**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 €959** last weekend and in **Claran €460. 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 P.J. Newell and Maura

**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**, Peter (Bob) Newell**, Culleen and **Val Mullins Snr**, UK & formerly Bridge Street, Headford. May they rest in peace.

**Feast Days: Mon 4th** St. Conleth, The English Martyrs, **Tues 5th** Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice, **Weds** 6th Bl Gerard of Lunel, **Thurs 7th** St. John of Beverly, **Fri 8th** Bl John Sullivan, St. Victor, **Sat 9th** St. Pachomius.

**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.

**Little Kickers football classes** are every Sunday morning from 9:30am at PCH. More info see www.littlekickers.ie or phone 0851813898.

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

# *Parish of Killursa & Killower*

***2nd & 3rd of May 2026, Fifth 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***

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| **Sat 2nd** | **7.00pm** | Tommy Coen, Renmore RIP<br>Mattie Wall, Castlegar, RIP |
| **Sun 3rd** | **11.30am** | Funeral Mass of Peter (Bob) Newell, Culleen<br>Maureen Bridget O'Donnell, 14th Anniv<br>Special Intention<br>Paddy Joyce, Headford, Anniv.<br>Private Intention |
| **Mon 4th** | **10.00am** | No Mass |
| **Fri 8th** | **10.00am** | No Mass |
| **Sat 9th** | **10.00am**<br><br>**7.00pm** | No Mass<br><br>Declan Durkan Months Mind & his father Tony RIP<br>Jack Divilly (A)<br>Michael (14th Anniv) & Pauline Steed (21st Anniv), Gort na Mona |
| **Sun 10th** | **11.30am** | Peter Meeneghan, Luimneagh, (B.R)<br>Special Intention<br>The decd. members of the Lally & Kyne families, Cloughanover & Cahernaheena.<br>Thomas & Mary McDonagh, Ballynakillew (A) |

***Mass Intentions for St. Mary's Church, Claran***

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| **Sun 3rd** | **10.00am** | Mike Walsh Anniv & Pattie Walsh RIP, Knocklahard<br>Special Intention<br>Dermot & Maudie O'Toole (A) Knocklahard<br>Private Intention |
| **Tues 5th** | **9.30am** | No Mass |
| **Weds 6th** | **9.30am** | No Mass |
| **Sun 10rd** | **10.00am** | Helen Walsh, Carnakib, 1st Anniv<br>Hikka Durr, RIP (M.C)<br>Phyllis Mullin RIP (M.C) |

**Congratulations to the Children of Cloughanover National School who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday May 2nd.**

***Finance Meeting:*** *Parish Finance meeting will take place on Tuesday May 12th at 7.00pm*

**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.

**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 are welcome.

**Thank you** to everyone who filled in the suggestion forms last month. The Pastoral Council will review these now and will publish the feedback of these suggestions next week.

**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 16th for Claran School in Claran Church at 11.30am and 23rd of May for Headford School in Headford Church.

**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 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 *serving 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.

**The Mayo County Ploughing Championship** will be held on Sunday May 10th in Kelly's Farm, Roundfort Eircode F12 Y205. Tractor, Horse and vintage ploughing, live music and dancing, Sheepdog trials, Dog show and free amusements for children.
A great day for all the family.

**Thursday the 7th of May in the Parish Centre,** Ballinrobe from 11am to 1pm. Each Year Alzheimer Society of Ireland hosts a Tea Day to help raise awareness for our local services in Mayo. Please join us on the 7th of May for Music provided by the Mens Shed, Craic, Chat and a raffle on the day with prizes donated from local businesses.

**Tuam Cancer Care** would like to thank everyone who supported their Annual Church Gate Collection on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th April. €473.57 was collected at St Mary's Church Headford. In total a huge €8,207.55 was raised at local churches over 2 weekends

. We greatly appreciate your support".

**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

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| 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. |