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 €1260** last weekend and in **Claran €1005. 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 15th Laetare Sunday, **Mon 16th** Ss Hilarius & Tatianus, **Tues 17th** St. Patrick, Patron of Ireland, **Weds 18th** St Cyril of Jerusalem, **Thurs 19th** St. Joseph, **Fri 20th** Bl John of Parma, **Sat 21st** St. Enda.

Remembering those who have died please keep in your prayers those who have died recently, **Marie O'Connor (nee Cussen)** of Croom, Co. Limerick, mother of Helen Hannon, Greenfields and **Tom Monahan** of Shrule, Co. Mayo & formerly Donaghpatrick. **May they rest in peace.**

Easter Triduum Cards now on sale in the parish office. €3 per card or 5 cards for €10. **Easter Candles** also available for €4 each.

A word of Thanks: I would like to sincerely thank all the parents who generously gave up their time for four evenings to help with the "You Shall Be My Witness" Confirmation preparation programme. Your time, support and participation were greatly appreciated and made a real difference in helping our young people prepare for this important sacrament. – *Fr. Ray*



Parish of Killursa & Killower

14th & 15th of March 2026, The Fourth 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 14th	**7.00pm**	Witness to the Spirit Mass Kevin Joyce, Headford, 46th Anniversary Mrs. Margaret Mongan, 11th Anniv. Cluide & her husband Bernie Mongan RIP
Sun 15th	**11.30am**	'Do this in Memory' Mass Fr. Christy Burke, Fr. Coleman O'Halloran, Fr Christy Walsh, Fr. Vincent Jennings, Fr. Tom Coyne RIP Karen Hall, Bedford, UK, RIP
Mon 16th	**10.00am** **7.00pm**	Michael Corcoran, Limerick, Anniv. Private Intention
Tues 17th	**11.30am**	Tony & Bridget McDonnell, Church Rd. (A) The decd. members of the Concannon family
Fri 20th	**10.00am**	Private Intention
Sat 21st	**10.00am** **7.00pm**	Mary Concannon RIP (M.C) Susan, Patricia, Gerard & Michael Steed, & all the decd. of the Steed family. Baby Lily Ann Mannion, Ballynalacka, (A) Mary Delia McDonagh, St. Louis, 1st Anniv Tom & Philomena McDonagh, Ballyconlought (A) John & William Scanlon, Dublin
Sun 22nd	**11.30am**	The People of the Parish The Decd. members of the Hackett family, Cordarra Kathleen Concannon (A) & the decd. members of the Concannon family. Kevin Duffy, Main St. (A)

Mass Intentions for St. Mary's Church, Claran

Sun 15th	**10.00am**	'Do this in Memory' Mass Joe O'Toole 7th Anniversary Jim & Bridie Lee (A) & the decd. of the Lee family, Curramore Patrick & Bridget Walsh & their Son Michael Joe Walsh (A) Annaghkeen, Mary Margaret Lee RIP
Tue 17th	**10.00am**	PJ, Julia & Junior Carroll, Headford & Tuam RIP Wiktoria Kubaczyk 13th Anniv & her Grandmother Irena Lubanska RIP Special Intention for Peace
Wed 18th	**9.30am**	No Mass
Sun 22nd	**10.00am**	Patrick & Mary O'Malley, Cloonkeely, (A) John & Nora Fahy Curramore (A) John James, (6th) & Bridie (7th) Earnor, Anniv. Fr. Declan O'Toole, and his 2 companions Fideles & Patrick, Anniversaries.

The Parish office will be closed on Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th of March.

Progressive 25-card game fundraiser for Clydagh National School will be held at the school (H91CK06) on Sunday, March 22nd, at 7 PM. Tickets are €10, with plenty of prizes to be won on the night. Tea, coffee, and refreshments will be provided.

Corrib RFC: are playing their **J1C League Final** on Sunday 15th March in Dexcom Stadium at 12 Noon. Corrib RFC v Monivea RFC. Pre- Book tickets on line €12 Adult and €6 Junior. https://share.google/e1VgWozmxetciTeca. All support would be greatly appreciated to cheer them on.

25 Card Drive in Cross Community Centre at 7.30pm on Sunday 29th March for a. €10 admission. All proceeds go towards Cross National School. Lots of prizes to be won. All support appreciated!

Headford Women's Group will be hosting a fundraising morning for IMND on 31st March in Headford Hall H91 YW5F 10.30 - 12. Please support.

A Penitential Service for all the Local Parishes will take place in Headford Church on Monday the 30th of March at 7pm.

If anyone would like to host a Station Mass in their home over the coming weeks or months, please contact the parish office 093 35448.

The Pastoral Council would like to welcome ideas or initiatives that would foster a vibrant Christian community, deepening faith, and engaging in mission. These initiatives will focus on evangelization, community building and responding to local pastoral needs. There suggestion slips are available at the back of the church. These can be returned to the parish office or dropped into the collection basket at mass.

Day Retreat – Knock Shrine (March 21st) The Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration, Tuam Diocese, invites you to a Day Retreat on Saturday, March 21st. Beginning at 10.30am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Led by Fr Brendan Walsh S.A.C. and Eileen King. Registration essential from 10.00–10.30am (cash only). Cost €30. Please bring a packed lunch. All are welcome to this special day of prayer before the Lord.

A Youth 2000-day retreat April 25th at Knock Shrine. Youth 2000 for young people (16-35) to develop their relationship with God, learn more about the Catholic faith & meet other young people. Talks, testimonies & games. Donation only. Check out Youth2000.ie to register or contact connaught@youth2000.ie for more information.

Celebrating St. Patrick' is an evening of Irish Music, Culture and Heritage which takes place in Knock Basilica on Sunday, March 15th at 8pm. All are welcome. Free admission. See www.knockshrine.ie for more details.

Headford GAA There was no winner in our last lotto draw 7, 18, 28, 35. Congrats to match 3 winner Anne Marie Flaherty. Jackpot €30,000. Tickets: Headfordgaa.com and in local pubs and shops. Thanks to all for your support! Due to the ongoing development works on club grounds, the car park will be closed until further notice.

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. Last year the 56 parishes of the Tuam Archdiocese raised €258,586.55.

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.

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

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.

Taking the Past Forward: A unique, free heritage training course is being made available by Galway Rural Development through the LEADER programme. The course will be of interest to community heritage groups, tidy towns groups, men's sheds, women's sheds, CE Schemes, and all those interested in their local heritage. Any individual or group are warmly welcome to attend. The five-week course starts on Wednesday, March 25th, at 10am in Kiltullagh Community Hub [H65 KC89]. To book your place, email zenahoctor@gmail.com by March 20th.

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

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.

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.