Acutis **on sale in the parish office €10 each.** 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.

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…

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.

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.

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.

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 (from September onwards) 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