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 €1090** last weekend and in **Claran €335. 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 August
Headford: Intentions of the Feeney Family
Claran: Int. of Paddy & Teresa Joyce, Ballyhale

Ministers for August Headford
Readers: Sat 7pm
Sun 11.30am: 2nd 9th & 30th Amanda O'Connell, 16th & 23rd Mary McHugh,

Ministers of the Eucharist:
Sat. 7pm: Mary Margaret Kyne
Sun 11.30am Mary McHugh & Siobhan Waldron

Baskets: Sat 7pm Declan McDonagh, Mary Fahy **Sun 11.30am** James Moran & Tommy McDonagh

Ministers for August Claran
Readers: Norah Darcy
Minister of the Eucharist: May Kenny & Helena Hastings

Feast Days: Mon 27th St. Teobald of Marly, **Tues 28th** Ss Nazarius and Celsius, **Weds 29th** Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarus, **Thurs 30th** St. Peter Chrysologus, **Fri 31st** St. Ignatius of Loyola, **Sat 1st** St. Alphonsus de' Liguori.

Headford Tidy Towns: litter pick every Wednesday at 7pm in the square Headford for a 30min clean up. New members always welcome.

Churchgate collection: Please support St Fursey's LGFA during our church gate collection as every contribution helps our club continue to grow and provide opportunities for our players. All donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support.

Cemetery Masses: will take place in Killursa Cemetery on Sunday the 9th of August at 6pm, Cloughanover Cemetery on Sunday the 16th of August @ 6pm and Caragin Cemetery on Friday 21st August at 7.30pm.
Please Note: For 2027 all Cemetery masses will only be held on a Friday evening at 7pm.

Parish of Killursa & Killower

Fr. Ray Flaherty PP – 093 35448
25th & 26th July 2026 The Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
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**	Manus Flynn, Annaghdown, RIP (M.C) Breda Grimes RIP (M.C) Tom & Kathleen Mohan RIP & the deceased of the Mohan family.
Sun 26th	**11.30am**	Mike Ryan Brithday Remembrance Fr. Micheál Thornton 3rd Anniv & his parents Nora & Willie RIP Patrick Henaghan & the decd. of the Henaghan & Neilan families.
Mon 27th	**10.00am**	No Mass
Tues 28th	**10.00am**	Special Intention
Weds 29th	**10.00am**	Rose Wall RIP (M.C)
Thurs 30th	**10.00am**	James Macken RIP (M.C)
Fri 31st	**10.00am**	No Mass
Sat 1st August	**10.00am** **7.00pm**	No Mass Alan Moran & his grandparents Thomas and Mary Ellen Kavanagh Private Intention Breda Grimes RIP (M.C)
Sun 2nd	**11.30am**	The People of the Parish Maureen Monaghan Anniv.

Mass Intentions for St. Mary's Church, Claran

Sun 26th	**10.00am**	The People of the Parish Special Intention
Tues 28th	**9.30am**	No Mass
Weds 29th	**9.30am**	No Mass
Sun 2nd August	**10.00am**	Eileen Greaney (A) Seán Murphy 8th Anniv & decd. of the Murphy family.

Weekday Masses: Next week Fr. Joseph a Mill Hill priest from London, Uk will be visiting Headford. Fr. Joseph will say mass in Headford church on Tues, Weds and Thurs.

First Friday Calls: Fr. Ray has been advised to rest and will not be able to make visits to the sick and housebound next week. He sincerely apologises for any disappointment or inconvenience this may cause. It is hoped that arrangements will be in place for a priest to provide this ministry during the month of Sept. Thank you for your understanding, prayers and patience.

Frist Friday Novena to the Sacred Heart & Divine Mercy Chaplet: Headford Church Friday 7th of August 9-10am.

First Saturday Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima: Headford Church Saturday the 1st of August 9-10am,

Caherlistrane/Kilcoona Parish would like to invite Young people to join us on a Pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick on August 22nd at 8.30am by Bus.To Reserve a place on the bus or for more information please contact: Fr. Dixy 0899428637. All are welcome.

Windfort Creche, Cloughanover has a position available for a room leader. Options for 3-5 days per week are available. Contact Marion on 087 2230589.

The Week of Ignatian Spirituality 2026 takes place from Sunday, July 26th to Saturday, August 1st in the Prayer Centre at Knock Shrine. The theme for this year's retreat is 'Jesus, if people only knew You'. Welcome session takes place on Sunday evening at 7pm, with a full daily programme from Monday to Saturday. See www.knockshrine.ie for full programme. For enquiries, contact John Farrelly at 086 0108623.

Adult Faith formation: an introduction into the teachings, traditions and beliefs of the Catholic Church. If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or know someone who might be or would like to renew your faith, don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office, where we can provide you with more information and a registration form. Phone 093 35448 or email info@headfordchurch.com. The first meeting will take place in early September.

Volunteers Needed – Readers of the Word & Collectors: We are currently seeking new volunteers to serve as Readers of the Word and at our weekend Masses. This is a rewarding ministry that plays an important role in our parish liturgy, and we would be delighted to welcome new readers. We are also always grateful for those willing to help with the collection at Mass. While we have a dedicated team of volunteers, we are in need of some new members to ensure that these ministries can continue to be shared.

If you would like to find out more or are interested in volunteering, please contact Sharon in the Parish Office on 0933 5448 or email info@headfordchurch.com. You can also speak to us in the Sacristy after any Mass.

Belcarra European Cultural Celebration: Belcarra is proud to host one of just six flagship events in County Mayo as part of Ireland's EU Presidency Cultural Programme 2026. Join us on Saturday, 22 August, from 3.00pm–5.00pm at Belcarra Community Centre, the Eviction Cottage and Recreational Park for a free afternoon celebrating European culture, heritage and community. Everyone is welcome.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival | 13th–16th August Calling all young people aged 16–35! Join us at the Youth 2000 Summer Festival in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. This is a donation-only event, with free buses available across the country and all meals included. Expect inspiring talks and workshops, Youth Mass, music, prayer, and plenty of opportunities to chill out and meet other young Catholics. Whether you are new to the faith or looking to be refreshed, all are welcome. To register or find out more, visit youth2000.ie or follow @Youth2000Ireland.

Burren Outdoor Retreat, Friday 4th September to Sunday 6th September. Would you like to come with us on a journey through the Burren with its limestone pavements, rare flora and ancient sacred sites? Let the beauty of this place renew you in body and soul. Residential (people within easy reach may commute). Contact Mary at 087 970 1130 for information or Des at 085 161 4951 for bookings.

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

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

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)

Abbreviations: (A) Anniversary, **(R.D)** Recently Deceased **(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.

National Synodal Pathway Update Preparations are continuing for the National Synodal Assembly, which will take place in October. Working groups from across the country are reflecting on the key priorities identified through the synodal process and helping to shape the next stage of the Church's journey in Ireland. To learn more and view the latest video update from Fr Declan Hurley, Chairperson of the National Synodal Pathway, and Patricia Carroll, member of the National Synodal Pathway and Pastoral Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Dublin, https://theway.ie/the-irish-synodal-pathway-progress-and-purpose/

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.***

Please note that Mass times may need to be changed at short notice. We will do our best to contact parishioners directly and to post any updates or changes on our social media platforms or newsletter.

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: **Tues to Fri 9.00am – 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.