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 €1255** last weekend and in **Claran €395. 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 December
Headford: Special Intention **Claran**: In Memory of Chris & Mike Egan & their son Noel, Curramore RIP.

Ministers for December Headford
Readers: Sat 7pm Deirdre King
Sun 11.30am: Aine Farrell
Ministers of the Eucharist:
Sat. 7pm: Michael Hughes, Mary Fahy
Sun 11.30am Ina Curran, Siobhan Waldron
Baskets: Sat 7pm Declan McDonagh, Mary Fahy
Sun 11.30am Siobhan Waldron, James Moran.

Ministers for December Claran
Readers: Helena Hastings
Minister of the Eucharist: May Kenny & Tom Darcy

Feast Days: Mon 1st St. Eligius, **Tues 2nd** Our Lady of the Rosary, St. Chromatius, **Weds 3rd** St. Francis Xavier, **Thurs** 4th St. John Damascene, **Fri 5th** St. Crispina, **Sat 6th St. Nicholas.**

As a parish community we offer our sincere sympathy to the family, friends and relatives of **Mark Fahy,** Menlo husband of Sally Fahy (née Greaney) Claran, and son in law of Mary Greaney, Claran, brother-in-law of John Greaney and Patrick Greaney, sisters-in-law Maureen Forde and Edel Hyland and **Michael Francis Newell**, USA and formerly Headford, brother of Bob Newell, Kilmurry. May they rest in peace.

Card Game in Aid of Cloughanover Cemetery will take place on Sunday the 30th of November at 7pm in Cloughanover Community centre. All support would be greatly appreciated.

Dementia cafe continues on the 1st Tuesday of every month, Tacu Resource Centre, Ballinrobe from 11am to 12.30. The next one is on Tuesday the 2nd of December and the guest speaker will be Karyna from Bloom in Ballinrobe offering self care, advice and support. All welcome and refreshments supplied. Contact Marie on 087 170 8706 for further details..

Parish of Killursa & Killower

29th & 30th of November 2025, First Sunday of Advent

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 29th	**7.00pm**	Mary Pender Cloughanover Months Mind & her husband Noel 15th Anniv. Michéal MacCába, Months Mind Paul & Sheila Mannion, Loggawannia (A) Michael Murphy, Rockhill (A)
Sun 30th	**11.30am**	Jack McDonagh, Crosswood, (A) Pat, Mary & Christy Kilgarriff (A) Private Intention
Mon 1st Dec	**10.00am** **7.30pm**	Willie O'Brien, Gort na Mona, 50th Anniversary St. Charbel Healing Mass
Fri 5th	**10.00am**	James & Ann Fitzgibbons, High St. Anniv
Sat 6th	**10.00am** **7.00pm**	Fr. Francis Canavan, Martyr, 75th Anniversary Willie Thornton, 1st Anniversary Manus Finnerty, Kilcolgan, RIP Pat & Eileen Audley, Liss, RIP Nelly & Gabriel Joyce, 20th Anniversary
Sun 30th	**11.30am**	Enrolment Mass for Confirmation Joe Concannon, Deerpark, 4th Anniversary Damien Walsh, Keekill, 9th Anniversary Mary Margaret Lally, Cloughanover (A) & the decd of the Lally family. Padraic Holloran, Ballycolgan (A)

Mass Intentions for St. Mary's Church, Claran

Sun 30th	**10.00am**	The People of the Parish Ned Walsh UK & Carnakib RIP
Tue 2nd	**9.30am**	Private Intention
Wed 3rd	**9.30am**	Get Well Intention
Sun 30th	**10.00am**	Enrolment Mass for Confirmation Thomas & Rita Creaven & the decd of the Creaven family Helen (Nellie) O'Toole & Bernadette Devlin 12th Anniv

Eucharistic Adoration: This Monday evening at St. Charbels Mass, we will celebrate the Renewal of Eucharistic Adoration in the Parish. All adorers, new & existing in Claran & Headford are invited to attend. At the end of Mass all adorers will have their hands blessed & receive an Adoration emblem. The times of Adoration are as follows**, Headford** - Monday 9-11am (including Mass), 6-8pm (this includes a new hour from 6-7pm). Tuesday 12-1pm (new hour) & 6.45-8pm. Friday 3-4pm. **Claran -** Tuesday 10-11am, Wednesday 10-11am & Thursday 6-7pm. The new hours will commence on December 8th & 9th.

SVP St Vincent De Paul Churchgate collection takes place on Sat 6th & Sun 7th of December.

Have Your Say on the Future of Catholic Education in your School. The current Department of Education survey on the future of patronage in the primary schools will determine what schools will divest. It is important that those who wish for a change in patronage would have their voices heard. It is equally important that those who are already satisfied with the current patronage model and who wish for a Catholic Education for their children, including sacramental preparation within school, would have their voices heard also.

For these reasons, and to ensure that an accurate picture emerges, you are invited to participate in this survey if you are a parent, guardian or a prospective parent of a primary school student. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey. ***The closing date is 16th December 2025.***
The survey may be accessed at www.gov.ie/primaryschoolsurvey

Winter Junior Trad Session Class. Join us Monday December 1st at 8pm in Headford Hall for our final session of 2025. Learn a tune, play music with others. €5 at the door. Contact Joanne for more information 086 1288938

Claran National School Christmas Concert 2025 3rd & 4th Dec @ 6.30pm Plays by Junior infants-3rd Class and musical 'QUEEN' by 4th – 6th Class. Raffles on each night. Ticket price - €10 each. Please email: office@clarannationalschool.ie phone 093 35922 to purchase tickets.

Clydagh National School Presents "The Grinch" Join us at Clydagh National School for a delightful performance of The Grinch on Thursday, 11th Dec, at 6:30 PM. This family-friendly event is free to attend. Complimentary tea, coffee, and refreshments will be provided, and there will be an exciting raffle on the night. We warmly welcome you to share in the festive spirit with us.

Everyone's Voice – i4Life Annual Concert on Saturday, 7th December at 8:00 PM (sharp) in the Town Hall Theatre, Galway Compared by Ollie Turner, Join us for an unforgettable evening of music and dance at the annual i4Life concert, *Everyone's Voice*. Featuring outstanding performances from local talents — all giving their time voluntarily to support the i4Life team. A special night to celebrate community and creativity & also shine a light on the challenges faced by health workers and marginalised communities in low- and middle-income countries such as Zambia. Tickets are €20 and are available online at https://tht.ie/December or at the Town Hall Theatre Box Office**. Please come and join us!**

Get ready to be "all shook up"! Presentation College Headford is proud to present its annual musical, All Shook Up on Wednesday 17th and Thursday December 18th A lively jukebox show inspired by the music of Join Presentation College Headford in celebrating the incredible talent of our students - tickets go on sale December 1st!

Chime : Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Outreach clinic , Tuam. Friday, December 5th 2025 , 10am-1pm. Contact Tony Dolan for more information or an appointment 086 8341318 Tony.dolan@chime.ie

Kilcoona National School enrolment for 2026 is now open with online forms available on www.kilcoonans.ie/parents-information or by contacting the school on 091-791542 or email info@kilcoonans.ie The closing date for all submissions is Feb 14th 2026.



Lord, our God, we praise You for Your Son,
Jesus Christ, for He is Emmanuel,
the Hope of all people.
He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us.
He is the Savior of us all.
O Lord,
let your blessing come upon us
as we light the first (purple) candle of this wreath.
May the wreath and its light be a sign
of Christ's promise of salvation.
May He come quickly and not delay.
We ask this in His holy name.
Amen.

Mother's prayer group meet each Monday from 11am -12pm in The Parish Martyrs Meeting Room. New attendees always welcome.

Fr Benny McHale will provide a four-night introduction to the Gospel for next year, St. Matthews Gospel. No previous knowledge is needed – all you have to do is bring a copy of the Bible with you (if you do not have a copy, one will be provided). Takes place on Tuesday nights - Nov 25th and Dec 2nd, 9th and 16th in the Prayer Centre at Knock Shrine from 7:30pm – 9:30pm. Booking is recommended, as places are limited. Contact Nicola at faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie or telephone 094 93 88100.

Thank you sincerely for your voluntary contribution. Your generosity supports the daily operations and development of our parish. If anyone would like to move to online payments our bank details are below. On our website we have also provided an online secure facility for your convenience. You can choose to make a single donation or a weekly or monthly contribution. The offertory collection and online payments are essential for the light, heat, insurance and maintenance of the parish churches and office.
Headford Church BIC: BOFIIE2D IBAN: IE27 BOFI 9038 7528 9740 34
Claran Church: BIC: BOFIIE2D IBAN: IE62 BOFI 9038 7528 9727 25

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 the boxes in their townland/area. The boxes will be ready at the end of November. Please contact the office if you have moved to online payments and no longer need a box.

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.

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.

Western Alzheimer's Daycare, Ballindine accepting admissions: Marian House Day Care, Ballin dine 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 Alzheimer's – Sharing the Care.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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