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 €505. 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 4th 7pm: Fintan O'Malley
Sat 11 – 25th 7pm Rita O'Shea
Sun 11.30am: Sharon Joyce

Ministers of the Eucharist:
Sat. 7pm: Geraldine Hannon
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 Gillon

Feast Days: Mon 20TH St. Irene of Portugal, **Tues 21st** St. Hilarion, abbot, St. Celina, **Weds 22nd** St. John Paul II, **Thurs 23rd** St. John of Capestrano, **Fri 24th** St. Anthony Mary Claret, **Sat 25th** St. Six Welsh Martyrs and Companions.

As a parish community we offer our sincere sympathy to the family, friends and relatives of **Teresa Murphy (née) Cahill**, Glencorrib, Shrule sister of Dell O'Connell, Ballyconlought, **Rev. Fr. Oliver Mc Namara** , Annaghdown, Co. Galway native of Chapel St., Louisburgh, Co. Mayo, **Laura Murray** Glencorrib, Shrule, Co. Mayo and formerly Tralee, **Micheál MacCába**, Kilroe, Ower, **Denis Murphy**, Australia and formerly of Cordarra, Headford, son of Dinny & Bernie Murphy and **Michael (Mickey) Tighe**, Hollymount, Co. Mayo, father of Tara Joyce, Ballyhale. May they rest in peace.

We the family of the late Noreen Gavin late of Cloughanover and formerly of Tourmakeady wish to express our sincere gratitude for the support and kindness shown to us at the time of our loss. You will be remembered in our prayers at the mass today.

Mother's prayer group meet each Monday from 11am -12pm in The Parish Martyrs Meeting Room (New meeting room behind the priest's house). New attendees always welcome.

Parish of Killursa & Killower

18th & 19th of October 2025, The Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
MISSION 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 18th	**7.00pm**	Nancy Higgins & Martha Glynn (A) Tom Monaghan, Galway Rd. (A) Kieran Gleeson, Cong Rd. (A)
Sun 19th	**11.30am**	Noreen Gavin Months Mind Margaret O'Flaherty, 3rd Anniversary Pattie Lally, Cloughanover, & the decd of the family
Mon 20th	**10.00am**	Cathal O'Malley RIP (M.C)
Fri 24th	**10.00am**	Private Intention
Sat 25th	**10.00am** **7.00pm**	Carmel Keane RIP (M.C) Thomas and Mary Nohilly (A) & all the decd. of the Nohilly & Lydon family Ray Moylan (A) Jim and Catherine Purcell (A)
Sun 26th	**11.30am**	Kathleen Goaley (nee Hannon) Months Mind Birthday Remembrance Kevin Joyce

Mass Intentions for St. Mary's Church, Claran

Sun 19th	**10.00am**	Christina Walsh Months Mind John Gerard Lee Months Mind & his Mum Nora Lee 18th Anniversary Michael Walsh, 6th Anniversary
Tue 21st	**9.30am**	Private Intention
Wed 22nd	**9.30am**	Private Intention
Sun 26th	**10.00am**	John & Patrick Newell, Annaghkeen (A) Mary Margaret Lee RIP (M.C)

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.

World Mission Sundy ***Our Offertory collection this week is in aid of World Mission Sunday.*** Right now, missionaries desperately need your help. In many poorer parishes in Africa, Asia, and Latin America missionaries are serving on the front line. They already do so much, walking hand-in-hand with marginalised communities, long before and after any emergency. You can show missionaries you care by supporting World Mission Sunday. Your prayers and generosity will change lives. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

Volunteers needed: Last year it cost the parish €450 to post uncollected offertory boxes. We are seeking individuals that would like to volunteer to deliver boxes in their townland/area. The boxes will be ready at the end of November.

November: Month of the Holy Souls: Special Envelopes are now available at the church doors. These are for the names of your deceased relatives and friends which you like included in our nine-day Novena of Masses which will begin on Monday the 3rd of November. We will especially remember all who have died in our parish the past year and are registered in the parish register: **Michael (Mickey) Greaney** Kilbeg 17/11/24, **Mary Corbett** Main St. 20/11/24, **Willie Thornton** Crosswood 03/12/24, **Nora O'Malley** The Square 13/12/24, **Jennifer McGrath** Sandybanks 13/12/24, **Frances O'Reilly** Deerpark 22/12/24, **Martin Burke** Castleview 28/02/25, **Helen Walsh** Carnakib 08/05/25, **Bridie Farragher** Carnakib 22/05/25, **Joe Owens** Ballyfruit 02/06/25, **May Molloy** Ower 29/06/25, **Dympna Mullins** Cloughanover 07/07/25, **Mary Margaret Lee** Carnakib 09/07/2025, **Maxine Crooks** St. Mary's Road 25/07/25, **Anne Toher** Owerbeg 21/08/25, **Christina Walsh** Owerbeg 4/09/25, **Noreen Gavin** Cloughanover 11/09/25, **John Gerard Lee** Castleview 18/09/25, **Kathleen Goaley** London 11/08/25, **Denis Murphy,** Melbourne, Australia and formerly Cordarra 15/10/25. **Blessed candles with their names will be lit on the Altar during the month of November. At the end of the month a family member may take home the candle.**

Adult Faith Formation classes take place each Weds evening at 7.30pm in the Parish Martyrs Room (beside the parish office), 093 35448 or email: info@headfordchurch.com or call into the office H91XA4A.

The Youth 2000 Connaught retreat takes place on November 21-23 in Summerhill College, Sligo. Workshops, music, talks, testimonies & more. Donation only. Register online at Youth2000.ie, contact connaught@youth2000.ie for more information.

The Tuam Men of St Joseph group meeting will take place on Sunday 26th at 7pm in the Blessed Sacrament chapel Tuam. This month's guest speaker will be Prof Robert McNamara who will speak about men's role in the family and society. MOSJ was established to promote Faith, Formation and Fraternity among Christian men in the Archdiocese. Last month 45 men gathered for our inaugural meeting, and we look forward to welcoming more this month. Email:frmarkquinn@tuamparish.com for info.

Western Alzheimers Daycare, Ballindine accepting admissions: Marian House Day Care, Ballindine is a Dementia specific day care which offers tailored daytime support for individuals living with dementia, with a structured programme of meaningful activities and social engagement. Nutritious meals also provided. Open Monday to Friday, 9.30AM to 4PM. For further information, please contact Pam or Anish on 094 93 64101. Western Alzheimers – Sharing the Care.

Handel's Messiah at Knock Basilica, Saturday 22 November 2025. Featuring the RTÉ Concert Orchestra, Nicholas Chalmers – Conductor, Soprano Aoife Miskelly, Alto Anne Marie Gibbons, Tenor Andrew Gavin, Rory Musgrave, Baritone and vocal ensemble, Resurgam. Tickets available online https://knockmessiah2025.eventbrite.ie

'Whisper of God' one-day silent day retreat takes place on Saturday, November 1st in the Prayer Centre, Knock. Cost: €70 includes lunch and refreshments. For more information, contact John Farrelly, Prayer Guides Coordinator at Knock Shrine. Tel. 086 0108623 or email prayerguidance@knockshrine.ie

World Mission Sunday - Missio Ireland



The theme for this year's celebration of Mission Sunday is: "Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples".

World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of overseas mission and missionaries can continue. It always falls on the second last Sunday in October, and like the Good Friday collection for the Holy Land and Peter's Pence, it is one of three yearly universal Church collections.

World Mission Sunday collections take place in every single parish where the Church is present. This includes not only Ireland and Europe, but also in poorer parishes in developing countries. It is a moment of universal solidarity when each member of the Church family, regardless of location or background, play their part in supporting each other. This is what makes it such a special celebration.

All offerings and donations made for World Mission Sunday become part of the Holy Father's Universal Solidarity Fund. This fund is a lifeline for struggling missionaries and the communities they serve across Africa, Asia and Latin America, where over 1,100 mission dioceses are found. As these dioceses form and grow, so do their needs. On top of this, mission dioceses are often in remote areas devastated by war and natural disasters, or where suppressed communities are just opening up to the life-saving message of Jesus Christ.

This is why World Mission Sunday is so important. It offers young dioceses the financial and spiritual assistance they need to help their men, women, and children to survive and thrive.
In essence, World Mission Sunday:

- **Provides Church centred infrastructure by helping communities build schools, clinics, parish halls, and churches**
- **Prepares the future leaders and carers of the Church by supporting the training of sisters, priests, religious brothers and catechists**
- **Supports missionary programmes that protect and care for children's wellbeing by offering safe shelter, healthcare, education, and hope for the future**

Prayer Guidance Training Course: Interviews are now underway for the new training programme for prayer guides which begins in Knock Shrine in January 2026. For further information, dates and application form please email prayerguidancetraining@gmail.com

Looking for meaningful, flexible work? Western Alzheimer's are seeking compassionate, honest, reliable people to support individuals living with dementia in their own homes in Co. Mayo. Flexible hours – work around *your* schedule! Make a real difference, one visit at a time. Essentials: QQI Level 5 modules in Care Skills & Care of the Older. More info contact: 094 93 64900 or email careers@westernalzheimers.ie

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.

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.

Prayers for the Pre-Synodal Assembly of the Catholic Church in Ireland All Catholics are invited to pray for a special gathering that will take place in Kilkenny on 18 October, called a Pre-Synodal Assembly of the Catholic Church in Ireland. This assembly is an important juncture on the journey towards a National Synodal Assembly to be held in 2026. Around 240 people will be in attendance, and these are drawn from each diocese on the island, Religious Congregations and Church movements. A preparatory document, entitled *Baptised and Sent* - the fruits of listening sessions across Ireland last spring - will be the basis for discussion at this gathering, and for the next stage of the journey of renewal. Central to the document is a renewed focus on baptism as the foundation of our Christian dignity, unity, and mission and how baptism infuses the life and mission of the Church in Ireland today and into the future. You are invited to read this document by visiting www.synod.ie/baptised-and-sent-preparatory-document-available-now/ Please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the conversations at Kilkenny, and those flowing from it, as we walk together as sisters and brothers of Christ, united by our baptism and filled with hope.
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.

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**

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.

Adult Faith Formation classes take place each Wednesday evening 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.

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