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** €920 last weekend and in **Claran** €565**. 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 September:
Headford: Pat & Mary Fahy, Slieveroe
Claran: Intentions of the Newell Family

Ministers for September Headford
Readers: Sat 7pm: Pat Duddy
Sun 11.30am: Amanda **O'Connell 7th & 21st Sept**

Ministers of the Eucharist:
Sat. 7pm: Jimmy Sweeney, Mary Fahy
Sun 11.30am

Baskets: Sat 7pm Mary Fahy, Declan McDonagh Sun **11.30am** James Moran, Siobhan Waldron.

Ministers for September Claran
Readers: Breda Joyce
Minister of the Eucharist: Martina Lee & Marian Creaven

We as a parish community offer our deepest condolences to the family, friends and relatives of **Michael Byrne,** Hollymount, Robeen, cousin of Mattie Langan and Mary Patie Walsh. **William Kelly,** Wexford, Father of Ita Langan & father-in-law of David Langan, Ellagh and Noreen Gavin (née Maher), Cloughanover, Headford and formerly of Tourmakeady, Co. Mayo mother of Delores Doyle, Cloughanover. May they rest in peace.

Feast Days: Sun 14th The Exhaltation of the Holy Cross, Mon 15th Our Lady of Sorrows, **Tues 16th** Ss Cornellius, Cyprian bishop, martyrs, **Weds 17th** St. Robert Bellarmine, St. Hildegard of Bingen, **Thurs 18th** St. Joseph of Cupertino**, Fri 19th** St. Januarius, St. Theodore of Tarsus, **Sat 20th St.** Andrew Kim Teagon, priest & their companions, martyrs.

Registration Evening for First Holy Communion will take place on Monday evening the 15th September at 7pm in the New Meeting Room behind the parochial house. ***For Children Baptised outside of the parish please bring a copy of their Baptism Cert.***

Zumba with Natalia — every Tuesday at 7:30pm in Clydagh N.S Eircode H91CK06. €10 pay as you go. All welcome! No experience needed. For more Info Call or text 085 2708280 …or just show up!

Parish of Killursa & Killower

13th & 14th September 2025, THE EXHALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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 13th	**7.00pm**	Thomas Paul Creaven Anniversary Margaret Corbett 4th Anniversary Mamie Murphy, Kilbeg, 1st Anniversary Charles & Julia O'Connor & the decd. of the O'Connor family.
Sun 14th	**11.30am**	The People of the Parish The deceased of the Brennan & Hughes family, Deerpark Joe McDonagh, Ballyhale, (A) Jo Duffy, Main Street, 2nd Anniversary
Mon 15th	**10.00am**	Private Intention
Fri 19th	**9.00am**	No Mass
Sat 20th	**10.00am** **7.00pm**	No Mass Vincent Fadden, Castleview, 7th Anniv & the decd. members of the Fadden & Collins Family Sr. Phiomena (Phil) Noone, 1st Anniversary The decd of the Halvey Family
Sun 21st	**11.30am**	Hubert & Bridie Leonard, Kilmaine, (A) Joe & Teresa Geoghegan RIP & all the deceased of the Geoghegan family.

Mass Intentions for St. Mary's Church, Claran

Sun 14th	**10.00am**	Mary Margaret Lee (B.R) John Joe Lee, Carnakib 5th Anniv. & Nora Lee, Carnakib Anniv. & the decd of the Lee family. Annie Hynes, Owerbeg, Anniv.
Tue 16th	**9.30am**	Carmel Burke RIP (M.C.)
Wed 17th	**9.30am**	Private Intention
Sun 21st	**10.00am**	Mattie Reddington, Eaglewood, (A) Special Intention Michael & Alice Carroll (22nd & 7th Anniv) Loggawannia.

As a parish community we would like to congratulation Fr. Ray on being awarded his JCL (Juris Canonici Licentiatus) / Master's degree of Canon Law. Fr. Ray would like to Thank you all for your prayers and support during the course of his studies. His graduation will take place on the 3rd of October in KU Leuven, in Belgium.

Craft Fair and Indoor Market in aid of Tuam Headford Special Olympics Club September 14th 10am – 4pm. Cloughanover Community Centre H91HH92

Fun Dance Classes offered at Cloughanover Hall! Kids/Adults/Couples, Line Dancing/Latin & more. For info, please call Amanda 089 984 1752.

Novena to Our Lady Untier of Knots: St. Mary's Church Headford on Wednesday the 24th of September – Thursday 2nd of October. Rosary followed by mass each evening. All are welcome.

	NOVENA TO OUR LADY UNTIER OF KNOTS 2025	
Time	**Date**	**Speaker**
7.00pm	Weds 24th Sept	Patricia Kelly
7.00pm	Thurs 25th Sept	Deacon Stephen Sherry
7.00pm	Fri 26th Sept	Philip McArdle
6.45pm	Sat 27th Sept	Dr. Fáinche Ryan
6.30pm 7.00pm	Sun 28th Sept RECONCILLIATION Rosary & Mass	Fr. Jerald David
7.00pm	Mon 29th Sept	Sr. Attracta Tighe
6.30pm 7.00pm	Tues 30th Sept ANOINTING Rosary & Mass	Fr. Brendan Walsh
7.00om	Weds 1st October	Fr. Ray Flaherty
7.00pm	Thurs 2nd October	Gerry Glennon Mid-West Radio

'Lumieres' A baroque mass for the 21st century by Jacques Loussier. Performed by Cór Mhaigh Eo, Cantairi Chonamara + orchestra. St Joseph's Church, Clifden: Sept 21st at 5pm and St Mary's Church Westport: Sept 28th at 5pm. Tickets €20

Silent Retreat: "If you but knew the gift of God..." Fr. Kilian Byrne, Foyer of Charity St. Mary's Accommodation, Knock, Co. Mayo November 24th to 30th 2025 Cost: €570 full board Contact: Kay: 089 4348901 kaylooby@gmail.com or Helen : 086 1678027/ hellywilliams@gmail.com www.foyerofcharity.ie A privileged time to come away from noise and distractions, and listen to the Spirit of God, - Who is Love. Silence, prayer, teachings & liturgy of the Church.

Men of St Joseph is a new monthly meeting for men of all ages in the Archdiocese of Tuam, which will have at its core, *Faith, Formation, and Fraternity*. The first meeting will take place on Sunday 21st September @7pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in Tuam. The evening will include prayer, talks, and social time. This will be an opportunity to grow deeper into your faith and build support and brotherhood with other Christian men. For further information please contact Fr Mark on 093 24250 or frmarkquinn@tuamparish.com

Raising Hope for Our Common Home – Saturday, September 20th at Knock Shrine Join us for a day of inspiration, conversation and action with guest speakers Éanna Ní Lamhna, Jane Mellett, and Dr. Brendan O'Keeffe. For booking and more information, see www.knockshrine.ie, contact Nicola at faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie or phone 094 93 88100.

'A Night at the Opera' at The Emily Anderson Concert Hall, University of Galway, Friday September 19th at 7pm. The venue does not have step-free access. This is a free event for Culture Night made possible by Galway City Arts Office. Join Niamh St John, Soprano, Cathal McCabe, Matt Mannion and Richard McGrath. Max capacity 180, first come first served, no booking required.

Headford Camera Club: - Photo Competition 'Moments that reflect the beauty, culture or landscape of Headford & the surrounding area's'. Closing date Sept 30th for more information email: hccphotocomp@gmail.com.

The European Institute of Family Life Education (IEEF) in conjunction with the Natural Family Planning Teachers' Association of Ireland (NFPTAI) are hosting their annual Conference, 'Family, Life, Education; Our Hope for the Future' on October 4th 2025, (9.30 am -3.30pm) in Knock House Hotel; Conference Ticket: €60; CPD points for Healthcare professionals. To Book: www.eventbrite.ie/o/nfptai-73350755083 ; Speakers: Dr Phil Boyle (Neo Fertility), Kay O'Dwyer (Napro Ireland), Sinead Strong (Catholic Mothers), Dr Fidelma Eames (former Government Senator), Michelle Kelly (Pure in Heart), Patrick McCrystal (HLI); NFPTAI: www.naturalfamilyplanningireland.ie and www.ieef.eu

Child & Adolescent Counselling Service Our experienced and supportive counsellors work with young people to help them navigate difficult emotions, improve communication skills and develop healthy coping mechanisms. If you know of someone who could benefit from our service, please contact us at 0949375032.

Do you feel called to seek God in prayer & contemplation, monastic work, and community life? The Cistercian community at St Mary's Abbey, Glencairn invites single women aged 19–40 to our upcoming MONASTIC VOCATIONS WEEKEND 24th-27th October 2025 Please contact our Vocation Director, Sr Mairéad, at vocations@glencairnabbey.org Visit www.glencairnabbey.org for more details.

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.

Irish Catholic Newspaper: Please note that the Irish Catholic Newspaper will now cost €3.50each. If you would like to receive a weekly copy 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.

Traditional Set Dancing Classes – Kilmaine Hall Starting Thurs, 18th Sept. at 8:30pm. Join us for lively evenings of Traditional Set Dancing — open to both beginners and advanced dancers. For more details, contact Michael Cusack 087 411 4749.

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. **The first meeting will take place in the new meeting room behind the parochial house on Wednesday the 3rd of September at 7.30pm.**

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.

Mary Lee's The Stranger, the dream, the bird: "Mary Lee's poetry collection is a deeply spiritual and contemplative work that offers hope and grace amid life's challenges". Last few remaining copies available in the parish office.

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…

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.