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 €955** last weekend and in **Claran €425. 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 10th St. Lawrence, **Tues 11th** St. Clare, **Weds 12th** St. Jane Frances de Chanal, St. Lelia, St. Muiredach, St Attracta, **Thurs 13th** St. Fachtna, St Pontian, St. Hippolytus**, Fri 14th** St. Maximillian Kolbe**, Sat 15th The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

As a parish community we offer our sincere sympathies to the family, friends and relatives of **Michael Monaghan** Killoshine, Ballinrobe & formerly Headford, brother of Gabriel Monaghan, Lettera. May he rest in peace.

Sheltered in God's Love: The National Novena to Our Lady of Knock takes place from 13 to 21 August 2026. Daily ceremonies, with guest speakers, take place at 3pm and 8pm. Daily Workshops at 12.45pm. See www.knockshrine.ie for more details.

Headford Primary School: Part-Time School Cleaner Position Available. 10 Hours Per Week (2 Hours per day), If you are interested in the position, please send CV and Cover Letter to principal@headfordns.ie. Closing Date 14th August 2026 @5pm

Parish of Killursa & Killower

Fr. Ray Flaherty PP – 093 35448
8th & 9th August 2026 The Nineteenth 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 8th	**7.00pm**	Martin Gerard Ward, 8th Anniv Private Intention Seán McEllin, RIP (M.C)
Sun 9th	**11.30am**	The People of the Parish Katheleen Goaley, London & Corrandulla,1st Anniv James McDonagh, RIP (M.C)
Mon 10th	**10.00am**	No Mass
Fri 14th	**10.00am**	No Mass
Sat 15th	**3.00pm** **7.00pm**	Mass in Ross Errilly Abbey Frances Martin, Gort na Mona (A) Aiden Concannon (A) & the decd. of the family Frank Corbet, Balrickard 4th Anniv & his late wife Bridie Corbet RIP Paddy Joe Connell, Ballyfruit, 5th Anniv. John (20th A) & Jacinta Burke, Castleview, (A)
Sun 16th	**11.30am**	Wille O'Brien, Gort na Mona, (B.R) Jim Donnellan, 4th Anniv & Remembering his son Seamus RIP Fursey O'Connor, Headford & Ennis (B.R)

Mass Intentions for St. Mary's Church, Claran

Sun 9th	**10.00am**	Bridie Joyce, Kildare, Months Mind & the decd. of the Lee family, Annaghkeen. Junior Walsh (10th A), Claire Walsh (9th A) & John Walsh (4th A) & the decd. of the Walsh family. Healing Intention (M.C.)
Tues 11th	**9.30am**	No Mass
Weds 12th	**9.30am**	No Mass
Sun 16th	**10.00am**	Annie Toher, Owerbeg, 1st Anniv & Michael Toher 37th Anniv. Kitty Lee 5th Anniv. Mamie Murphy, Kilbeg, Anniv. Peggy Casey, 3rd Anniv & the decd. of the Casey & Reddington families

Parish Masses: Fr. Dixy has kindly agreed to step in while Fr. Ray is away. **Please note that Mass times will change *from Saturday the 22nd of August.***

Saturday vigil Mass will move to Claran Church at 7.30pm
There will be no 10am Mass on a Sunday in Claran.
Sunday Mass will take place in Headford Church at 12pm.

All Mass Intentions that have been booked for Saturday evening 7pm and Sunday morning 10am will be said at the 7.30pm Mass in Claran Church. If this does not suit and you would like to change dates or times, please contact the parish office on 093 35448 or email info@headfordchurch.com.

Parish Office: The Parish office will be closed for summer break from Friday 7th of August and will reopen on Friday the 14th of August.

Local Masses are available as follows: Corner Chapel Church (H91 V9F7) Monday @ 10am & Thurs @ 10am **Confession** Thurs 9-10am Corner Chapel. **Caherlistrane Church** (H91E4X6) Mass: Tuesday @ 10am & Friday @ 7pm

Baptisms: All baptism in Headford and Claran Churches ***must be registered through the Parish Office.*** Families wishing to have a baptism celebrated by a priest other than the parish priest must contact the parish office to fill in the necessary paperwork and to obtain permission from Fr. Ray.

While Fr. Ray is on sick leave, baptisms will take place at 12.45pm on the last Sunday of each month in Headford Church. To book a baptism please contact the parish office 093 35448 or email info@headfordchurch.com.

Cemetery Masses: Under doctors advise Fr. Ray will not be available to say the cemetery Masses this year. Rather than cancelling them, Fr. Dixy has agreed to step in and say the masses on the following dates:
Killursa Cemetery Mon 17th August at 7.30pm,
Cloughanover Cemetery Tues 18th August at 7.30pm
Caragin Cemetery on Weds 19th August at 7.30pm. We apologies for any inconvenience caused and thank Fr. Dixy for his continued help and support.

First Friday Calls: Fr. Dixy will call to those on the list Tuesday and Thursday. To ensure you are on the list, please contact the parish office on 093 35448 (leave a voicemail) or email info@headfordchurch.com.

St. Fursa's Historical Society and Ross Errilly Tours invite you to join us at Ross Errilly Friary at 3 pm on Saturday August 15th the Feast of the Assumption for a special mass to celebrate the 675th anniversary of the foundation of the friary in 1351. While everyone is welcome to join us we would particularly like to invite representatives of families whose ancestors have been interred in the friary. After mass those who wish can join us for a guided tour. *Cars can be parked at Carey's Funeral Home with a shuttle bus service to the friary.*

The Saint Feuillen Folkloric March: On Sunday, 27th September 2026, the historic St. Feuillen procession will take place in the town of **Fosses-la-Ville, Belgium**. This remarkable religious tradition, first established in 1635, is held every seven years and continues to attract pilgrims and visitors from across the region. The tradition began when the saint's relics were carried through the town and surrounding countryside, in prayer for God's protection from plague, war and natural disasters, as well as asking for favourable weather to ensure successful harvest.

Today, this centuries-old tradition remains a powerful expression of faith and community. The relics of Saint Feuillen are carried in solemn procession from early morning until evening, accompanied by thousands of participants in traditional costume. The pilgrimage concludes with the return of the relics to the parish church, where Mass is celebrated, followed by festivities that honour the town's rich spiritual and cultural heritage.

The Retreat Village at Knock Shrine: Residential retreats & reflective stays in 2026: nestled within the peaceful grounds of Knock Shrine, The Retreat Village offers a simple and welcoming place to stay, along with contemplative retreat experiences for those seeking rest, reflection, renewal and deeper spiritual awareness. Stays include single occupancy accommodation in state of the art pods (€70 per night for personal self-directed retreats), access to sacred spaces and beautiful grounds of Knock shrine and a quiet and welcoming contemplative environment. **For more information please visit www.knockshrine.ie Retreat Experiences at Knock Shrine | Knock Shrine**

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.

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/

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.**