Mass Times may need to be changed at short notice. **Confessions**: By appointment.

Parish Office Hours 9am to **2pm** Tuesday – 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 €1217** last weekend and in **Claran €452. 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.

Remembering those who have died. Please keep in your prayers those who have died recently**, Ann Kelly,** Castleview, Headford and formerly of Corrandulla, **Mary Gavin,** Athlone, Mother of Jason Gavin, Eallagh, **Fr. Séamus Flannery**, Milltown, brother of Fr. John D and **Monsignor Kenneth E. Boccafola,** New York relative of Carmel & John Heneghan, Shrule. May they rest in peace.

Feast Days: Sun 17th THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, Mon 18th St. John I, **Tues 19th** St. Dunstan, **Weds 20th** St. Bernadine of Siena, **Thurs 21st** St. Christopher Magallanes & companions, **Fir 22nd** St. Rita of Cascia, **Sat 23rd** St. William of Rochester.

Parish Website: As we continue to update and improve our parish website over the coming months, we invite all community groups to review their contact details. If you would like your group's information to be added, updated, or amended on the website, please contact the parish office at info@headfordchurch.com

Parish office Hours. The office will be Closed on Monday's and will open Tuesday – Friday 9am – 2pm.

Parish of Killursa & Killower

16th & 17th of May 2026, Seventh Sunday of Easter
The Ascension of the Lord
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 16th	**7.00pm**	The decd of the Duddy family, Rafee & Ballyconlought Thomas Sweeney (A) & his wife Mary RIP Bob Newell (B.R)
Sun 17th	**11.30am**	Tom Walsh, London, RIP (M.C) Angela Jefford (née Kearns) & the decd. of the Kearns family Thanksgiving Mass
Mon 18th	**10.00am**	James & Ann Fitzgibbon (A)
Fri 22nd	**10.00am**	Private Intention
Sat 23rd	**10.00am** **11.30am** **7.00pm**	No Mas First Holy Communion – Headford Primary School The People of the Parish Tod, Mary & Roy Corbett, Main St. (A)
Sun 24th	**11.30am** **2.00pm**	Tommy Greaney, High St. 11th Anniv Paschal Hynes 8th Anniv. Aidan Hickey, Laragan, Shrule 8th Anniv. Peggy O'Connor, 12th Anniv. Joe Owens 1st Anniv.

Mass Intentions for St. Mary's Church, Claran

Sun 17th	**10.00am**	Kathleen & Roddy Gillon, Loggawannia Ann Walsh, Carrowbeg, (A) Tom & Kathleen Mohan, RIP & the decd. of the family Tom and Teresa Keville, Carheens (A)
Tues 19th	**9.30am**	Jaki Mitchell, 4th Anniv.
Weds 20th	**9.30am**	Silver & Golden Jubilee Celebration Mass
Sun 24th	**10.00am**	The People of the Parish Bridget, Paddy & John Myres, Ower (A) Bridie Farragher, Carnakib, 1st Anniv.

Congratulations to all the children who made their confirmation in Headford & Claran churches on Thursday the 14th of May

Corpus Christi this year in consultation with the pastoral council it has been decided that the procession will take place on Saturday the 6th of June after 7pm Mass. We welcome this year's first communion children to come along in their communion clothes to help lead the procession with their parents and we also invite resident's as usual to place an Altar at their house to receive benediction.

Mass Bouquets for Exams available in the parish office, @ €5 to be included in a shared mass on Friday the 5th of June at 10am in Headford Church.

All Ireland Rosary Rally: On Saturday 6th June 2026 the 41st All Ireland Rosary Rally will take place in Knock Shrine, from 9am to 6pm. Posters with the full programme can be viewed in both churches. If there are enough people interested in attending the event, a bus can be organised. Please contact Sheila on 087-7954899 if you would like to come along.

Vincent de Paul provides a wide range of support services aimed at both immediate relief and long-term self-sufficiency. Our Headford Branch can be contacted on 087 172 7873 (You can leave a voice message)

Galway Hospice invites all to join its annual Croagh Patrick Climb on June 20, supporting hospice care and honouring loved ones. Register at galwayhospice.ie/climb, email fundraising@galwayhospice.ie or call 091-770868.

Loughderg Three Day Pilgrimage Friday 19th to Sunday 21st June 2026, bus departing from Renmore Church carpark 7am other pickup points can be arranged enroute. For further details contact Anne 086 8381633"

Thank you to everyone who filled in the suggestion forms last month. The Pastoral Council have reviewed these and have printed out a copy of the feedback for you all to view. Copies can be found at the back of both Headford and Claran Churches & on www.headfordchurch.com.

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

The Galway Simon Community Churchgate collection will take place on the 16th and 17th of May.

Annual 33 hours of Adoration will take place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Knock. Commencing with 9am Mass on Friday 22nd May and closing with Mass at 5.15pm on Saturday 23rd May, 2026. Please see poster on church noticeboard for your parish hour. All are welcome to join to represent your parish

Prayer for Life: National pilgrimage for life Saturday the 20th of June, in Knock Shrine. Join the 9 day Novena online each day from the 23rd - 31st of May on www.prayforlife.ie

Residential Retreats July 2026: Led by Fr. Prince Clarence SJ in De La Salle Retreat Centre, Castletown, Co. Laois, R32 N6D8. 3-Day Retreats: Faith Formation based on the teachings of the Catholic Church and Inner Healing Adoration. Dates: July 7th – 9th and July 14th – 16th **5-Day Ignatian Retreat:** This is an opportunity to reflect on life in light of God's boundless love and to develop a deeper knowledge and understanding of Jesus. Dates: July 20th – 24th Visit our website for more details: www.ruachcatholicministry.org Contact: Oonagh 086 1736181 or Phyllis 085 7733037.

The Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart are holding an information /consultation meeting in St John's Rest and Care Centre, Knock Shrine, F12 X7Y3 on Wednesday 13th May 7:30pm to 9:30pm Liam O Dwyer who is assisting the Board of Directors with the development of the Association will facilitate the meeting. I encourage all Pioneers to attend to ensure your voice is heard.

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.

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.

Camp Veritas: Annual residential Faith & Fun Camp in Clongowes Wood College, Clane, Co. Kildare. June 23rd – 28th inc. 2026. Camp Veritas is a one week sleep away pilgrimage experience se*rving up to 200 young people between the ages of 12 and 17 years and supported by up to 100 volunteers.* 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.

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.

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.

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

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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.

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.