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 €975** last weekend and in **Claran €535. 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 8th St. Senan of Kilrush, St. John of God, **Mon 9th** St. Frances of Rome, **Tues** 10th St. John Ogilvie, **Weds 11th** St. Aengus (Oengus), **Thurs 12th** St. Maximillian of Tebessa, **Fri 13th** St. Euphrasia, **Sat 14th** St. Leobinus.

Remembering those who have died please keep in your prayers those who have died recently**, Patrick (Paddy) J. Geoghegan**, Salthill, Galway brother of Teresa McCauley, Headford, **Margaret (Peggy) Curran (nee Duffy)** of Deerpark, Headford**, Joseph (Joe) Mitchell,** formerly Belcarra, Mayo, Contarf, Dublin and late of Eallagh, Headford and **Mary Gorham,** Turloughmore, mother of Stephen Gorham, Cloughanover. **May they rest in peace.**

You shall be my witness confirmation *programme, final meeting on the* ***10th of March (Tues) 7-8pm****.*

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.

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

Parish of Killursa & Killower

7th & 8th of March 2026, The Third 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 7th	**7.00pm**	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.
Mon 9th	**10.00am**	Denis Murphy RIP (M.C)
Fri 13th	**10.00am**	Private Intention
Sat 14th	**10.00am** **7.00pm**	Margaret O'Brien, Gort na Mona (B.R) 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

Mass Intentions for St. Mary's Church, Claran

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 (A) & all the decd. of the family.
Tue 10th	**9.30am**	Private Intention
Wed 11th	**9.30am**	Private Intention
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

Meeting for the 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.

Whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe. Proverbs 29:25

Pastoral Council Meeting will take place on Thurs 12th March at 7.15pm in the Martyr's Meeting Room.

Mothers Prayers in St Johns Rest, Knock Shrine: 13th - 15th March for mothers who wish to pray together for their children and grandchildren All women are welcome. Queries phone Marie 087 6184110

Make the Link: Galway Rural Development and the Department of Social Protection are holding FREE information events called 'Make the Link'. These events will take place across East Galway in March as part of National Work and Skills Week. They will bring together employers, education and training providers, Family Resource Centres and local support services to share information, and support individuals to move towards education, training and employment. There will also be information on the financial support and benefits available to you. The Tuam event will be held on Wednesday, the 11th March from 10am-1pm, in the Ard Rí House Hotel. For more details please contact Freeda in GRD on 087 3674568.

This Lent join our Galway 40 Days for Life team in public prayer, fasting and community outreach to raise awareness about the sanctity of life. 40 Days for life is an international organisation committed to peaceful and prayerful public witness to the culture of life. For more information contact 40daysforlifegalway@proton.me and see www.40daysforlife.com

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.

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

Headford GAA There was no winner in our lotto draw on March 2nd. Numbers drawn were 17, 23, 30, 36. Congrats to match 3 winner Rita Hynes. The Jackpot for the next draw will be €30,000. Tickets available through Headfordgaa.com and in pubs and shops around the town. Thanks to all for your support! The club extends our heartfelt sympathies to the family, friends and relatives of Marion Hannon. Marion's friendly nature and smile will be missed by all in the parish. County Board tickets are available to purchase from Club Secretary Pat Fahy Tel. 087 6189474. Adult and Juvenile membership is now due. Please log on to Foireann.ie to see the options available.

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.

Headford Community Theatre are proud to present the world premiere of "Last Stop Knocksala", a brand-new drama by playwright Michael Carey and directed by John McHugh. Headford Hal March 12th, 13th, 14th & 15th 8pm nightly. Tickets: €15 / €12Available on the door. All are welcome.

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.

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.*

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.

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.**