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 €1035** last weekend and in **Claran €415. 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 March Claran
Readers: Michelle Kenny **Minister of the Eucharist**: May Kenny & Neasa Cosgrove.

Feast Days: Sun 1st St. David **Mon 2nd** Agnes of Prague, **Tues 3rd** Saint Katherine Drexel, **Weds 4th** St. Casimir, **Thurs 5th** St. Kieran, **Fri 6th** St. Colette, **Sat 7th** Ss Perpetua and Felicity.

Remembering those who have died please keep in your prayers those who have died recently**, Phil Moran,** Ballybane sister of Sharon Moran Castleview, **Marian Martyn(née McDonagh)** Gurteen, Shrule, and formerly of Windfort, Headford, sister of Pa and Nonie McDonagh, Windfort and **Marian Hannon,** Cloughanover. May she rest in peace.

You shall be my witness confirmation *programme, continues* ***March 3rd & 10th (Tues) 7-8pm*** *the parents of candidates are invited to arrive 10mins before the end of each session to join in for the closing prayer each evening.*

Creche cook wanted: looking for a reliable person with a love for cooking to work in a friendly creche in Corrandulla. HACCAP training will be provided no experience necessary. Hours 8am-2pm Mon-Fri. Contact Catherine / Olivia on 085-1516608. Email ccrcltd@eircom.net.

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

Parish of Killursa & Killower

28th February & 1st of March 2026, The Second 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 28th	**7.00pm**	Jack and Frances Hughes, Oaklands (A) & Nora Conneelly, Galway (A) Pat O'Shea Anniv. 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
Mon 2nd	**10.00am**	Martin Burke, Castleview, 1st Anniv
Fri 6th	**10.00am**	Diarmuid O'Tuirisg, RIP (M.C) Phil Moran, Ballybane Months Mind
Sat 7th	**10.00am** **7.00pm**	Fursey Dooley, Dublin (formerly Headford) RIP Tony Fahy, Liss & the decd. of the Fahy & the Breslin families. Mary Daveron, Inchquinn, 2nd Anniv. Mike & Loretta McDonagh, St. Louis (A) Kathleen & Tom O'Malley, Brian & Annie O'Reilly (A) Private Intention
Sun 8th	**11.30am**	The Decd. of the Brennan & Hughes Family, Deerpark Henry & Margaret Murphy & their son Joseph Murphy RIP Alice & Padraig Grimes & the decd. of the family. Thomas and Nonie Rea & the decd. of the family.

Mass Intentions for St. Mary's Church, Claran

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
Tue 3rd	**9.30am**	Pattie Walsh, (B.R) & Mike Wlash Knocklahard RIP
Wed 4th	**9.30am**	Mary Margaret Lee RIP (M.C)
Sun 8th	**10.00am**	Fr. Fursey O'Toole, 9th Anniv & John, Celia & Pat O'Toole RIP Cairín D'Arcy, 5th Anniv. Peter, Delia & Mary Nally & all the decd. of the family.

"My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." Exodus 33:14

First Friday Calls to the sick and housebound will take place: on Tues 3rd March from 12pm in Claran, Weds 4th from 12pm in Headford Town & Fri 6th March from 12pm in Headford Surrounding Areas.

First Friday Novena to the Sacred Heart & Divine Mercy Chaplet: Headford Church Friday 6th of March 9-10am, followed by Mass.
First Saturday Devotions to our Lady of Fatima: Headford Church Saturday 7th March 9-10am followed by Mass.

Meeting for Parents of Altar Servers will take place on Monday the 9th of March at 7.00pm in the Martyr's Meeting Room Headford, behind the parochial house, H91PXH5.
Finance Committee Meeting will take place on Monday the 8th March at 8pm in the Martyr's Meeting Room.
Pastoral Council Meeting will take place on Thurs 12th March at 7.30pm in the Martyr's Meeting Room.

Trócaire Boxes available in 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.

Men of St Joseph: monthly meeting Sun 8th of March at 7pm the Blessed Sacrament chapel Tuam, H54T656. Guest speaker Fr Shane Sullivan. New members welcome. Enquiries to frmarkquinn@tuamparish.com

Anam Cara Galway: monthly Parent Support Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 4th March at 7.30pm in the Maldron Hotel, Sandy Rd. Galway. FREE and open to all bereaved parents. We also offer an online support group meeting. More info: 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

Eucharistic Healing Retreat in Knock Shrine, led by, Fr Rozo Palic in St. John's Welcome Centre; Saturday 7th March 10:00 am - 6:30 pm & Sunday 8th March 10:00 am - 4:30 pm. No booking needed. All are welcome and please bring a packed lunch. Enquires Patricia 089 9466193, Fiona on fionatjennings@yahoo.com.

'Lights, Camera, Contemplation!' with Brendan O'Regan, an immersive residential retreat exploring spiritual and religious themes through the power of film. New retreat village, Knock Shrine Fri March 6th-8th. Limited places available. See www.knockshrine.ie for more details.

Dementia café: the first Tuesday of every month in (March 3rd) Tacu Resource Centre, Ballinrobe, 11am -12.30pm Oder of Malta first aid demonstration. All welcome and refreshments served on the day.

Cloughanover Community Centre AGM: Thurs 5th March at 8pm Cloughanover Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Headford GAA No winner Feb 23rd. Numbers drawn: 10, 12, 15, 26. One match 3 winner, Anne Marie Ui Chulain. Jackpot €30,000. Tickets in pubs & shops or Headfordgaa.com. Thanks to all for your support!

Empowering Women's Health – Free 3-week programme on Women's Health & Wellness. Wed, 11th, 18th & 25th March 10.30am–12.30pm at Solas Resource Centre. Register at: www.linktr.ee/healthycountygalway Contact Elaine: (093) 36446 | (085) 8676589 | elaine@solasfrc.ie

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.

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.

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

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

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.*

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