Mass Times may need to be changed at short notice,

Confessions:

Parish Office Hours

10am to **1pm**. For Mass Bookings, Arranging Baptisms, Certs, Weddings, Mass Cards. (for both churches)

Notices for Newsletter

Deadline is 12noon on Wednesday. Either drop into office or 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**, phone office

Holy Face Devotion on **Tues. 6.45-7pm** in **Headford**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on **Mon. 9.15am –11am, & 7pm–9pm, Tues. 7pm-8pm.** in **Headford.** On **Tue 10-11am** & **Thurs 10am-11am and 6pm-7pm** in **Claran**

Offertory Collection in **Headford €1185** last weekend and in **Claran €240**

Headford & Claran Parish is committed to the protection of all children and young people. Safe Guarding Officers are PJ Newell and Maura Moran .

Holy Hour on Parish Radio every Friday 3-4 pm with **Divine Mercy** and **Stations of the Cross**.

Altar Candles Intention for December:
Headford: Private Intentions Claran Intentions of Julia Halloran & Family Carnakib.

Readers for the month of December:
Claran Helen O'Neill Headford
7pm Cathy Cunnigham 11.30am Mary McHugh.

Death Notice: As a Parish Community we would like to extend our sympathies to the Family, Relatives and Friends of **Teresa Cody** Caltra, also **Mary Nohilly** formerly of the square. **Teresa Gavin,** Tirellan Heights formerly of Racepark mother of Liam Gavin Deerpark. **Declan Mulryan**, Kiltulla, Oranmore brother of Theresa Audley Liss**.** May they rest in peace.

Altar Candles for the year 2021: if any family would like to have a candle for the month for their intention please contact the office cost €10.00.

Church Collections
With restrictions since March and more limited avenues of donation I'm very touched by people's thoughtfulness and generosity to their Parish. I list the ways people can donate.
Presbytery Letterbox some leave envelopes in my door which I secure right away, or give to me in person.
Bank Transfer: there is the option of Electronic Transfer which some have chosen to do, details below of the account for Both Headford and Claran please put your name or box number in the reference section.
St Mary's Church Headford BIC BOFIIE2D IBAN Details IE27 BOFI 9038 7528 9740 34
St Mary's Church Claran BIC BOFIIE2D IBAN Details IE62 BOFI 9038 7528 9727 25

First Friday calls will be taking place the week prior to Christmas, Anybody who would like a visit please contact the parish office to be included.

Pastoral Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 2nd Dec @7pm in the Headford hall.

Our Lady of Fatima First Saturday Devotions at 9am on the first Saturday of the month. Rosary & Adoration followed by 10am mass in Headford church. Next date Saturday 5th December.

Christmas Triduum of Masses will be offered on Sat 19th at10am, Mon 21st 10am, and Thursday 24th Dec at 9pm in Headford and on Tue 22nd at 9:30am, Wed 23rd at 9:30am and Thurs 24th Dec at 7pm in Claran. Christmas Cards available from the parish office at €3 each or 4 for €10.

Parish of Killursa & Killower

28th 29th November First Sunday Of Advent

Fr. Ray Flaherty PP – 35448 info@headfordchurch.com
Website: www.headfordchurch.com Parish Radio 108fm. Facebook Page
Headford Parish Web cam: Churchtv.ie/headford, churchtv.ie/claran

Mass Intentions in Headford

Sat 28th Nov	***7:.00pm***	*Thomas & Mary Nohilly and deceased members of the Lydon & Nohilly families, & Mary Nohilly London. The O'Reilly Families.*
Sun 29th Nov	***11.30am***	*Ger Concannon 2nd Anniversary* *Jack McDonagh Crosswood Anniversary Mass* *Michael Murphy Rochill* *Michael & Charlie Walsh Main Street and deceased members of the Walsh Family* *People of the Parish*
	3.00pm	*Mass in Claran Church for all those buried in Carigin Cemetry*
Mon 30th	***10.00am***	*Paddy Joe Flynn RIP Mass Card*
Tues 1st Dec	***9.30am***	*Mass in Claran*
Wed 2nd	***9.30am***	*Mass In Claran*
Fri 4th	***10.00am*** ***7:00pm***	*Joe, Mary & May Kyne Culleen* *Tom Halvey, Bridge Street 10th Anniversary*
Sat 5th Dec	***10.00am***	*Conor Burke R.I.P Galway*
	7.00pm	*James & Anne Fitzgibbions High Street Anniversary* *Deceased of O'Malley Family* *Noel Pender, John & Mary Dooley Cloughanover Anniversary Mass.*
Sun 6th Dec	***11.30am***	*Damien Walsh & all the deceased of the Walsh family Keckoil.* *Mary Delia & John Daveron & their son Val Daveron* *Matt & Bridget McDonagh Crosswood.* *People of the Parish*

Mass Intentions in Claran

Sun 29th Nov	***10.00am***	***Novena for the Dead 8***
	3.00pm	***Mass in Claran Church for all those buried in Carigin Cemetry***
Tue 1st Dec	***9.30am***	*Novena for the Dead 9*
Wed 2nd	***9.30am***	*Paddy & Margaret Kenny Rinnaknock RIP*
Sun 6th Dec	***10.00am***	*Rev. Cannon Tommy Kyne Anniversary* *Deceased of Creavan Family Clydagh Rip* *Michael Lee Annakeen Anniversary*

In November we Remember: *We will especially pray for all who died since 1st November 2019:* ***Ray Moylan*** *5/11/2019:* ***Mary Bane*** *10/11/2019:* ***Annie Hardiman*** *17/11/2019:* ***Paul O'Toole*** *22/12/2019:* ***Christine Egan*** *6/01/2020:* ***Michael Egan*** *9/01/2020:* ***Tom Flynn*** *09/01/2020:* ***Bridie Egan*** *21/01/2020:* ***Patsy Wynne*** *10/02/2020* ***Teresa MacMahon*** *1/03/2020::* ***Pat Broderick*** *27/03/2020:* ***Deirdre Lee*** *29/03/2020:* ***Hope O'Donnell*** *29/04/2020:* ***John James Earnor*** *4/05/2020:* ***Mary Walsh*** *13/05/2020:* ***Kathleen Waldron*** *15/05/2020:* ***Ursula Rys*** *16/05/2020:* ***Kathleen Mohan*** *24/05/2020:* ***Patrick Lee*** *2/06/2020:* ***Rita Dooley*** *14/06/2020:* ***Pat Heneghan*** *24/7/2020:* ***Nancy Larkin*** *2/09/2020:* ***John Joe Lee*** *14/09/2020:* ***Joseph McCormack*** *29/09/2020:* ***Martin Hardiman*** *7/10/2020.* ***John Curran*** *26/10/2020. Blessed Candles with the name of all those who died over the past year and are recorded in our Parish Death Register, will be placed on the Altar for the month of November.*

Headford/Claran Parish Calendar 2021 We are selling a Parish Calendar which will feature photos of the "tour of the parish " during the initial lockdown. The cost of the Calendar will be €10. We are hoping to raise funds for the repairs to Headford Church roof. These will make the ideal gift for family and friends at home and abroad so please keep us in mind. Available now.

Marriage Anniversary Celebration
Couples celebrating a wedding anniversary and particularly couples celebrating a significant anniversary this year are invited to join Archbishop Michael on Sunday December 6th @ 2pm in celebrating your Anniversary on-line. Perhaps you would like to light a candle as you tune in.
Mass will be streamed from the Blessed Sacrament Chapel Tuam on:
https://www.tuamparish.com/web-cam

"From God's House to your House"
Live Christmas Carols and music from Headford Church on Sunday 13th of December from 7pm to 8:15pm by local singers and musicians. This will be an on -line event only (not open to public). View live on our web cam, facebook or listen into on our parish radio. The Following are some ot the people involved Don Stiff, Eamon Quinn, Fr Ray Flaherty, Matt Cunnigham & Family, Margaret Flanagan, Geraldine Farrell, Sandra Shalks, Orla Keane, Tom & Dick Joyce This is a special occasion as we approach Christmas to connect with family near and far. We hope by this event to lift the spirits and spark the joy of Christmas with loved ones.

Churches open for Mass to the public from Tuesday next 1st December, 2020, which is great news. The usual restrictions will of course apply. It is really important that we are all extremely careful in order to stop the spread of the virus. 1. Keep physical distancing at all times, entering and leaving the Church as well as in the Church. 2. Everyone please wear a mask. 3. Sanitise your hands on entering and leaving the Church.

Advent Family Prayer: Dear God, thank you for giving us these four weeks to prepare to celebrate the birth of your Son. We are so thankful for all the people that help us along this path we're traveling to welcome Jesus .God, bless our family and prepare our home and hearts to welcome your Son, Jesus Christ, into the world. Amen.

In despair Advent offers HOPE – the hope of a revitalised faith and church, the hope of respect and love for God's creation that is complete in the hope that Christ brings.(Thomas Merton)

Headford GAA Lotto: Last weeks numbers: 7 9 12 27 No Jackpot Winner. Jackpot €20,000 next draw 29.11.20

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION My Jesus ,I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You .Amen

NOVEMBER PRAYER FOR THE DEAD. God our Father, your power brings us to birth, your providence guides our lives, and at your command we return to dust. God, those who die shall live in your presence, their lives change but do not end .We pray in hope for our families, relatives and friends, and for all the dead known to you alone. In company with Christ who died and now lives, may they rejoice in your kingdom ,where all our tears are wiped away. Unite us together again in one family ,to sing your praises forever and ever. Amen. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let the perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen May their souls and the souls of the all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

NOVENA FOR THE HOLY SOULS FOR LOVED ONES Lord, be good to them, and show them all your love. Lord, be kind them ,and grant them peace above. Lord, be merciful to them, and wipe their sins away. Lord, be generous to them, with all my heart I pray .Lord, be gracious to them, for the good they have done. Lord, be gentle with them, for sufferings under gone .Lord, may we meet again, when Heaven's crown is won. Amen .May the angels lead them into paradise; may the martyrs come to welcome them and take you to the Holy City, the new and eternal Jerusalem Amen

Communion at Home: We are very conscious that many parishioners have been unable to receive Communion since the lockdown. Many of you join with us for Mass via the Webcam, Facebook and on Parish Radio. House calls including First Fridays are not permitted during Phase 5 Lockdown (emergencies excepted). We can however bring Holy Communion to your front door Contact Parish Office for details and to arrange day and time.

Some people think graveyard and cemetery mean the same, but, if we want to be a little nit picky, we should say that graveyard is a type of cemetery, but a cemetery is usually not a graveyard. To understand the difference, we need a little bit of history. From about the 7th century C.E., the process of burial was firmly in the hands of the Church (the Christian organization), and burying the dead was only allowed on the lands near a church (now referring to the building), the so-called churchyard. The part of the churchyard used for burial was called ***graveyard****, an example of which you can see in the picture.As the population of Europe started to grow, the capacity of graveyards was no longer sufficient (the population of modern Europe is almost 40 times higher than it was in the 7th century). By the end of the 18th century, the unsustainability of church burials became apparent, and completely new places for burying people, independent of graveyards, appeared—and these were called* ***cemeteries****.The etymology of the two words is also quite intriguing. The origin of "graveyard" is rather obvious; it is a yard filled with graves. However, you might be surprised to hear that "grave" comes from Proto-Germanic *graban, meaning "to dig", and it is related to "groove" but not to "gravel.*

Sacristan In Claran*: Help required in opening and closing of church please contact Fr Ray at 093 35448.*

Headford Parish Facebook *Page .Thanks to all of you who have liked the page. Tell your families away from home so that they can get the latest parish news.*

Holy Water*: If people would like water to be blessed, please leave in a sealed container with name behind the Altar & it will be blessed and can be collected the next day*

Headford Lace Project is delighted to present "The Space Between" curated by Fiona Harrington. The exhibition of hand made lace art will bring together 32 artists from 11 different countries spread across 4 continents, all represented in the shop windows here in Headford Co. Galway. This event is part of Galway 2020 Small Towns Big Ideas for the European Capital of Culture and is free to the public. The exhibition runs from October 10th-18th and is outdoors. For more information please go to www.headfordlaceproject.ie or our Facebook page.

Parish Notice: If you are an older person and would like someone to talk to, particularly since Covid-19, consider phoning Senior Line. We are Ireland's national confidential service for older people. We are open every day of the year from 10am-10pm. We are older people too, trained to listen and support. We would love to hear from you. Freefone 1800 80 45 91

Kierkegaard said "Life can only be understood backwards, but it must be lived forwards."

Cemetery Masses : This year Due to Covid 19 we were unable to hold our mass in each of the graveyards, we will instead hold mass in the parish churches on the following dates for each graveyard, we will be on the web cam and parish radio.Sunday November 8th 3pm Claran Church for all those buried in Killursa and Ross.Sunday November 22nd 3pm Headford Church for all those buried in Cloughanover.Sunday November 29th 3pm Claran Church for all those buried in Carigin.

Monthly Calls: The monthly calls to the sick and housebound are suspended due to the corona virus pandemic. The advice still is very much to limit visits to homes as much as possible, especially to those who may be vulnerable. However, if anybody wishes Fr Ray to visit, or to receive Holy Communion or the sacrament of the sick, please phone the office 093 35448 and arrangements will be made for an individual visit. Family members may be appointed as special Eucharistic Ministers to bring Holy Communion to an elderly or ill family member.

Pen Pal: In conjunction with students from PCH under the guidance of their teachers we would like to reach out to the elderly, or any body that lives on their own that would like some one to write to them just to hear about what's happening, about what's going on in the world at the moment the weather, the price of something, the day to day life goings on, just to pass a little while of the day during these strange and possibly difficulty times. We know through data protection that we have protocols to follow so all information will be dealt with in a confidential way. So if any one out there knows of anyone that would like a pen pal please contact me in the office, Fr Ray.

Remembrance Mass: On Sunday the 22nd November @12 noon, a special mass will be celebrated in the Knock Basilica with Archbishop Michael Neary in remembrance of all who have died of Covid on the Island of Ireland.

Eucharistic Adoration In Claran Church each week Tuesday and Wednesday 10-11am Thursday evening 6-7pm.

COPE Galway

Accessing Services During COVID-19

Our Domestic Abuse Service & Refuge remains open during the COVID-19 crisis. We are available to women who are experiencing domestic abuse. If you or someone you know needs our help, please call our **24-hour confidential helpline - 091 565 985.**

We have COVID-19 prevention and social distancing measures in place to protect our clients and staff, ensuring all stay safe, whilst accessing the service.

Miss Me-But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room;
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little – but not too long
And not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared.
Miss me – but let me go.
For this is a journey that we all must take
And each must go alone.
It's all a part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick of heart,
Go to the friends we know
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds.
Miss me – but let me go.

— Author Unknown

PRAYER FOR A PEACEFUL DEATH

O LORD, SUPPORT US
all the day long,
until the shadows lengthen
and the evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed,
and the fever of life is over,
and our work is done.
Then in Thy mercy,
grant us a safe lodging,
and a holy rest, and
peace at the last. Amen.
—John Henry Newman

St. Joseph, patron of a good death, pray for us.

© 1999 Creative Communications for the Parish, 1564 Fencorp Dr., Fenton, MO 63026. Photo by Gene Plaisted. PL-Z

Help Needed For Families

Solas Family Resource Centre is supporting many families in the Headford/Claran, Kilcoona/Caherlistrane and Shrule/Glencorrib area.

During this very difficult time of the Covid-19 pandemic when many people are not working, not getting paid and finding it very difficult to provide food and necessities for their families, help is urgently needed.

We are asking for donations of vouchers for families who are going to find Winter 2020 especially difficult.

Vouchers can be purchased in many shops and businesses and we remember especially Santa will have to come at Christmas! Smyth's also do vouchers.



Solas Family Resource Centre

For more information:
Email: info@solasfrc.ie
Phone: 093-36446
Main Street, Headford, Co. Galway H91H6H0

Thank You!

Senior Line Freephone: If you are an older person and would like someone to talk to, particularly since Covid-19, consider phoning Senior Line. We are Ireland's national confidential service for older people. We are open every day of the year from 10am-10pm. We are older people too, trained to listen and support. We would love to hear from you. Freefone 1800 80 45 91.

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