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 €1120** last weekend and in **Claran €470. 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 8th THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Tues 9th St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin, **Weds 10th** Our Lady of Loreto, St. John Roberts, **Thurs** 11th St Damasus I, **Fri 12th** Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Finnian, **Sat 13th** St. Lucy.

As a parish community we offer our sincere sympathy to the family, friends and relatives of **Maureen Grealish,** Achill, mother of Margaret McDonagh Mausrevagh and **Ina Petty (née Kenny),** Glencorrib, Co. Mayo and formerly of Cordarra, Headford. May they rest in peace.

Christmas Craft Fair in Campbells Tavern on Sunday the 7th of Dec at 12pm. Come and share the joy of the season! Bring family and friends along for a cheerful, community-spirited event as we prepare for Christmas together. We look forward to seeing you there!

Offertory Envelopes will be ready for collection next weekend. We are 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.

SVP St Vincent De Paul Churchgate collection takes place this weekend.

Parish of Killursa & Killower

6th & 7th of December 2025, Second 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 6th	**7.00pm**	Willie Thornton, 1st Anniversary Manus Finnerty, Kilcolgan, RIP Pat & Eileen Audley, Liss, RIP Nelly & Gabriel Joyce, 20th Anniversary
Sun 7th	**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)
Mon 8th	**10.00am**	No Mass
Fri 12th	**10.00am**	No Mass
Sat 13th	**10.00am** **7.00pm**	No Mass John Martin, Boston Months Mind Lucy O'Brien (A) Sarah O'Halloran (Hardiman), 3rd Anniv Jim & Mary McDonagh (A)
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)

Mass Intentions for St. Mary's Church, Claran

Sun 7th	**10.00am**	***Enrolment Mass for Confirmation*** The People of the Parish Thomas & Rita Creaven & decd of the Creaven family Helen (Nellie) O'Toole & Bernadette Devlin 12th Anniv
Mon 8th	**7.00pm**	Michael & Chris Egan, Noel Egan, Sr. Doretta Egan, Tom Flynn and Helen Egan Low, USA, RIP
Tue 9th	**9.30am**	No Mass
Wed 10th	**9.30am**	No Mass Mass
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)

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: Following guidance shared at last week's diocesan finance meeting, our parish is asked to establish a regular rota of volunteers to help count the weekly offertory collection. We are looking for reliable helpers who can give a small amount of time, each Monday Morning from 10.30-11am in the Headford Martyrs meeting room (adjacent to the new parish office) to support this important part of our parish stewardship. If you are willing to assist, or would like to know more about what's involved, please contact the parish office 09335448. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Welcome to our new candidates as they continue their journey of faith formation on the road to becoming Catholics. This weekend, we joyfully celebrate the Rite of Acceptance and the Rite of Welcome. Please keep them in your prayers as they take these first, meaningful steps in deepening their relationship with Christ and our parish community.

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***

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. 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!

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.

The parish office will be closed on Monday the 8th December.



Week 2 - Light the second purple candle

Child: Jesus, our brother, we ask you to bless our family during this Advent time. We light these candles to remind us that you bring light into our lives and into the world. We thank you for showing us how to show love and be kind and help those who need help.

Adult: God, your story of love for people all through time reminds us that you are with us, offering us light and hope. .Help us to trust in you this week.

All the family: Come Lord Jesus into our hearts and into our home.

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