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 & 6-8pm and Tues 12-1pm & 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 €1138** last weekend and in **Claran €620. 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 15th St. Mary di Rosa, **Tues 16th** St. Adelaide, St. John Roberts, **Weds 17th** St. Lazarus, **Thurs** 18th St. Flannan, **Fri 19th** At. Anastasius I, **Sat 20th** St. Fachanan.

As a parish community we offer our sincere sympathy to the family, friends and relatives of **William (Billy) O'Toole,** Drumcondra, and formerly of Knocklahard, Headford. May he rest in peace.

Christmas Triduum cards on sale in the parish office. 5 cards for €10**.** The Triduum of masses will take place on Monday 22nd of Dec at 10am in Headford Church, Tues 23rd at 9.30am in Claran Church & 7pm on Christmas eve (Dec 24th) in Claran Church

Offertory Envelopes are ready for collection. We are still looking for volunteers to help deliver them to their local area, please contact the parish office if you are free to help out 093 35448.

The society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank the parish community of Headford and Claran for their donations to the Churchgate collection last weekend totals collected were Headford €1195.32 & Claran €446.42. Your support is greatly appreciated. Merry Christmas to you all!

'The Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

Parish of Killursa & Killower

13th & 14th of December 2025, Third 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 13th	**7.00pm**	John Martin, Boston Months Mind Lucy O'Brien (A) Sarah O'Halloran (Hardiman), 3rd Anniv Jim & Mary McDonagh (A) James Hynes, Crosswood, Matt & Bridget McDonagh, Crosswood
Sun 14th	**11.30am**	***'Do this in Memory' Mass*** Nora O'Malley, The Square, 1st Anniv Frances O'Reilly, Deerpark, 1st Anniv Jenny Mc Grath, Sandybank, 1st Anniv Tony & Bridget McDonnell & their daughter Noreen Conroy & daughter in law Monica McDonnell. John Joe & Margaret O'Connor, Galway Rd (A)
Mon 15th	**10.00am**	Private Intention
Fri 19th	**10.00am**	Nina Buhl (A)
Sat 20th	**10.00am** **7.00pm**	Deirdre Joyce (O'Shea) (A) Malachy Keaveney Months Mind Pat & Mary Newell and Nora & Michael Kyne, Ballymana (A) Luan McCaul 10th Anniv. Special Intention
Sun 21st	**11.30am**	Joe, Mary & Mai Kyne Culleen (A) Mary & Michael O'Connor & the decd of the family Private Intention Mary Biggins, Culleen, 5th Anniv Luan McCaul 10th Anniv.

Mass Intentions for St. Mary's Church, Claran

Sun 14th	**10.00am**	'***Do this in Memory'*** The People of the Parish Mathias Keady, Anniv & the decd of the Keady family. John Lydon, Slieveroe (A)
Tue 16th	**9.30am**	John & Nora Keady & their sons John & Paddy Owerbeg RIP
Wed 17th	**9.30am**	Mickey Greaney RIP (M.C)
Sun 21st	**10.00am**	Thomas Murphy, Kilbeg, (A) Mark Holleran, Claran (A) Paul O'Toole, 6th Anniv Mary Margaret Lee RIP

This year we will celebrate Bambinelli Sunday on Sun, Dec 14th, the Third Sunday of Advent. We warmly invite all parishioners—especially families and children—to bring the Baby Jesus figure from their home crib to Mass for a special blessing. ***May this beautiful tradition help us prepare our hearts and homes for the coming of Christ at Christmas.***

Frist Friday Calls to the sick and the housebound will take place on Weds 17th Claran, Thurs 18th Headford Town and Fri 19th Surrounding area.

Volunteers Needed for Offertory Counting Rota: thank you to all those who gave their names to volunteer for counting the offertory collection on Monday mornings. The rota will start in early January. We will be in contact with you closer to the time to arrange a training morning. If anyone would still like to volunteer, feel free to contact the parish office.

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 Dec. The survey may be accessed at www.gov.ie/primaryschoolsurvey***

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!

Open Day - Claran National School & Coil na nÓg Community Childcare – Saturday January 10th 2026 – 10am to 12noon. Everyone Welcome!

Footsteps Preschool & Childcare – Job Vacancy: childcare provider with a Level 5 in early learning and care is a minimum requirement. Higher levels an advantage. For more info or to send in you CV please contact Sinead on 086 0380508 email sinead.footsteps@gmail.com

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.

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

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.
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God of our waiting, we light this candle to remember Mary's joy as she accepted your invitation. Deepen our spirit of joy this week, that we may carry the light of hope and welcome Christ into the dark places of our world**. Amen.**

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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.

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