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 €885** last weekend and in **Claran €405. 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: Mon 23rd St. Turibius of Mongrovejo, **Tues 24th** St. Macartan, **Weds 25th THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD, Thurs 26th** St. Braullo, **Fri 27th** St. John of Egypt, **Sat 28th** St. Sixtus III

Remembering those who have died please keep in your prayers those who have died recently**, Delores Keane** Caherlistrane, Co. Galway and **Margaret O'Sullivan,** Drogheda, and formally of Cloonee, Caherlistrane. **Mike Ryan,** Bohermore, Galway (father-in-law of Sharon parish secretary) **May they rest in peace.**

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

Prayer for Feast Day of the Annunciation of the Lord.

God of goodness, God of surprises,
Send angels of inspiration to guide
and enlighten as you did Mary.
Awaken us again to our true calling,
our true mission: to walk with you
on the paths laid out to us.
Teach us to listen for you
in every corner of our lives
and to await your messengers
in the most unexpected situations
and conditions.
We ask this prayer in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ. ***Amen***

Parish of Killursa & Killower

21st & 22nd of March 2026, The Fifth 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**	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)
Mon 23rd	**10.00am**	No Mass
Fri 27th	**10.00am**	No Mass
Sat 28th	**10.00am** **7.00pm**	Brian Donoghue RIP (M.C) Marion Hannon Months Mind John & Winifred Langan and Ned & Kathleen Joyce, Culleen RIP Private Intention Johnny Flaherty RIP Mary & Jim McDonagh (A) & Marian Martyn, Shrule RIP
Sun 29th	**11.30am**	John Hynes, 12th Anniv. Joe Fitzgibbon, Bridge St. Birthday Rem Deirdre Lee, Farren, 6th Anniv.

Mass Intentions for St. Mary's Church, Claran

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.
Tue 24th	**10.00am**	No Mass
Wed 25th	**9.30am**	No Mass
Sun 29th	**10.00am**	Hikka Durr, Months Mind Paddy Halloran, 10th Anniv Padraic Greaney (A)

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.

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.

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.

'Whisper of God' One Day Silent Retreat takes place in Knock Prayer Centre on Saturday, March 28th 2026 from 10am to 5pm. For more information, contact John Farrelly, Prayer Guides Coordinator at Knock Shrine. Tel. 086 0108623 or email prayerguidance@knockshrine.ie. See www.knockshrine.ie

A Musical Pilgrimage for Liturgical Music Ministers in Rome with "The Priests" Monday 29 June to Saturday 4 July 2026**.** Workshops, Liturgies, Cultural Site Visits, Accommodation, Meals and Final Night Concert**.** For more information visit www.rishcollege.org/musical-pilgrimage-2026

Headford & District Association would like to extend sincere thanks to everyone who helped make this year's St. Patrick's Day celebration such a wonderful occasion for the community. Thank you to everyone who played a part in its success, residents, supporters, volunteers and stewards.

Headford GAA Lotto: No winner March 16th, 1, 4, 17, 28. Congrats to match 3 winner Jason and Niall Murphy, Shrule. Jackpot €30,000. Tickets Headfordgaa.com and local pubs and shops. Thanks to all for your support! Congratulations to clubman Dylan Woulfe on being selected for the Galway Minor panel.

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.

St. Charbel's Healing Mass- Headford Church Friday 24th April @7pm.

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.

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.**