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 €1430** last weekend and in **Claran €740. 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 22nd St. Flavianus, **Tues 23rd** St. John of Kety, **Weds 24th** Ss Irmina and Adela, **Thurs 25th** THE NAVITIY OF THE LORD, **Fri 26th** St Stephen, the first martyr, **Sat 27th** St. John, Apostle and Evangelist.

As a parish community we offer our sincere sympathy to the family, friends and relatives of **John Flaherty**, Renvyle**,** uncle of Fr. Ray and **Olive Summerville (**née McHugh) Headford, Galway / Leenane, Galway. May they rest in peace.

Penitential Service for all local parishes will take place in Corner Chapel church on Monday the 22nd of December at 7pm.
All are welcome.

Christmas Confessions will be heard on Monday 22nd at 7pm in Coner Chapel
Tues 23rd after 9.30am mass in Claran Church
Weds 24th 11am – 12pm in Headford Church.



Parish of Killursa & Killower

20th & 21st of December 2025, Fourth 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 20th	**7.00pm**	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.
Mon 22nd	**10.00am**	Triduum Mass (1)
Weds 24th	**9.00pm**	Annie & James Kearns & Family
Thurs 25th	**8.30am** **11.30am**	The People of the Parish Private Intention Mary Walsh, Glenina Heights, 1st Anniv. Margaret O'Brien, Gort na Mona (A) The decd. of the Steed family, The Square
Fri 26th	**10.00am**	No Mass
Sat 27th	**10.00am** **7.00pm**	No Mass Michael Forde, Keernaun, 4th Anniversary Patrick & Margaret Kyne (A) & the decd. members of the Kyne family, Ross
Sun 28th	**11.30am**	May Corbett 11th Anniversary & her husband Mick Corbett, and Paticia & Michael Corbett, Main St.

Mass Intentions for St. Mary's Church, Claran

Sun 21st	**10.00am**	Thomas Murphy, Kilbeg, (A) Mark Holleran, Claran (A) Paul O'Toole, 6th Anniv Mary Margaret Lee RIP
Tue 23rd	**9.30am**	Triduum Mass (2)
Wed 24th	**7.00pm**	Triduum Mass (3)
Thurs 25th	**10.00am**	Wiktoria Kubaczyk RIP & Irena Lubanska RIP Sean Daveron, Inchquinn, 7th Anniv. Mary Bligh RIP John Heffernan RIP
Sun 28th	**10.00am**	Margaret & Micheal Lee, Carnakib, (A) The Joyce & Holleran family, Claran Bridget & Murty Heffernan (A) Vera (née Murphy) Donoghue & the decd. of the Murphy family. Private Intention

CINDERELLA – A FAMILY PANTO Headford Youth Theatre (formerly EADA) in association with Headford Community Theatre**.** Fri & Sat 9th–10th Jan, 7pm Matinees: Sat & Sun 10th–11th Jan, 2pm**,** Headford Hall Adults €17.50 | Children €12.50**.** Book on Eventbrite.ie

Clydagh National School would like to thank everyone who came to our Christmas show The Grinch. It was a wonderful evening, and the children were absolutely fantastic. We are now enrolling for all classes for the 2025–2026 academic year. For more information, please contact the school on 093 35868 or email clydaghnsoffice@gmail.com. We are also delighted to announce that we will be offering a full afterschool service under the National Childcare Scheme (NCS), that will operate all year round, from this September 2026.

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.

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

Give Hope This Christmas with Double the Love: Mary's Meals provides life-changing school meals to more than 3 million children living in some of the world's poorest communities. The promise of a good meal brings hungry children into the classroom, where they can gain an education and better opportunities for the future. It costs just €22 to feed a child with Mary's Meals every day for a school year. One meal costs just 11c. Thanks to the Tom Cunningham Trust, donations will be doubled until 12th January 2026 or until the match funding limit has been reached. Together, through Double the Love, we can transform the lives of many more desperately hungry children waiting for Mary's Meals. To donate, go to www.marysmeals.ie or phone 01 853 5163. Every donation is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Retreat and Ministry of Healing St. Mary's Parish Church, Irishtown, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary Eircode E91FD28, Saturday January 10th morning 10.00a.m-1. 00p.m & afternoon 3.00p.m -5. 30p.m & Sunday 11th at 3.00p.m - 7.30p.m, 2026. All are welcome. For further details contact: Patricia 089 9466193 or Imelda 089 9558283.

Corrib RFC are holding a *MONSTER AUCTION* on Sunday December 28th in the Anglers Rest Hotel at 8pm. Viewing from 7pm**.** Pledged items include dinner vouchers, hair & beauty vouchers, nights away, bags of turf, bales of hay, plumbing services and much much more. We even have Corporate Man United tickets for Auction. Come along to what promises to be a fun night.

Christmas carols at Turlough Park Join two of the region's leading choral groups on Sunday, 21 December, for Christmas carols and musical pieces in the exhibition galleries at the National Museum of Ireland, Turlough Park, Castlebar. Starts at 2pm Admission free. All are welcome. No booking required. See museum.ie for further details.





Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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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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