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** last weekend and in **Claran. 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 October:
Headford: Intentions of the Newell Family
Claran: Intentions of the Lee Family.

Ministers for October Headford
Readers: Sat 7pm:
Sun 11.30am: Sharon Joyce

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

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

Ministers for October Claran
Readers: Helen O'Neill
Minister of the Eucharist: Nessa Cosgrove, Mary Hill

Feast Days: Mon 29th Ss Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Archangels, **Tues 30th** St. Jerome, **Weds 1st** St. Thérese of the child of Jesus, **Thurs 2nd The Holy Guardian Angels, Fri 3rd** Bl Columba Marmion, St. Thomas of Cantalupe, **Sat 4th St.** Francis of Assisi

As a parish community we offer our sincere sympathies to the family, friends and relatives of **John Gerard Lee,** Castleview and formerly Carnakib, brother of Padraic Lee, (Carnakib), Deidre Curran (Headford) and Karen McCormack (Carnakib). May he rest in peace

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.

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

Parish of Killursa & Killower

27th & 28th of September 2025, The Twenty-sixth 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 27th	**6.45pm**	Novena to Our Lady Untier of Knots (4) Dympna Mullins RIP (M.C)
Sun 28th	**11.30am**	Sarah & William McCauley & all the dec'd of the family Thomas, Breda & Mary Audley, Liss (A) Giovanna and Amatore Visintin – Italy RIP
	6.30pm	Reconciliation service
	7.00pm	Novena to Our Lady Untier of Knots (5)
Mon 29th	**7.00pm**	Novena to Our Lady Untier of Knots (6)
Tue 30th	**6.30pm**	Anointing
	7.00pm	Novena to Our Lady Untier of Knots (7)
Wed 1st October	**7.00pm**	Novena to Our Lady Untier of Knots (8)
Thur 2nd	**7.00pm**	Novena to Our Lady Untier of Knots (9)
Fri 3rd	**10.00am**	No Mass
Sat 4th	**10.00am**	No Mass
	7.00pm	Allister Patterson, Castleview, (A) Mary Scally, 1st Anniversary & her son Declan Saclly 1st Anniversary Mary Thornton, 9th Anniversary
Sun 5th	**11.30am**	Pat Kenny, 10th Anniv & the dec'd of the Kenny family Moyne bridge, Cordarra Mai O'Brien, Culleen, Anniv Fursey O'Connor, 28th Anniv, Ennis & Fr. Charles O'Connor, 1st Anniversary Mamie McDonagh, Crosswood, (A)

Mass Intentions for St. Mary's Church, Claran

Sun 28th	**10.00am**	The People of the Parish Annie Toher Months Mind
Sun 5th	**10.00am**	Michael Harrington, 13th Anniv and all the dec'd of the Harrington family Martin Joe and Mary Kate O'Connor, (A) Michael Byrne, RIP Patie Walsh, Anniv & Mike Walsh, Knocklahard RIP

Adult Faith Formation classes will resume on the 8th of October at 7.30pm in the New Meeting Room. 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: Phone 093 35448 or email: info@headfordchurch.com or call into the office H91XA4A.

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**
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

Annual Celebration of Marriage Anniversaries: Archbishop Francis will celebrate the Annual Diocesan Marriage Anniversaries Mass in Tuam Cathedral on Sunday, October 12th, 2025, at 3.00 pm. Couples celebrating a significant marriage anniversary in 2025 are invited to attend this celebration. Mass will begin at 3.00 pm. Refreshments will be served afterwards in St. Jarlath's College. If you plan to attend, please send names and the number of family members attending to info@tuamparish.com or 093 24250 by October 8th.

Kilroe NS preschool and after-school service is now opened and accepting pupils. Contact details are as follows: **Email: kilroepreschool@gmail.com Mobile: 089 238 5173.**

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.

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.

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.

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.

Headford & District Association invites you to a Family Friendly Table Quiz Saturday, 18 October 2025 – St Fursa's Parish Hall, Headford**.** This event is a fundraiser for the Headford & District Association, an entirely voluntary group that organises community events, oversees local projects, and raises funds for initiatives such as the much-loved Christmas lights. All ages are welcome — gather friends, family, or neighbours, and join us for a fun, sociable evening while supporting a great cause.

Dementia cafe continues on the first Tuesday of every month in Tacu Resource Centre in Ballinrobe from 11am -12.30pm. The next one is on the 7th of October and the guest speaker will be a Nutritionist from Treacy's Pharmacy, Ballinrobe talking about Nutrition, health and wellness. All welcome and refreshments served on the day.

GRETB Headford – QQI level 5 Special Needs Assisting commencing on Wednesday night the 1st of October from 6.30 -9.30 pm. Register on www.fetchcourses.ie -course code – 463801 .Contact 093 39778 for more information.

WorkAbility Event The Galway Rural Development WorkAbility team, in collaboration with the Department of Social Protection, are holding an 'employment supports & career fair' for people with disabilities this coming Tuesday, 30th September, from 10am to 12pm in the Ard Ri Hotel (Tuam). The focus of the event is employment and labour market support for people with disabilities. A variety of employment and disability support services will be in attendance and all are welcome. For more, contact James Applegate in Galway Rural Development at japplegate@grd.ie.

Chime : Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Outreach clinic , Tuam. Hearing aid maintenance; tubing and filter changing, advice on equipment and information on all aspects of hearing loss. Old Health centre , Vicar St Tuam H54 HO28 (room 26) Friday, October 3rd 2025 , 10am-1pm. Contact Tony Dolan for more information or an appointment 086 8341318 Tony.dolan@chime.ie

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.

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.