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 €985** last weekend and in **Claran €445. 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 May
Headford: The Collins & Fadden families
Claran: The living and the decd. of the D'Arcy family.

Ministers for May Headford
Readers: Sat 7pm 2nd Rita O'Shea **& 16th** Pat Duddy, **9th, 23rd & 30th** Philomena Jacques**, Sun 11.30am:** Sharon Joyce

Ministers of the Eucharist:
Sat. 7pm: Mary Margaret Kyne
Sun 11.30am Maura Moran
Baskets: Sat 7pm Declan McDonagh, Mary Fahy **Sun 11.30am** Tommy McDonagh, James Moran

Ministers for May Claran
Readers: Nessa Cosgrove **Minister of the Eucharist**:Martina Walsh Stephanie Cahill.

Feast Days: Mon 27th St. Asicus, **Tues 28th** St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, St. Peter Chanel, **Weds 29th** St. Catherine of Siena, **Thurs 30th** St. Pius V, **Fri 1st** St. Joseph the Worker, **Sat 2nd** St. Atanasius.

A new book by Fr. Jim O'Connell, MHM entitled the Miracle of the Universe and Life on planet Earth, Science, Christian Faith and Personal Experience. This book makes for good reading. It blends developments in our contemporary understanding of nature with Christian spirituality and with personal witness. For Sale in the Parish Office at €15.

Parish office Hours: there will be a change of office hours starting in May. The office will be Closed on Monday and will open Tuesday – Friday 9am – 2pm.

Final Call Trócaire boxes: can be left dropped into the basket at mass or dropped into the Parish Office by Sunday the 3rd of May.

Parish Pastoral Council meeting Monday the 27th of April 7.30pm in the Martyrs meeting room.

First Friday Novena to the Sacred Heart & Divine Mercy Chaplet: Headford Church Friday 1st of May 9-10am followed by Mass.

Parish of Killursa & Killower

25th & 26th of April 2026, 4th Sunday of Easter
Fr. Ray Flaherty PP – 35448
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 25th	**7.00pm**	Madeline & Martin Collins and Michael Collins & Jack Collins (A) Rachel Nolan, Kilkenny, RIP Patrick & Cecilia Dooley & the decd. of the Dooley family.
Sun 26th	**11.30am**	Joe Mitchell Months Mind & his daughter Jaki Fraser (née Mithcell) RIP Special Intention Anna Potasinska, Poland, 1st Anniversary Barbara Mulry, Crosswood, Anniv.
Mon 27th	**10.00am**	Bridet McCarthy RIP (M.C)
Tues 28th	**7.30pm**	Service of Light for Confirmation candidates
Fri 1st May	**10.00am**	Ann Kirby, Dublin Anniv Leo Monaghan,Shrule, Anniv
Sat 2nd	**10.00am** **11.30am** **7.00pm**	Denis Murphy RIP (M.C) Fist Holy Communion – Cloughanover N.S. Tommy Coen, Renmore RIP Mattie Wall, Castlegar, RIP
Sun 3rd	**11.30am**	Maureen Bridget O'Donnell, 14th Anniv Special Intention Paddy Joyce, Headford, Anniv. Private Intention

Mass Intentions for St. Mary's Church, Claran

Sun 26th	**10.00am**	Special Intention John Joyce, Lexlip & formerly Knocklahard, 1st Anniv
Tues 28th	**9.30am**	Private Intention Special Intention
Weds 29th	**9.30am**	Special Intention
Sun 3rd	**10.00am**	Mike Walsh Anniv & Pattie Walsh RIP, Knocklahard Special Intention Dermot & Maudie O'Toole (A) Knocklahard Private Intention

Confirmation Service of Light Mass will take place on Tuesday the 28th of April at 7.30pm in Headford Church. This is the last ceremony before confirmation, and we ask that all candidates attend.

First Saturday Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima: Headford Church Saturday 2nd of May 9-10am followed by Mass.

First Friday Calls to the sick and the housebound will take place from 12pm on Tues 28th April in Claran, Weds 29th Headford Town, Fri 1st May surrounding areas.

A meeting for All Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Saturday the 2nd of May in the Martyrs Meeting room after 10am Mass. If anyone is interested in joining the hours of Adoration, you are welcome to come along.

The Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday, May 3rd will commence with the Sacrament of Anointing at 2.30 pm. Fatima and Lisbon Coast; 7 nights (4+3); June 25th; limited availability. Contact: 012410800.

The May Mini Vigil takes place at Knock Shrine on Friday, May 1st, 2026. Confessions available from 8pm to 9pm. Vigil proper takes place from 9pm to Midnight in the Parish Church.

Alzheimer Cafe is changing to a Thursday and is also moving to the Parish Centre, Ballinrobe. The next one is on the 7th of May from 11am-1pm where we will be holding a Fundraising Tea Day where there will be Music, Refreshments, A Raffle and information, All welcome, Contact Marie on 087 170 8706 for further details.

Child Safeguarding: Please note that due to new Child Safeguarding Policies, new child and parental/guardian consent forms (SG-04) for all Altar servers and their parents to be filled in and sent back to the parish office. Any adults that volunteer with children will also need to fill in the SG01 safeguarding recruitment form, which can be collected from the sacristy or the parish office.

Confirmation 2026 will take place in on May the 14th – in Headford Church at 12pm and Claran Church 2.30pm. Fr. Tod Nolan Vicar General of the Archdiocese will be officiating.

Communion 2026 will take place on May 2nd Cloughanover school in Headford Church at 11.30am May 16th Claran School in Claran Church at 11.30am and 23rd of May Headford School in Headford Church.

The i4life team would like to extend their deepest gratitude for your attendance and donations at the recent fashion show held at Angler's Rest to raise funds for the i4Life primary healthcare centre in Lusaka, Zambia. The funds raised on the night were € 6,388. This money will continue to provide essential Primary Health Care services to over 80,000 people affected by poverty in Linda Township, Lusaka, Zambia. We are truly grateful to all the businesses and volunteers who generously gave their time, support and spot prizes. Thank you.

Fundraising Concert in aid of a new community Sensory Garden beside Shrule N.S. will take place in Shrule Church on May 15th at 8pm. Tickets are €15 and available online or locally. All Welcome.

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) National Pilgrimage to Knock, Sat May 16th Chief Celebrant Bishop William Shomali, from Jerusalem will speak about the plight of the suffering Christians in the Holy Land. The talks will take place in St. Johns Centre at 11am with outdoor stations of the cross at 2pm and Mass in the Basilica at 3pm. Everyone is welcome.

Galway Simon Community are looking for volunteers to help with their annual Churchgate collection the weekend of the 16th and 17th of May, for more information please contact Carol Hynes 0868439330.

Little Kickers football classes are coming PCH this May every Sunday morning from 9:30 a.m. at the Presentation School. These sessions are designed for young children aged 18 months to 7 years to build confidence, coordination, and social skills in a fun and supportive environment. More info see www.littlekickers.ie or phone 0851813898.

Camp Veritas: Annual residential Faith & Fun Camp takes place this year in Clongowes Wood College, Clane, Co. Kildare. June 23rd – 28th inc. 2026. Camp Veritas is a one week sleep away pilgrimage experience s*erving up to 200 young people between the ages of 12 and 17 years and supported by up to 100 volunteers. The recipe is 'play and pray',* with a full immersion in the Catholic Faith through sacraments and fun activities. A bus will run from the West with collection points at Westport, Castlebar, Claremorris, Tuam and Athenry. To find out more or to book your place contact Fr Mark 093 24250 or frmarkquinn@tuamparish.com / www.campveritasireland.org.

OCIA – Order of Christian Initiation of Adults: There continues to be a growing number of adults across the Diocese who wish to begin or complete their journey to membership of the Catholic Church. The OCIA programme is available for: • Adults who have not been baptised and wish to become Catholic; • Adults baptised in another Christian denomination who wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church; • Adults baptised Catholic who have not yet received the Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation and would now like to do so. More info email: OCIA@knockshrine.ie

HEADFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL Places still available in all classes in Headford Primary School for anyone wishing to enrol their child for the school year 2026-2027. Please contact the school office on 093-35377 or by email at info@headfordns.ie .Enrolment forms also available from our website www.headfordns.ie

The Knock Youth Leadership Programme **(**Knock Shrine) is for adults interested in setting up or developing youth ministry initiatives in their parish. Participants will gain the skills, knowledge, and confidence to journey with young people, supporting them as they explore their faith in a safe and welcoming environment. Starting in September 2026 (application deadline May 22nd).
For more information, please contact: youthministry@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

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.

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.