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 €** 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 January
Headford: The decd. of the Kenny Family Cordarra & Moyne
Claran: Noel Egan, Michael & Chris Egan Curramore.

Ministers for January Headford
Readers: Sat 7pm Pat Duddy
Sun 11.30am: Amanda O'Connell

Ministers of the Eucharist:
Sat. 7pm: Geraldine Hannon, Mary Fahy
Sun 11.30am Siobhan Waldron
Baskets: Sat 7pm Declan McDonagh, Mary Fahy **Sun 11.30am**

Ministers for January Claran
Readers: Breda Joyce
Minister of the Eucharist: Mary Fahy, Helena Hastings

Feast Days: Mon 5th Jan St. Charles of St. Andrew**, Tues 6th THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, Weds 7th** St. Raymond of Penyafort, **Fri 9th** Bl Pauline Jariot, founder of the Propagation of the Faith,

Remembering those who have died please keep in your prayers those who have died recently: **David Concannon**, Bridge St. **Bridget Gallagher** Achill mother of Julia Monaghan Headford & Fr. Thomas Gallager (Tuam Diocese), **Kathleen Lynch**, Bandon Co. Cork (Cousin of Fr Ray's), **Fr. Patrick O'Donoghue,** Knockraha, Co. Cork & Tuam Diocese), sincere sympathy to the relatives and friends, may their souls rest in peace.

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

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.

Parish of Killursa & Killower

3rd & 4th of January 2026, Second Sunday after Christmas



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 3rd January	**7.00pm**	Francis Flaherty (A) & the decd. of the Flaherty family.
Sun 4th	**11.30am**	Mary Joyce (A) & her husband Kevin Joyce RIP Tom Hardiman, Cloughanover (A) Baby Ellen Marie Egan, 9th Anniv. John Cloonan, Keernaun, (A)
Mon 5th	**10.00am**	Private Intention
Tues 6th	**7.00pm**	John Gerard Lee R.I.P. **Feast of the Epiphany**
Fri 9th	**10.00am**	Michael (Mickey) Tighe RIP
Sat 10th	**10.00am** **7.00pm**	Willie Burke, RIP (M.C) William (Billy) O'Toole Months Mind Bridget McCarthy RIP (M.C) Michael (A) & Bridget Curran Ballyglass & Pat Curran RIP John Biggins, Culleen (A) Eddie Murphy Anniv
Sun 11th	**11.30am**	Tom Flynn, Cong 6th Anniv. Nonie & Tommie Rea & the decd of the family Bridie & Michael Hannon, Crosswood (A) Seamus Donnellan 10th Anniv. & his dad Jim Donnellan RIP

Mass Intentions for St. Mary's Church, Claran

Sun 4th January	**10.00am**	The People of the Parish Peter and Margaret Woulfe, Cloonkeely (A) Henry Conneely, (A)
Tue 6th	**9.30am**	Private Intention **Feast of the Epiphany**
Wed 7th	**9.30am**	Special Intention
Sun 11th	**10.00am**	Roddy Greaney Anniv. Private Intention Mark Fahy RIP

St Raymond of Penafort. *Was born about 1175 near Barcelona (Spain), a brilliant lawyer and at the age of 47 became a canon of the cathedral and joined the Dominican Order, eventually being elected their master general. Noted for his knowledge of canon law, especially in its application to the sacrament of penance, and for his scholarly apostolate to Jews and Muslims. Raymond died there in extreme old age on 6 January 1275.* ***St Raymond's*** gift was as an organiser and codifier. He was also influential in promoting the evangelisation of Muslims and Jews during the 13th century. He is the patron saint of canon lawyers. He was canonised by Clement VIII in 1601 and is the patron saint of canon lawyers.

The Blessing of homes for the Feast of the Epiphany
There is a custom of blessing homes on the Feast of the Epiphany (6th January) when the family gather to ask God's Blessing on their home and family life. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our homes.

Instructions for Blessing the Home:
Using the blessed chalk mark the lintel of your door as follows:
20 + C + M + B + 26 saying:
"The three wise men, Caspar, [Caspar inscribes 'C' on lintel]
Melchior, [Melchior inscribes 'M']
and Balthasar [Balthasar inscribes 'B']
followed the star of God's Son who became man two thousand
[The leader inscribes the '2 0' on left]
twenty-five years ago. [A family member inscribes '2 6' on right]
"*May Christ bless our dwelling, [The leader places + after '2 0']*
and remain with us throughout the new year, [+ after 'C']
and grant that our comings and goings [+ after 'M']
will be in search of truth [+ after 'B']

Almighty God, incline your ear. May you bless us and all who are gathered here. Send your holy angel who will defend us and fill with grace all who live here. O God, protect our going and coming. Let us share the hospitality of this home with all who visit us. ***Amen.***

Statistics 2025	Baptisms	Marriages	Deaths	Communion
Headford	25	4	10	19
Claran	9	2	9	13
Total 2025	34	6	19	32
Total 2024	22	7	24	47

"Let us draw near to the Nativity scene in faith. Let us approach it as the place of "unarmed and disarming" peace *par excellence* – a place of blessing where we recall the wonders the Lord has worked in the history of salvation and in our own lives. Then, like the humble witnesses at the grotto, let us set out once more, "glorifying and praising God" (*Lk* 2:20) for all that we have seen and heard. May this be our commitment and our resolve for the months ahead, and, indeed, for the whole of our Christian lives".
Pope Leo XIV -Quotation taken from the Pope's homily for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, St Peter's Basilica Rome on 1st January 2026.

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

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