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 €765** last weekend and in **Claran €365. 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 September
Headford: Intentions of the O'Shea Family
Claran: Intentions of the Reddington Family, Claran

Ministers for September Headford
Sun 12.00pm
Minister of the Word: Mary McHugh
Ministers of the Eucharist: (6th & 13th) Maura Moran, (20th & 27th) Mary Fahy & Mary McHugh
Baskets: James Moran & Tommy McDonagh

Ministers for September Claran
Saturday Vigil at 7.30pm
Readers: Breda Joyce
Minister of the Eucharist: Marion Creaven, Martina Lee

Feast Days: Mon 7th St. Cloud, **Tues 8th The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Weds 9th** St. Ciaran Clonmacnois, **Thurs 10th** St. Peter Claver, **Fri 11th** St Deiniol, **Sat 12th** St. Ailbe, **The Most Holy Name of Mary.**

As a parish community we offer our sincere sympathies to the family, friends and relatives of Tom Brennan, Deerpark **& Myra** Walsh (nee O'Connor) Ballycolgan, Headford. May they rest in peace.

Sean Chairde Headford meets again after the summer break celebrating 25 years on Friday September 11th 2026 at 11.15am in St Fursa's Hall (opposite TESCO). We welcome new members, men and women over 55yrs. We are an older group who meet socially for light exercise, music, song and dance, guest speakers, arts and crafts and a light lunch with homemade baking. Transport available, phone Donnellan's Bus Hire @ 087-2873542 (the day before to book your seat). For further enquiries call Solas Resource Centre @ 093-36446. ***Sean Chairde would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time to help in running the group successfully, without your support it would be impossible***

Parish of Killursa & Killower

Fr. Ray Flaherty PP – 093 35448
5th & 6th September 2026 The Twenty-Third 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

Sun 6th Sept	**12.00pm**	Michael & Mary Lee, Annaghkeen (A) Michael McAuley 24th Anniv. Private Intention Julia Flynn RIP (M.C)
Sun 13th	**12.00pm**	John Gerard Lee, 1st Anniv Jack & Mary Ann McDonagh, Cloughanover (A) Fursey & Julia Flynn, Ower (A) John O'Connor, High St. (A)

Mass Intentions for St. Mary's Church, Claran

Sat 5th Sept	**7.30pm**	Christina Walsh, Carrowbeg 1st Anniv & her husband Michael Walsh 7th Anniv. Jimmy Walsh, 1st Anniv, London & Formerly Carnakib & his brother Gerry Walsh & sister Julia Walsh RIP Paddy O'Connor (A) and his daughters Marie & Sarah RIP Michael Hynes 8th Anniv & the decd. of the Hynes and Cooney family.
Sat 12th	**7.30pm**	Annie Hynes (A) & the decd. of the Hynes family, Owerbeg Thomas Paul Creaven (A) The decd. of the Halvey family Frank & Helen Ryder (A)

Parish Masses: Please note new Mass Times (until November approx.)
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. To change mass bookings please contact the parish office on 093 35448.

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. **Glencorrib Church** Saturday @ 6.30pm & Sunday @ 9.30am.

First Friday Calls: While Fr. Ray is on sick leave, Fr. Dixy will call to the sick and housebound on the first Monday of the month. To ensure you are on the list, please contact the parish office on 093 35448 or email info@headfordchurch.com.

Western Alzheimer's urgently need Volunteer **Befrienders** in your area. Do you have one to two hours per week to spare? Contact Lucy at 094-9364900 or 087-3694477.

Priests Autumn Collection: take place on Sat 12th & Sun 13th of Sept. This is one of four collections taken up during the year, which contribute towards the priest in our parish. There is an envelope in your offertory box and special envelopes can also be found at the back of the church. Thank you for your continued support.

Daughters of Charity Collection from 15th August: Last call. If you haven't dropped an envelope in yet, and would like to donate, please do so by Sunday 14th Sept. They can be put into the offertory basket at the weekend masses or the parish office. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

Mass Intentions for the Novena to Our Lady Untier of Knots: Mass intention cards are now available to purchase for €3 each from the Parish Office. All prayer intentions received will be included at each of the nine nights of our Novena.

Solas FRC Women's Health Day 2026: Wednesday 9th September | 10am–2pm | St. Fursey's Hall, Headford. Enjoy free health checks, information and advice, wellbeing supports, and the chance to meet other women in the community over a cuppa, a chat and a laugh! No booking required – just drop in. Everyone welcome!

Adut Faith Formation (AFF) Group Inquiry session is Wednesday, September 16, 7 pm in Parish Meeting Room. All over 18 are welcome.

Introduction to the Bible is an 8-week session titled Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible. Sessions will take place in Parish Meeting Room on Wednesdays 7 to 8:30 pm September 30 to November 18, 2026. This course is suitable for all adults: Mass Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Teachers, interested adults. You will need a bible and a notebook if you take notes. If you are interested, please let parish office know.

Bus Escort Vacancy: Claran National School is looking for an additional Bus Escort to join our team. For more information, please contact the Principal on 093 35922 or email your CV to office@clarannationalschool.ie. Closing date: Friday, 11th September 2026

Accord CLG is seeking an Executive Director who will be the chief executive officer of Accord CLG and be responsible for providing strategic and operational leadership across the organisation. The deadline for applications is 12 noon on Monday, 28 September 2026. For more information, visit www.forvismazars.com/ie/en/executiverecruitment

HLI Ireland: Fr Lawrence Carney (USA), international speaker and popular author, Provincial Tour of Ireland. Join us for the Connacht event at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Knock Shrine, on 25 September at 6:45pm, with a First Class Relic of St Thérèse. Free admission.

Coffee Morning for Hospice: Mayo Roscommon Hospice are looking for community groups, individuals, schools or workplace etc to host a coffee morning/ evening on National Coffee morning for Hospice Thursday 24th Sept. or any date that suits. Coffee & posters will be provided. Contact 0949388666 or email info@hospice.ie. or register online at https://www.hospice.ie/fundraising/coffee-morning/

St. Joseph's Men's Camino (Boyne Valley): one day pilgrimage, 25km on Sept 12th in Drogheda, Co. Louth. €65 per person. For more info or to book a slot see. www.dominicans.ie St Joseph Men's Camino 2026 – Dominican Friars Ireland

Dementia Memory Cafe 10th of Sept Parish Centre, Ballinrobe 11.30am to 1pm. We will have a guest speaker from Flourish the family Centre who aims to provide support within the local community with the purpose of improving their health and wellbeing. All welcome and refreshments supplied. Contact Marie on 087 170 8706 for further details.

Children's Rosary with Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction on Friday 4th September at 5:30 - 6:15 pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Knock Shrine. For children and teens of all ages. Everyone is welcome to come and join in prayer. Under 18's must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. For any questions, please call or text: 087 2299 623. Website: www.ChildrensRosary.org

Traditional Set Dancing Classes – Kilmaine Hall Starting Thursday, 24th September at 8:30pm. Join us for lively evenings of Traditional Set Dancing — open to both beginners and advanced dancers. For more details, contact **Michael Cusack** 087 411 4749

Tuam Cancer Care are delighted to partner with The Marie Keating Foundation to deliver their free "Survive & Thrive" 6-week programme for people that have finished their cancer treatment. The sessions take place in Tuam on Wednesdays from 10.30am to 1.30pm from 23rd September. For more information contact Fiona on 087 965 7144 or fsullivan@mariekeating.ie or register for the programme here https://mariekeating.ie/events/survive-and-thrive-programme-september-2026-2/. Places are limited so book soon.

Abide In His Love: Woman's Conference: November 20 -22nd – The Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran. Tickets available on Eventbrite. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/abide-in-his-love-womens-conference-tickets-1981386140283.

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**

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

AslAm Community Support Hub 1 – Serving Galway, Mayo & Roscommon: The Community Support Hub 1 provides free information, advice and support to autistic people, their families and the wider community across Galway, Mayo and Roscommon.
Located at Unit 1 & 2, Liosbaun House, Liosbaun Business Park, Tuam Road, Galway, H91 795V, the Hub offers a range of one-to-one and group supports designed to help autistic people and their families navigate everyday life and access the services and opportunities available to them.
Information & Advice Sessions
The Hub offers free one-to-one support, including:

- **Information, advice and advocacy**
- **Support with education, housing and employment**
- **Guidance and support with daily life**
- **Pre-diagnosis support for adults and families who are awaiting an assessment**

Group Supports
There are also a variety of welcoming group activities and opportunities to connect with others, including:

- **Parent Coffee Mornings**
- **Autistic Adult Social Group**
- **Tween & Teen Hangouts**
- **Stay & Play**
- **Empower and Educate**
- **As We Are Teen Programme, offering social and educational opportunities**

The Community Support Hub is a space where Autistic people, parents, carers and families can access practical support, connect with others and feel part of their local community. For more information or to get in touch: csh1@asiam.ie 091 354 340

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/

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.**