

Parish of Killursa & Killower

17th & 18th of January 2026, The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 17 th	7.00pm	Helen & Frank Ryder (A) Peter & Julia Dowd & Mamie Nolan, Clooneen & the decd of the Family. Padraic Murray, Ballyhale 12 th Anniv. Mattie Scales 5 th Anniv, Rawfee Jimmy Flaherty, 5 th Anniv. Grange Corrandulla
Sun 18 th	11.30am	'Do this in Memory' Mass The People of the Parish Noreen Gavin RIP (M.C)
Mon 19 th	10.00am	Mary Pender RIP (M.C)
Fri 23 rd	10.00am	Mamie Murphy RIP (M.C)
Sat 24 th	10.00am	Ger Joyce, Culleen, 5 th Anniversary
	7.00pm	John Martyn, Keernaun (A) Furseay Keady (A) Liam Lee, Culleen (A) Mary Forde, Main St. (A)
Sun 25 th	11.30am	David Concannon Months Mind Jack Stockton RIP

Mass Intentions for St. Mary's Church, Claran

Sun 18 th	10.00am	'Do this in Memory' Mass Rose Wall Months Mind Noel Egan, Curramore, 5 th Anniv & his parents Michael & Chris Egan 6 th Anniv. Katie & Jamsie Holleran, Anniv.
Tue 20 th	9.30am	Private Intention
Wed 21 st	9.30am	Private Intention
Sun 25 th	10.00am	The People of the Parish Christina Walsh RIP (M.C)

Training programme for Parent Volunteers for Confirmation will take place in the Martrys meeting room (new meeting room) on Monday the 26th of January from 8-10pm. Please bring proof of ID and proof of address for Garda Vetting purposes.

Parish Pastoral Council meeting will take place on Tuesday the 27th January in the Martyr's Meeting room at 7.30pm.

First Friday Calls to the sick and housebound will take place on Tues 27th in the Claran Area, Weds 28th Headford Town & Friday the 30th of January to the surrounding areas.

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.

Altar Candle Intentions for January

Headford: The decd. of the Kenny Family Cordarra & Moyno

Claran: Noel Egan, Michael & Chris Egan Curramore.

Ministers for January Headford

Readers: Sat 7pm Pat Duddy

Sun 11.30am: Amanda O'Connell

Ministers of the Eucharist:

Sat. 7pm: Geraldine Hannon, Mary Fahy

Sun 11.30am Siobhan Waldron

Baskets: Sat 7pm Declan McDonagh, Mary Fahy **Sun 11.30am**

Ministers for January Claran

Readers: Breda Joyce

Minister of the Eucharist: Mary Fahy, Helena Hastings

Feast Days: Mon 19th St. Ulstan, Tues 20th St. Fabian, St. Sebastian, **Weds 21st** St. Agnes, **Thurs 22nd** St. Vincent, **Fri 23rd** St. John the Almsgiver, **Sat 24th** St. Francis de Sales.

Remembering those who have died please keep in your prayers those who have died recently: **Bridget Mulqueen (née O'Dea)** Brisla, Cooraclare, who died on Dec 25th, mother of Deirdre Halloran, **Tom Corbett**, Shrule, **Kevin Clancy** Dublin Road, Tuam and **John Lardner**, Tonegurrane, Corrandulla brother of Mary Joyce. May they rest in peace.

Adult Faith Formation class take place every Wednesday at 7.00pm in the Parish Martyrs Room (beside the parish office), **New members always welcome.** For more information please call 093 35448 or email: info@headfordchurch.com or call into the office H91XA4A.

Cloughanover NS: Enrolments now open for Infants starting September 2026. Closing date for enrolments is February 18th. An open morning will be held after Easter. Enrolment forms are available by email cloughanoverschool@gmail.com For further information please contact the school at 093 35315.

"Where two or three gather in My name, there am I with them." Mathew 18:20

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

Parish Office Hours 10am to 2pm Monday – 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 €1035** last weekend and in **Claran €440.** 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.

Poor Clares Galway: Half-Day Retreat for women 18-35 with Beth Davis of Blessed is She Ministries. An opportunity to encounter God's love and deepen your life of prayer and communion with God. The event will take place from 2pm to 6pm on Sunday the 1st of February. For more information and to register: <https://cherisheddaughters.eventbrite.ie>

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

Laetare Vigil - March 14 - Holy Family Mission, Glencomeragh: Join lay women of all ages, married and single, to unite in a day of prayer with women religious from over a dozen different orders—a unique experience not to be missed! Spaces limited: register now on [Eventbrite](https://eventbrite.ie). [Laetare Vigil Tickets, Sat 14 Mar 2026 at 09:30 | Eventbrite](https://eventbrite.ie)

Beautiful Words: a contemplative overnight retreat where poetry, scripture, silence and prayer meet. Takes place on January 24th and 25th at Knock Shrine. See www.knockshrine.ie for more info and booking details.

GRETB Headford COURSES 2026: Register on www.fetchcourses.ie using the codes or call 09339778. **Digital Marketing** code (509992) Fridays 9.30am to 11.30am **Special Needs Assisting** (5N1786) code 509989 starting Friday morning 11.30am to 1.30pm and **Special Needs Assisting** (6N1957) code 509971 starting Tues evening 6.30pm to 9.30pm

Spiritual Exercises: 5 Day Silent Ignatian Retreat for Men Led by Benedictine monks from St. Joseph Abbey, in France. Starts Thursday 30th April (3pm). Benburb Priory, Co. Tyrone). €450 (all meals & single room included). Daily Mass - Ordinary Form (Latin & ad orientem). Discover the strength that only comes when you stop running and let God speak. **Book at:** <https://soutenir.clairval.com/retreat-benburb-priory>

Prayer For Strength – Pope St. John XXIII

Every day I need you, Lord, but today especially, I need some extra strength to face whatever is to come. This day, more than any other day, I need to feel you near me to strengthen My courage and to overcome any fear. By myself I cannot meet the challenge of the hour. We are frail human creatures, and we need a Higher Power to sustain us in all that life may bring. And so, dear Lord, hold my trembling hand. Be with me, Lord, this day and stretch out your powerful arm to help me. May your love be upon me as I place all my hope in you. **Amen.**



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.

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.

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...

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.

Meals4Health a Social Enterprise of COPE Galway are looking for volunteers to deliver meals to their customers on Thursday mornings across Galway City or County area? Please contact 091 354000 for details.

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.

Adult Faith Formation classes take place each Wednesday evening at 7.30pm in the New Meeting Room. 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: Phone 093 35448 or email: info@headfordchurch.com or call into the office H91XA4A.

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 2025/26

	2025	2026
Ash Wednesday	5 th March	18 th Feb
Good Friday	18 th April	3 rd April
Easter Sunday	20 th April	5 th April
Ascension	1 st June	17 th May
Pentecost	8 th June	24 th May
Trinity	15 th June	31 st May
Corpus Christi	22 nd June	7 th June
First Sunday of Advent	30 th November	29 th November