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 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: Sat 4th St. Francis of Assisi, **Mon 6th** St. Bruno, **Tues 7th** Our Lady of the Rosary, **Weds 8th** St. Keyne, **Thurs 9th** St. Denis, bishop and his companions, martyrs **Fri 10th** St John Leonardi, St. Denis, bishop & his companions, martyrs, **Sat 11th** St. John XXII, pope, St. Canise (Kenneth).

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.

Galway Hospice Dance: Ard Ri house hotel Milltown Rd Tuam 17th October @9pm-11pm Music by the fantastic Mike and Sandra Lots of spot prizes. Any inquiries please contact Galway Hospice on 091770868

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

5th & 6th of October 2025, The Twenty-seventh 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 4th	**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 (A) Fursey O'Connor, 28th Anniv, Ennis & Fr. Charles O'Connor, 1st Anniversary Mamie McDonagh, Crosswood, (A)
Mon 6th	**7.00pm**	No Mass
Fri 10th	**10.00am**	Paddy & Mary Kyne RIP
Sat 11th	**10.00am** **7.00pm**	James Monaghan (A) Jim Cannon, Anniversary Teresa (Tess) & John Keady, Bridge St. (A) Maida Schalks, Anniv & her husband Keey's Private Intention Marty Lee, Farron, (A)
Sun 12th	**11.30am**	**'Do this in Memory' Mass** Thomas & Patricia O'Rafferty (A)

Mass Intentions for St. Mary's Church, Claran

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
Tues 7th	**9.30am**	John & Nora Keady & their sons John & Paddy, Owerbeg, RIP
Weds 8th	**9.30am**	Private Intention
Sun 12th	**10.00am**	**'Do this in Memory' Mass** Fursey & Julia Flynn, Ower

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.

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.

First Friday Calls to the sick and housebound will take place on: Tuesday 7th October to the Headford town Area. Weds 8th to Claran Area and Fri 10th to the Headford Surrounding area.

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.

25 Card Game resumes in Cloughanover Community Centre returns on Tuesday Oct 7th at 8.30pm. All are welcome.

Introduction to Bridge for anybody interested, an open night on Tuesday 7th Oct at 7-8pm in the Anglers Rest Hotel. All are welcome to attend, no obligation.

The Farmers Haggart Event invites all the local farmers Headford, Catherlistrane and Corandulla to Cloughanover Community Centre H91HH92 on Friday 10th of October at 8pm, for a gathering that rekindles the tradition of the 'great neighbour' for support, assistance and connection.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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