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 €990** last weekend and in **Claran €480. 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 March
Headford: The Farrell Family, Liss
Claran: The Greaney Family.

Ministers for March Headford
Readers: Sat 7pm Rita O'Shea
Sun 11.30am: Mary McHugh
Ministers of the Eucharist:
Sat. 7pm: Mary Fahy
Sun 11.30am Mary McHugh
Baskets: Sat 7pm Declan McDonagh, Mary Fahy **Sun 11.30am** Andy Curran & Redmond Newell

Ministers for February Claran
Readers: Josie O'Malley
Minister of the Eucharist: Marian Creaven & Martina Lee.

Feast Days: Mon 23rd St. Polycarp, **Tues 24th** St. Walburga, **Weds** 25th St. Ethelbert of Kent, **Thurs 26th** St. Alexander of Alexandria, **Fri 27th** St. Gregory of Narek, **Sat 28th** St. Oswald of Worcester.

Remembering those who have died please keep in your prayers those who have died recently**, Karen Hall,** Bedford, England, niece of Agnes Fitzgibbon, Bridge St**.** May she rest in peace.

In the event of an emergency please contact Fr. Dixy Faber 089 9428637 or Fr. Vivian Lougrey 086 6070317

Conference on Happiness, in Galway, Sunday, March 8th. Main speaker Fr Gregory Pine OP. For more information, please go to www.dominicans.ie or email op.evangelisation@gmail.com

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND. Knock, Co. Mayo, 20 -22 March 2026. Supporting marriages at all stages. Online: www.marriageencounter.ie

"You shall be my witness" confirmation *programme for candidates, continues in the schools,* ***24th (Tuesday) from 7-8pm and March 3rd & 10th (Tuesday) from 7-8pm*** *The programme begins at 7pm sharp and parents are invited* ***to arrive 10mins before the end of each session to join in for the closing prayer each evening***

Parish of Killursa & Killower

21st & 22nd of February 2026, The First Sunday of Lent
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 21st	**7.00pm**	The People of the Parish Jack and Frances Hughes, Oakland (A) and Nora Conneelly, Galway (A) Pat O'Shea Anniv.
Sun 22nd	**11.30am**	Julia Flynn, Months Mind Mark Hayes, 2nd Anniv. James Macken, Kilmaine, RIP Frank O'Connor, 3rd Anniv.
Mon 23rd	**10.00am**	No Mass
Fri 27th	**10.00am**	No Mass
Sat 28th	**10.00am** **7.00pm**	No Mass Bridie Corbett, Balrickard, 2nd Anniv & her late husband Frank Padraic Creaven, Anniv. John & Phil Newell, Windfort (A)
Sun 1st March	**11.30am**	Private Intention Mick Dooley Anniv. Special Intention Michael & Mary O'Connor & the decd. of the family. James & Annie Kearns & the decd. of the Family

Mass Intentions for St. Mary's Church, Claran

Sun 22nd	**10.00am**	Jimmy Greaney (A) & his daughter Brigid RIP Annie Newell, Annaghkeen, 39th Anniv. Richard O'Halloran, Carheens (A) The decd. members of the Murphy & Cahill families Nora Ann Fearn, Carnakib, 2nd Anniv.
Tue 24th	**9.30am**	No Mass
Wed 25th	**9.30am**	No Mass
Sun 1st March	**10.00am**	The People of the Parish Emily Walsh & the decd. of the Walsh & Murphy Families, Noreen Walsh, Carnakib, 6th Anniv. Jimmy Molloy, Anniv. Slieveroe Private Intention

Tuam & Killala Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Led by Archbishop Francis; August 28th - September 3rd, 2026; 6 nights; from Knock Airport, 012410800.

Anam Cara Galway: monthly Parent Support Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 4th March 2026 at 7.30pm in the Maldron Hotel, Headford Point, Sandy Road, Galway. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

Eucharistic Healing Retreat in Knock Shrine, led by gifted Croatian Priest, Fr Rozo Palic Saturday March 7th & Sunday March 8th.
Venue: St. John's Welcome Centre; Saturday 10:00 am - 6:30 pm & Sunday 10:00 am - 4:30 pm. He will be supported by his Croatian Music Ministry team; no prior booking required; everyone is most welcome and please bring a packed lunch. For further enquires please contact, Patricia on 089 9466193 or Fiona on fionatjennings@yahoo.com.

Wilde River Drama Group present two one act comedies in The Neale Hall on Wednsday 4th, Friday 6th and Saturday 7th March. Tickets are available from Dee Biggins' Fashions Ballinrobe.

'Lights, Camera, Contemplation!' with Brendan O'Regan is an immersive residential retreat exploring spiritual and religious themes through the power of film. This retreat takes place in the new retreat village at Knock Shrine from Friday, March 6th to Sunday, March 8th 2026. Limited places available. See www.knockshrine.ie for more details.

The Alzheimer café continues the 1st Tuesday of every month, (Tuesday the 3rd of March) in the Tacu Resource Centre, Ballinrobe from 11.30am to 1pm. All welcome where there will be information, chat and refreshments supplied. Contact Marie on 087 170 8706 for further details.

Contemplative Dominican Monastic Vocation Discernment Weekends in the Monastery of St. Catherine of Siena, The Twenties, Drogheda, Co. Louth. A92 KR84, from the 20th – 22nd of March 2026 and the 17th – 19th April 2026. For single women between the ages of 18- 35 years old. Please contact: Sr. Mairead O.P. sienavoc@gmail.com Tel: 041 9838524.

The Irish Church Music Association (ICMA) is holding a workshop for church choirs in Limerick City on Saturday 28th February and we would greatly appreciate it if you could forward this information to choir leaders in your diocese. Choirs from any diocese are welcome to attend. In addition to the annual ICMA Summer School in Maynooth (30th June-2nd July 2026), we aim to hold regional workshops with a wide reach across the country. In the past year, there have been workshops in Waterford, Ballina and Cavan. Parishes interested in hosting a workshop can contact info@icmamusic.ie for further details.

Headford GAA There was no winner in our lotto draw on February 16th. Numbers drawn were 8, 17, 28, 36. Congrats to match 3 winners, Noel Geraghty, Ann Woulfe and Marie McDonnell. The Jackpot for the next draw will be €30,000. Tickets available through Headfordgaa.com and also in pubs and shops around the town. Thanks to all for your support! Our Club Development Launch Night took place on February 20th. The upcoming development plans for the club and the club grounds can be seen on our social media sites. Our Primary Junior and Junior B teams have started back training. We wish both teams all the best for 2026.County Board tickets are available to purchase from Club Secretary Pat Fahy Tel. 087 6189474. Adult membership is now due. Please log on to Foireann.ie to see the options available.

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.

Trócaire Boxes available from both churches and in the parish office. Last year with your help, Trócaire worked with over 40,000 people in at-risk communities across Rwanda, helping vulnerable families build resilience against climate change by supporting over 2500 women to receive training in sustainable resource management, providing 20000 families with fuel efficient cookstoves to reduce firewood use and planting over 320,000 trees.

Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme. *This Government scheme provides financial payments, and health supports to eligible people who spent time in Mother and Baby and County Home Institutions in Ireland. Applications can be made online or by post. Visit: www.gov.ie/en/department-of-children-disability-and-equality/campaigns/mother-and-baby-institutions-payment-scheme/ or call the Helpline 01 522 9922 to request an application pack. All applications are treated with confidentiality.*

LENT 2026 with Emmaus Scripture School by An Tobar Nua. *Join us for a 5-week evening course on Luke's Gospel: Tuesdays, 6pm-7:30pm, starting 24th Feb; register at gospelofluke.eventbrite.ie. Lunchtime Online Book Club for women will meet every Thursday, beginning 19th Feb through 19th March, from 12:00-12:50pm: womensbookclub.eventbrite.ie. Both courses are free of charge.*

Gaza Fundraising Concert Somebody Special *– A Fundraising Concert for Gaza takes place in Claremorris Town Hall on Saturday next, February 28th at 7.30pm, featuring local musicians performing in support of humanitarian aid. The show sold out at the same venue in August. This concert offers a simple act of solidarity and hope for families in Gaza today. Tickets are available now from Claremorris Town Hall Theatre via the Box Office (094 931 0999) or at www.townhall.ie. All proceeds from this concert will go to Medical Aid for Palestinians (https://www.map.org.uk/).*

Athenry Parish will hold a Lenten Mission from Mon 23rd – Wed 25th February in the Church of the Assumption, Athenry, from 7.00pm to 9.30pm each evening. The theme is *"Keeping Hope Alive"* and will include talks by Michelle Ward, Fr. Conor McDonough, Mary McDonagh, and Niall McDonagh. The Mission will include Mass, reflections, Confessions, Adoration, music, Anointing of the Sick, prayer for healing, and hospitality. All are welcome. For more details visit www.athenryparish.ie

Tuam Cancer Care Pop Up Shop takes place on Sat 28th Feb, 10am - 5pm & Sun 1st March 10am - 2pm, in Tuam Stars Gaa Club H54 XY05. Donations of new/excellent quality women's wear & shoes, accessories, gifts, handbags etc can be dropped to the Tuam Cancer Care Centre up until Saturday 21st Feb. Please support!

Laetare Vigil - March 14 - Holy Family Mission, Glencomeragh: Join lay women of all ages, married and single, to unite in a day of prayer with women religious from over a dozen different orders—a unique experience not to be missed! Spaces limited: register now on **Eventbrite**.
Laetare Vigil Tickets, Sat 14 Mar 2026 at 09:30 | Eventbrite

Spiritual Exercises: 5 Day Silent Ignatian Retreat for Men Led by Benedictine monks from St. Joseph Abbey, in France. Starts Thursday 30th April (3pm). Benburb Priory, Co. Tyrone). €450 (all meals & single room included). Daily Mass - Ordinary Form (Latin & ad orientem). Discover the strength that only comes when you stop running and let God speak. **Book at**: https://soutenir.clairval.com/retreat-benburb-priory

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TheWay.ie 'the Way' is a digital multimedia platform set up by the Irish Bishops' Conference dedicated to sharing the Good News and the witness of the Catholic Church in Ireland**.** In the very early Church, the first believers were known as followers of 'the Way' (e.g. Acts 9:2). In answer to the question 'how can we know the way?' (John 14:5) Jesus declared that 'I am the Way, the Truth and Life.' This platform is intended to help people to know the Way – to discover the faith, live the faith and pass on the faith. It is for both seekers and followers. Together, we are led by Christ to be pilgrims of hope.

Anger Issues? Knock Counselling Centre, in conjunction with the Irish Association for Anger Management are running a two-day Anger Management Programme on Friday 27 February (5.30 pm to 9.00 pm) & Saturday 28th February (10.00 am to 3.30 pm) For further information, contact us on 094 93 75032 or email counsellingoffice@knockshrine.ie

Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lisbon Coast: 7 nights (4+3); June 25th to July 2nd, 2026; With Spiritual Director; ex Dublin. For more details and booking Please Call: 012410800.

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…

RADIO MARIA IRELAND continues to grow. As an Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station we enjoy commercial free broadcasting - Prayer, Catechesis, Uplifting music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies – do join our growing faith family! Here's how you can listen: Digital TV - Saorview Channel 210, Download our FREE App "RADIO MARIA IRELAND", Streaming on our WEBSITE - www.radiomaria.ie , our 'Listen Live Radio' link on our Facebook Page, PHONE – get live radio feed by calling +353 (0) 1 437 3277 (no extra charges apply). Why not drop a line to our Spiritual Director, Fr Des Farren by text on 089-4672000, by phone on 01-4123456, or come and pay us a visit at Radio Maria Ireland, St. Anthony's Business Park, Ballymount Road, Dublin 22. D22 R7W2

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.

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.

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 2026/27

	2026	2027
Ash Wednesday	18th Feb	10th Feb
Good Friday	3rd April	26th March
Easter Sunday	5th April	28th March
Ascension	17th May	6th May
Pentecost	24th May	16th May
Trinity	31st May	23rd May
Corpus Christi	7th June	30th May
First Sunday of Advent	29th November	28th Nov.